



Colonel John Alston Chapter

*“Summer’s lease hath all too short a date.”
--William Shakespeare*

National Society Daughters of the American Colonists

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Virtual meetings a reality for DAC Chapters

National headquarters addresses the possibility of “safe meetings” in the time of COVID-19.

Mary C. Armstrong, National President, says that our major concern should be the welfare of our members: “The first guidance that we offer is to be safe. No business that would be conducted is worth doing if it could harm our members.”

President Armstrong also says we should be practical: “The second guidance is to be practical. If there is no solution available to you in bylaws or in state law, meet electronically anyway. Then, at a later meeting (in person), you can ratify the actions taken electronically.”



The Col. John Alston Chapter will adhere to all state and local mandates when determining if meeting in person is indeed practical. While we all want to see each other, we might have to make do with meeting via a virtual meeting format. The decision for the September meeting will be made the week of September 14.

http://nsdac.org/member/wp-content/uploads/NSDAC_Virtualmeetingguidance_June2020.pdf



September’s Speaker

September’s speaker is State Regent Dr. Orriene Denslow. State Regent Denslow will talk about the state regent’s project, plus give us updates on the state assembly/100th anniversary celebration. The Col. John Alston Chapter will be hosting the 2021 state assembly.

Registrar says...

This just in from chapter registrar Susan Spies:

Dear Daughters,

We are always happy to welcome new members but you have to invite them. We are a fun group and I'm hoping that each of you will invite at least one person to join us.

So, scour your friends' lists, church friends, Sunday school, other lineage societies you belong to and see who you can find. I may even come up with a prize for the one who brings in the most members. So, get busy!!!!

Your Chapter Registrar
Susan Cloutier Spies

Procedure for New Members

First of all, if you know someone who is interested in becoming a member in the Col. John Alston Chapter of DAC, let the registrar know! Susan Spies will be the person filing application papers, so keep her in the loop.

Second, invite all those interested to a meeting. If prospective members see us in action, they are more likely to follow through on an application.

Third, once someone states her intention to become a member, the chapter will vote on her candidacy.

Fourth, after a positive chapter vote, a formal invitation to join the chapter will be sent by the regent.

Fifth, the registrar will assist with gathering papers and filing the application. The chapter treasurer (Peggy Edmondson) will advise on application costs and will write the check that accompanies each application.

Did you know...

If a prospective member is a member of another genealogically-based society, she might be able to use the same ancestor for DAC? For example, if someone is in Colonial Dames XVII Century, it is likely the ancestor used for that society can also be used for DAC. It's worth a look!



Susan Spies, Col. John Alston Chapter registrar, can help and offer advice on application paperwork. PLUS—she's ready and able to assist all of us with adding supplemental patriots to our pedigrees!

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100th Anniversary Pin



This beautiful pin is designed to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of NSDAC!

The gold-filled pin has a spreading oak tree with the dates on the bottom and a “100th Anniversary” banner across the top. A blue enameled banner with “Daughters of the American Colonists” crosses the center portion of the tree.

The insignia is approved to be worn either on or off of the official NSDAC Ribbon, and costs \$100, shipping included – \$1 for each year of our Society’s existence. \$15 of the purchase price is a tax-deductible donation to NSDAC to help defray the cost of 100th Anniversary celebrations, and general DAC expenses.

Name: _____

Shipping Address: _____

City, ST, Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Quantity: _____ (\$100 each)

Total Enclosed: _____ (Checks payable to NSDAC)

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Bylaws Update

The Col. John Alston Chapter bylaws are currently under review. As soon as the committee working on the revision is finished, the bylaws will be forwarded to all members for perusal before a chapter vote. Some changes are recommended by national headquarters.

Wheelchair Lapghans Sent to Muskogee VA

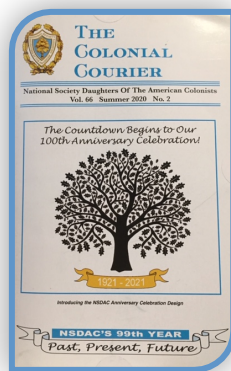


On behalf of the Col. John Alston Chapter of DAC, ten wheelchair lapghans were recently sent to the Jack C. Montgomery VA Center in Muskogee, OK.

Smaller than a regular-sized afghan, lapghans cover the lap and legs without being so big or bulky as to interfere with the operation of the chair.

Colonial Courier Update

The summer edition of the *Colonial Courier* features Oklahoma in two articles. Make sure you subscribe today to see your fabulous Oklahoma DAC sisters in action. Or talk to Becky Hold, Vice-regent.



Dues Time!

Chapter Treasurer Peggy Edmondson reminds everyone that dues are payable on or before August 31. The dues remittance form also provides members with a chance to subscribe to the *Colonial Courier* magazine and opportunities to donate to DAC worthy causes. Write that check and mail it today!



State DAC Regent Orriene Denslow, and Col. John Alston Chapter member, participated in the Let Freedom Ring event July 4. Note she is modeling appropriate COVID-19 attire.

★Absentee voting information★

Voting by absentee ballot this fall? Here's information from the Oklahoma State Election Board:

A standard absentee ballot (yellow affidavit) may be returned by US mail or a private mail service. It can be returned by hand to the county election board. *It is unlawful to hand-deliver another person's ballot—you can only hand-deliver your own.*

If you requested "physically incapacitated person" or "care for physically incapacitated," (pink affidavit) those ballots *MUST* be returned by US mail or by a private service that has delivery documentation.

If hand-delivering, ballots must be received by the election board no later than end of business the Monday before the election.

If mailing your ballot, mail as soon as you can after receiving it. In Oklahoma, first-class postage is required (usually two stamps).

www.ok.gov/elections/Voter_info/Absentee_Voting

From the Regent:

I hope this newsletter finds you all well and cool. It's been a long, strange summer.

While we have not been able to meet in person for a while, I've been excited to receive phone calls and emails from a number of you. It's not the same as face-to-face, but it's still possible to stay connected in these unusual times.

What's going on in DAC? First, national headquarters has stated we can meet electronically now and change our bylaws allowing electronic meetings later. A full review of the chapter bylaws is currently underway, primarily to include our new dependence on virtual meetings and online communication methods.

Second, we will once again be looking for qualified candidates to receive the Medal of Award, which is awarded to a high school or college student active in JROTC or ROTC. If you know someone who qualifies, let me know—the recipient receives a nice medal with the honor. We can also give the same award to community members who have demonstrated meritorious service in education, historical, or patriotic areas. Once again, if you know of someone in the community who fits these qualifications, let me know.

And third, the 100th anniversary of NSDAC is approaching! Plan now to attend the state assembly, scheduled for Friday, March 12, at Quail Creek Country Club in OKC. It's a one-day assembly—as many of us as possible should attend, as at least one national officer will be in attendance. As the host chapter, we want to show our enthusiasm and support for DAC! More details will be forthcoming.

Looking forward to seeing you all again—hope I remember what you all look like...until then, stay well, be safe, and think happy thoughts.

Jeanne Dexter, Col. John Alston
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Shirle Lamb Williams contributes to Wagoner City Historical Museum



*The Wagoner City
Historical
Museum is open
Thursday-Sunday.
Admission is free.*

Have something to add to the Col. John Alston Chapter newsletter?
Send your news or topics of interest to dexterjeanne@gmail.com by
mid-November for inclusion in the fall edition.

