

Meet Your COMMEMORATIVE EVENTS CHAIR



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In April, 2020, Carolyn Dunaway reached her 40th year as a member of NSDAR and as a member of ASDAR. During that time Carolyn has served her chapter and the society in multiple positions: Chapter Committee Chair of multiple committees; Chapter Registrar; Chapter Vice Regent; Chapter Regent, State Committee Chairman; Southeastern District Director; and State Organizing Secretary. Each of these positions has given her an opportunity to learn and to grow with the Society and to share with many daughters in joys and sorrows and successes. Currently, her position as Commemorative Events Chair has been fun and rewarding.

Commemorative Events Committee

- The committee's major focus is to encourage chapters to Rise and Shine for America and to commemorate milestone events in our history through special programs and events.
- The VanBuren administration has selected particular events for chapters to commemorate. There are 8 major events the President General has designated for special attention by all daughters. Each report must be submitted in an individual theme folder following the specific directions given on the national web page for committees.

Commemorative Events

- INDEPENDENCE DAY: Any type celebration of the Fourth of July and its historic significance
- 50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE VIETNAM WAR: Chapters are encouraged to continue this recognition which will continue through 2025.
- 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF WORLD WAR II: V-E Day, V-J Day
- 400TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MAYFLOWER: The signing of the Mayflower Compact and the establishment of Plymouth Colony
- 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOSTON MASSACRE: The deadly riot of March 5, 1770, on King Street in Boston

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- 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SANTA FE TRAIL: The National Park Service recognizes this as the Santa Fe National Historic Trail. It extends from Independence, Missouri, to Santa Fe, New Mexico, maintained importance for opening the US expansion to economic development.
- 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE: This recognition will continue through the VanBuren Administration.
- 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEDICATION OF THE TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER: This tomb in Arlington National Cemetery representing all missing and unknown service members is an important final resting place for Unknowns from several wars.

IMPORTANT RULES FOR SUBMITTING A REPORT.

- FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE RULES EXACTLY WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION. Please be careful!
- PAGE LIMITS: **Total** of 25: 20 typed and 5 for photos(more photos acceptable, but total is still 25).
- PAGE SIZE: 8 11/2 x 11 typed only on **ONE** side- either Ariel or times New Roman.
- BINDING: A standard Theme folder with a clear front should be used. NO 3 ring binders.
- 50th Anniversary of Vietnam War events have a special entry form.

Commemorative Events Awards

- SUBMISSION DEADLINE TO Carolyn Dunaway, 584 County Road 279, Valley Grande, AL 36701-0165, is **January 15**. Questions may be sent to carolyn51442@yahoo.com or 334-872-3530.

All guidelines are under the Commemorative Events Committee on the National Website.

RECENT PAST AWARDS

- Check the *Daughters of the American Revolution Newsletter* of July/August 2020 for the state recognition of the “Suffragette Strut” sponsored by Lily of the Cahaba at the District Meeting: Commemorative Events National Vice Chair Catherine Carlton’s report page 318.
- Kitty LaBay’s selection as Alabama’s Outstanding Member Honoring and Thanking Veterans 2018-19
- Cahawba and William Rufus King : First place in Bicentennial Programs 2018-19
- First Place in Vietnam War Observances: Maple Hill Chapter 2018-19
- Huntsville Chapter : First Place in Women Suffrage observances 2018-19
- First Place **NATIONAL** Lily of the Cahaba for its District program on Women’s Suffrage 2019-2020
- **NATIONAL** Award for Multi Chapter Event in Vietnam War to Hunt’s Spring, Huntsville, Maple Hill and Twickenham Town Chapters 2019-20