

Meet Your Constitution Week Committee Chairman



Penny Summers is a member of the Twickenham Town Chapter of Huntsville, Alabama. Penny joined the DAR in Huntsville in 2013 after a two year research struggle. She is a former high school history teacher and high school principal in Huntsville and was Alabama's Outstanding American History Teacher of the Year in 1984. She has been TTC's Regent, Registrar, Parliamentarian and Historic Preservation Chair and has served the state as Alabama's American History Chair prior to becoming Constitution Week Chair. As a former high school American history and Government teacher, Penny was excited to serve the state in these areas. Penny's love is historic preservation and furthering patriotism. She would be very interested in helping you find ways to celebrate, educate and bring awareness to the strength of the U.S. Constitution in your community, your local schools and in your chapter.

Contact Your Constitution Week Chair

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Constitution Week

History and Purpose September 17 - 23

- **The NSDAR petitioned the US Congress in 1955 with a resolution for a week of observance. Signed by Pres. D.D Eisenhower 1956.**
- **Teach the public about the historical events establishing the Constitution and the men who framed the document**
- **Celebrate by holding events, giving programs, putting up displays, writing articles to celebrate the 65th Anniversary of the Week, the 233rd anniversary of the signing of the Constitution and 229th anniversary of the Bill of Rights**
- **Create awareness of all citizens about our founding fathers**
- **INSPIRE all community to protect and defend the Constitution.**

Constitution Week Update 2020-21

- Your State Constitution Report is due on **February 3, 2021** to Penny Sumners pennysumners@gmail.com, 408 Holmes Ave NE Huntsville, AL 35801 256-509-1437 (email or hard copy)
- **Bells Across America** - Encourage people in your area to ring bells in unison at a set time to mark the signing of the Constitution
- **Publicize** and make the public aware of the monumental event and encourage others to participate in celebrating the document.
- **Provide teachers** with information to help them teach their students. Make it fun, informational and inspirational!

Constitution Week Successes from Alabama 2019

- Check out the collaborative luncheons between Chapters in Enterprise, Al and Mobile, Al. They rang bells in Mobile for their individual Ancestors and called out their names!
- Shelia Burback created lesson plans for teachers on line that they could use. She used her time and talent!
- Gunter Mountain Chapter contacted 49 classrooms and provided 1463 kits to the classroom. Wow!
- John Wade Keyes collaborates with the public schools, Athens University and the SAR to produce an outstanding event.
- Stephens Chapter had a parade for the Constitution!
- Constitution Rocks were created and placed around the community that celebrated the document and children could find in Birmingham by General Sumter Chapter.

Constitution Week 20/21 Goals

- All Chapters choose an activity and do at least one thing to celebrate, teach or create awareness for the Constitution.
- Expand your committee so that you have one in charge of a celebration, one for teaching materials to schools and one for getting the community involved or creating awareness. **More involvement is more fun!**
- Use the NSDAR website for ideas and information. Work smarter not harder!
- Combine the Commemorative Events with Constitution Week and celebrate Suffrage - the 19th Amendment to the Constitution!

Constitution Week Awards

- **Best Report**
- **Best Event**
- **Most bells rung and proclamations**
- **Best Poster**
- **Most Schools contacted, Classrooms visited and Kits distributed**
- **Most Displays**
- **Most Articles**
- **Most Publicity - articles, TV, radio, email, blog, facebook, tweet ,**

Constitution Week

- **How often does the word “democracy” appear in the Constitution?**
- **Which state did they misspell?**
- **Which two amendments cancel each other out?**
- **What is the only day you can see all 5 pages of the Constitution at one time?**
- **How many amendments are there?**
- **How many amendments have been proposed? (Approximate)**