

Commemorative Events Committee
Celebrate Stars and Stripes Forever as we
Rejoice in Our Dar Ties of Service and Friendship
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The Commemorative Events Committee encourages chapters and communities to get involved in at least one program each year to recognize major events in American history. The Wright Administration has selected the following milestone events for members to commemorate through significant programs and/or events

Independence Day: Approaching our semiquincentennial, individual members and chapters should plan ways to incorporate the America 250! flag and information as we celebrate the Fourth of July, honoring our Patriots and signing of the Declaration of Independence. As we celebrate these events, strive to make these events more visible. Let's all join community events, fly flags, enjoy picnics, watch fireworks. Set a goal now to be in Washington, D.C., and march with your DAR sisters in our nation's Independence Day Parade.

50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War: "The Nation Called They Answered." They served us and now the opportunity continues for Daughters to honor and thank all Vietnam Veterans and their families for their service and sacrifices. All chapters and states are encouraged to renew their commitment and partnership through 2025 with the Vietnam War Commemoration sponsored by the Department of Defense. <http://www.vietnamwar50th.com>

50th Anniversary of the NASA Space Shuttle Program: The Space Shuttle was the first reusable spacecraft used by the United States to take humans into space.

80th Anniversary of D-Day: June 6, 1944

100th Anniversary of President signs American Indian Citizenship Act (June 2, 1924): U.S. Congress passes the Indian Citizenship Act, granting citizenship to all Native Americans born in the territorial limits of the country. Previously, citizenship had been limited, depending on what percentage Native American ancestry a person had, whether they were veterans, or, if they were women, whether they were married to a U.S. citizen.

125th Anniversary, DAR Hospital Corps Chapters are encouraged to educate and celebrate on the founding of the DAR Hospital Corps. (April 28, 1898) At the onset of the Spanish-American War, the Surgeon General requested and promptly received congressional authority to appoint women nurses under contract. Dr. Anita Newcomb McGee, VP NSDAR, was placed in charge of selecting graduate nurses for the Army.

125th Anniversary of the premiere of John Philip Sousa's march, "The Stars & Stripes Forever I"
125th Anniversary, Spanish-American War (April 21-August 13, 1898): The Spanish-American War was an armed conflict between Spain and the United States. Hostilities began in the aftermath of the explosion of USS Maine in Havana Harbor in Cuba, leading to U.S. intervention

in the Cuban War of Independence. The war led to the U.S. emerging predominant in the Caribbean region, and resulted in U.S. acquisition of Spain's Pacific possessions.

125th Anniversary of DAR Participation in the Paris Exposition of 1900: The women of the United States offered an equestrian statue of Washington to Paris in memory of the friendship and brotherly support of France during the War of Independence.

150th Anniversary, Yellowstone National Park (March 1, 1872): Yellowstone National Park became the first national park in the U.S. on March 1, 1872, when President Ulysses S. Grant signed the Yellowstone National Park Protection Act into law.

200th Anniversary, Lafayette Farewell Tour (1824–1825): From August 15, 1824 to September 9, 1825, Lafayette covered over 6,000 miles by carriage, stagecoach, canal barge, and steamboat, traveling to all 24 existing states and “Washington City.” Everywhere he went and with a renewed patriotism, Lafayette was met with adoration and accolades as the American hero he was.

250th Anniversary of the Boston Tea Party, Edenton Tea Party, and other historic tea parties: The Boston Tea Party of December 16, 1773, famously set the torch of more protests, whose flames spread to other colonies. Colonists in faraway towns rallied behind the Massachusetts Sons of Liberty and followed suit by dumping, burning, and boycotting imported tea. On October 25, 1774, in North Carolina, 51 women of the Edenton Ladies Patriotic Guild signed their names to a resolution, now known as the Edenton Resolves, to protest the British Empire's tax policies. Many more such tea parties tell stories of how colonists banded together to make their voices heard. Protests of this magnitude had never happened before, in the history of the American colonies.

Celebrate the Legacy of Bernardo de Galvez: Bernardo de Galvez was appointed Governor of Spanish Louisiana and Cuba in 1776. He aided the Colonists in their quest for freedom by supplying cattle, funds and transport on the Mississippi River and the Gulf of Mexico. He became an American Revolutionary War hero mustering culturally diverse troops to battle in Baton Rouge, Natchez, Mobile and he led the Spanish ships that won the important Battle of Pensacola Bay. Bernardo de Galvez embodies Spain's contributions to the American Revolution.

250th Birthday of the U.S. Navy (October 13, 1775): The United States Navy traces its origins back to the Continental Navy. Rooted in the colonial seafaring tradition, the maritime component of the United States Armed Forces was established on 13 October 1775 during the American Revolutionary War. The U.S. Navy has played a strategic role in every major conflict since and continues to be the largest and most powerful navy in the world. The 250th Anniversary of the U.S. Navy celebrates the rich founding of this historic institution and the selfless men and women who have dedicated their lives and service to their country.

Any other events or reports fall under Miscellaneous.

Chapters are encouraged to submit their programs to their State Chair Barbara Channell for commendation at the state, division and national levels. Chapters and states will be recognized for presenting the best commemorative events programs. Information should include type of event, details of the program and publicity and sent to your State Chair, who will forward to the appropriate National Vice Chair this great country.

Refer to the National Web site for specs on writing and submitting the reports.