

President General's Message - Pamela Rouse Wright

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Dear Daughters,

Happy Holidays! We hope that December finds you well and surrounded by family and friends. Our National Headquarters is beautifully decorated, sparkling, and ready for all to enjoy at our [Holiday Open House](#) on December 7th in Washington, DC, beginning at 5:30p.m. — the first time that we have been able to come together for this annual tradition since 2019. We look forward to celebrating the season and enjoying fellowship together! This month, in between various holiday gatherings and end of year activities, we hope that you will remember our active duty service members, first responders, and veterans. Please consider gathering as a chapter to assemble care packages, reading materials, meals, or other items for those in your local community or serving abroad. If you are looking for ideas, our Project Patriot Committee has highlighted several opportunities on the [committee webpage](#). We also thank the many chapters across the country that are planning to support Wreaths Across America.

If you are looking for indoor activities during the colder weeks, the end of the year is also a perfect time to support ongoing DAR efforts like indexing records for the [Patriot Records](#) and [Genealogical Records](#) committees. Every volunteer makes a difference in making these records accessible to others seeking to learn more about the Revolutionary War or for DAR applications. We thank all of you who are already involved with these projects! More information is available on the DAR website.

During this season, I also often reflect on the winter hardships that our Patriot ancestors faced as they advanced the cause of the American Revolution. This includes prominent events like George Washington's Delaware River Crossing in December 1776 or the Continental Army's 1777-1778 winter encampment at Valley Forge, but these hardships were present throughout the war. We are eternally grateful for these Patriots' perseverance and tenacity, and are committed as an organization to make sure that Americans today do not forget these sacrifices.

Your Executive Officers wish you blessings and a holiday season filled with joy, love and friendship. I am deeply grateful for each of you and your devoted service as we Rejoice in Our DAR Ties of Service and Friendship!

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