



# The Compatriot's Companion

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE NATIONAL LADIES AUXILIARY SAR



## President's Corner



Becky Osbourn  
President, NLASAR



Welcome to the first issue of the National Ladies Auxiliary of the Sons of the American Revolution (NLASAR) newsletter! The inaugural name, "The Compatriot's Companion" represents the very role each of us as Auxiliary members fill. Alongside our compatriots, we are constant companions; by their side, ever-supporting and ever-loving.

Enjoy the stories of Colonial Companions who supported the revolutionary cause in colonial times. This issue introduces Catherine Littlefield Greene, the wife of hero Nathaniel Greene.

The Compatriots Companion will be the Auxiliary member's own companion as a source of information and inspiration. With each edition, the newsletter will highlight activities of not only the National Ladies Auxiliary, but also of the state auxiliaries and our members at large.

We'd love to spotlight your state auxiliary, just as we did during the 2023 NSSAR Congress at the NLASAR General Membership "Auxiliaries in Action" presentation. Several states participated, sharing displays, and describing activities their auxiliary members have done during the first 20 years of the NLASAR organization. If you didn't get a chance to hear their accounts of state activities, we hope The Compatriot's Companion will be able to fill you in by sharing their ideas and suggestions.

Enjoy this first edition, with highlights of the 2024 NSSAR Congress, news from the National Ladies Auxiliary, and the initial "Auxiliaries in Action" spotlight, featuring the Missouri State Auxiliary. For future releases, please feel free to submit your ideas and suggestions to our NLASAR Communications Committee; contact information available soon.

The Compatriot's Companion is for and about you! We'd love to hear YOUR story!

~ Becky Osbourn, NLASAR President 2024-2026



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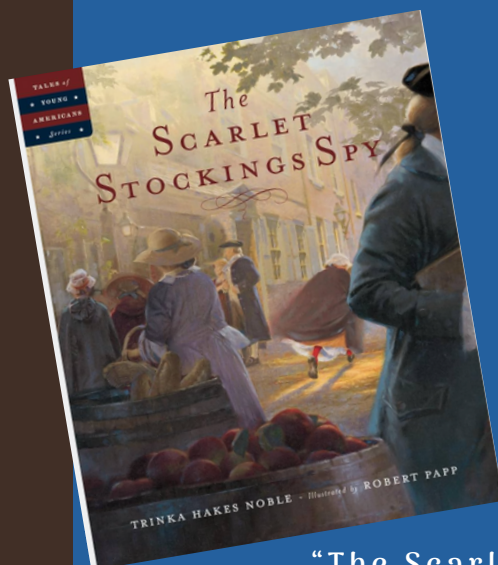


## EDITOR'S NOTE

*Books to read to children  
about the  
American Revolution*

During the Revolutionary War children held key roles in the fight for freedom. When your child or grandchild says, "Read me a story." This editor suggests these two books about young girls during the American Revolution:

"The Winter of of Red Snow: A Revolutionary War Diary" by Abigail Jane Stewart



"The Scarlet Stockings Spy: A Revolutionary War Tale" by Trinka Hakes Noble

Available at your library,  
bookstores or online



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# Celebrating over 20 Years

OF SERVICE & COMPANIONSHIP TO  
THE NATIONAL SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

NOW-2024



The members of The National Ladies Auxiliary Sons of the American Revolution are held in the highest esteem by the National Society Sons of the American Revolution.

Membership in the NLASAR shall be open to all women who wish to support SAR and its mission. Members of the Auxiliary may attend Leadership Meetings and Congresses. They may also schedule their own events.

Membership dues are \$5 annually.

At the present time States with Ladies Auxiliaries are: Alabama, Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas and Washington.





**OCTOBER 3-5, 2024**  
**140 NORTH FOURTH STREET**  
**LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY 40202**

## Fall Leadership 2024

Are your bags packed? The time for FALL LEADERSHIP is drawing near, Be sure to shop the *(new!)* NLASAR's table on the 2nd floor in the EAST TOWER in front of the Grand Ballroom. The traditional silent auction will be in the Carroll Ford Room, also on the 2nd floor in the EAST TOWER. Have something to contribute to the auction? Please bring donations on Friday, directly after the NLASAR General Membership meeting.

The General Membership meeting is Friday, Oct 4th, 10:00 a.m. in the WEST TOWER---Waterford Room, 25th floor. All ladies attending leadership are welcome.

Please join us.





# GLORIOUS REFLECTIONS

by Becky Osbourn  
President, NLASAR

## Congress 2024

If you attended the 134th SAR National Congress in Lancaster, Pennsylvania with your Compatriot, you enjoyed a warm welcome from the host society, the Pennsylvania Society, Sons of the American Revolution, and their companions, the Pennsylvania Ladies Auxiliary SAR. A region steeped in history, Lancaster was the capital of the American Colonies for one day in 1777.

July 11, 2024, attendees toured the Valley Forge Encampment, walking the very ground where Washington and his troops encamped the winter of 1777-1778, SAR leadership dedicated a 250th anniversary granite bench in front of the Washington Memorial Chapel "commemorating all who served on these fields during the winter of 1777-1778 in determined pursuit of liberty and independence."

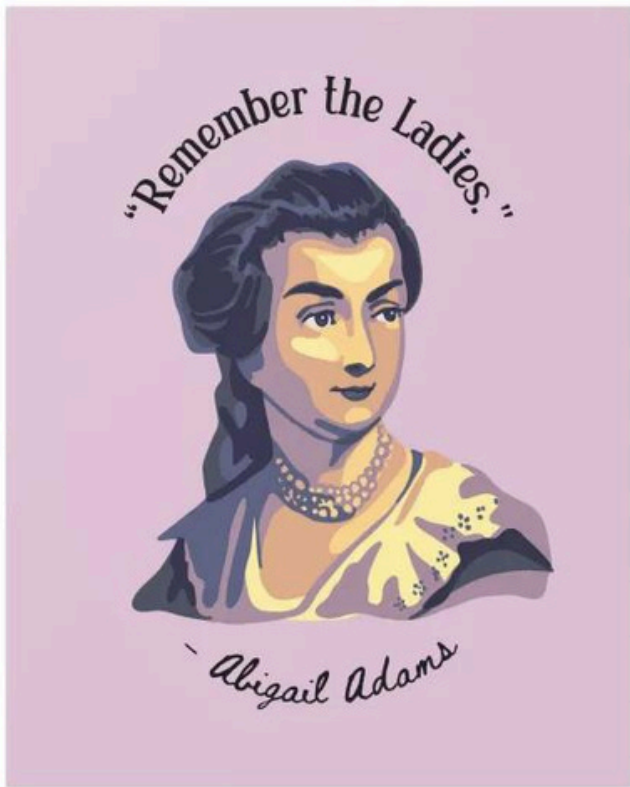
On July 12th, First Lady Karen Dodd hosted The First Lady's Tea following the Memorial Service at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

Saturday was the National Ladies Auxiliary General Membership Meeting. Speaker Dr. James McMahon, Jr., Curator and Director of Collections of Lancaster History served previously as senior curator and director of the former Hershey Museum. What a sweet treat to learn from an experienced historian about Milton Hershey's sweet beginnings right there in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Kudos to President Pat Wilson-Perkins for presiding and guiding the NLASAR in foundational achievements, including NLASAR Bylaws revisions and authorizing modernizing NLASAR's website. Members voted to honor the memory of past president Billie Brock with a donation to the SAR Museum and Learning Center's collection in her name: a garnet and silver, period-appropriate "Lace Pin."

Pennsylvania planned an afternoon meal at picturesque and park-like Cameron Estate Inn for the Ladies Luncheon. Dressed in colonial attire, our speaker provided the history behind the Donegal Presbyterian Church that began in the 1720's and is forever tied to the Cameron Estate both by proximity and history.

There's nothing as grand as the President General's Banquet and the Installation Banquet for newly-elected President General and officers to cap off the NSSAR Congress. New NLASAR officers 2024-2026 were installed at the PG's Banquet: President • Becky Osbourn (MO), First Vice President • Diane Ungvarsky (NC), Second Vice President • Joni Laramore (FL), Third Vice President • Becky Moyer (PA), Secretary • Laurie Bredenfoerder (OH), Treasurer • Cyndi Weissinger (WA), Chaplain • Diane Hamill (OK), Historian • Julie Elston (VA), Parliamentarian • Linda Welkner (KS)





Thank you Pat Wilson-Perkins  
for serving as NLA President  
2022-2024

Pictured with Becky Osbourn  
NLA President 2024-2026



The following State Auxiliary  
presented donations to the  
National Ladies Auxiliary  
at the 2024 Annual Meeting  
in Lancaster, PA

Alabama  
\$250

Illinois  
\$100

Indiana  
\$100

Missouri  
\$400

Ohio  
\$250

Washington  
\$150



First Lady's Project-Education  
Outreach-\$200

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First Lady's Pin  
Mrs.Ohanesian/SC  
\$275

Florida  
\$250

*Thank you*  
for your Donations

# AUXILIARIES IN ACTION!

The NLA will provide states with tips & tools they need to serve their state's compatriots. It is the mission of the NLA to assist compatriots in carrying out the objectives of The Sons of the American Revolution which is to honor our Revolutionary War patriot ancestors by promoting patriotism, serving our communities, and educating and inspiring future generations about the founding principles of our country.



## MISSOURI AUXILIARY SAR

- Attend SAR events- offer to take photos, hand out flags at Honor Flights, build friendships with SAR members & their companions.
- Have an auxiliary newsletter, Facebook page, be a presence at events.
- Offer to do genealogy research for prospective members. Help at genealogy workshops





## CATHARINE LITTLEFIELD GREENE

The widow of Revolutionary War hero Nathanael Greene, Catharine Littlefield Greene, known as 'Cathy' to her friends, demonstrated strength as a military wife, acumen as a businesswoman, and creativity as a contributor to the invention of the cotton gin.

According to historians, Catharine's life had many facets. As the 'camp wife' of the General, she entertained dignitaries, a grande mistress of two Georgian plantations, a close friend of George and Martha Washington, a business partner of Eli Whitney, the inventor of the cotton gin.

She was born on December 17, 1753/1755, in Rhode Island, the second child of John Littlefield and Phebe Ray. Her mother, Phebe, was a direct descendant of Rhode Island colony founder Roger Williams. Her childhood was happy and marked by freedoms not commonly afforded other women at that time. Her mother died in 1761 and Cathy was raised by her Aunt Catharine Ray Greene, for whom she was named. The home was an open place of Patriotism support.

Cathy and Nathanael's days as newlyweds were happy but brief, as he was summoned for military duty after the Battle of Lexington and Concord on April 19, 1775.

Catharine was a mother and she traveled with Greene to encampments during the war. She was at Valley Forge. After her husband's death in 1786, Greene assumed the management of their Georgia plantation. There is much more to her life's story and of course, partnership with Eli Whitney. Cathy died of malaria on September 2, 1814.





# Plan to Attend Congress

JULY 12-17, 2025



The Congress pins are now available to PRE-ORDER.  
<https://tinyurl.com/CongressPin>

This gorgeous three masted ship is the perfect accessory for any patriotic society.



## THE MOHEGAN SUN RESORT UNCASVILLE, CT

The resort is on tribal land and so we must respect all their rules and regulations. Therefore, no firearms of any kind may be brought onto the property. Also, any Color Guardsmen carrying swords must first obtain permission and be escorted by security.

While the hotel room reservations are not yet open, we know we will be in the Earth Tower. However, we strongly encourage you to make your amenity reservations now. The resort boasts over 40 restaurants, 40 shops, 2 spas, 2 pools, 2 golf courses and numerous nightclubs.

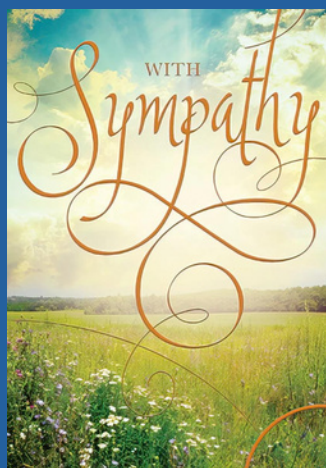
Mobility scooters are available for rent, but please make reservations early. Parking at the resort is complimentary. Your room key will entitle you to many discounts at the restaurants and shops and even \$10 of free gaming in the casino.

The tours have not yet been finalized, but we will be considering properties owned by the Connecticut Society. These include the Nathan Hale Schoolhouse and Gov. Jonathan Trumbull War Office.

Mystic Seaport is the home of the largest maritime museum in the US and numerous sailing ships including the 1800's whaler Charles W. Morgan. Naval submarine base New London is the primary East Coast submarine base, also known as the "Home of the Submarine Force." It is located in Groton, CT.

# Chaplain's Message

by Diane Hamill  
NLA Chaplain



*Handwritten cards can mean so much to the recipient. In today's fast paced world, we sometimes forget that a note in the mail can make someone's day special.*

*One of the main tasks of the Chaplain is to write sympathy cards. Signing a sympathy card isn't easy. We search for words. We wonder what would be comforting to hear. We worry about saying the wrong thing...But even though it's not easy, it is important to reach out in sympathy. Our words can't take away the pain of losing a loved one, but they can go a long way towards helping a grieving person feel loved and supported.*

*There are numerous examples and suggestions for writing condolence messages available online. Remember to use online examples as inspiration, because the most meaningful messages of sympathy come from the heart.*

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## Submission Guidelines:

To submit an article or report  
Email to [newsletter@nlasar.org](mailto:newsletter@nlasar.org)

Please identify NLA Auxiliary in subject line.

Send articles preferably in WORD doc and send photos as JPGs (not PDFs) in their original size as an attachment only.

Auxiliaries may submit one article per issue, 50 to 100 words with up to three photos. Photos need to be good quality, high-resolution and be sure to add a brief caption with each photo.

The editor will select which articles and photos to publish based upon space available.

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