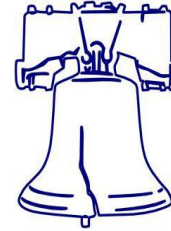


THE BELL RINGER NEWSLETTER



October & November Events:

- Oct 2: Fairview Cemetery Clean-up @ 8:30AM
- Oct 3: Fallen Firefighters (flag half-staff)
- Oct 10: National Day of Prayer & Virtual National Day of Service Project – signing Christmas Cards for our troops @1:00 PM
- Oct 11: Fly Your Flag! - NSDAR founded 1890 - Indigenous Peoples Day/Columbus Day - NSDAR Member's Course @ 6:00 PM
- Oct 13 - Navy Birthday
- Oct 18: Virtual Tech Talk @ 6:00 PM
- Oct 20: Virtual Genealogy Education @ 5:45 PM
- Oct 23: Chapter Fundraiser, Yard Sale
- Oct 25: Virtual Book Club @ 6:00 PM; NSDAR Member's Course @ 6:00 PM
- Oct 27: Navy day
- Nov 6: Fairview Cemetery Clean-up @ 8:30 AM
- Nov 11: Fairview Historical Cemetery Self guided tour. 10AM-2PM with an 11AM ceremony at the Flagpole. DAR representatives at the Buffalo Soldiers' resting places.
- Nov 14: DAR Gene Series
- Nov 15: Virtual Tech Talk @ 6:00 PM
- Nov 17: Virtual Genealogy Education @ 5:45 PM
- Nov 29: Book club @ 6:00 PM

Regent's Message – Helen Beatty

Dear Lew Wallace Members -

Even though the September meeting was presented on Zoom, all the attendees were smiling and happy to start a new Chapter year.

Our October meeting will return to our regular scheduled meeting date which is every 3rd Saturday of the month, from 9:30 am to 12:00 pm. Our new venue at the Albuquerque Baptist Church on Paseo Del Norte will be fun for all. Directions and lunch choice are listed in this month's newsletter.

Our old friend Anne Marie Strangio, the Principal of Lew Wallace Elementary School, will be our speaker, and she will let us know how Lew Wallace Elementary fared during the COVID crisis and what's new on the horizon. Directions and lunch choices will be sent with your meeting invitation.

It was exciting to honor Jen Gelhardt as our Chapter Outstanding Junior of the Year at our September meeting. She has been such an asset to Lew Wallace. Those of you with a prospective Junior in your household, please encourage them to join our chapter and participate as a Junior member.

Our chapter was also fortunate to administer the oath to a new member, Karen Dziurzynski Cox. Karen currently teaches history at Del Norte High School and has taught US History and Government with the Albuquerque Schools for 20 years.

Her patriot is Cristoval Monte Vigil, Spanish American (c 1721 -c 1796). We are very excited to have Karen on our team.

We are happy to welcome Barbara Jean Gordon, and Jolene Dorothy Martin to our Lew Wallace Chapter. They will be taking their oath at the October meeting. We welcome both of you. Jean is a regular at our monthly book club.

Thank you to Marla Hoskins for her remarkable presentation on, "Shay's Rebellion and the Road to the Constitution", in honor of Constitution Week

The State Workshop was amazing. It was fun meeting all the New Mexico Chapter Regents during the Chapter Regent's Club on Thursday night and meeting New Mexico Chapter members at the Meet and Greet which followed. Friday and Saturday offered lectures on a variety of topics, all designed to help Chapter Officers and Chapter Members in their DAR service. A thank you goes to Pat Barger, Lew Wallace member and State Regent, for such an informative agenda.

Our President General, Denise VanBuren, asks chapter members to re-engage and motivate now that we will be having in person meetings. Let's not, "run out of steam". She also reminds each us to welcome at least one new member in the coming weeks.

Visit the Lew Wallace Chapter website for event details and watch the slideshow of events.
<https://www.lewallacedar.org>

Regent's Message, continued

One way to engage is our DAR Day of Service. For Lew Wallace, this will occur on Sunday, October 10, 2021, from 1 pm to 3 pm. Gather your Christmas cards and get ready to sign them during our Zoom, "Day of Service". We will be sending the signed cards to our service men and women. Another way to engage is to become a member of a committee. We will be highlighting committees in the Lew Wallace Newsletter throughout the coming year and at our Lew Wallace meetings.

If you have not mailed your Lew Wallace dues, please do so. If you need another form, please contact me at hmbdar@gmail.com or our Treasurer, Jennifer Espen, jle.dar@outlook.com, and we will e-mail you a copy. Don't forget to sign up for the, American Spirit Magazine. You'll be able to enjoy 6 captivating issues per year that focuses on the Colonial period and the 200 years between Jamestown and the 1820's. These are well written and beautifully illustrated stories. You will also get the Daughter's Newsletter which will help you to keep up to date on programs and achievements of our National Society.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting on October 16, 2021.

Sincerely,

Helen Beatty, Regent

Lew Wallace Chapter New Members

Barbara Jean Gordon

Jolene Dorothy Martin

Make a Difference Day: October 23

National Make A Difference Day is an unofficial observance that places an emphasis on volunteerism and community service. This day has been observed on the fourth Saturday of October since the early 1990s. It is a day that encourages everyone to get active in their community and do charitable works.

Every year, millions of people across the U.S volunteer and perform various charitable projects for their communities, for those who are in need, and for charitable organizations.

This year's Make A Difference Day is also the day of our Annual Garage Sale. What a great opportunity to help Lew Wallace Chapter AND volunteer your time to make a difference by supporting our most worthy cause.



The garage sale is fast approaching, and we need help to make it a success. Please sign up via the link below to help with the sale.
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D4AABAA2EA4FB6-lewwallace1>

We are going to try to sell larger items before the actual sale, so if you have any to donate, please contact Jenny Hathaway at the contact information below.



Lew Wallace Chapter Committee Highlight – American Statuary

National Madonna of the Trail Memorial Monument

*Albuquerque, New Mexico
September 30, 2021
By: Suzanne M. Heske*

The Albuquerque community is blessed to be the caretaker and guardian to one of twelve National Madonna of the Trail Memorial Monuments that dot the country from east to west. After almost twenty years of planning, these monuments to pioneer women were placed in the 1920s along major routes that brought early U.S. settlers to the West. This majestic lady was originally slated to reside in Santa Fe at the end of the Santa Fe Trail. But for reasons that continue to elude history, she was erected and dedicated on Thursday, September 27, 1928, in what was then called McClellan Park and today is the federal courthouse property at Fourth and Lomas Boulevard NW.

The statue honors sacrifice, hardship, and accomplishment of those pioneer mothers. They left their homes and roots, packed what they could fit into a covered wagon and set out for the uncertain possibilities of the West. Many buried their children in trailside graves on the way. Their actions and perseverance are embodied in the Madonna of the Trail memorial monument, a stately 10-foot, 5-ton granite pioneer mother, clad in rough boots and a homespun dress, a baby cradled in one arm and musket grasped in the other. Another small son clings to her lone skirt as she glares Westward.

Over the 94 years of the Madonna's presence in Albuquerque, the Lew Wallace Chapter, NSDAR has served as her caretaker, community storyteller, and history teacher. As we approach the 95th anniversary of this significant monument, let's reflect and dedicate ourselves to continuing to her story throughout the community, to young and old. As we prepare for September 2022, to rededicate one of the earliest, outdoor, public, memorial sculptures in New Mexico let's be committed to tell her story to all!

Lew Wallace Chapter Committee Highlight – American Heritage

How do we Preserve our American Heritage? Through the thirty-seven categories of our American Heritage contest. Every Daughter can express herself through her creative art form as she designs her entry to correlate to our theme, which changes yearly.

As we restore and enhance our grand, historic buildings in Washington, DC, let us focus on our history and remember our beginning.

American Heritage Theme - 2021:
Rise, and Shine Your Light on Our House Beautiful Historic Dress Era: 1910 - 1930

Thank you to American Heritage State Chair of Texas, Sherry Bynum for her list of ideas... "Think outside the box -

- ~ The architecture of our buildings
- ~ Your personal experiences at our National Buildings
- ~ The landscape around our buildings
- ~ The interior designs in our buildings
- ~ The history of the buildings
- ~ Current renovation efforts
- ~ Past renovation efforts
- ~ The history of the women who headed up the building
- ~ The designers of the buildings
- ~ Events that have happened in our buildings
- ~ Events that have happened around our buildings
- ~ Rooms inside our buildings
- ~ Look at past American Spirit Magazines for articles and pictures
- ~ Search NSDAR Website for pictures
- ~ Search your State Website and social media sites for pictures Search DC Newspaper articles on our buildings"

Even if you haven't visited our buildings in Washington DC, what speaks to you? Take a virtual tour! See the Period Rooms – does your state have one?

Every entry must incorporate the theme for the 2021-2022 contest. All entries must be the original work of the person or group entering the contest while a DAR member.

Lew Wallace Chapter, NSDAR Monthly Meetings Resume

Saturday, 16 October 2021

9:30 social – 10:00 business

Albuquerque First Baptist Church

4101 Paseo Del Norte
Albuquerque NM 87114
(just west of Coors on the north side of Paseo)



Menu: Box lunch sandwich from Jason's Deli - Chicken Salad, Ham, or Turkey on either a croissant or a wheat bun*
Beverages: Coffee, Tea, & Water.

Cost: \$10.00 Boxed lunch for each person with a meal reservation. \$5.00 Attending meeting with no boxed lunch.

RSVP: By 6:00 PM on Sunday, 05 Sep 2021 to Hillary Gordon:
hillarygdar@gmail.com

Reservations are required for all events. "No-shows" will be billed.

*If you have food allergies please mention when you RSVP with Hillary

Lew Wallace Chapter Officers **2021-2023**

Chapter Regent: Helen Beatty
1st Vice Regent: Hillary
Gordon
Chaplain: Diane Melendres
Recording Sec: Kathy Snyder
Corresponding Sec: Kay Rogers
Treasurer: Jennifer Espen
Registrar: Wendy Wirstrom
Historian: Vacant
Librarian: Jennifer Hathaway

Lew Wallace Chapter, NSDAR

Day of Service

Holiday Card signing for deployed service persons.

Start gathering Christmas and holiday greeting cards! We will meet again this year via Zoom to sign greeting cards for our U.S. troops who will be far from home this Holiday Season.

Sunday, 10 October 2021 | 1:00-3:00 pm | via Zoom



Join Day of Service Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87197881906?pwd=eDdmUnJsR2Nub25wdkVjd1U3TXE5QT09>

Meeting ID: 871 9788 1906
 Passcode: 099627



Chapter Minutes: September 11, 2021

Meeting minutes will be sent to members in separate email next week.

Lew Wallace History *Extracted by Lenore Stober, 1988*

The first minutes in the minute book are for February 22, 1905. The membership was 17. There were six meetings held the first year.

In 1906, ten meetings were held, and the membership increased by six.

In 1907, Washington's birthday was observed by a well attended, "Patriotic Service". A copy of *Ben Hur* was presented to the Chapter by Mrs. Winston. The year's programs concentrated on the study of New Mexico History. Albuquerque Public Schools scheduled April 10th as Lew Wallace Flag Day, and our chapter offered to support and co-operate with this effort.

On November 30th "Mrs. Asplund presented, for the consideration of the Chapter, a plan for a small circulating Library for the benefit of the country schools in Bernalillo County.

The motion was made and adopted and \$5.00 was allocated for books. By April there were 85 books in the Library.

In April of 1908, a committee called the, "Patriotic Education Committee", was appointed to co-operate with the county, the city superintendent, and the teachers in the schools to encourage endeavors in this field.

In May, the chapter pledged \$1.00 per member for the Children's Home Society. In September, Mrs. Prince, State Regent, requested that Lew Wallace Chapter entertain the first State Conference in New Mexico and plans were made to do so. The State Conference was held at the Woman's Club.

In October, the Committee on Patriotic Education began to plan for the celebration of the signing of the, "Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo", on the second of February, and naming it New Mexico Day.

In November, Mrs. Wroth stated, "the only part of the Santa Fe Trail not marked was in New Mexico, and only one or two of the stage stations now remained standing". She suggested the chapter take up the matter with the upcoming legislature. A committee was appointed to do so.