

January is a planning and reporting month. Thank you to the chapters who have completed the CMR. Seeing the completed line is always great, now there are only a few days left. I'm quite sure every chapter had some sparkling moments to report.

Don't forget to send letters and emails to your State Leaders and State Committees with your extra information on activities. They love this extra information for their reports to Division.

The big news for the month is the bus trip to Washington D.C. is coming together and initial information is out! We are looking for at least 20 willing ladies to attend our magnificent Continental Congress June 23-July 2, 2024. If you have attending a Continental Congress on your bucket list, now it your chance! Every year it gets just a little more expensive but always worth the money.

First up, every breakfast is included. On the travel days most all lunches and dinners are also included. It starts with 3 days of travel with stops in Ohio for the National Museum of the United States Air Force, lunch in Williamsburg, Virginia and on to Yorktown, Virginia for a battlefield tour and a visit to the American Revolution Museum also in Yorktown. Once in Washington D.C. you will still have breakfast each day at the hotel with many options of luncheons and teas Wednesday through Saturday at our Headquarters Hotel and other Hotels with many places anyone can visit for delicious food. Everything is online for the DAR luncheons and teas, if you are interested in any of them, check the schedule ahead of time and when the day comes that the tickets are open, you have to be fast to get the ones you would like. These tickets go fast, and it is easy to miss out, so be prepared! Our bus will be delivering you to the national headquarters two times a day, morning, and evening. Midafternoon the bus will take everyone back to the hotel for a fairly quick dinner on your own and time to dress for the evening session. Our night sessions are special and we do dress in near formal wear. For anyone who is in chorus the bus will wait for you after practice on the afternoon trip back to the hotel. Then the bus will deliver everyone attending the evening session back to national headquarters or J W Marriott and wait for the end to take all back to the hotel. The schedule has been changed in recent years and the evening sessions are over by 10:00 p.m.

The trip home will begin after the Sunday morning Memorial service and new officer installation which will be late morning on Sunday. One more treat will be a visit to the house of Benjamin and Caroline Harrison in Indianapolis, Indiana on the way home. There are several special meals, first day dinner, a stop at the Golden Lamb Blackhorse Tavern, the longest continually operating business in Ohio, and a farewell dinner in Champaign, Illinois. The trip should end back in Des Moines, Iowa mid-afternoon on July 2, 2024. In one week, I should have the flyer and registrations forms. Please contact me if you are ready to travel to Continental Congress 2024! If you signed up with your intent at Fall Forum 2023, information will be sent to you.

Tour Details:

10 days – 19 meals

June 23 - July 02, 2024

Price Per Person: Double: \$2,897

Single: \$3,525