

Mary Ball Chapter, NSDAR  
October 15, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Mary Ball Chapter was called to order by Regent Maureen Vanek at 10:31 a.m. on Saturday, October 15, 2022 at the Tacoma Elks Lodge in Tacoma, Washington.

Executive Board Members:

Regent: Maureen Vanek  
First Vice Regent: Melanie de Leon  
Second Vice Regent: Renée Crist  
Treasurer: Jean Meier  
Chaplain: Tami Reynolds  
Recording Secretary: Kay Southwell  
Corresponding Secretary: Angie Condon  
Registrar: Melonie Lienen  
Librarian: Kay McArthur - absent, excused  
Historian: Sarah Burd

Regent Maureen Vanek and Chaplain Tami Reynolds led the opening ritual. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Cecilia Maskell. The American's Creed was led by Tami McKerrow.

Regent Maureen introduced the Executive Board and Honored Daughters: Honorary State Regent and Honorary Chapter Regent, Kate Hull Pease; National Chair Conservation Committee, WSSDAR 2nd Vice Regent and Honorary Chapter Regent, Lynne Stallcop; Honorary Chapter Regent, Marlana Geisler; Honorary Chapter Regent, Gail Sawyer; Honorary Chapter Regent and Mary Ball Chapter Parliamentarian, Lee Gentemann and Honorary Chapter Regent, Pam Gassman.

Also introduced were Norman Racine, HODAR of Debra Racine; Carole Rikerd, guest of Patricia Hahn and Cheryl Towne guest of Cecilia Maskell.

A quorum was present.

1st Vice Regent Melanie de Leon read the President General's message.

Recording Secretary Kay Southwell moved "to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve them as distributed by email and posted to the chapter website". The minutes of the September 24, 2022 meeting were approved as distributed.

This month's minutes reviewers are Lynne Stallcop and Lee Gentemann.

**OFFICER REPORTS:**

Regent:

You may be wondering about the "Thank you for your Service" cards stacked on the tables; these are for the Orting Halloween Goodie bags that we will be stuffing at the break and maybe after the meeting, too; I hope you will write a message to a Veteran; there are some examples with the cards.

I started the month off helping to clean graves at Woodbine Cemetery. Facebook & our bulletin had articles on it...we had FUN with beautiful weather.

Since the last chapter meeting my father-in-law died and I have driven twice to the Sacramento area to help my husband handle his step-father's affairs.

I also have sad chapter news to report; hopefully, most of you read the emails that member Danna Clancy passed on October 4<sup>th</sup> and member Bev Cram on October 10<sup>th</sup>; both were active in the chapter and we will miss them. Also, member Jennifer Redfern's husband passed away unexpectedly on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Please keep Jennifer and her family and the families of Danna and Bev in your thoughts; I am sure all of us wish them peace and comfort! Jean Meier, Melanie De Leon and I made a quick trip to the Mariners stadium in Seattle to pick up 90+ baseball caps the Mariners donated to the Orting Soldiers Home Goodie Bags; Go Mariners...they have to win today against Houston; anyhow, kudos to Jean for coordinating with the Mariners to receive the caps. And kudos to Renee Crist for reporting Constitution Week activities to the WSSDAR State Chair as the chair had requested and who sent Renee a sparkling thanks! Renee and Melanie De Leon also requested and received State of WA Proclamations for Constitution Week and Native American Heritage Month...more kudos. We are an AWESOME chapter!

1st Vice Regent - Melanie explained trivia game and hat contest

Treasurer - Jean stated balance of non-restricted funds as of Sept 30 as \$31,043.01 (report filed)

Chaplain - Tami reported on deaths, cards sent, etc.

Corresponding Secretary - Angie received thank you's from Susan Nelson and Janet Feliciano

Registrar - Melonie reported we have 215 members and 12 prospective members (report filed)

Historian - Sarah talked about our namesake, Mary Ball (report filed)

**PROGRAM:** "Bewitched: The Persecution and Prosecution of Women in Salem" presented by First Vice Regent, Melanie de Leon.

15 Minute Break: vote on witches hats and fill out Halloween Trivia sheet, start stuffing goodie bags for Orting Soldiers Home

#### **COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS:**

Lineage Research: Melonie Lienen and Ann Crawford (report filed)

Military Committee: Annette Huvler introduced herself as new military liaison to members

National Defense: Lori Gibson (report filed)

Service to America: Ann Crawford reminded us to log our hours.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Regent Maureen presented DAR certificates of appreciation to Lynne Stallcop and Gail Sawyer for 20 years of service and Susan Nelson for 10 years.

Regent Maureen presented National Awards for outstanding service in 2021 or throughout the Van Buren Administration, 2019-1022:

Pam Gassman as the State Chair and for earning the 25 Program Charm in the NW Correspondent Docent Program, DAR Museum outreach Committee.

Kate Pease as the National Division Vice Chair, American Indian Committee.

Lynne Stallcop for the Chapter Development & Revitalization Commission.  
Maureen Vanek as a NW Division Supplemental Virtual Support Volunteer and as the State Coordinator for Member Training Courses.

National Awards to Mary Ball Chapter (from the last administration):

Chapter Achievement Awards Level 1, for 2021

Outstanding Support of Honor Flights, NW Division Support of Women Veterans and NW Division State Wreath Sponsorships (DAR Service for Veterans Committee)

NW Division Outstanding Service, (DAR Scholarship Committee)

Most Historic Sites Reported (Historic Preservation Committee)

VIS Chairman Renée Crist moved, “that Mary Ball Chapter purchase an external hard drive for chapter use to backup and archive digital files with the cost not to exceed \$100”. The motion was seconded, there was some discussion and the motion was approved.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Wreaths Across America at Orting is not having a ceremony this year so we will see about donating to Camp Lewis Cemetery instead.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Some members still need to pay dues, see Maureen or Jean with questions.
- Next chapter meeting, November 19 @10:30. Buffalo Soldiers of Seattle, annual silent elegant auction
- Honor Flight returns, SEATAC, October 17th, meet at 7pm, Alaska Airlines
- Halloween Party at Orting Soldiers Home, October 31 at 2 pm.
- National Defense Lunch, October 29 at the Sea-Tac Marriott
- Auburn Veterans Day Parade, November 5 at 11 am
- Daughter Date, Sunday, Nov 13, 10:45 am, LeMay / America’s Car Museum. Bring your HODAR /guests
- Peggy Borgatti will be soliciting donations for literacy at the next meeting, November 19th, and Kate Pease will be collecting monetary donations for CAR.
- Please stay to help us finish up the Goodie Bags for the Halloween Party!

Raffle, witches hat prizes, Halloween Trivia winners were determined.

Chaplain Tami Reynolds gave the Benediction.

Regent Maureen adjourned the meeting at 12:22 p.m.

*Kay Southwell*  
Recording Secretary

Date Approved: