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DAR and Coronavirus (COVID-19) Message - The DAR Headquarters buildings, including the DAR Museum, DAR Library and DAR Constitution Hall, are closed to the public until further notice following the guidelines of the phased reopening plan of the Mayor of the District of Columbia. Building status updates will continue to be posted here on the DAR Website as they develop. [Learn More Here](#)

Literature & Drama

2020 – 2021 Theme: “Rise, and Shine Your Light on Your Revolutionary War Patriot”

All Literature and Drama entries must be sent to this National Vice Chair with a copy of the signed entry form sent to your State Chair.

There are five (5) Literature and Drama competition categories:



1. **Poetry**—a pattern of free verse or rhyming verse, one to fifteen (1–15) lines.
 2. **Poetry**—a pattern of free verse or rhyming verse, sixteen or more, but not to exceed thirty (16–30) lines.
 3. **Fiction Short Story or Narrative**—not to exceed eight (8) pages, double spaced, 12 point, Times New Roman font, one-inch margins.
 4. **Non-Fiction Short Story or Narrative**—not to exceed eight (8) pages, double spaced, 12 point, Times New Roman font, one-inch margins.
- Since Non-Fiction is based in some type of factual information, it is important to note that the factual information be referenced using the most recent edition of the MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers. MLA format is a reference tool used by scholars and writers in the Humanities field as the preferred way to document research. It addresses areas such as punctuation and technical aspects of writing and also explores the subjects of plagiarism, evaluating sources, and determining the reliability of web sources. MLA guidelines may be found online or in various bookstores. **(Please note: Works Cited, or footnote, or citation or a bibliography page is NOT counted in the 8 pages)**
5. **Drama**—a monologue, duet scene, or short play, not to exceed eight (8) pages, double spaced, 12 point, Times New Roman font, one-inch margins.

Each entry is to be *an unpublished work* by an individual DAR member or group of DAR members illustrating some aspect of the theme, ***Rise, and Shine Your Light On Your Revolutionary War Patriot.***

- Each entry must be typed, postmarked and mailed directly to this National Vice Chair **between January 2, 2021 and February 15, 2021.**

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For acknowledgement of entry receipt, include a self-addressed, stamped postcard or note card. Only one entry may be submitted in each of the Literature and Drama contests, whether group or individual.

Additional instructions for literature and drama entries:

- In addition to the Contest Entry Form, include your name, national number, and page number on the upper right-hand corner of each piece of paper of your submission if it is more than one page.
- Submission must be written while a DAR member. Attach the pages of each submission with a paperclip.
- Do not send DVDs, flash drives, newspaper clippings, photographs, etc. with your entry.

Judging criteria: (*subjective to judges*)

- 45 points - Quality of work
- 20 points - Originality
- 20 points - Incorporation of theme
- 15 points - Written expression of theme

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