

SEPTEMBER PRESS RELEASE – 40TH DAR 2010 – ALEXANDRIA, VA

DAR 2009 is still a wonderful memory. Natalie Sprosty and her crew did a fantastic job. The Solo Steppers did an outstanding job of keeping the Hospitality room stocked, providing for a friendly atmosphere to relax and visit. The callers and cuers dazzled the dancers with their calls and cues. Hats off to the DAR 2009 group.

We look forward to seeing everyone in Alexandria, VA for DAR 2010. We have 10 (ten) exciting tours lined up for your pleasure. This is an opportunity to see your nation's capitol, Washington, DC, with your fellow dancers. I highly encourage you to participate in these tours. Come early and enjoy the area.

Interested in a tour of the U.S. Capitol Building? See how many people from your area are going to DAR 2010 and would like a tour? Someone in your group should contact your congressman or congresswomen now, and ask for a special tour during the time you will be at DAR 2010. You will get a personal tour of the U.S. Capitol, most likely with a Congressional Aide. They can also set up tours of other locations such as the U.S. Treasury, the Library of Congress, and other sites. All you have to do is ask. If you don't have a group, call anyway and get your special tour.

To view the city from the top of the Washington Monument, free tickets are required and are given out daily, on a first-come first-served basis. Tickets run out quickly and the line forms as early as 5, 6, or 7 A.M. depending on how many people are visiting DC. One person may pick up as many as six tickets as well as select their preferred ticket time from what remains available for that operating day. All individuals (including children) must have a ticket.

I strongly suggest that you reserve your Washington Monument tickets soon. You may do so by visiting the National Park Service ticket website at <http://www.recreation.gov>, or by calling 1.877.444.6777 for individual tickets or 1.877.559.6777 for group reservations. There is a **\$1.50 service charge per ticket**. These tickets may be picked up at the "will call" window of the Washington Monument Lodge on the day of your tour. Please be aware that during peak season of April-September, tickets frequently are reserved months in advance.

So start your preplanning early and we look forward to seeing everyone next year as we will be Celebratin' America's Dance by the Nation's Capital.

Nancy Morrisey, DAR 2010 Vice-Chairperson