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DAR Awards \$7,500 Special Projects Grant to Essex Heritage for Interpretive Exhibit at Bakers Island Light Station

Washington, D.C. – The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) announces that the organization will be donating \$7,500 to Essex National Heritage Commission for an interpretive exhibit at Bakers Island Light Station. Funding for this project was made possible through the sponsorship of the Colonel Timothy Pickering Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, located in Salem, Massachusetts.

Essex Heritage will use the DAR grant to develop a new exhibit inside the Assistant Keeper's House on Bakers Island. Visitors will have an opportunity to learn what life was like for a lighthouse keeper through hands-on activities and various interpretive artifacts. The exhibit will contain informative panels, reproductions of historical documents, along with displays of tools, equipment, and clothing used by lighthouse keepers of the 18th, 19th, and 20th centuries. It is anticipated that the exhibit will open in June 2020.

“We are thrilled that, through this generous donation from the DAR, we will be able to install this new exhibit at Bakers Island Light,” said Annie C. Harris, Essex Heritage CEO. “We look forward to sharing the many fascinating stories of families who worked and lived at the light station.”

The DAR grants program was started in 2010. Funding is awarded to support projects in local communities which promote the organization's mission areas of historic preservation, education and patriotism.

The DAR receives hundreds of grants applications each year, making competition high for the funding through the non-profit organization. Interested groups must be sponsored by a local

DAR chapter, submit a copy of their public charity 501(c)(3) IRS documentation, and include a narrative describing the need and urgency of the project as well as planned activities and benefits to the community which will result from the grant.

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution was founded in 1890 to promote patriotism, preserve American history, and support better education for our nation's children. Its members are descended from patriots who won American independence during the Revolutionary War. With over 185,000 members in approximately 3,000 chapters worldwide, DAR is one of the world's largest and most active service organizations. To learn more about the work of today's DAR, visit www.DAR.org. For more about applying for a Special Projects Grant from DAR, visit www.dar.org/grants.

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