

Quarterly Newsletter from the Towa Society Daughters of the American Revolution



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Thanks to all of you, Board of Management was a great success. We had a very good turnout of 126 registered members. Everyone really enjoyed the help we received from C.A.R. Paige Perry and Ellie Davis served as the Regent's Personal Pages. It was Paige's first experience paging for a DAR meeting. Ellie carried the DAR flag. David and Robert Franks carried the American and Iowa State flags.

This State Regent's Project, to erect a monument to honor the memory of the Soldiers and Patriots of the Revolutionary War buried in Iowa, was approved at Board of Management. This monument will be located at the Veterans Cemetery in Van Meter.

Since Board of Management, your State Regent has visited Open Fire Chapter in Eldora, and Candle-Stick Chapter in Hampton. These two were "meet and greet". No "Pins and Sashes". It

was so good to see members who are unable to come to the State meetings, and to let them know that they are so important to the success of the Iowa Society. (see related story)

There were also two official visits. Nancy-McKay Harsh in Creston, and the dedication of the DAR markers for Ruth Curtis, Ruby Crooks, and Ann Mack at the Graceland Cemetery in Lucas County.

Next on the agenda will be District tour: **NW**: Sept. 20 - Martha Washington, Sioux City; **SW**: Sept. 21 - Waubonsie, Clarinda; **SE**: Sept. 22 - Washington, Washington; **NE**: Sept. 23 - Cedar Falls, Cedar Falls. Marsha Hucke, your State Vice Regent, has been busy making plans. Hopefully, many of you will be able to attend a District meeting near your area.

Thank you all for your support.

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Fondly, Cindi Carter ISDAR State Regent 2016-2018

#### NO PINS - NO SASHES Officers Will Come Talk It Over Informally

Cindi Carter, State Regent, would like to introduce "No Pins-No Sashes". This is a way to meet with chapters informally over coffee and cookies (or better yet Dutch Letters) to hear about their achievements (the ones they don't have time to mention in the two minute Regent's Report at State Conference) and to discuss if there is any way we can help with problems or projects of the Chapter.

This is not to take the place of the State Regent's official visit, but more an opportunity to get together and talk without the protocol and formality.

Please contact State Regent (ginger51charlie@windstream.net) or State Organizing Secretary (mmankrum55@gmail.com) to set a date for your Chapter's informal get together with a "No Pins-No Sashes" meeting.

— Marlys Ankrum State Organizing Secretary Reception for State Regent Gindi Garter







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## Across the state. ISDAR Ladies @Work

#### Council Bluffs Chapter Active In Parade Season

WOW! The ladies of the Council Bluffs Chapter have had a busy summer. We pulled our patriotic clothes and period costumes out of the closet and started off our "parade season" with the 4th of July parade in Logan. We were honored to have Vietnam Veteran, Michael Phillips, ride with us. One week later, we headed to Woodbine and participated in the Woodbine Sesquicentennial Rodeo Days Parade. Once again, "our" Vietnam Veteran joined us. On July 30th, we attended the Harrison County Fair Parade, where we were honored to have another Vietnam Veteran and HODAR, Fred Hoyt, join us with his crowdpleasing 1965 Shelby Cobra. Betsy Ross made her first parade appearance and our entry that consisted of two beautiful convertibles, a Kubota, and ladies from our chapter and Onawa Chapter, won a blue ribbon in our category!

Our parade season continued in August. On August 10, two of our ladies participated in the ISDAR entry in the

Iowa State Fair Parade. At a previous parade, the Mayor of

Magnolia
personally
invited our
chapter to
participate in
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Anniversary of
the Old
Settlers' Parade
on August 18th.
Vietnam
Veteran and
HODAR Fred



Hoyt and his 1965 Shelby Cobra joined us once again. We had 9 members, 2 potential members and 2 HODARs participate in the Magnolia parade. Our entry won another blue ribbon for 1st Place (and \$30) in the "Organizations" category.

#### Ladies Of The Lake Give Historic Preservation Award In Sheldon Ceremony



Harold Tuttle, Director of the Prairie Arts Historical Park in Sheldon, IA, was awarded both the NSDAR Historical Preservation Award at a ceremony in Sheldon on August 23.

Tuttle taught for many years, not only in elementary schools but in junior college, so many children in that area had him as an instructor in art. As

President of Prairie Arts Council, he has arranged for classes, exhibits, community events and has contributed much time and money.

There are four school houses at Sheldon, all in one area. They all are somewhat different from each other but are representative of country schools from earlier times. (see Summer 2016 issue for story on DAR grant for Baker school)

Hal Tuttle is a WW II Veteran and there was a color guard for the DAR award presentation. The event also featured a tour of the park's historic homes, one room school houses and art gallery.

It was an opportunity for the Ladies of the Lake DAR Chapter and the Okoboji Queen Chapter of Questers, both of Spirit Lake, to see the renovations underway at the Baker Township School House. The restoration is being accomplished under NSDAR and Questers International Historical Preservation/Restoration grants. The grants were initiated by the local Chapters in 2015 and the school house was moved from it's site on the farm belonging to Chapter Vice-Regent Coleen Lemkuil and her family. It served children from 1930 to 1951 and continued for some years as a community center. It is scheduled to re-open again in 2017 for community use.

#### Ladies Of The Lake Dedicate DAR Cemetery Marker In Germantown

A DAR insignia marker was dedicated for Nellie Meyer, who died in 2002 and is buried in Germantown. Nellie was a member of the Mary Ball Washington Chapter. That Sheldon DAR Chapter disbanded and members now are part of the Ladies of the Lake Chapter. She was the mother of Bonnie Kabrick and Kris Meyer, members of the Ladies of the Lake Chapter.



The marker, which is in the style of a large insignia on a stake that holds a flag, has a story of its own. It was donated to Ladies of the Lake by the disbanded Spencer chapter. It was offered as a door prize and Bonnie Kabrick won. She and Kris were thrilled to have it for their mother. The marker was placed for Memorial Day in 2015. The Chapter performed the dedication ritual in August 2016.



Kris Meyer, from Germantown, is now transferring into the Cherokee Chapter and becoming an Associate member of ours. She is the Iowa Genweb reporter for four northwest counties. She also is very active in assisting at the Prairie Arts Historical Park in Sheldon.

Photo: Bonnie Kabrick (left) and Kris Meyer at DAR marker dedication for their mother, Nellie Meyer. Kris holds her Mother's DAR certificate from 1992.

#### Ladies Of The Lake Commemorative Display

Marilyn Mihath Means at the Museum with her exhibit. She was in the Vietnam War Era. She served in the South Pacific near Vietnam and with the Vietnam soldiers, etc. She spoke at the July meeting of the Ladies of the Lake Chapter.





Ladies of the Lake members help Sue Fontaine celebrate her 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday.



#### June Induction At Ladies Of The Lake

Mary Cornell, age 92 and Ladies of the Lake Chapter. Janet

Lorraine Steele Blumenthal of Rapid City, SD and Dian Steele of Spirit Lake standing with new Regent, Mary Potter Thunhorst of Spirit Lake. Seated on the right is Bernice Steele, the mother who did their applications with Bobbie Lea Holden. The Steele grandmother was active in DAR-Catherine Parel Fitzsimmons. Thirty-five years ago these two women were Pages at the ISDAR State Conference and then 35 years later they joined DAR. Another granddaughter Nicole will be joining soon.

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#### Martha Washington Chapter Honors JROTC Member

On May 6, 2016, Martha Washington Chapter was pleased to present the DAR JROTC medal and certificate to Cadet Lt. Alexis Mattas at the Awards Ceremony of the Sioux City Community Schools District's new JROTC program.

In December 2014, the district announced it was one of two school districts selected nationwide by the Air Force to incorporate the program into its curriculum for the



2015-16 school year. Leadership of the program has many years of military experience. T.J. Fennell, juvenile court liaison and chief master sergeant with the 185th Air Refueling Wing, suggested the possibility of an ROTC program to Superintendent Paul Gausman nearly four vears ago and serves as an instructor. Lt. Col. Larry Brockshus, who served in the U.S. Air Force for 27 years, acts as the senior aerospace science instructor.

Although backed by the Air Force, and students learn Air Force history and traditions, it does not require a military commitment. Brockshus says, "Even though we are all in uniforms, this is not about making soldiers. It's about providing tools for the young men and women to make them more successful in their high school career and beyond."

The program is truly a community effort, combining contributions and support from the school district, the city of Sioux City, the Siouxland Chamber of Commerce, the Sioux City Public Museum, the 185th Air Refueling Wing and the Sioux City Public Schools Foundation. Martha Washington Chapter plans to honor a student with strong leadership skills each year.

**Photo:** Recording Secretary Marta Nelson represents Martha Washington Chapter at the Sioux City Schools JROTC Awards Ceremony.

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Lucy Standish-Newcastle Chapter

**Officers for the coming year** for Lucy Standish/ Newcastle Chapter include: Iris Ericksen, Beth Menges, Marjorie Moore, Trudy Larson, Dalene Schlitter, Amy Kleckner & Lois Lesher. Those not present are: Janet Essig & Linda Anderson.

**Governor Terry Branstad** reviews the saturated buffer distribution box on the Larson farm. This helps filter the water before it empties to Lyon Creek, which runs through the farm. Shown with Gov. Branstad are Trudy Larson,

Regent of Lucy S t a n d i s h - N e w c a s t l e Chapter; Tom and Kim Larson, and others from t h e I o w a Soybean Assoc., who are also working on this project.



The Ladies Of The Lucy Standish/NewCastle Chapter celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of their member, Margaret Gerschmer. Members with Margaret are: Dalene Schlitter, Vivian Kalton and Trudy Larson.





#### Nancy McKay Harsh Chapter Visits Mt Pisgah

The Nancy McKay Harsh chapter took a field trip in June to Mt Pisgah, site of the Mormon Settlement from 1846 to 1952. Bob Brown, the owner of much of the land surrounding nine acres, now owned by the Mormons, took us on a tour of the area. He explained where the homes were situated and the spring where they got their water.



Mr. Brown has done a lot of "witching" in the area and has found many interesting sites. He has a trailer with benches, that he pulls with his tractor. It is equipped it with a sound system so he can describe the

various areas as he drives the tractor. There were several stops when he came back to the trailer to explain things to us and so that anyone could get off to see these places.

The members were able to do their own witching to discover the foundations of the homes and wagon ruts. Nearby is a monument giving the names of those that were buried at the site. In the photo above, Mr. Brown explains to the group what to see where he had stopped. Some members are shown: at the right is Theresa Bahniuk and Jackie Beard. In the next bench, is Pam Marvin and her husband. Then facing you are Connie and Marj Kinkade and Jane Briley. Several other members attended but are not shown in the picture. It was a chilly rainy day but the tour was very interesting.

Photo: On August 13, our state regent, Cindi Carter, gave the program at Nancy McKay Harsh Chapter, giving us some of the new things that will be happening in DAR and introducing herself to our members. She also honored us by installing our new officers: Elaine Brown Historian; Marj Kinkade, Registrar; Connie Kinkade, Chaplain; Bonnie Riepe, Treasurer; Jan Morgan, Vice Regent; Jan Briley, Regent and Mrs. Carter.

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#### Buena Vista Members Rededicate Pioneer Memorial Monument



The Buena Vista chapter of DAR rededicated the stone known as the Pioneer Memorial Monument on July 13, 2016. This monument was dedicated in 1926 by our DAR chapter using a native granite boulder found on a local farm.

Susan Nielsen led the program and introduced the speakers. Ruth Stark read the original speech from 90 years ago, noting "profound respect for the brave homemakers" who persevered to found the settlements.

Mayor Jon Kruse spoke about the important role the DAR has served in the community, presenting scholarships and providing books for literacy programs.

The Buena Vista Chapter was organized in 1918 with 18 founding members. It's initial purpose was to raise funds for the war-torn French village of Tilloloy in the wake of World War I, and to assist in adoption of French children orphaned by the war.

During World War II, the organization led efforts to raise funds and blood donations.

Pictured left to right: Pat Burns, chapter secretary; Mary Jane Pitman, Marlene Osborn, and Alice Wiles of Fort Dodge chapter; Joelle Kier and Jolene Davis (descendants of Buena Vista County settlers); members, and Susan Nielsen, chapter Vice Regent; Mayor Jon Kruse; Ruth Stark, Chapter Regent; guest Lucinda Carter, Iowa DAR State Regent; Delores Sievers, chapter Treasurer; guest Connie Stille; Linda Hoops Buena Vista County old settler descendent.

(photo taken by Dana Larsen, Pilot-Tribune Editor)

— Ruth Stark, Regent Buena Vista Chapter

Hannah Lee Members Donate To School Supplies



Hannah Lee Chapter met recently at Gus & Tony's Townhouse in West Union. Special guest, Everett Wegge, a Decorah High School senior addressed the group about his work with Native Americans.

A year ago Wegge was part of a mission trip of about 45 students who traveled to the Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation near Ashland, Montana. The group's goal was to help in any way that assistance was needed. Wegge reported that he did a lot of painting.

The group was headquartered in a dormitory at St. Labre Catholic Indian School, in southeastern Montana. Upon being witness to the poverty in the area, Wegge felt he wanted to assist the students beyond the mission work he had done last year. His response was to collect various school supplies for Labre students. He has been busy collecting these items and/or funds to purchase items.

Hannah Lee Chapter member Maureen Michel had earned a Wal-Mart grant for her hours of volunteerism. She directed the grant to Hannah Lee Chapter. In turn the chapter presented grant funds to Mr. Wegge to assist with his project. In a few days he will return to the St. Labre School with his parents to deliver the supplies collected.

Photo: Everett Wegge, Decorah High School senior, is presented with a donation from Hannah Lee Chapter for use with his project to collect school supplies for students at St. Labre Indian Schools on the Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation in Montana. Presenting the check are Hannah Lee members Marilyn Holland (left) of Decorah and Mary Anne Iliff of West Union.

#### Hannah Lee Chapter Shows At Quilting Event

Hannah Lee Chapter took part in a "Sewing for Smiles" event on August 20 and 21 in Oelwein. Creative Cut Ups Open Quilting Show of Oelwein was the sponsor of this event. They had invited non-profit groups to display items they had sewn or quilted as part of their service to mankind.

Hannah Lee Chapter presented two displays at this event. The first was an example of the lap robes members quilted for senior veterans during the past year. The lap robe displayed had been assembled and quilted by Rebecca McCabe and was made in the "disappearing nine block" pattern. It begins with sewing a traditional nine block. That is then cut into four squares and the resulting blocks

are arranged in any pleasing pattern desired. All these little quilts were created with red, white, blue and other patriotic motif prints.

A display board was Hannah Lee's second entry in "Sewing for Smiles". This display board featured the "magic stockings" we have created for several years. Packed with stocking stuffers, we have gifted these at Christmas time to patrols or companies serving in Afghanistan





and veterans recovering at Walter Reed Medical Center.

Photos: Lap robe shown at quilt show was quilted by Rebecca McCabe of Hannah Lee Chapter.

Hannah Lee Chapter display of "Magic Stockings" at a quilt show in Oelwein.

#### Coming Event: Veterans To Be Honored In West Union

Hannah Lee Chapter is hosting an event honoring Vietnam Veterans. The September 17 event will be held at the Fayette County Fairgrounds Pavilion in West Union, beginning at noon. This appreciation is being held in partnership with the U.S.A. Vietnam War Commemoration. The veteran and a guest need to register by emailing hannahleedar@hotmail.com.

Jean Marie Cardinell Chapter Congratulates 63 New Citizens

Karla Wright, Americanism Chair for the Jean Marie Cardinell Chapter, attended the August citizenship and naturalization ceremony in Des Moines. She was there to congratulate sixty-six new U.S. Citizens. The Chapter presented copies of the Pledge of Allegiance and The American's Creed. Karla stated that it was exciting,



educational and These people worked hard to make the U.S. their nation of allegiance. The judge gave a nice speech and encouraged them to talk about their experiences with their children and grandchildren. Sounds like something

a genealogist or DAR member would say!

#### JMC Veterans Event Held At Casino

The Jean Marie Cardinell Chapter spent July 21st & 22nd at the Wild Rose Casino - not gambling - but recognizing Vietnam Veterans. The Wild Rose Casino brought the Moving Wall in and also provided Vietnam Veterans with a meal and a room if they traveled to the event. We pinned



lapel pins on 204 Vietnam Veterans and produced 167 personalized DAR certificates. We felt honored to be asked as this is as rewarding for us as it is for the Vietnam Veterans. The program also included the

American Bombshells from New York City. Also in attendance were two representatives from The United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration. Regent Jennifer Golden Ewing and Tina McCleary accompanied Commemorative Chair Candy Brown. *Photo: Tina McCleary thanks a Vietnam Veteran.* 

#### Bingo with Veterans

On the first Thursday of the month, you can find members of the Jean Marie Cardinell Chapter NSDAR hosting Bingo for patients at the Community Living Center at the VA Hospital in Des Moines. Prizes for the games are purchased with grant money awarded to the Chapter by Prairie Meadows. The grants have helped make this a fun event for over 3 years.

The Chapter is always looking for volunteers to help the patients with their Bingo cards and on this night (September 1<sup>st</sup>), they were joined by a few of the Des

Moines Central Campus JROTC Red Bull Battalion 3rd Brigade cadets. One cadet commented, "Terrific group of veterans to meet and spend



time with and informative time for all cadets involved.

Back row: Jarid Krugler, Josefina DeLaCruz, Joshua Young, Raven Mitchell-Johnson, Jasinra Prasasouk, and Lee Blobaum Front row: Deb Jorgenson (DAR), Patients; Dick C, Jennifer G, and Clyde C and Judy McNamara (DAR)

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#### Dedication Of DAR Insignia On Gravestones Held In Lucas Pioneer Cemetery



Four generations of descendants from Iowa and Illinois attended the dedication of DAR insignia grave markers for Ruby Caroline Vandell Crooks and her twin sister Ruth Eleanor Vandell Curtis at Graceland Cemetery in Lucas County on August 20th.

Eleven DAR members attended, including State Regent Cindi Carter. Ruth and Ruby had been members of Old Thirteen Chapter, Chariton. As it was disbanded, and Ruby's daughter Annabelle Mack is now a leader of Abigail Adams Chapter, the ceremony was conducted by Abigail Adams' Chaplain Nancy Mitchell. Sara Jane Harwood, Past Curator General, performed the Regent's role in the ritual for the two women she knew as friends.

Chaplain Mitchell presented Ann, whose marker was also dedicated, with 13 roses, symbolizing 13 colonies, 13 red and white stripes in our flag, and Old Thirteen where the three recognized women began their DAR journeys.

After the dedication ceremony, a breakfast reception table with photos and DAR memorabilia of the twins, was the focus of visiting and story-telling.

# Ladies, take a bow!



#### Lawrence Van Hook Chapter Wins Special **Grant For Historical Railroad**

NSDAR has awarded a \$10,000 special projects grant to the Jackson County, Iowa, Historical Society. The grant is for relocation and restoration of the LaMotte Milwaukee Narrow Gauge railroad depot. This application was sponsored by the Lawrence Van Hook Chapter in Maquoketa.

In its 25 years of operation, the LaMotte narrow gauge railroad serviced thousands of passengers and processed tons of freight. The last depot of its kind in Iowa, the depot was rescued last year at the last minute and moved to the grounds of the Jackson County Historical Society's Clinton Engines site in Maquoketa.

The operation of the down-home, little railroad – called narrow gauge because the rails were just 36 inches apart was a unique chapter in the settlement history of Jackson County. It was opened in 1879 and made its final run in 1936. The depot was built in 1911, after the first on its site was destroyed by fire in 1910.

With its restoration and future re-designation as a national historical place, the depot, along with genuine artifacts housed there, will be a masterpiece on the JCHS grounds. It will be a vital means to educate generations to come about the history of railroads in Iowa.

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#### Prairie Meadows Funds 3rd Year Of Essentials For Veterans Hospital

On August 9, 2016, Judy McNamara attended the Prairie Meadows Community Impact luncheon where 2016 grant recipients gathered to hear how the grant dollars impact the community. Since 1995, Prairie Meadows has given \$85 million to charities.

For the third year, the Jean Marie Cardinell Chapter has received a grant that will be used to provide essential living items for Veterans at

the Veterans Administration Hospital. The grant amount was \$2,000.00. The funds may be spent on bingo prizes and anything else that the veterans need or want.

Judy McNamara said that Bob Myers, chairman of the Executive Committee at Prairie Meadows, always goes out of his way to help veterans. Judy is the VAVS representative at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Des Moines.

Judy was able to personally thank Bob Myers, Chair of the Executive Committee at Prairie Meadows.

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#### **New Iowa Members** July & August 2016

#### Artesia Chapter Ruth Laackmann

#### Ashley Chapter Kathie Marold

Deann Zenor

#### **Council Bluffs Chapter**

Constance Fenn Michaela Fisher

#### **DeShon Chapter**

Devon O'Tool

#### **Grinnell Chapter**

Gloria Postma

#### Hannah Caldwell Chapter

Lillian Hicks

#### **Hannah Lee Chapter**

Chloe Gossling

#### Helen Hinman Dwelle Chapter

Betty Evans

#### Jean Marie Cardinell

Charlene Craig Julie Walker

#### Ladies of the Lake

Natalie Kellev Margaret McCombs

#### **Mayflower Chapter**

Nanette Kettler JoeAnn Williams

#### Mus-Quo-Ta Chapter

P. RoxAnne Turner

#### **Nathaniel Fellows Chapter**

Victoria Woods Kathlee Humphrey

#### Oskaloosa-Mary Marion Chapter

Randi Dixon Kimberly Dixon

#### **Spinning Wheel Chapter**

Claudia Epps

#### Sun Dial Chapter

Erica Marquette Bonnie Norman

## Ladies, take a bow!

#### "Tea With The Daughters" Takes 1st Place

The ISDAR 2016 display booth had a story to tell. It was done beautifully, and took first place at Iowa State Fair in Heritage (Homemaking). Titled "Tea with the Daughters", it



was organized by Susan Harris (Sun Dial Chapter), Judy McNamara (Jean Marie Cardinell Chapter) and Barbara Kenney (Solomon Dean Chapter).

Once upon a time, and a long time ago in the history of our United

States, October 11, 1890, to be exact, eighteen ladies met in Washington, D.C. for the purpose of organizing the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Excluded from membership in the Sons of the American Revolution, these determined women created their own society. Now, one hundred twenty-six years later, DAR is still going strong and increasing in numbers each year.

Imagination will discover the events of the following months and years when the Societies of the Daughters of the American Revolution met in private homes and public places in order to perpetuate the memories of their Revolutionary War ancestors. Perhaps these women gathered for an afternoon of tea. Tables were set with appointments that also taught history. In some homes the youngest daughters could also enjoy the social pleasure of taking tea.

**Willow pattern:** British Josiah Spode originated the oriental-inspired Willow pattern around 1810 during the time of the blue and white Chinese porcelain craze. This Western pattern of a willow tree, two pagodas, two birds and three people crossing a bridge is the most popular china pattern of all time. It is still being manufactured today.

**Flatware:** By the mid-1700, an English method for making silver-plated copper was devised. Around 1840, electroplating was invented. From this time on, ordinary households could afford quantities of "silver" flatware. Popular patterns were named "Fiddle", modeled after the shape of the musical instrument and another pattern know as "Thread." Monograms were easily applied to these designs.

**Tea caddy:** Loose tea took center stage at the tea. Tea was sold in bulk and could be stored in covered container that could easily move from cupboard to table. The hostess would use a little scoop to measure out the right amount of tea for the tea pot and then strain the tea for each cup with a small strainer.

**Tables:** The main table here is a drop-leaf country style. The smaller round Queen Anne style table made of cherry wood, of a style dating back to the mid-1700s, holding items used in the kitchen to prepare for the tea party. In early

America this type of cherry wood grew almost everywhere and was a popular wood for furniture. The children's table is reminiscent of the ice cream parlor tables and chairs popular at the turn of the century.

**Windsor chair:** Windsor chairs have been made for nearly 300 years and are entwined with American History. The signers of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, sat on Windsor chairs.

**Silhouette:** Cutout paper pictures known as silhouettes became popular after 1835. The word "silhouette" is from the French and is still popular today.



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#### Parade Participants Dazzle The Crowd

Thank you to all who came to make our entry in the Iowa State Fair Parade a success again this year. It was a stormy day but finally the sun began to shine bringing rainbows. The Iowa Society DAR (plus a few SAR and HODARS) dazzled the crowd along the parade route!

— Judy McNamara and Susan Harris



#### PROSPECTIVE MEMBER DATABASE: TRACKING PROGRESS TO MEMBERSHIP!

The PMD is a tool available to chapters to help manage the introduction and application process of prospective members. Chapter Regents should share the PMD PIN code with appointed chapter members who help with the chapter's PMD list. Using the following link and the PIN code, those with no e-membership access can assist the chapter: <a href="http://emembership.DAR.ORG/DAR/PMD">http://emembership.DAR.ORG/DAR/PMD</a> chapter/

It is the chapter's responsibility to contact these prospective members promptly (within a week) and invite them to a meeting or event and give them information about the application process.

Listed below are a the six status options:

- 7. a. Contacted means you have talked with the prospective member.
  - b. In Process means prospective member is working on gathering documents for application. c. Pending means the application has been mailed to headquarters.
  - d. Reassign means she needs a different chapter.
  - e. Became A Member means she has been assigned a National Number.
  - f. Remove means either she is not interested in membership at this time or the contact information is no longer good.
  - g. Unknown this status is used primarily by the State Membership Chairman

— Donna Knight State Membership Co-Chairman

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#### ATTENTION! ATTENTION! ATTENTION!

There is a new application form to download from National. It replaces the current (2012) form. Be sure to download and use this 2016 version. This will save getting your applications back for "Retyping on the current form".

It can be found at dar.org/members under Genealogy Application Software: <a href="http://www.dar.org/sites/default/files/members/apps/software/download/APP\_20121001\_v7\_1.pdf">http://www.dar.org/sites/default/files/members/apps/software/download/APP\_20121001\_v7\_1.pdf</a>

This APP\_20121001\_v7\_1 (new) identification is so close to the old one that you will want to delete the old one [APP\_20121001\_v6\_3 (old)].

— Jeanette Shannon, Action 5 Committee Chairman

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#### COMMEMORATIVE EVENTS - OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND!

Commemorate, commemorate and then commemorate some more! It's what the Daughters do well.

Chapter Commemorative Events Chairmen and Chapter Regents please note: ISDAR Commemorative Events Chairman 2016-2019 is Debra Krusemark. Please visit the ISDAR website under Committees, Commemorative Events. There, your State Chairman has provided information and instructions, list of events and reporting deadline. (See ISDAR Directory or committee page for contact information.)

In addition, you are urged to take time to visit the newly-updated National Committee website [http://www.dar.org/members/committees/special-committees/commemorative-events/commemorative-events] to learn more about those events to be observed and promoted during the Dillon Administration.

Don't forget to check out the new NIP (National Information Packet) online [http://www.dar.org/sites/default/files/members/darnet/forms/NIP-2016-1001.pdf, page 22] and the Commemorative Events article published in the July/August edition of the Daughters of the American Revolution Newsletter.

— Sara Jane Harwood North Central Division Vice Chairman, Commemorative Events 2016-2019



#### 2016 LITERACY PROMOTION UPDATE 'SYBIL'S RIDE OF COURAGE'

Now that District Tour is soon to be over, I trust each chapter has received their free book for Literacy Promotion that was provided by the Literacy Committee chair.

Each chapter has until December 31st to see that the book is donated to a classroom, teacher, elementary school or public library. Please drop me a line and tell me how your chapter utilized the book.

I am looking forward to the reports of where the book went and how many children will have access to "Sybil's Ride of Courage."

— Edee Brunia, Chairman, Literacy Promotion

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#### SCHOLARSHIP CHAIRMAN READY TO ASSIST WITH PROCESS

NSDAR has scholarships available for deserving college/university students at both undergraduate and graduate levels. There are many different kinds of scholarships, so check them out at <a href="www.dar.org/scholarship">www.dar.org/members</a>, NIP forms, Standing Committees – DAR Scholarship.

ISDAR awards one \$500 scholarship annually to a graduating high school student who will be attending an Iowa technology school, college or university. Regulations and forms may be found at <a href="https://www.isdar.org/members/committees">www.isdar.org/members/committees</a>, DAR Scholarship. Note that the application must be signed by an Iowa Chapter Regent and each chapter may only sponsor one applicant. Applications are due to me by February 1st.

I will gladly assist applicants and/or chapters with the application process. It is imperative that the application instructions be followed completely.

— Marjorie Spencer, handmspencer@me.com, 319-462-4159 Chairman DAR Scholarship Committee

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#### INFORMATION FOR CHAPTER REGENTS

Each summer the packet of letters from the Executive Officers and National Chairmen is distributed to Chapter Regents. It is essential that this information be given promptly to each chapter officer and chapter chairman in order for her to plan her activities.

If the Chapter Regent reads, studies, and makes notes it will be most helpful in directing the affairs of the chapter. The Chapter Regent may photocopy this material, but please disperse it promptly.

It is not necessary to know all details of the Society's work to become a Chapter Regent, but it is necessary for any member who wishes to succeed as a Regent to be knowledgeable of the requirements of this office as soon as possible.

—Nancy Downing, Protocol Chairman

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#### **PLANNING UNDERWAY FOR TOUR 2017**

Just a note that we are planning a tour to Continental Congress in 2017. We are exploring flying out on Monday, June 26, 2017 and touring on Tuesday. CC starts Wednesday and runs until Saturday. We plan to fly back on Sunday, July 2, 2017.

We are expecting the cost to be close to cost of the last tour, which is the \$1,700 to \$2,000 range. We are exploring renting a bus in DC that will take us to the hotel and back. Also looking into using a hotel that is closer to the official hotel.

If you are interested, email me your name and be prepared to send \$500 to the State Treasurer by Dec 1, 2016. My email is ealy@gliddenwildblue.com. Phone is 712.659.2250.

— Mary Ealy Tour Committee

#### SERVICE TO AMERICA COMMITTEE

"We want a society founded on service."



Eugenia Washington, DAR Founder

The Service to America Committee is a new National committee that has been established to capture the magnitude of volunteer service provided by NSDAR volunteers. This committee encourages community service by all members on all levels as a means of honoring our heritage. The NSDAR is often looked upon as purely a lineage society and its service organization mission often goes unappreciated by the general public and even by some of its members.

President General, Ann Turner Dillon, challenges us to report 19 million hours of community service over the next three years in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the congressional approval of the 19th amendment. The 19th amendment guarantees all American women the right to vote. The 19 million hours will be attained if each member reports approximately 105 hours during the Dillon Administration; that is an average of 35 hours each year.

Through the Online Tally of the number of hours of service, we hope to demonstrate the NSDAR's widespread, significant impact in our communities! The tally is located on the lower right of the member's home page.

We are honored to serve as your Co-Chairmen. Please share your chapter's group or individual member's volunteer stories and pictures; contact us at <a href="mailto:iaserviceamerica@gmail.com">iaserviceamerica@gmail.com</a>.

—Lois Iseminger
Beth Iseminger
Co-chairmen
Service to America Committee

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#### **AMERICAN HISTORY CONTEST 2016-2017**

With the school year beginning soon, it is time for your chapter to enlist the cooperation and enthusiasm of social studies and American History educators to encourage participation in DAR's American History essay contests. If your chapter has not developed this activity at the local level, it might be time to reach out to the administration or student services of your local districts regarding how to make students aware of this opportunity.

This year's American History Essay theme is: "Celebrating a Century: America's National P2016–2017: Title: "Celebrating a Century: America's National Parks." The essay should include why and when a particular national park was established



and what makes it a national treasure. It is open to <u>students in grades 5 through 8</u> and a winner from each grade may be selected by the chapter and forwarded to the state American History chairman for state competition with winners forwarded to the Division chairman. Division winners will be submitted to the National Vice Chairman for judging.

The annual Christopher Columbus. Essay topic is: "**Technological advances have greatly changed our world since the voyages of Christopher Columbus."** The essay should address this premise; If Christopher Columbus had just some of the technology we have today in 2016, how might this have changed his planning and carrying out of his voyages: What technological advances would have been most beneficial to Christopher Columbus? This contest is open to 9th through 12th grade students and chapters should select one winning essay, and submit it to the state chair of American History. One essay will be forwarded to the Division vice chairmen for judging who will then forward the division winner to the National Vice Chairman.

The deadline for winning essays to be delivered to the State American History chairperson is December 15, 2016. Chapters may set their deadlines for essays to be presented to them, but please be realistic, knowing it will take time and reflection to choose the best essays submitted.

More details and information may be found at the National DAR website under Committees>American History. Each essay contest has its own information, forms, posters, resources and guidelines for judges at: <a href="http://www.dar.org/members/forms-publication-keyword/American+History">http://www.dar.org/members/forms-publication-keyword/American+History</a>.

If you have any questions please contact:
— Annabelle Mack,
American History Chairman



## ISDAR Committee News...

#### **REFILLS NOT LAND FILLS**

Americans drink more than 76 billion half-liter bottles of water per year. That's enough to circle the globe over 370 times. For every six bottles used, only one is recycled. The rest end up in landfills or as litter.

Thirty-two million to 54 million barrels of oil are needed to generate the energy required to produce the amount of bottled water consumed in the U.S. This is 2,000 times more energy than is required to make tap water.

Tap water is cleaner, cheaper, and more environmentally-friendly than bottled water. In 2012, Americans spent \$11.8 million on bottled water.

Bottled water is not the pure, safe alternative to everyday tap water that marketers claim. Tap water is subjected to stricter federal safety regulations, and testing of bottled water shows a wide range of bacterial and chemical contamination. Bottles made of PET (polyethylene terephthalate, or plastic #1) contain at least 90 potential contaminants that can leach from the plastic into the water, especially when the bottle gets warm, such as sitting in a car.

Iowa Daughters, take the challenge and find a good, quality water bottle to fill with your tap water. Save money, be healthier, and best of all, REFILLS NOT LANDFILLS.

I have another helpful hint for your yard, if you have Creeping Charlie, and this is a biodegradable solution. Before we get a killing frost, sometime in October, sprinkle powdered 20 Mule Team Borax on this unwanted weed. I'm going to try this and I will be thrilled if it works! Will see the results next spring.

Thank you for being conservation activists to protect and save our beautiful Iowa, as well as America.

— Diane Hobson, State Conservation Chairman

#### MEMBER EDUCATION COURSES

One of the focuses of the Dillon Administration is an increased emphasis on DAR education for all members. In an effort to impart knowledge and encourage exploration of all things DAR, self-paced, Internet-based training has been developed for members, called the Member Education Course.

These free and interesting courses provide a way for new members, seasoned members, and those interested in future DAR leadership to gain knowledge, confidence and understanding about DAR, its mission, and its objectives. The premise is simple: using your computer, watch a brief video about a DAR-based subject and then complete a short worksheet about the video.

The NSDAR provided program has been "Iowanized" and consists of three levels: the Red course (an elementary course designed with DAR basics); the White course (a higher level course designed to complement the Red level and provide further exploration of DAR topics); the Blue course (a high level course designed for those interested in Chapter and State Leadership roles). The Red and White courses will be available this fall on the members-only ISDAR website; the Blue course will be rolled-out in the spring.

Any new member — or new-member-at-heart — who is interested in learning about DAR's rich history and how they can get involved in DAR activities at the chapter, state and national level, is welcome to participate in the New Members Course! For new-members-at-heart, it is a wonderful way to re-engage and learn what new opportunities are available to you since joining DAR.

More information will be provided on District Tour about the courses, the graduation ceremonies and the right-side pins available to Member Education Course graduates!

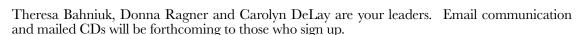
— Jodi Freet ISDAR State Registrar



#### Vocal Leaders Organize For Iowa DAR Chorus 2.0

DAR members were delightful in their chorus numbers at the State Conference ending the term for State Regent Sharon Braden. A standing ovation rewarded the performers, who had prepared especially for conference guest, President General Lynn Forney Young. Thank you, singers!

Now, we are looking for IOWA DAR Chorus 2.0, so please return! You will need to learn two songs; acknowledge that you will practice from printed music and learning CDs; and be ready for another spectacular performance for the Friday night session at the 2017 State Conference.



The State September District meetings will give you an opportunity to fill in the IOWA DAR CHORUS sign-up sheet with all your current communication information. Very important! Please print legibly your address information to help us stay connected. Marsha Hucke, State Vice-Regent, will provide the DAR Chorus Sign-up Sheet at each meeting.

You may send emails to: Donna Ragner at this address: <a href="mailto:dmragner@icloud.com">dmragner@icloud.com</a> with questions or added information.

Thanks to each DAR member who brings the joy of singing to our powerful DAR meetings.

Donna, Theresa and Carolyn



#### A Peek From August BOM







(L)David M. Franks, 13, is State Chaplain, ISCAR; Robert W. Franks, 10-3/4, is State Assistant Registrar. Their mom, Melissa Kramme-Franks, is Northwest District Director, ISDAR. (M)Paige and her mom, Andrea Perry. Andrea is DAR Schools Committee Chairman, and Junior Sales Co-Chair.(R)Ellie is the daughter of Julie Davis. Julie serves as State Recording Secretary. (Photos courtesy of MRB Photography)

## The Towa Room: Our corner in Washington, D.G.

### In the Beginning...

What's first on the agenda when moving into a spanking, brand new home? How to furnish, right? Next breath, how to stretch the budget; a distinct challenge for most of us! Remember orange crates and printed feed sack fabrics c. WWII? (Just ask.) There was no "GoFundMe" page on the internet in 1906, when DAR was moving into its new digs. However, there was an enthusiastic membership base of farsighted women who knew how to get things done!

It's a familiar story--the Iowa Society DAR voted \$1,000 to "purchase" a room in Memorial Continental Hall at its Seventh State Conference in 1906, the very first room to be purchased by a state society. This was accomplished literally penny by penny, and in 1910 Iowa chapters furnished and equipped the room as the Registrar General's Office. Besides furniture, the first invoice presented included "drayage fees". The term originally meant "to transport by



a sideless cart, or dray". Such carts were pulled by dray horses. We can safely assume this was, in fact, the mode of transportation used. Soon, however, the dray horse would be replaced by a delivery truck.

The accompanying photo shows the Iowa Room/Registrar's Office as it appeared in 1911. Consider, Daughters, the importance to us today of the work carried on in this office back then. Feel personal pride in knowing that our own Iowa Room has played a strategic part through the years—first as office space; part of the library for a while; a Revolutionary Era parlor for a time. Along came WWII. As part of the war effort, the room was used by the American Red Cross to direct the vital work of 1,500 nurses' aides. Since returning to Period Room status following WWII, the Iowa Room has had several renovations culminating with the current circa 1800 parlor setting.

Take more time to scrutinize the 1911 photo. Ponder those early typewriters, desks stacked with applications in progress--the foundation of our Society. Realize, "We've come a long way, baby!". Yes, Iowa Daughters have contributed generously and with enthusiasm to DAR history. Iowa has a legacy to cherish and to build on. We continue to do so with pride.

— Sara Jane Harwood, Iowa Room Chairman

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## Iowa DAR Shirt Order Will Be Placed For Delivery At State Conference 2017. Deadline to place your order is March 1, 2016

Navy Blue	Ladies	Ladies	Ladies	Quantity/Size
	S-XL	XXL	3XL	
3/4 Length Sleeve Shirt	\$15.00	\$17.00	Not	
			Available	
	Men's	Men's	Men's 3XL	
	S-XL	XXL		
Short Sleeve T-shirt	\$11.00	\$14.00	\$15.00	
Long Sleeve T-shirt	\$18.00	\$19.00	\$20.00	
Crewneck Sweatshirt	\$16.00	\$19.00	\$20.00	
Hooded Pullover Sweatshirt	\$21.00	\$26.00	\$27.00	

Mail order to: Susan Harris, 5206 Valley Road, Ames, IA 50014-9365 (checks made out to Susan Harris with memo line indicating DAR shirt order). Make sure you order the correct size, as there are no exchanges.

# Your attention please....

#### **UOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!**

We have been asked to be part of the Team Welcome Home project and currently Candy Brown, Commemorative Chair for the Jean Marie Cardinell Chapter, is serving on this committee. They have asked that we handle the pinnings of Vietnam Veterans at this event. We are expecting 15,000 visitors and 1,000+ Vietnam Veterans. Even if you have never helped with this before, it is a rewarding experience. Invite family and friends to help too so they can see what we do.

The Wall That Heals, a traveling, half-scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., is coming to Urbandale, Iowa. Team Welcome Home is hosting:

Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Event – featuring *The Wall That Heals* September 29<sup>th</sup> – October 2nd, 2016 Front Lawn of Living History Farms, Urbandale, IA Open 24 hours, Free Admission

Because this conflicts with the Chapter's Anniversary Celebration on October 1st, Jackie Peters of the DeShon Chapter has agreed to help on that Saturday. This is an outdoor venue so no guarantees on the weather conditions. Please contact Candy if you can assist with this wonderful community project or would like more information: <a href="mailto:cabbob70@aol.com">cabbob70@aol.com</a> or 515-996-2235.

## You're Invited...

The Iowa Genealogical Society is having an Open House on Saturday, September 17. The library will be free and open to the public from

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lineage, heritage and historical organizations will be available from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the West Wing. This is a great opportunity to see what IGS has to offer and visit with organizations that can support your family history research.

## SE DISTRICT ORGANIZING FOR SEPTEMBER 22 IN WASHINGTON

I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer! The Washington Chapter, Washington is hosting the SE District Meeting September 22 in Washington. All the Chapters received the registration and call letter in their mailboxes at BOM.

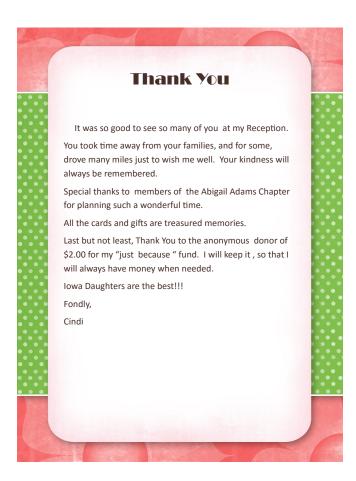
We hope to see all daughters in the SE District and also welcome any other Chapter daughters that would like to attend. We are looking forward to hearing reports from all our new officers.

If anyone has any questions you can email me at <u>candacekmurray@gmail.com</u> or call <u>319 430-7878</u>. District meeting is a great way to learn about the changes in DAR and a way to get many of your questions answered.

— Candace Murray, SE District Director

#### 75th ANNIVERSARY TO BE CELEBRATED OCTOBER 1

Jean Marie Cardinell members will observe their chapter's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary on October 1. If you'd like to attend and help celebrate their "Diamond Jubilee", just contact Judy McNamara, jdmcnamara@mchsi.com.



# State Regent Project Table

The purchase of voices for these items and others to come will help raise funds for State Regent Carter's project which is to erect a monument at the National Veterans cemetery in Van Meter, Iowa, to "perpetuate the memory of (Revolutionary War) Soldiers and Patriots buried in Iowa".



Please join us in supporting our State Regent. Her project was announced at Board of Management following approval by her executive board and the Board of Management. Iowa Daughters have always been very supportive of this area of our State Society and I know you will continue to do so.

Come to one of the four district meetings, and we will have a smaller version of the State Regent's project table available and we have several special items for silent auction or for special drawings. More details will be available on tour.

If you have items you would like to donate, please bring them and mark them with your name and chapter name. In the meantime take a sneak-peek at what we have available.

This quilt (pictured) is a very special quilt. The quilt top that was made by a family member of Honorary State Regent Sara Jane Harwood, 1992-1994 of Abigail Adams. The quilt top was made approximately in the 1930's-40's era. It is a Dresden Plate pattern and it is completely hand-quilted. The material is very delicate due to its age. Kathy Smith and her friend Amy Swanson completed the quilt and it was presented to all at Board of Management August 2016. We will be drawing for it at 118th State conference in 2018.

Until then, come by the State Regent's project table either on District tour 2016 & 2017 – there will be a photo for you to view. Or attend State Conference in 2017 or 2018 and Board of Management in August 2017 and put your voice in for the special drawing.



Items that we have that are up for silent auction are three highly collectible
Lonaberger baskets; 4 picnic totes that are made from material that was obtained from the
DAR museum; a "God Bless America" wooden box; and so much more. There will be more photos and details
in future newsletters.

Above, see the photo of the fundraising items for sale: These will be a red DAR grocery tote bag \$5.00; a beautiful Rose pin \$10.00 – Rose is the middle name of our State Regent and the silver-crystal motif matches the President General's symbol; a dual use writing pen–stylus that you can also use on tablets, kindles, i-Pads, etc. for \$2.00; a white ribbon made by State Corresponding Secretary Ellie Senne for all those pins you cannot wear on the left side with your Insignia pins for \$5.00

—Marsha Hucke, Chairman State Regent's Project Committee

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#### Recently Deceased Members

Shirley Lee Beauchamp Henry #769858 DeShon Chapter Joined 02/03/1998 Passed 06/23/2016

Adeline Marie Hubbard Appleseth #808606 Buena Vista Chapter Joined 02/02/2002 Passed 08/07/2016 Mary Catherine Mack Martin #896464 Martha Washington Chapter Joined 80/08/2011 Passed 08/08/2016

Marguerette Hudson Williams #753910 Hannah Caldwell Chapter Joined 10/14/1993 Passed 08/14/2016 Elaine Ruth Wilkie Gano #587022 DeShon Chapter Joined 04/13/1974 Passed 08/28/2016

Delsie Leone Harding Erritt #946797 Revolutionary Dames Chapter Joined 08/05/2025 Passed 08/29/2016

#### **DISTRICT TOUR 2016 & REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

#### NORTHWEST DISTRICT MEETING SOUTHWEST DISTRICT MEETING Martha Washington Chapter, NSDAR, Sioux City, IA, Waubonsie Chapter NSDAR, Clarinda, IA. Invites you to attend the Northwest District Meeting Invites you to attend the Southwest District Meeting When: Tuesday, September 20, 2016, 9 AM When: Wednesday, September 21, 2016, 9 AM Where: Hampton Inn Where: Nodaway Valley Museum 5555 Sergeant Rd 1600 S 16th Street Sioux City, IA Clarinda, Iowa Cost: \$25 Registration Deadline ASAP Cost: \$20 Registration Deadline: September 15 District Director: Melissa Franks, mfjf99@yahoo.com District Director: Mary Jane Foutch, maryjanefoutch@gmail.com Make checks payable to: Waubonsie Chapter NSDAR Checks to: Martha Washington Chapter, NSDAR Addressed to: Addressed to: Elizabeth Rosenbaum, Regent Trish Okamoto, Treasurer Martha Washington Chapter, NSDAR Waubonsie Chapter $33597 - 479^{th}$ Ave 714 N 15th St Jefferson, SD 57038-6870 Clarinda, IA 51632 SOUTHEAST DISTRICT MEETING NORTHEAST DISTRICT MEETING Washington Chapter, NSDAR, Washington, IA, Cedar Falls Chapter, NSDAR, Cedar Falls, IA, Invites you to attend the Southeast District Meeting Invites you to attend the Northeast District Meeting When: Thursday, September 22, 2016, 9 AM When: Friday, September 23, 2016, 9 AM Where: First Presbyterian Church United Presbyterian Church Where: 902 Main St. 209 E. Main Street Cedar Falls, IA 51503 Washington, IA Cost: \$20 **Registration Deadline: September 17** Cost: \$20 **Registration Deadline** ASAP District Director: Rebecca (Becky) McCabe, District Director: Candace (Candy) Murray, candacekmurray@gmail.com beckymccabe@hotmail.com Make checks payable to: Cedar Falls Chapter, NSDAR Make checks payable to: Washington Chapter NSDAR Addressed to: Addressed to: Jeverna Mulligan Marjorie Lins, Treasurer Cedar Falls Chapter, NSDAR Washington Chapter, NSDAR 2156 Touchae Street 609 N. 2nd Street Waterloo, IA 50702-4126 Washington, IA 52353

Name:	Chapter:				
Address:	City:	Zip:			
REGISTRATION FEE: On	e Registration @ TOTAL EN	CLOSED: \$			
	YOUR OFFICE				
Honorary State Regent	State Officer	State Chairman			
Chapter Regent	Chapter Vice Regent	Chapter Treasurer			
Chapter Registrar	Chapter Chaplain	Chapter Librarian			
Chapter Historian	Chapter Secretary (Recording or Corresponding)				
Chapter Chairman	Member	Guest			