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# **State & National Committees**

*Chairmen Reports*

# America 250! Patriot Marker Committee

*Kathleen Jespersen, Chairman*

State Regent Marla Suter has asked me to chair the America 250! Patriot's Marker Committee for the ISDAR. We are excited to share with you the vision of the NSDAR as part of the upcoming celebration as the United States begins preparations for its 250th anniversary in 2026, our Semiquincentennial!!

The National Society's goal is to place at least one marker (or more!) in every state in advance – and in celebration – of the nation's anniversary. There are no stipulations about where the plaques may be placed, indoors or out, e.g. parks, cemeteries, town squares, schools, municipal buildings, historic sites and private properties visible from a public street.

The hope is that we will create a coast-to-coast network of markers, not unlike the National Society's Madonna of the Trail statues, which feature 12 monuments dedicated to the spirit of pioneer women in the United States. Those monuments were commissioned by the National Society and installed in each of the 12 states along the National Old Trails Road (Route 40), which extended from Maryland to California. Created by sculptor August Leimbach and funded by donations, the Madonna of the Trail monuments provided a symbol of the courage and faith of the women whose strength aided in conquering the wilderness and establishing permanent homes. Dedicated in 1928 and 1929, the twelve statues became sources of local pride.

*Submitted by and with gratitude,  
Kathleen & Committee Member Shannon Woods*

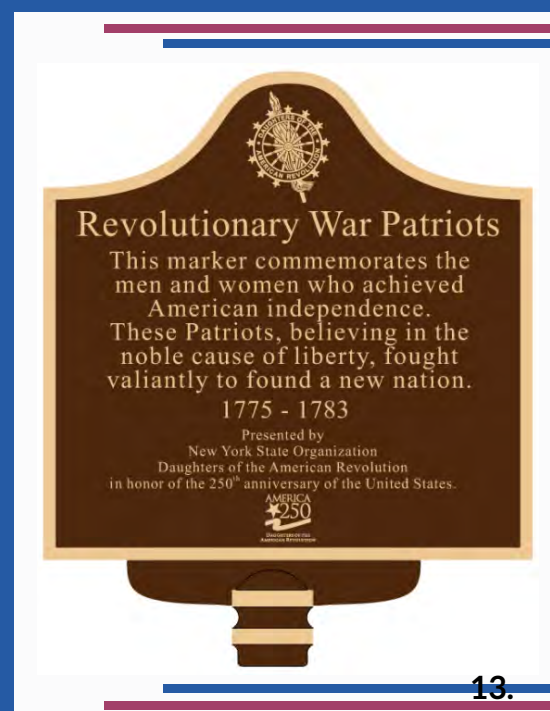
We hope that these new markers will also become sources of pride for local communities to celebrate the brave Patriots who founded our nation – and a reminder of the importance of emulating their conviction, courage and cooperation toward national unity. The beautiful bronze sign may be ordered as a 30" -x-30" stand-alone marker for \$4,800 or as a 24" -x-24" plaque version for wall or stone at a cost of \$2,400.

State Regent Marla Suter is excited to have a marker sponsored by the Iowa Society and we need your input. Our committee is asking for suggestions on where you think that state marker should be placed. Once a site has been established, our committee will make an application through the Office of the Historian General. The application needs to include these three things:

1. A letter of support from the sponsoring chapter/club/state society/state organization/individual.
2. A precise description of where the marker is to be located, ideally including sketches, photographs and/or maps of the site.
3. A written statement authorizing installation of the marker from the property owner/custodian of land where the marker is to be placed; that signed letter must be dated within the past year and cite the authority to grant permission.

We'll help you gather that information once a site has been determined.

So! How about it, ISDAR members!?  
**Where would you like to see our "official" state marker?** Please send your ideas to me at [isdarpatriotmarker@gmail.com](mailto:isdarpatriotmarker@gmail.com). We'll report back on your collective suggestions.



# America 250! Committee

*Nancy Geiger & Beth Iseminger, Co-Chairmen*

The 2020 Chapter CMRs indicate Iowa has made a good start at sharing Patriot moments at each meeting. There was a 33% increase in 2020 from 2019! You are encouraged to regularly schedule a Patriot minute at each meeting. Information can be culled from the NSDAR America 250! Website Revolutionary Flashbacks or member Patriot Stories. You are also encouraged to share Patriot stories with local community groups or media.

The PowerPoint given at the 2020 Fall Forum is posted on the ISDAR America 250! Committee webpage. Read through yourself and share with others at your meetings. The NSDAR Patriot Post, a national

quarterly newsletter, shares a host of Patriot stories and events. Let us know if you have something to submit to this newsletter. The Patriot Post is located on the NSDAR America 250! Website.



## *George Washington Slept Here!*

Numerous homes throughout the colonies were used by General George Washington during the American Revolution and later during his presidency.

One such home still exists today in Tappan, Rockland County, New York. As the oldest structure in Rockland County, the DeWint Home is listed as a National Historic Landmark. The site is owned and operated by the Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Home. The grounds consist of the DeWint house, a carriage house and several additional acres. Currently the carriage house contains a small museum.

This home served as Washington's Headquarters both during and shortly after the Revolutionary War. In 1780, General Washington was there when he gave command of West Point to General Benedict Arnold and when British Major John Andre was tried as a spy for having West Point's fortification plans in his possession. The General also used this location to negotiate the withdrawal of the British troops from New York City in 1783.



The house is an imposing structure of Colonial Dutch architecture built using bricks brought over from Holland as ship ballast and indigenous stones. The construction date is incorporated into the façade by glazed bricks.

A member of the Jean Marie Cardinell Chapter, Des Moines, Iowa, has a connection to the DeWint House. Janis Cook Oswald's ancestor, Daniel DeKlerk (De Clark), a Dutch immigrant, built the home in 1700. Daniel De Klerk's great-grandson, Mathias De Clerk (Clark) fought in the Revolutionary War as a First Lieutenant, New York First Division.

The home remained in the DeKlerk family until shortly before it was bought by Johannes DeWint. The home and farm were owned by the DeWint family during the Revolutionary War.

Janis and her husband, Keith, visited the site in 2014 and enjoyed a comprehensive tour by the resident guide and historian. Also, an interesting find was that Keith Oswald and George Washington share a common ancestor!



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# Chapter Development and Revitalization Committee

*Carolyn DeLay & Sylvia Blaesing, Co-Chairmen*

*"Oh, the weather outside is frightful; But the fire is so delightful;  
And since we've no place to go; Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow!"*

This is not my favorite song right now, but it is true, nonetheless...  
So, just a couple of reminders from the CDRC Committee:

## 1. OFFICE STAFFING —

As of this writing, staffing at Headquarters is limited to essential personnel, 25% right now, only by direction of the D.C. Mayor. This means replies to your inquiries by mail, email and phone call will be delayed as there is no staff in the office. Please take this into consideration and understand that your requests will be handled, just not as quickly as before the pandemic. Also, dues collection has been and continues to be the priority. Thank you for allowing our outstanding staff some grace. National Headquarters.

## 2. PLEASE REMEMBER —

The Genealogy Guidelines are our PRIMARY source of information. They address many issues clearly. Anyone preparing papers should refer to them often.

*PART ONE* - Guide for Chapter Registrars

*PART TWO* - Completing the Application and Proving Lineage

*PART THREE* - ServiceBest practice is to first refer to the Guidelines to find an answer to your question.

Download them by clicking on the GENEALOGY tab on the NSDAR members website. Check the index or use the search function to locate the answer to your question before you post a query on any social media site.

## 3. RESOURCES —

There are many educational resources and webinars available online on the National site that can be done via Zoom, Facebook Chat meetings while we wait for in-person meetings to resume. Many ideas are shared in the Iowa Facebook group. Get creative! Remember no contact often results in loss of members.

*Rise and Shine for America!*

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# Commemorative Events Committee

*Submitted by Marla Huebler Suter, State Regent ISDAR*

*A* As we plan to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the adoption of the Iowa State Flag on March 29, 2021, it's important to pause for a moment and remember the woman who designed this flag, Dixie Cornell Gebhardt.

Dixie will forever be remembered as the designer of the Iowa State flag. In her own words, this was her greatest accomplishment. She was born in Knoxville, Iowa in 1866 and with the exception of one year spent at the Visitation School for Girls run by the Sisters of St. Mary's Church of the Visitation in Ottumwa, she lived in Knoxville her entire life until she passed away in 1955.

She was the daughter of Civil War Veteran and surgeon, Dr. Norman Riley Cornell and his wife Mary Fletcher Timmonds. Dixie was one of 8 children, she survived them all. She married George Tullis Gebhardt in 1900, he passed away in 1916. The Gebhardts had no children.



Dixie began her membership in the DAR with the Abigail

Adams Chapter in Des Moines in 1897 and continued with that chapter until she was encouraged to organize a chapter in Knoxville. In 1911, Dixie was appointed Organizing Regent of Knoxville's Mary Marion chapter. She went on to serve as the Iowa State Recording Secretary from 1913-1915 and served as the 12th Iowa State Regent from 1915-1918. She also worked as a volunteer DAR genealogist at Continental Hall in Washington, DC.



As for the design of the Iowa State Flag, Dixie details her intent behind the design in her journals. She writes, Flags are symbols of achievements of the human race. Iowa's banner should embrace the history of its domain from the time of its occupation by the Indians; discovery by the French and its purchase from Napoleon by Jefferson; up to its admission into the union down to the present time. All this should be represented in a design so simple that school children and adults could recognize its symbolism and know that it meant Iowa.

White was chosen for the white unwritten page of history at our state's beginning when the Indians, the original Americans, lived on the unbroken prairies of Iowa. On the center of this flag the Indian's favorite color, red, is used to write IOWA, the Indian word for 'beautiful Land.'

The blue, white and red of the Tricolor of France – the first flag to fly over Iowa – is arranged on our flag.



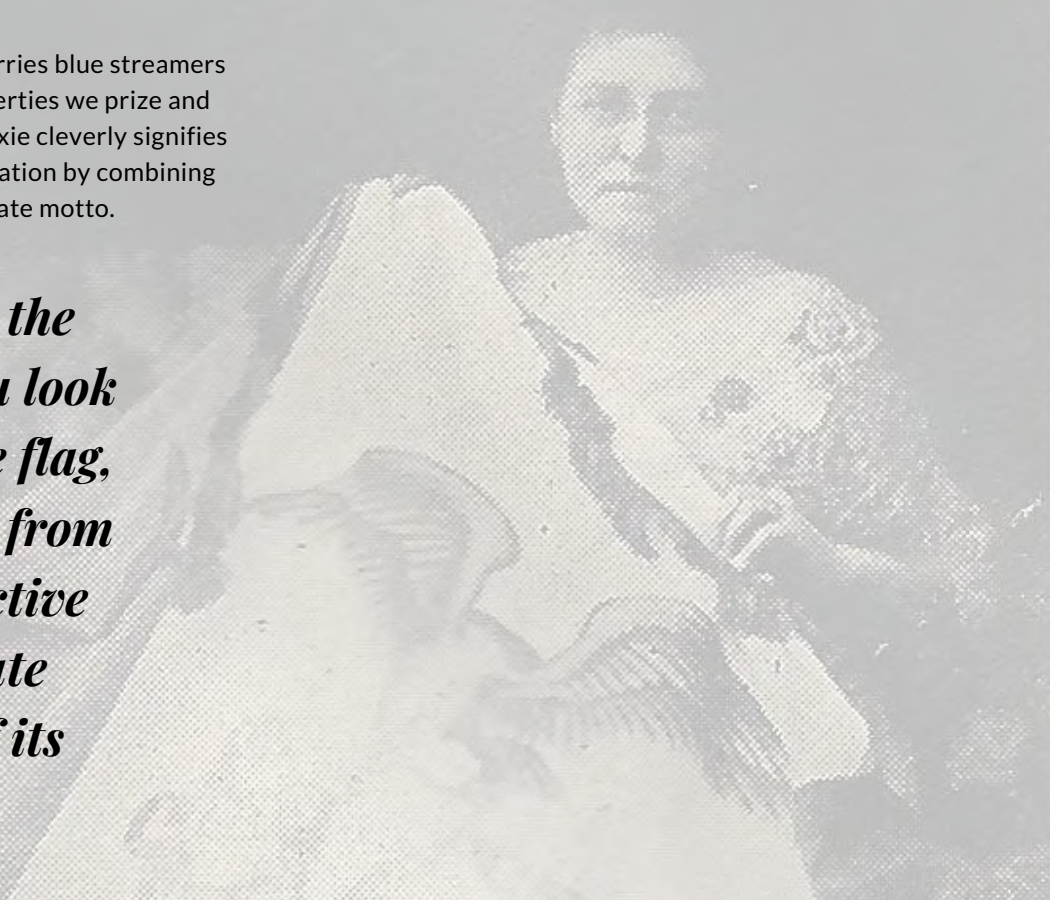
# First Day Cover

THE ORIGINAL IOWA STATE FLAG DESIGNED BY

Dixie had a second reason for these colors. The blue portion stands for loyalty, the white stands for purity and the red for courage.

In the center a soaring Eagle carries blue streamers in his beak which read, "Our liberties we prize and our rights we will maintain." Dixie cleverly signifies here that we are a part of this nation by combining our national bird with Iowa's State motto.

*I hope that in the future when you look at the Iowa state flag, you now view it from Dixie's perspective and appreciate the history of its design.*



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# Constitution Week Committee

*Jackie Beard, Chairman*

I have just finished the Constitution Week tabulations for the state report and for the report that is submitted to the North-Central Division Chair. I was very moved by the creative ways that Iowa Daughters rose to the occasion to celebrate the Constitution in the midst of a pandemic! As it is never too early to start thinking about Constitution Week 2021, I thought I would share some of those ideas and add a few more of my own! Thank you so much Iowa Daughters for being creative in your celebration of our wonderful Constitution!

- Read a **Constitution Minute** at meetings.
- More than one chapter shared Constitution Minutes on **Facebook!** (Fabulous Idea!)
- Contact your local school and volunteer to create **Constitution Kits** for students learning about the Constitution no matter what time of the year this occurs (Hannah Lee Chapter and DeShon Chapter). They used Constitution pamphlets, bookmarks, a small flag, and the flag code pamphlet, one kit per student.
- Electronic **message boards** were used by several chapters!
- Church **bulletins** with a Constitution Week blurb.
- DAR Constitution Week **posters** from DAR Store for members to post. Many hands make light work.
- Constitution Week **Thank You cards** to our veterans in nursing homes! (Fabulous!) They served to protect the Constitution!
- Small Constitution Week posters (printable off Natl. website) to **adorn doors** in assisted-living and care facilities. You can **mail** it to these daughters so they can participate even under lock-down!

Thank you!





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# DAR Good Citizens Committee

*Dianna Baker Hoye, Chairman*


## *2020-2021 District Good Citizens Announced*



ISDAR announces the district winners for this year's Good Citizens Award and Scholarship Contest. The Good Citizens Award was created in 1934 to recognize and reward individuals who possess the qualities of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism in their homes, schools and communities. To be eligible to compete at the district and state level, the students are required to participate in the essay portion of the competition.

This is the second year that each of our four districts could select two winning essays, one girl and one boy, all seniors in high school. Eight essays advanced this year to compete at the state level. ISDAR thanks all participating chapters, chapter chairmen, and District Vice Chairmen for their outstanding efforts that have made it possible for our young people to be recognized as Good Citizens.

ISDAR is pleased to announce our District winners who will be recognized and honored at the ISDAR State Conference during the Friday evening banquet on April 23, in Des Moines. The State Winner will be announced that evening.



### **From the Northwest District**

Kristina Goth – Marcus-Meriden-Cleghorn High School, Marcus

Sponsor: Pilot Rock Chapter, Cherokee

Regent: Peggy Corrington; Chair: Elaine Leavitt

District Vice Chairman: Peggy Corrington

William Alexander – Okoboji High School, Milford

Sponsor: Ladies of the Lake Chapter, Spirit Lake

Regent: Diana Sanders; Chair: Mary Thunhorst

District Vice Chairman: Peggy Corrington

### **From the Northeast District**

Grace AbouAssaly – Linn Mar High School, Marion

Sponsor: Marion-Linn Chapter, Marion

Regent: Sarah Nemmers; Chair: Janette Beardsley

District Vice Chairman: Karen Wilson

Preston Engstrom – Waterloo West High School, Waterloo

Sponsor: Cedar Falls Chapter, Cedar Falls

Regent: Deborah Crawford; Chair: Barb Gregersen

District Vice Chairman: Karen Wilson

### **From the Southwest District**

Daisy Knight – East Mills High School, Hastings

Sponsor: Glenwood Chapter, Glenwood

Regent: Nancy Downing; Chair: Shawn Julius

District Vice Chairman: Jane Briley

Brandon Vecchio – Central Decatur High School, Leon

Sponsor: Nancy McKay Harsh Chapter, Creston

Regent: Suzanne Adkisson; Chair: Jane Briley

District Vice Chairman: Jane Briley

### **From the Southeast District**

Sky Weber – Keota High School, Keota

Sponsor: Washington Chapter, Washington

Regent: Julie Mangold; Chair: Denise Preston


District Vice Chairman: Cecilia Smith

Dylan Engelbrecht – North Scott High School, Eldridge

Sponsor: Hannah Caldwell Chapter, Davenport

Regent: Elise James; Chair: Elise James

District Vice Chairman: Cecilia Smith





# DAR Leadership Training Committee

*Sylvia Blaesing, State Coordinator*

## DAR Leadership Training

### *What is happening in Members and New Horizons Courses?*

The time period of April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021 is in review.

Various reports continue to fill my email box. Nineteen members will plan to graduate in Members Course at the April 2021 state conference.

New Horizons Course will have two graduates. And oh, the stories I will share at our state conference about their exciting challenges. Challenges can result in unexpected rewards. Already three more students are working on New Horizons and will be in next year's ceremony. Who knows how many more?

### *State Individual Awards (Members and/or New Horizons Courses):*

In the prior report year (2019-2020) the VanBuren Administration recognized some outstanding projects from the information State Coordinators sent to (Iowa North Central) Division Vice Chair. That was just a start as the current year produced additional categories and choices of sub-categories with more awards.

The state awards are for 1st place and the 3 honorable mentions in the areas of Historic Preservation, Education, Patriotism, Genealogy, and Membership. To aid in preparation of selecting winners, State Coordinator will use Project Evaluation Rubric and Project Evaluation Talley Sheets. In addition, the State Coordinator will prepare a summation for each member's submittal of additional information (100 words) about details not provided in the submittal. This is the State Coordinator's last chance to brag about her students! The Division Vice Chairs will also assist.

State Coordinator must receive Project and Graduation Final Review forms no later than during the third week of March 2021. Her report is due to the Division Vice Chair prior to April 1, 2021, (the earlier the better).

## Member Training Courses

*The Members Course is waiting just for you...for your enrollment.*

**Enrollment?** Open Enrollment for any qualified member, may start the Course at any time by contacting the State Coordinator, Sylvia Blaesing.

### **Who is qualified?**

Any member with current dues paid; and subscription to the combined American Spirit Magazine and Daughter's Newsletter at least by graduation.

**Requirements:** Working computer with internet access.

**Books:** None, information available on the computer website.

**Cost:** None. One of the many benefits of DAR membership.

**Work Attire:** Work wherever your computer is located. Maybe pajamas will be your choice.

**Why:** It's all about LEARNING. DAR has grown and changed considerably in the past ten years. Computerized data, forms, communication, and new subjects are a start. Each Administration introduces changes --- all improvements. Some subjects do not change:

**Mission:** to promote historic preservation, education, and patriotism.

**Motto:** God, Home and Country.

### How to join Members Course:

Contact Sylvia Blaesing, State Coordinator

Mobile phone: 563-299-6063

Email: calicoacres2@comcast.net

# Genealogical Records Committee

*Shelley Wells, Chairman*

Does your chapter need a project it can do easily from your home? The Genealogical Records Committee has one for you. Plus your chapter will receive 5 bonus points for the Chapter Achievement Awards. This year the Genealogical Records Committee will be adding the New Children of Patriots Challenge. Everyone of us has a patriot but are there other children that are not listed in the DAR database? Did your patriot have a will/probate that names the children? Or is there another record that names the children?

Please fill out the New Children of Patriot Worksheet and submit your evidence to your chapter Genealogical Records Chairman or you can send the information to me at [swellsmcc1776@gmail.com](mailto:swellsmcc1776@gmail.com)

Please keep track of your entries as there is a new pin after only 100 entries. But you will need to keep track of your entries using the Genealogical Records Committee authorization form GRC-WP-4000. Please visit the National site or the Genealogical Records Committee Iowa State page.

The winner of the third quarter for most entries was Chere McLaughlin of the Anna Maria Lane chapter. She will be receiving a pin of Washington's Crossing. Thank you for your entries! We have one last final quarter and the grand prize will be presented at the State Conference in April. So hurry to submit your entries and you can still be eligible for the grand prize.



## Genealogic Records Committee

### New Children of Patriot Challenge

Does your patriot have children who are not named in GRC database?

Did your patriot have a will/probate?

Did your patriot own land that was transferred to a child?





# SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTS FOR CHILDREN OF PATRIOTS

Ancestor # \_\_\_\_\_

Ancestor Name \_\_\_\_\_

Submitting \_\_\_\_\_ pages

Will/Probate identification and State:

\_\_\_\_\_

Children identified thru previous applications and NN#: more than one, than 5 most recent apps

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. \_\_\_\_\_

List of children not currently identified thru an application:

- A. \_\_\_\_\_
- B. \_\_\_\_\_
- C. \_\_\_\_\_
- D. \_\_\_\_\_
- E. \_\_\_\_\_
- F. \_\_\_\_\_
- G. \_\_\_\_\_
- H. \_\_\_\_\_

Ancestor # \_\_\_\_\_

Ancestor Name \_\_\_\_\_

Unproved Child: \_\_\_\_\_

Proofs: (citations only)

(the physical proofs would be filed behind this sheet)

IF doing more than one child, each child gets the next page # until complete





# Historic Preservation Committee

*Nancy Grindle, Chairman*

## NSDAR funds available to help with Historic Preservation Projects

Does your chapter, local organizations and/or historical societies have projects that could use financial support? Once a year the NSDAR Historic Preservation Committee provides close to \$250,000 for projects. Any IRS public charity with a 501c3 is eligible if sponsored by a chapter. The **deadline** for applying is always **December 31st** each year. Each grant must include a letter of support from a local chapter or our state organization.

You can view more details about the funding at:

<https://www.dar.org/members/committees/national-committees/historic-preservation/dar-historic-preservation-grants>

**DAR**  
Daughters of the American Revolution

*Projects related to all chapters of American history are eligible for consideration, though preference is given to those that relate to the Colonial-through-the-Federal period. The maximum award is \$10,000, and smaller projects are encouraged.*

*Belknap Mill  
Cupola Restoration  
Laconia, NH*

*Sulgrave Manor Conservation  
Banbury, England*

It is important to note that this grant is now only funding historic preservation projects often focused on the Federalist era. I would be happy to discuss any grant ideas you have and their possible funding with this money. You can contact me at 515-240-0368 or susanklein50@gmail.com. Consider putting together an application in 2021.

Submitted by Susan Klein





# Iowa Room Committee:

## Where is this former Iowa Room object?

*Marsha Hucke, Chairman*

First of all, I need to correct something in the Winter 2020 newsletter, upon further investigation and collaboration of former Iowa Room chairman and Honorary State Regent, Sarah Jane Harwood, the flag that was referred to in that article was returned to Honorary State Regent, Dixie Gebhardt at her request. In 1948, another state flag replaced the badly worn flag that had been presented during WWI. The second flag's whereabouts is unknown but likely was returned to Iowa.

**New object to pique your interest.** There was a bronze tablet that was returned to the Clinton chapter in 1969 from the Iowa Room listing all the Iowa Real Daughters. This tablet had been presented to State Regent Mrs. Dixie Cornell Gebhardt by Mrs. Fred Ware, Clinton Chapter Regent at the 17th & 18th State conferences. It was unveiled by Iowa's last Real Daughter, Sophie Dolson Andrews, who was showered with roses after she spoke. Documentation seems to support that it was probably presented at both conferences; the 17th was in October 1916, and the 18th was in March 1917.

I have a rough size of perhaps 18-20 inches in width and approximately 2-3 feet high, from the enclosed photo.

I believe Mrs. Andrews is on the right, Mrs. Fred Ware in the middle and Mrs. Dixie Cornell Gebhardt is on the left.

According to the "Clinton Advertiser" there was not a dry eye in the house when Mrs. Andrews spoke.

The bronze tablet reads:

**REAL DAUGHTER; CLINTON CHAPTER;**

In memory of; **THE REAL DAUGHTERS OF IOWA;**

Column on left side:

Jane Bevier Lamb; Lucy Fellows Sibley; Sophie Dolson Andrews; Mary Ann Luther Burr; Catherine Beatty Cox; Mary Elliott Fahey; Martha Wall Moon Hartford; Emily Smith Reed Nettleton;

Column on right side:

Susan A Wood Ostrander; Catherine Mower Miller Roadman; Eliza Melvin Shrader; Jane Englis Smith; Electa Manchester Van Vleck; Julia A Warrington Weaver; Pamela Worsley.

Two additional names are listed on our website, Emily Chittenden Carter & Sarah Fletcher Whitcomb where we have all of our currently known Real Daughters listed. Jane Bevier Lamb was a Clinton chapter member.



I spoke with the Clinton Historical museum and they do not have nor have they heard of this tablet. I will continue to search for answers once the State Historical Society opens back up to the public and I can check the chapter materials.

# Junior Membership Committee

## 2021 Helen Pouch Memorial Fund Classroom Grant Program

*Sarah Steinke, Chairman*

### 2021 Helen Pouch Memorial Fund Classroom Grant Program

Two grants of \$500 each for two classrooms in each state and the District of Columbia (totaling \$51,000). Classroom teachers for grades kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade are eligible to apply.

Deadline for applying is May 1, 2021.

Contact your State Junior Membership Chair for details and the application.

Made possible through the DAR National Junior Membership Committee and the Helen Pouch Memorial Fund



#### TIMELINE:

- *February 15 through May 1, 2021: Application period open to classroom teachers.*
- *June 2021: Grant winners announced at Continental Congress.*
- *No later than September 30, 2021: Awards mailed to the school of record, addressed to the teacher's attention.*
- There is additional clarification that these grant funds may be used for virtual instruction. Virtual learning (as authorized by the respective school district) is an accepted method of bringing the teacher to the virtual classroom. This activity has a direct benefit to the students' learning.

Please let me know if you have any questions.  
We can't wait to see how teachers are making a difference in our communities in 2021!





# National Society Daughters of the American Revolution

*Denise Doring VanBuren, President General*

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**JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE — JeanEllen Hiter Melton, *National Chair***

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## **All About the 2021 Junior Membership Classroom Grant Award Program**

### ***Purpose: Why Classroom Grants?***

- Since its inception, the Helen Pouch Memorial Fund has traditionally supported the DAR's mission of Education. The history of the fund has shown a desire by Juniors to help as many students as possible.
- Supporting classrooms in each state allows for states and Juniors to see the impact of our fundraising, no matter their proximity to a DAR supported school.
- Two grants are available for each state and the District of Columbia.
- Applicants must be a classroom teacher for grades kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Must be sponsored by a local DAR chapter and complete the grant award application.
- Proposed projects must directly benefit students in the classroom. Funds may be used for supplies and educational resources but the applicant must detail how these items help to further the educational goals of the DAR. Grants must directly impact students and may not be used for continuing education/workshops for the teacher.

### ***Program Administration: How do teachers apply for the grant? How does a state determine their winner?***

- Application period will begin February 15, 2021.
- Once the application period has ended (May 1, 2021), the chapter will submit their applicant to the State Chair. At the state level, a panel of three judges will review the applications for their state and determine a Winner and Runner-Up.
- The panel of judges will consist of the State Junior Membership Chair, a Junior Member, and a DAR member who is an educator.
  - The DAR member who is an educator may also be a Junior member.
  - The educator does not have to be a current teacher; she may be retired or currently working in a different field.
- The State Chair will submit her state's Winner and Runner-Up to the National Vice Chair of Junior Membership Classroom Grants by the designated date.
- The National Vice Chair will certify each state's winner(s).
- Should a state not submit a grant award Winner (or Runner-Up), the National Chair or Vice Chair may award that state's grant(s) to another state. No more than three grants will be issued to one state. Preference will be given to states within the same division as a state not submitting a grant award Winner/Runner-Up.
- Grant Award Winners will be announced at Continental Congress.
- Awards will be distributed in August.
- The grant is a one-time award, and recipients are not eligible to re-apply in future years.



### ***Junior Membership Classroom Grant Timeline:***

- **February 15, 2021:** Applications sent to State Junior Membership Chairs to then forward to chapters.
- **February 15 through May 1, 2021:** Application period open to classroom teachers.
- **June 1, 2021:** Deadline to submit the state Winner and Runner-Up to the National Vice Chair of Junior Membership (Classroom Grants) via the online State Chairman Selection Form at <http://bit.ly/HPMF2122>
- **June 2021:** Grant winners announced at Continental Congress.
- **No later than September 30, 2021:** Awards mailed to the school of record, addressed to the teacher's attention.
- **December 31, 2021** (or upon completion of the project): Report of project sent the National Vice Chair.

### ***How to distribute information:***

- Each applicant should receive the application and information sheet.
- Distribute to chapters in your state via email, snail mail, social media.
- Get the word out however you can and as quickly as possible.

### ***Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) About the Junior Membership Classroom Grants:***

#### **How does this program impact Junior Membership commitment to the DAR Schools?**

It doesn't! The Junior Membership Committee and Helen Pouch Memorial Fund have an annual commitment to the DAR Schools. Priority for fundraising is given to the DAR Schools.

#### **How does this program affect the Helen Pouch Memorial Fund National Project?**

It doesn't! After our commitment to the DAR Schools, the Junior Membership Committee fulfills our obligation to the adopted National Project for that year prior to accepting grant award applications.

#### **Should a state or chapter do anything to recognize Classroom Grant winners?**

Of course! Consider making a ceremonial check presentation to the winners at your state's fall meeting or holding a special ceremony at the recipients' classrooms or at a meeting of the sponsoring DAR chapters. You could also recognize your winners during your State Conference in the spring and allow the teachers to speak about the impact the grant has had on their classroom. Write an article about the project for your state's newsletters. Submit details to the National Junior Membership newsletter, *The Beacon*.

#### **Who is considered a classroom teacher?**

A classroom teacher is a teacher in a public or private school system. They can teach a core subject or other group setting classes in grades K-12. Individual programs like speech or occupational therapy are not eligible. The teacher holds a contract for the following school year and can have the application endorsed by a principal, headmaster, or superintendent to verify employment. Home school teachers are not considered classroom teachers. The goal of the classroom grant program is to do the greatest good for the great number of students.

**Can a non-regular education teacher apply if they meet the definition of a classroom teacher?**

Special education services vary from state to state and it must be clear that the teacher is teaching a classroom of students and not providing pull out service.

- An example of a classroom would be: A reading class is being taught to a group of students by the special education teacher.
- An example of pull-out service (not eligible) would be: a special education teacher working with students on reading for a class that is being taught by another teacher.

**Can a classroom grant be used by the school lunch program?**

No, grant funds must be used for education setting activities in a classroom.

**Can a classroom grant be used by a classroom teacher to invite a guest expert performer/lecturer to come and teach classes in a classroom as a way to extending the learning experience of students?**

Yes, this fits the definition of the focus on student learning of the grant program. This activity has a direct benefit to the students' learning.

**Can a classroom grant be used by a classroom teacher to take students on an out of school field trip to cover the cost of entry of students to a learning venue?**

Yes, this is an activity that is focused on education to help expand the classroom learning experience. This activity has a direct benefit to the students' learning.

**Can a classroom grant be used by a classroom teacher to develop/deliver online curriculum?**

Yes, virtual learning (as authorized by the respective school district) is an accepted method of bringing the teacher to the virtual classroom. This activity has a direct benefit to the students' learning.

**Can a DAR member apply for a grant?**

Yes! DAR members who meet the eligibility requirements of classroom teachers may apply for the grant. They should not list their DAR membership as part of their application, as no preference should be given to DAR members when reviewing the applications and grants should be awarded based on the merits of the application alone.

**Can my chapter endorse more than one applicant?**

No, a chapter may only endorse one application per year. The goal of this grant program is to impact as many children in as many communities as possible. Limiting each chapter to sponsoring just one application per year helps ensure that multiple communities in each state will benefit from these grants. In addition, due to the large number of chapters in some states, and the limited time available to the state judges, limits must be placed to ensure these judges aren't overwhelmed with applications.

# Lineage Research Committee

*Carolyn DeLay, Chairman*

When you are doing research for an application, you need to provide documentation to support the lineage. The term “documentation” refers to the supporting materials that came with an application or supplemental application. The availability of supporting documentation for a particular application depends on several factors:

- What was submitted with the application?
- What was retained at the time of verification?
- What is currently considered to be “restricted” material?

In the early days of the Society, some applications were accepted with little supporting documentation. In later years, and up to the present time, applications based on the previously verified applications of close family members may have required little or no additional documentation. Only that documentation that was submitted with a particular application or supplemental will be on file with that application or supplemental.

In the years before easy access to photocopy machines, many members requested that their documentation be returned to them. The DAR honored these requests until about 1984. As a result, prior to 1984, a large percentage of applications and supplementals do not have supporting documentation, on file. Some supporting documentation that is readily available in published works or easily accessible online databases (ie: copies of US Federal Census Records, Revolutionary War Pension files, online Vital Records collections images or indexes, and pages from published works available in the DAR Library) will be cited on the application form, but will not be available for view or purchase as Supporting Documentation.

“Restricted” documentation includes vital records or other “sensitive” materials that are less than 100 years old. The DAR does not make such documents available for copying or for research under any circumstances. Vital records for a number of states are available online through a variety of websites. For those records that are not online, researchers must contact the appropriate state office to obtain such copies under state laws and the restrictions that will apply. Notes, analyses, or corrections documentation created by the staff genealogists are not available for view or purchase as supporting documentation.

*Note: The DAR does not guarantee that documentation within these files will meet today’s genealogical standards or that it will be acceptable for current or future DAR applications or supplemental applications.*



# Membership Committee

*Marsha Hucke, Chairman*

Thank you all who are working with your prospective members and sending applications to National.

National Membership Chairman Yvonne Liser & Mrs. VanBuren have initiated the 2020NE Membership Challenge for membership recruitment in 2021. That is each member needs to recruit one person for membership. It is not required to be in their own chapter or in their state. Of course, also not limited to just one member per person. As of January 1, 2021, our membership count 1,861 members. It would be great to announce at the end of the year our membership to be 3,722. I know that is a big challenge, but what a terrific goal to reach!!

Remember, your Action 5 Chapter Development & Revitalization Committee is here for you as well. If you are still afraid or uncomfortable with Zoom we will help you get comfortable. We can do as many practice sessions as you may need so please contact us!!! *Thank you all for what you do!*



# Service to America Committee



*Lois and Beth Iseminger, Co-Chairmen*

The Iowa Service to America committee is proud of the creative and productive service projects conducted in 2020. Continue RECORDING your mask and PPE production and volunteer hours!

## Service to America Pin



**Coming soon:** A left shoulder pin (official ribbon) will be available to everyone who has recorded service hours online. Watch for it in the DAR Store.

At the bottom of the NSDAR Service to Committee webpage is a link to a webinar conducted by Mary Tedesco, NSDAR Service to America Chair, in January 2021. The webinar begins as an overview of the Committee and progresses to pin and Facebook information. Everyone can listen and view at your convenience. The webinar is about 40 minutes.



# Salute to Service

The DAR Salute to Service begins in 2021. Please refer to the NSDAR website for current information. Updates will occur.

The “DAR Salute to Service” initiative is a collaborative effort of four national committees—DAR Project Patriot, DAR Service for Veterans, National Defense, and Service to America—to rise and shine the spotlight on the service of our active duty military, veterans and first responders, i.e. the men and women who protect our way of life!

Daughters, of course, are already involved in many projects to honor these groups, but “Salute to Service” adds a twist because it calls for sharing your activities or “Salutes” via social and traditional media and challenging other chapters to do the same. Its goals are two-fold: to show our appreciation for those who serve, protect and defend our country and neighborhoods; and, secondly, to use social media to both promote our vibrant organization in our communities and camaraderie among our membership. Here’s how it works:

## “Snap-A-Salute”

*“Salute” a group (police precinct, fire station, local EMTs, veterans’ group, local military unit, etc.) or individual (a returning soldier in your neighborhood, a school resource officer, a retiring firefighter, etc.) with some sort of special recognition. Then “Snap” a photo or two of the service activity or “salute” performed by a chapter or individual member. Make your salutes fun and special, formal or spontaneous, large or small activities. Whether it comes in the form of cupcakes, signage, new equipment, a hot meal or thank you notes, your “salute” is limited only by your imagination! (1)*

See the NSDAR Service to America Salute to America committee website link above to learn further details regarding sharing.

## “Chapter Challenge:

After a chapter has performed a “Salute” activity, the chapter may tag another chapter to “Rise” to the challenge to salute a suggested group/individual in that chapter’s community. This is not intended to be a contest between chapters, but rather a fun way to ignite the membership to bond with other chapters in order to “Shine” a light on those who serve our nation. (2)



## Shopping Opportunities:

Salutes can now be recognized with pins for community personnel recognition. The five pins are: mask, police, military, health care and fire. They are \$ 15.00 each and can be found at <http://shop.dar.org>. Look at the New Products link on the left side of this site.

Additional Service to America and Salute to Service products are:

1. A puzzle of the United States sells for \$ 25.00.
2. A dozen Thank You cards sell for \$ 12/box.

**SHOP! SHOP! SHOP!**

## Pins, a Puzzle & Cards!



Shop at: <http://shop.dar.org>

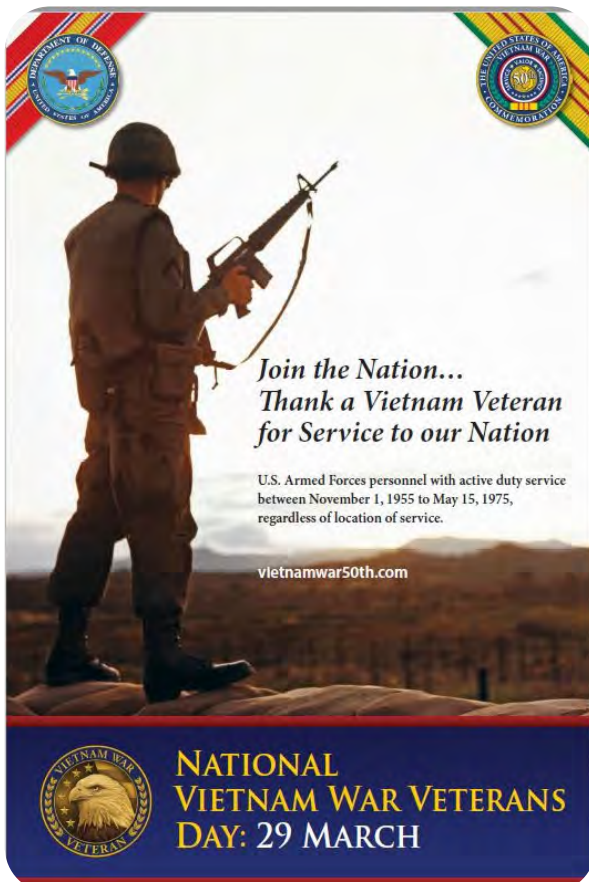
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# Iowa Liaison to the Vietnam Veteran Commemoration

*Candy Brown, Liaison*

Clearly, COVID-19 remains a significant challenge and concern for America. As such, I encourage you to continue developing creative ways to virtually thank and honor Vietnam veterans and their families, all while safeguarding their well-being.

If you haven't visited the 50th Commemoration website lately, please check it out. They've made some great improvements. You can get copies of what was submitted before the event and after and if you have any outstanding reports. Please check it out.



Again, as a reminder, once a partner always a partner. I found 9 Chapters that did not notate that they were a partner on the MCR whether or not an event was held. I will be contacting these Chapters.

Also, new posters are an easy way to recognize our Vietnam Veterans on March 29th. They are free to download from the Vietnam War 50th or feel free to contact me. There are a variety available:  
[https://www.vietnamwar50th.com/commemorative\\_partners/commemorative\\_partner\\_program/](https://www.vietnamwar50th.com/commemorative_partners/commemorative_partner_program/)

If I can be of further assistance, please contact me at cabbob70@aol.com or 515-577-2529 (cell/text).