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# **Across the State**

*ISDAR Chapter News*

# Abigail Adams Chapter

## Wintertime donations to Veterans

The year 2020 has had its challenges. Chapter meetings had to be remote but the members of our chapter continued to be generous and supportive of Veterans and their families. Our chapter sponsored two families for the Christmas season. They were selected by the Vets Center of Des Moines each receiving \$325 to fulfill their Christmas needs.

Additionally, when the committee put out the call to donate cold weather items, toiletries and gas cards to help homeless veterans, the chapter provided over \$1300. Funds from Wreaths Across America rebate added \$500.

Usually, members gather at our December meeting to collect all of the items and donations. The Service to Veterans committee was very creative and encouraged members to order items on-line and have them delivered to the committee chair. You can imagine that there were many packages on the front porch and busy delivery trucks most days. Members of the committee also put boxes on their front porch to allow for no-contact collection of items.

The committee and our members look forward to the next year and a little return to normal. We are all pleased we could help the families and the veteran's community.

*Submitted by Susan Klein*



Abigail Adams chapter member Stephanie Caffrey and a future DAR member, Bea, deliver to Vet Center of Des Moines donations collected by the committee.



# Anna Maria Lane Chapter

## Holiday gifts and care packages

Chere McLaughlin of the Anna Maria Lane Chapter sent veterans living at the Kennybrook Village senior living community in Grimes gifts for Valentine's Day and St. Patrick's Day.

Allie Bierstedt, a female service woman from the Fenton area, who is deployed overseas received a care package from the Anna Maria Lane Chapter just prior to Christmas. Many items including cards, candy, and games were included but her favorite was the peppermint bark. We have sent out another package that is still in transit and awaits its arrival.

*Submitted by Landra McClellan*



# Cedar Falls Chapter

## Literacy Promotion Committee

The Literacy Promotion Committee was excited to be able to deliver the books to the Bess Aldrich Elementary School in Cedar Falls. On January 28, 2021, Joyce Stout and Debbie Crawford delivered nine books that were purchased through the Kellogg's Feeding Reading program. Librarian Mary Ascher, was pleased to receive the donation. She chose some of the more popular books that the children enjoy. Principal Kim Cross also joined us to receive the books. The school was grateful to receive this donation for their library. The Literacy Promotion Committee hopes that this gift of books will help promote a love of reading for the children at this school.

Submitted by Sue LeQuatte



Joyce Stout, Mary Ascher, and  
Regent Debbie Crawford

## Good Citizens Awards 2021

The Cedar Falls Chapter was pleased to have our Good Citizen Award recipients join us via Zoom for our meeting on Saturday, February 20, 2021. Attending this meeting were members from Illinois, Minnesota, Canada, and Ohio along with our local members. There were six of the seven students from area schools. Their award certificates and pins were mailed to them. These students all have great ambitions for the future in their choice of colleges and careers which they shared with us. We of course missed doing this in person as it is always a celebrated meeting for our Chapter.

We were honored to have the winner, Preston Ingram, from Waterloo West High School, read his essay for us. In his essay, he mentioned a brother who has Batten's disease, which causes progressive blindness. In May 2014, the Cedar Falls Chapter presented this brother, Jaxton, who was in kindergarten at Orange Elementary with a Braille flag, which has the Pledge of Allegiance in Braille on the white stripes of the flag. His grandfather, a Vietnam veteran, presented this flag to him with other family members and his classmates in attendance.

Member Barb Gregersen has headed this committee for quite a few years for our chapter and has done a tremendous job every year. This year a newer member, Deb Goodenbour was appointed to help her and learn the process from Barb.

*Congratulations to both for another successful award ceremony.*

# DeShon Chapter



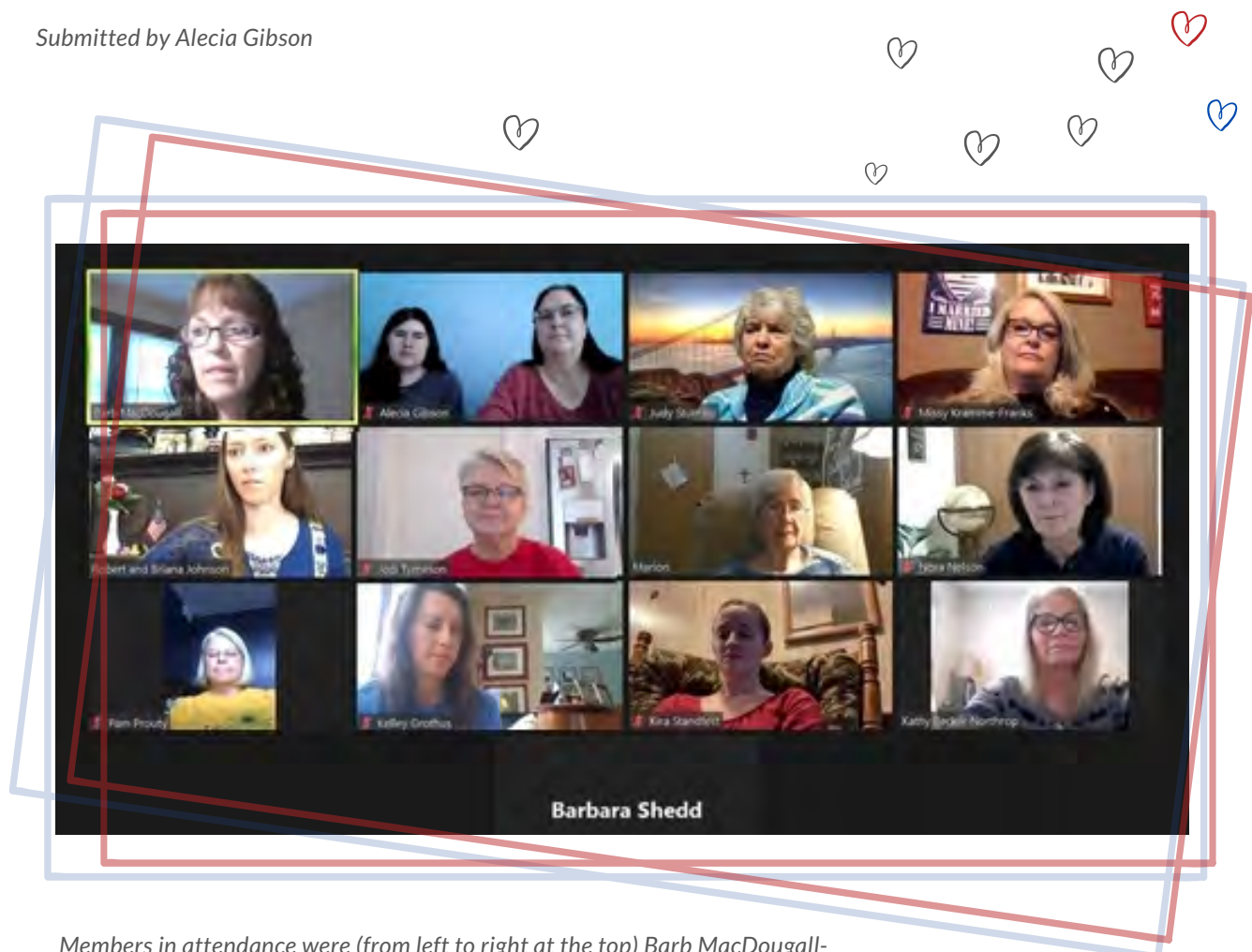
## Guest Speaker Kathy Becker Northrop on Women's Issues

On January 21, 2021, DeShon Chapter NSDAR hosted Kathy Becker Northrop as the guest speaker for a Women's Issues program. The meeting was held by Zoom as inclement weather was in the area that day with 13 members in attendance.

Ms. Becker Northrop is a citizen volunteer who speaks on behalf of the Central Iowa Human Trafficking Organization. A very eloquent account of several girls' ordeals in Iowa who had been caught up in human trafficking was given by the speaker. She shared tips on how to be aware of human trafficking red flags in the community and what to do if you see something that causes concern. She explained that some girls may not even realize they are being exploited and others may be in it willingly. She stressed that law enforcement should be notified immediately as the girls may be in imminent danger.

There are several groups around the state that assist with reducing human trafficking in Iowa. Wings of Refuge is a Christian organization that provides opportunities to survivors of sex trafficking in order to end the exploitation of girls. The DeShon Chapter collected donations for this cause and sent \$200.00 to support the Wings of Refuge in Ames, Iowa. Wings of Refuge website is [www.wingsofrefuge.net](http://www.wingsofrefuge.net).

Submitted by Alecia Gibson



Members in attendance were (from left to right at the top) Barb MacDougall-Regent, Alecia Gibson, Jennifer Gibson, Judy Stumbo, Missy Kramme-Franks, (second row) Briana Johnson, Jodi Tymeson, Marion Timm, Nora Nelson, (3rd row) Pam Prouty, Kelley Grothus, Kira Standfest, Kathy Becker Northrop-guest speaker and (bottom) Barbara Shedd.





# Elizabeth Ross Chapter

## Martha Meier celebrating



## 50 years of membership

Elizabeth Ross member, Martha Meier was surprised when chapter Regent, Deb Arendt, stopped by her house and presented her with a certificate to commemorate her 50th anniversary of membership in DAR on December 10th. Since Martha had encouraged Deb to join DAR in 2009, the chapter felt it was appropriate for her to make the presentation of the certificate. We wanted to throw her a shindig, but with COVID-19 our chapter was not holding meetings in December.

*Submitted by Mary Alice Sampson*





# Hannah Lee Chapter

## Local Student Writes Winning State DAR Essay

Decorah Middle School student Anna Knaack, daughter of Wes and Andrea Knaack, is the 5th grade state winner of this year's Daughters of the American Revolution American History Essay Contest. Anna's essay was sponsored by the Hannah Lee Chapter. Other grade level winners are: 6th Grade- Parker Haller, sponsored by the Candle-Stick Chapter (Hampton), 7th Grade- Grant Petersen, sponsored by the Priscilla Alden Chapter (Carroll), and 8th Grade- Linnea Trudeau, sponsored by the DeShon Chapter (Boone). Anna's essay, along with the other grade level winning essays have been sent on to the North Central Division for the next level of judging.

Anna will be recognized at an Awards Luncheon on April 24th at the Iowa Daughters of the American Revolution State Conference and will be awarded a state winner certificate and a silver medal.

This year's topic was in recognition of the 250th anniversary of the Boston Massacre. "Imagine you are living in Boston and after witnessing the events of March 5, describe your family's discussion about the Boston Massacre and what role it played in organizing the colonists against the British King and Parliament."



**Anna Knaack**  
DAR American History Essay Contest

## 2020-2021 DAR American History Essay Contest Winner Announced

Madysen Lippe, daughter of Ron and Vicki Lippe, is the 7th grade winner and Anna Knaack, daughter of Wes and Andrea Knaack, is the 5th grade winner of this year's American History Essay Contest sponsored by the Hannah Lee Chapter of NSDAR. Madysen & Anna's winning essays were sent on to the Iowa DAR for judging at the state level. Matthew Burkholder the son of Essie Burkholder also entered the essay contest at the 5th grade level and was awarded a certificate for participation.

Each year the Daughters of the American Revolution sponsors this contest for all area students in grades 5 - 8. This year's topic was in recognition of the 250th anniversary of the Boston Massacre.



**Anna Knaack**

**Madysen Lippe**

**Matthew Burkholder**

*"Imagine you are living in Boston and, after witnessing the events of March 5, describe your family's discussion about the Boston Massacre and what role it played in organizing the colonists against the British King and Parliament."*

Submitted by Becky McCabe

# James Harlan Chapter

## 'Folded Flags' Continue to Enhance Veterans Parkway to West Des Moines

West Des Moines, Iowa – An art installation in West Des Moines continues to amaze people within its first year. 'Folded Flags' is a display off of Veterans Parkway and Highway 28.

Vietnam Veterans and VFW 8879 Commander Jim Nicklaus said, "The vision was to honor the service of the veterans. They did just a wonderful job of working with us and brainstorming so we were just excited at the opportunity and we are really pleased the city is doing such a wonderful job recognizing the service of our veterans!"

"There are 15 folded shaped flags that stand 15 feet tall, creating one large triangle. The theme for this enhancement to Veterans is 'reflection.' These dimensional flags with interior lighting represent people who fought, the people who have served and the veterans of our country who brought this freedom forth to our nation." Nicklaus said.

West Des Moines Parks and Recreation Director Sally Ortgies, said this is just the first of three phases to entrance Veterans Parkway.



"We will be installing different elements in the medians down the middle of the street. Those have symbols on them like the different medals that the military are given in honor of their service." Ortgies said, "Veterans Parkway will honor veterans more than name of the roadway".

Ortgies continues "on the west end of Veterans Parkway there will be red stripes to symbolize the American flag with words from veterans like loyalty, sacrifice, honor, duty and more. At night, the folded flags light up. In the evening it is so wonderful to come out and here and see the flags, the colors. They really do illuminate handsomely," Nicklaus said.

The entire roadway is 11.5 miles long.

The flag of the United States of American, when removed from the casket at a military funeral, is folded precisely in 13 folds and given to the family. The last fold of the triangle shape produces a blue background with white stars, as the display on Veterans Parkway.

News article by Christa Salonika, posted Feb 28, 2020. Information taken from an archived article and the information may be outdated.

For great video viewing, go to Google>Videos>folded flags Des Moines IA. And/or shive-hattery – Brian Abeling/Abeling Photo. Happy Veterans Day. Two views day or night. Enjoy.

Submitted by Cathy Gethmann & Sylvia Blaesing

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*Jim Nicklaus,  
Vietnam Veterans and  
VFW 8879 Commander*



# Jean Marie Cardinell Chapter

## Outstanding Community Service Winners



Mr. Don Long,  
Outstanding Community Service

The Chapter was proud to recognize the outstanding community service work performed by **Mr. Don Long** over many years at the Gold Star Museum at Camp Dodge, Johnston, Iowa.

Don was honored for his dedicated service organizing and maintaining the Museum Library. Don helps researchers find general information in the books, magazines, and CDs. Don helps family members find specific information to fill in the missing history of their loved ones. His volunteer jobs at the museum have changed over the years; from photo archiving to organizing the library – he is considered the “go to” guy for research information. Don created the Used Bookstore to make use of duplicate books.



The Chapter also recognized **Ms. Carol Bowers**, a Chapter member, for her non-DAR volunteer work and many hours of dedication.

Carol has volunteered countless hours over the years to the work of the Iowa Radio Reading Information Service, known as IRIS. Her job as a volunteer is to read newspaper articles (or other materials) over a special frequency on NPR (National Public Radio). Her voice is recorded and rebroadcast later in the day. Her listeners are blind or have limited vision and cannot easily read on their own. Her service brings the world of information to Iowans.

In addition, Carol has contributed to her community by serving as President of the Ankeny Genealogical Chapter and President of the local Quilting Guild which supplies quilts to those in need. She performs many service activities within her church and donates blood regularly. She is active in the Scottish Heritage Association.

Submitted by Candy Brown



*Our Chair, Jan Neal ( left), is very proud of these selections and so proud to be able to honor these wonderful community volunteers!*

*Congratulations  
Don & Carol!*



## Baskets for Military Families

Heidi Holsapple, DAR Project Patriot Chair, worked with the Warrior Family Services at Camp Dodge (Johnston Iowa) to provide Christmas gift baskets for seven local military families. Warrior Family Services identified families most in need this Christmas season and provided a list of suggested gift items specific to the families and ages of the children.

Heidi notified chapter members of this need at the December meeting. Heidi collected JMC members generously donated items, she prepared the beautifully wrapped gift baskets and delivered them to Camp Dodge on Saturday, December 19, 2020. Others on hand to assist were Connor and Olivia Holsapple, Tallgrass Prairie C.A.R. members and Vice Regent Dianna Baker Hoyer. Another excellent Patriotic Project.



## WWII Veterans Recognized

DAR certificates were presented to Marvin Goodknight of Iowa Falls, David Welden of Parkersburg, Neil Baker and Daniel Hoyer for their service in World War II. These are new on the NSDAR website and the Veterans really appreciate the recognition. This story also made the local newspaper.

## Wreaths Across America



Although the Wreaths Across America had to be handled differently this year due to Covid, the Iowa Veterans Cemetery was still adorned with thousands of beautiful wreaths. Instead of the 700+ volunteers on Saturday, they were dependent on 30 to lay them all on Friday. Then families were invited to visit on Saturday or anytime.

Although the event was different, the beauty and thoughts for our Veterans was significant. The Governor signed a proclamation, and the ceremony was live-streamed on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Iowa-Veterans-Cemetery-Wreaths-Across-America-908798662786375/videos/215687760151573>



Our Chapter has always supported the efforts of Wreaths Across America through volunteers and purchases of wreaths and this year was listed as a supporting organization on the Wreaths Across America web site.

*Submitted by Candy Brown*



# Marion-Linn Chapter

## Meetings and programs

Our chapter has been having Zoom meetings since the beginning of 2021. Gradually more and more members are becoming comfortable with this platform. We carry on our business and reports and try to have a short program. We decided to purchase the option of unlimited time on Zoom, as the 40 minutes allowed for free was not quite long enough and we felt rushed. In January, we held a memorial service for 2 members who had passed away last year- Jean Oxley and Alice Marks. Our Chaplain Charlene George led this short service assisted by Jan Beardsley who sang "It is Well".

In February, we had a program on the naturalization process for immigrants who wish to become citizens. It was presented by Kaitlin Hall, who works in this field. She explained the 2 options for obtaining a green card, which is the first step toward citizenship. We learned how difficult, expensive, and time consuming the whole process is. She told us the backstories of a couple of her clients how they are working to support themselves now as they are waiting for their "day in court". It was decided that because of the pandemic that the Good Citizens Tea would be cancelled. We will find another way to present awards to our 6 students and will hopefully be able to share that in the next newsletter. In March we will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of our State flag. Peg Wilkinson will present a program on the history of the state flag and the woman who designed it - a Daughter herself.

*Submitted by Janette Beardsley*



# Mason City Chapter

## Meetings and programs

The Mason City Chapter had a busy Fall/Winter before taking a break until April. We met in September with a speaker on the Constitution. In September we also welcomed one of our newest members Lyn Johnson.

Lyn is our Service to Veterans chair and has kept us very busy. In November, we signed thank you cards that were then taken to Cerro Gordo Veteran Affairs office to be shared with veterans as they came in the office. While we would have loved to hand them to vets at the HyVee breakfast due to COVID-19 that was not possible this year.



*Initiation of Lyn Johnson. Pictured Diane Murphy, Val Edison, Lyn Johnson, and Nancy Marsh*

In December, we were busy spreading some cheer. Members responded to the call for socks and Christmas notes overwhelmingly. In fact, 70 pairs of plain and fun socks were wrapped and together with Christmas notes were distributed to veterans in nine Health Care Centers, both skilled care and assisted living facilities. In addition, some were delivered to the Veteran's Clinic. There were also personal health kits delivered. Due to COVID-19, only Health Center staff could distribute the gifts, so we couldn't see for ourselves the smiles and the happiness it brought the veterans, but we can certainly imagine how they looked.



*Submitted by Diane Murphy*

# Sun Dial-Solomon Dean Chapter

## *New member installations, Good Citizen Award, and Chapter updates*

Sun Dial-Solomon Dean Chapter installed its new members, Linda Shike Cunningham and Patricia Smith Ruble at the December meeting.

Sun Dial-Solomon Dean Chapter Patriotic Coffee was held on Saturday, February 13. We honored our Sun Dial-Solomon Dean Chapter Good Citizen, Abigail Ervin, South Hamilton High School, Jewell.

Our speaker was Jack Anderson. His topic was "Why I Chose to Enlist in the Navy and My Time Served in Vietnam".

After Mr. Anderson's program Regent Susan Harris and Chapter Chaplain Jackie Peters presented an NSDAR Certificate In Recognition of Valor, Service and Sacrifice during the Vietnam War and The United States of America Vietnam War Commemorative Pin.

*Submitted by Susan Harris*



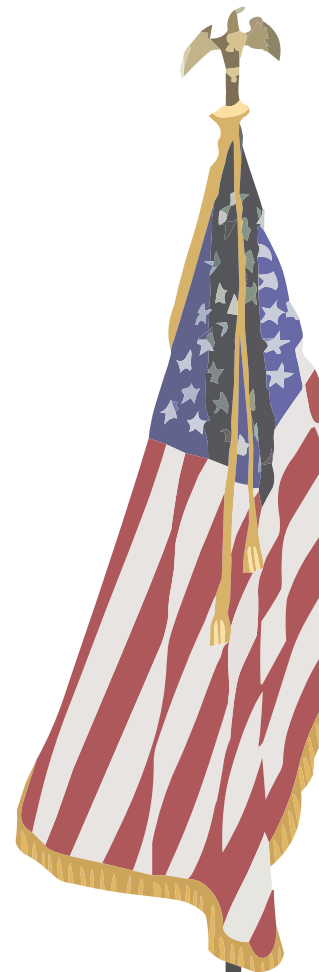
**Linda Shike Cunningham & Patricia Smith Ruble**  
*Installation of new members!*



Pictured left to right:  
**Regent Susan Harris,  
Jack Anderson,  
Jackie Peters**



Pictured left to right:  
**Abigail Ervin  
Regent Susan Harris**





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# **In Memoriam**

*Honoring our fellow Daughters*

# In Memoriam ...



*Lord, God of heaven and of earth, in the midst of our mourning you come to us. In our darkness, your spirit moves, spreading light in our stormy night. We ask your blessing on this day as we remember each dearly departed daughter and others who have gone to eternal rest with you. Bring to us your light as we pay tribute to each of these members. In Your name we pray. Amen*

**Deanna Kay Daniels**

*Martha Washington Chapter*

*November 7, 2020*

*~ 8 years of membership ~*

**Jeannette Pearl Brown Bolanos**

*Jean Espy Chapter*

*December 19, 2020*

*~ 11 years of membership ~*

**Dorothy Wilson Lakin**

*Cedar Falls Chapter*

*January 14, 2021*

*~ 40 years of membership ~*

**Eleanor Hagen Olson Lamberts**

*Sun Dial-Soloman Dean Chapter*

*January 24, 2021*

*~ 42 years of membership ~*

**Linda Joyce Holmes Smith**

*Abigail Adams Chapter*

*January 25, 2021*

*~ 7 years of membership ~*

**Gretchen Ann VonEsche Perry**

*Council Bluffs Chapter*

*February 2, 2021*

*~ 42 years of membership ~*

**Corinne Baker Helgerson**

*Elizabeth Ross Chapter*

*February 8, 2021*

*~ 16 years of membership ~*

**Beverly F Sewell Nelson**

*Jean Marie Cardinell Chapter*

*February 14, 2021*

*~ 40 years of membership ~*

**Ellen Kay Dirks**

*Candle-Stick Chapter*

*February 20, 2021*

*~ 45 years of membership ~*



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# ISDAR Newsletter

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