

# Iowa Society

*Daughters of the American Revolution* ♡

*Whatever you do, do your work heartily as for the Lord rather than for men.*  
Colossians 3:23 NASB



*"Serve others with all your Heart."*

## From the State Regent

*Marla Huebler Suter* ♡

Iowa Daughters,

Happy New Year! 2022 is well under way and Iowa Daughters are hard at work carrying out our mission of service to God, Home and Country. Chapter Regents and Committee Chairman have begun to submit annual reports summarizing the many outstanding achievements over the past year and it has been so uplifting for this officer to read them. We are seeing some great responses from Division Chairman as well as they review Iowa submissions. Well done, Ladies!

The generosity of Iowa Daughters has once again exceeded all expectations. The donations to the State Regent's project that will provide funds to the Friends of DAR Schools, continue to accumulate. We will be announcing totals at State Conference and I hope you will be as pleased as I am.

The National Society continues to provide us with endless opportunities to learn more about our Society's mission and goals, and about how to develop the skills necessary to be successful chapter officers and

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to be successful chapter officers and committee chairman. The Members course, the New Horizons Course and the new Committee Leaders course are amazing ways to really enhance your DAR membership experience. If you have not yet taken these courses, start thinking about it. There is also nearly an endless list of DAR Facebook groups that provide great networking opportunities. If you are a chapter officer or committee chairman, please follow the corresponding group on Facebook. Chances are if you have a question about something or an issue, so does your counterpart in another chapter and it has been discussed with possible solutions being offered. And, you will stay up to date with all the latest information.

I am so looking forward to our 123rd State Conference at the Airport Holiday Inn & Convention Center in Des Moines, April 21 – 23, 2022. We will have in-person guest speakers and visiting State Regents that we hope you will enjoy as well as many, many, many award presentations. We will all be inspired by Chapter Regent reports and motivated by State Committee Chairman reports. We also have some business to take care of during the meeting, the election and installation of new state officers and some proposed bylaw amendments to consider. You will find more information about our State Conference in this newsletter along with the agenda and registration forms. Lastly, we are starting a new tradition this year, we are asking chapters that have chapter banners to bring them to be displayed in the meeting room during conference! Let's make it a beautiful display!

It continues to be my honor and privilege to serve Iowa Daughters and I am so very proud of each and every one of you. I would be thrilled to visit your chapter, either virtually or in-person! Just drop me a note and we will get it scheduled before the end of this administration. There are still a few chapters that I have not visited. I continue to be in awe of everything Iowa Daughters are doing and I hope that you too will find inspiration in the pages of each one of our quarterly ISDAR newsletters. I am especially grateful for the talented Daughters who have stepped forward to submit articles, compile the newsletter and make it possible to share with all of us.

Stay safe, stay well and continue to Serve others with all you Heart!  
Spring is just around the corner!

*Marla Huebler Suter*  
**State Regent, ISDAR**

*Serve others with all your Heart.*



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# From the Vice Regent

*Edee Brunia*

The 123rd annual ISDAR State Conference is getting the finishing touches and we encourage members to join us in Des Moines at the Airport Holiday Inn at 6111 Fleur Drive, April 21-23, 2022. This is the time and place we will put some sunshine on the many accomplishments we have achieved in 2021. With great anticipation we look forward to the State Officers, Chapter Regent and State Committee reports and the opportunity to meet and congratulate our many winners. Our speakers, Dr. Benjamin Franklin and Dr. T. Waldmann-Williams will bring us both entertainment and enlightenment. With sadness, we will pay our respects to our members who have died during the past year. Congratulations will be in order for our recent DAR Leadership Training Course graduates and our 2022-2024 State Officers.

The credentials form has been posted on the ISDAR website under Officers and Forms in both the State Regent and State Vice Regent category and this newsletter includes the agenda and the registration form for your convenience. The deadline for the credentials form is March 28, 2022, to be received by Edee Brunia, State Conference Chairman. The deadline for the registration form is April 1, 2022. The mailing address is on both forms. The deadline for hotel reservations is April 1, 2022 and be sure to ask for the DAR room block. The telephone number is on the registration form.

We will again have many great opportunities for shopping for DAR and C.A.R. official and fun items. At the President General's Project table will be the last of the Van Buren Administration items to serve as your remembrance of her term. There will be a table for our members to obtain information on the new 2022-2025 Wright Administration members. Our State Regent's Project table will feature many items to help raise funds for the Friends of the DAR Schools to further the DAR mission of fostering education. The dress exchange will return with donations and sales of gently used dresses for a \$25.00 donation to the State Regent's Project. If you would like, you may bring silent auction items with a value of at least \$25.00 for our members to bid on to benefit the State Regent's Project. C.A.R., the



**Edee Brunia, State Vice Regent**  
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Corresponding Secretary with chapter supplies, the Juniors and the Yvonne Boone Boutique will all be offering items for your shopping pleasure.

As a reminder, please contact this officer if you will need a display table or exhibit space at the 2022 State Conference.

As the last conference of the Suter Administration many committees will be changing chairman and our State Regent is asking all committee chairs to bring their updated handbook, if they have one, to state conference. If you don't have one that is ok, so much of today's information is online so not everyone will have a handbook. What we value as most important is if our chairman have information on what they did for the Suter Administration that it be in writing or the information on a thumb drive to hand to the next chairman.

Thank you to all, it has been a pleasure working for and with the Iowa Society DAR members.

Serve others with all your Heart!

*Edee Brunia*  
**State Vice Regent, ISDAR**

**Iowa Society Daughters of the American Revolution**  
**123rd Annual State Conference**  
**April 21-23 2022**  
**Airport Holiday Inn, 6111 Fleur Drive, Des Moines, IA**

**Thursday April 21**

- 2:00 p.m. - Executive Committee Meeting for State Officers – Room 396
- 6:00 p.m. - State Officers Club Dinner - Room 397
- 4- 7:00 p.m.- Display tables may be set up – North Ballroom
- 4-7:00 p.m. - State Conference Registration Begins – Lobby of Ballroom
- 9:00 p.m. - Informal Social – Hospitality Room 160

**Friday April 22**

- 7:30 a.m. - State Conference Registration opens – Lobby of Ballroom
- 9:30 a.m. - ISDAR 123<sup>rd</sup> State Conference opens – Central & South Ballroom  
Guest introductions, State Officer Reports, Recommendations, Election of State Officers
- 10:40 a.m. - SE Chapter Regent Reports, Chapter Achievement Awards
- 11:00 a.m. - NE District Director & Chapter Regent Reports, Chapter Achievement Awards
- 11:20 a.m. - Break for Lunch – Take Belongings – Tables need to be set up for Luncheon - Free time/Displays  
**Check Mailboxes**
- 12:00 p.m. - Luncheon Central & South Ballroom  
**Guest Speaker: Dr. T. Waldmann-Williams, Author – *My Name Is Dixie*  
*Designer of the Iowa Flag***
- 1:30 p.m. - Conference Resumes – Central & South Ballroom
- 1:30 p.m. - SW District Director, Chapter Regents Reports, Chapter Achievement Awards
- 2:00 p.m. - NW District Director, Chapter Regent Reports, Chapter Achievements Awards
- 2:30 p.m. - Reports of State Chairman
- 3:30 p.m. - Conference Recess – Take Belongings – **Check Mailboxes**
- 5:15 p.m. - Pictures (Honoraries, State Officers, District Directors, State Chairman, Chapter Regents, Guests, Pages) Located on the South side of the Lobby of the Ballroom
- 5:45 p.m. - Guest Registration
- 6:30 p.m. - Banquet – **Guest Speaker: Dr. Benjamin Franklin as portrayed by Mr. Barry Stevens**  
Honoring Award Winners – DAR Good Citizens - ISDAR Scholarships  
**\*\*\*Receiving line immediately following banquet\*\*\***
- 9:30 p.m. - Informal Reception Following Banquet – Hospitality Room 160  
**Please come and visit with our Guests and Winners**

**Saturday April 23**

- 8:45 a.m. - Memorial Service – Central & South Ballroom
- 9:45 a.m. - Conference Resumes – Central & South Ballroom  
Committee Reports, Bylaw Amendments
- 11:00 a.m. - Silent Auction Closes – Pick up items and pay
- 11:15 a.m. - Break for Luncheon setup – Take Belongings – Free time to visit Displays – **Check Mailboxes**
- 12:00 p.m. - Luncheon – Central & South Ballroom  
American History Essay Contest Winners
- 1:30 p.m. - Conference Resumes – Central & South Ballroom  
Graduation Ceremony for DAR Leadership Training Courses – Sylvia Blaesing  
Installation of 2022-2024 State Officers

**“Serve others with all your Heart”**

# Guest Speakers

## *ISDAR 123rd Annual State Conference*

**Gretchen Magee**, a 20-year and third-generation DAR member, is the Arkansas State Regent 2020-2022. She was the Arkansas State Vice Regent, State Librarian, and Osage District Director.

Her service also includes terms as State Chair of the President General's Project, Financial Review, and State Conference in addition to being a 2014 National Finalist as Outstanding Junior. On the National level she has been a National Vice Chair for American Heritage and South-Central Genealogical Records as well as the 2019-2020 President of the State Vice Regent's Club.

"We Rise by Lifting Others" is the State Theme of the Magee Administration and the symbol is three balloons in red, white, and blue representing the Arkansas Daughters working together in support of historic preservation, education, and patriotism. The State Regent's project is Service Dogs of Distinction and she has chosen the Veteran Shoebox Drive, as a state-wide project for the administration. She also has developed the Our First Veterans activities and expanded sponsorship of Wreaths Across America, Veterans Shoebox Project, and Homeless Veterans Kits in Arkansas.

Gretchen has her Doctorate of Audiology from the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center and serves as a practitioner and practice owner for Better Hearing and Balance Connection servicing Northwest Arkansas. She has lived in Northwest Arkansas since 2008 and currently lives on Loch Lomond in Bella Vista. Her life also involves activities with her 4 children who are C.A.R. members. Gretchen is also active with her church and other volunteer community activities in her home area. ♡

**Charlotte White** was born and raised in Winnsboro, LA. She became a member of the Oakley Chapter of LSDAR in 1998. She has held many positions including chapter regent, chapter first vice regent, state historian, state treasurer, district director and state chair of DAR Good Citizen and President Generals project sales. She is currently serving as State Regent, chapter registrar and America 250 Membership Task Force volunteer.

Charlotte studied anthropology, antiquities, and Latin at Louisiana State University. She is a certified master diver and stress and rescue diver. She worked as an accountant for White Ford Lincoln Mercury in Winnsboro, Louisiana.

Her hobbies include genealogy and scuba diving, but she also loves to travel and spend time with family and friends. Charlotte and her husband Robert share 3 children and 10 grandchildren. ♡



*Gretchen Magee*

Arkansas State Regent,  
2020 - 2022



*Charlotte White*

Louisiana State Regent,  
2019 - 2022

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**Dr. T. Waldmann-Williams** is the owner of TWW Consulting serving organizational leaders, individuals, and boards to optimize their strategic intent and successfully realize and evolve their strategies. After a successful career with AT&T she established her business in 1998 building upon her experiences, education and training, and models she designed and continues to use for over 50 years.

T. holds master certifications and an undergraduate in Music Education from College of St. Mary, a Master's in Business from University of Nebraska, and Doctorate in Business and Education from Union Institute and University with express focus on competency management, strategic planning and management, and organizational effectiveness.

In addition to her business, she serves on community and state boards and continues to research and write. Her first book is *My Name Is Dixie: Designer of the Iowa Flag*. She lives in Knoxville IA with her husband Merrill Williams and is blessed with two stepchildren, 3 grand boys, and 1 great granddaughter. ♡



*Dr. T. Waldmann-Williams*  
Author,  
*My Name Is Dixie: Designer of the Iowa Flag*



*Barry Stevens*  
Benjamin Franklin presenter,  
2005 - present

**Barry Stevens** has been presenting Benjamin Franklin since 2005. He was tending campfire while participating as a member of the First Virginia Regiment (a company of Revolutionary War re-enactors). Visitors to the campfire would address him as “Ben” with such frequency and certainty that he outfitted himself as this special 18th Century gentleman and actually began answering their questions!

His education of Dr. Franklin has led him to read and study extensively on the life and times of this American personality. That study is ongoing and without end. It has taken him to locations throughout the Colonies known to Dr. Franklin and even to Le Procope restaurant in Paris, France. On a recent trip he visited the Bakken Museum in Minneapolis, MN to gain insight into the electrical experiments conducted by Dr. Franklin. This experience is constantly being referenced as he presents Benjamin Franklin to eager and responsive audiences.

Mr. Stevens currently resides in Virginia. ♡

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# Important Notices

## *ISDAR 123rd Annual State Conference*

### > **Overflow rooms for State Conference 2022**

There has been another room block for DAR set up at the DoubleTree Hotel at 6800 Fleur Drive, Des Moines for Thursday and Friday nights. One King is priced at \$149 and 2 Queens is \$152. Their telephone number is 515-287-0847 or 1-855-610-8733 and ask for the DAR Room Block. The rooms can also be booked online at DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Des Moines Airport. Watch the address, make sure it is on Fleur Drive.

### > **Bylaw Amendments to be proposed**

Several proposed bylaw amendments will be presented at State Conference by the Bylaw Committee Chairman. The proposed amendments are available on the ISDAR members website for you to review. [2022 Proposed Bylaws Amendments.pdf](#) (isdar.org)

### > **State Chairmen: Informational Material for DAR mailboxes**

If you are a state chairman and have informational material, papers or certificates to deliver via the DAR mailboxes at State Conference, **PLEASE**, please have it in the mailboxes before lunch on Saturday.

### > **State Chairmen: Committee handbooks**

To all 2020-2022 State Chairman, if you have a handbook for your committee, please **update** it and bring to State Conference. If you do not have a handbook, **please** **handwrite** or **put your update on a thumb drive** to hand to the next chairman. A copy of any form or certificate you used will be much appreciated.

### > **Chapter Banners**

Does your chapter have a chapter banner? If so, please bring it to State Conference to display in the meeting room during conference.

Let's line the wall with a spectacular display of chapter pride. Please be sure to bring the staff and base as well!





**IOWA SOCIETY DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**  
**123rd ISDAR State Conference**  
**April 21-23, 2022**

Airport Holiday Inn  
 6111 Fleur Drive  
 Des Moines, IA 50321

Hotel Reservations: (515) 287-2400  
 Double \$109 plus 12% tax - up to 4 per room  
 Ask for DAR Room Block

**Make Reservations directly with hotel by April 1, 2022 – NO EXCEPTION**

**REGISTRATION FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I plan to arrive on \_\_\_\_\_ a.m./p.m. and depart on \_\_\_\_\_ a.m./p.m.  
*(Helps us plan appropriately for attendance and lets us know when you plan to arrive and depart)*

**Friday Lunch** *Toasted Salad with Golden Italian dressing,  
 Smoked Beef Brisket with Honey Mustard, Monterey Jack Cheese, Sauteed Onions  
 And Peppers on Grilled Wheat Berry Bread, Chips, Fresh Baked Cookie*

**Friday Banquet** *Tomato and Basil Bruschetta, Spring Mix salad served with Mandarin Oranges, Candied Pecans and Dorothy  
 Lynch dressing, Roast Beef slow cooked with Garlic Red Wine Reduction,  
 Steamed Broccoli Spears, Baked Potato, Strawberry Rhubarb Pie*

**Saturday Lunch** *Spinach & Garden Greens with Raspberry Vinaigrette, Grilled Chicken Breast Sandwich with Tomato, Fresh  
 Greens & Pesto Mayonnaise, American Cheese on a Brioche Bun, Chips,  
 Fresh Baked Cookie*

*Please tell us if you have dietary restrictions \_\_\_\_\_*

		*Place check mark in box to select	*Check To Select	SPECIAL
		**Enter REG or SPEC for type of meal		
Registration	\$ 15.00			
Friday Luncheon	\$ 27.00			
Friday Banquet	\$ 40.00			
Saturday Luncheon	\$ 27.00			
<b>TOTAL ENCLOSED</b>				

EXAMPLE	*Check To Select	SPECIAL
\$ 15.00	X	
\$ 27.00	X	REG
\$ 40.00	X	SPEC
\$ 27.00	X	REG
\$ 109.00		

**Completion and submission of this registration form serves as your agreement with NSDAR -1000 Photo Video Release policy.**

**Registration Deadline is April 1, 2022**

**Mail registration form and payment to:**

Edee Brunia, State Vice Regent  
 11179 Elk Horn Street  
 Norwalk, IA 50211-9566  
 Email: ebrunia@yahoo.com

**Make checks payable to "Iowa Society DAR"**



Please check ALL that apply:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> National Officer       | <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter Regent      | <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter Chairman                  |                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> State Officer          | <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter Vice Regent | <input type="checkbox"/> Junior                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Honorary State Regent  | <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter Officer     | <input type="checkbox"/> C.A.R. Member                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Page   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Past National Officer  | <input type="checkbox"/> District Director   | <input type="checkbox"/> C.A.R. Senior Leader              | <input type="checkbox"/> Guest  |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> National Vice Chairman | <input type="checkbox"/> State Vice Chairman | <input type="checkbox"/> Credentialed Medical Professional |                                 |



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# From the State Recording Secretary

*Tiffany Hauptman*

**ATTENTION ALL CHAPTER REGENTS,  
COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN, STATE OFFICERS  
DEADLINE APRIL 1!**

How inspiring it is to read about all of the activities and accomplishments of Iowa Daughters in 2021! I have the privilege of compiling our reports for the past two years in the Proceedings Book, the official record of the Iowa Society.

Reports from all Chapter Regents, State Committee Chairmen, and State Officers are due to the State Regent and State Recording Secretary by April 1.



**Tiffany Hauptman,**  
State Recording Secretary  
*"Serve others with all your Heart."*



## INSTRUCTIONS

1. A specific form is not necessary.
2. List the Chapter/Committee/Office name, Chapter city and code (Chapter Regent's Report), and your name at the top of the report.
3. The report should be one to two paragraphs of complete sentences containing mention of the most interesting or outstanding work of the chapter, committee or office. Be creative – inspire others! Each report is limited to a maximum of 200 words.
4. Reports are to be copy-ready for publication or submitted electronically.

## THREE COPIES OF THE COMPLETE REPORT ARE REQUIRED:

1. One for the State Regent for use in compiling her report for Continental Congress and for future reference during her administration;
2. The second for the State Recording Secretary for publication in the Proceedings Book;
3. The third copy for the chapter/committee record

## PRIOR TO THE APRIL 1 DEADLINE, EMAIL REPORTS TO:

1. Marla Suter, Iowa State Regent
  - o [mlsuter@iowatelecom.net](mailto:mlsuter@iowatelecom.net)
2. Tiffany Hauptman, State Recording Secretary
  - o [cmorfeet@yahoo.com](mailto:cmorfeet@yahoo.com)

# From the State Registrar

*Kathy Pezley*



*Welcome*



**Kathy Pezley,**  
State Registrar  
*"Serve others with all your Heart."*



**Welcome Iowa Daughters**

## December 2021 – February 2022

### New

#### Ashley

Sarah Thompson

**Anna Maria Lane**

Shelagh Cofer

**Cedar Falls**

Isabelle Shock

**Hannah Caldwell**

Marika Krause

Katherine Turner

**Hannah Lee**

Ranell Bolson

#### Helen Hinman Dwelle

Carol Abbey

**Jean Marie Caldwell**

Annette Van Zee

Jennifer Jacobs

**Pilgrim**

Jessica Alberhasky

**Spinning Wheel**

Mary Tappe

**Sun Dial-Solomon Dean**

Kelsiann Halbloom

### Reinstated

**Abigail Adams**

Anna Richards

**Martha Washington**

Mari Moreland

**Mayflower**

Renie Frisby-McCallum

**Open Fire**

Anne Todd

### Transfers In

**Ashley**

Charlotte Anderson

**Cedar Falls**

Judith Williamson

**Hannah Caldwell**

Margot Dudewicz

**Sun Dial- Solomon Dean**

Ida Simmons

**Washington**

Barbara James

# From the State Historian

Laura L.B. Kozin

## Appreciation for willingness to serve

As my term as State Historian nears its end, gratitude and curiosity are overwhelming. The first began when reading the announcement of Iowa Society candidates for election this April. After 15 years, that little ivory card brought 10 names of women I've met and have seen hard at work. My heart lifted, confident of their abilities and commitment. And grateful for each one who agreed to go to the next level.

Willingness to serve is also the core of why we honor our Revolutionary ancestors. If my Daniel Martin had decided to board a ship for the St. Lawrence, instead of walking to Boston with his neighbors, who would I be? But Old Dan chose to serve America when Bunker Hill broke out. And I'm a DAR.

A recent email from Iowa Sons of the American Revolution to this officer, reminded me that there are still more ways to keep Patriot memories fresh. As DAR works the America 250! project, SAR no doubt has plans to celebrate the 250th anniversary of our country, too. Iowa SAR is working on a bronze plaque listing 43 Revolutionary War veterans buried in Iowa. They wrote to us to double-check resources. Iowa Daughters have put considerable effort into finding and verifying our Patriots, and marking their graves here. DAR enables public access to our patriot database. ISDAR offers patriot info by county on our public website. It was an honor to help SAR access what we have.

Verifying their list to our data, I fell down a rabbit hole. Curiosity consumed me, and I asked DAR's Genealogical Research System for all the Patriots buried in Iowa. GRS found three who were not recorded by SAR or Iowa DAR! They are:

**LEFFLER, JACOB JR** Ancestor #: A069026  
Service: PENNSYLVANIA Rank(s): PATRIOTIC SERVICE  
Birth: 9-8-1765 FREDERICK CO-PROB MARYLAND  
Death: 2-3-1844 BURLINGTON DES MOINES CO IOWA  
Service Source: DRAPER MANUSCRIPTS, PITTSBURGH AND NW VA PAPERS, SERIES NN, VOL 6, PP 129-136  
Service Description: 1) DEFENDER OF RICE'S FORT, 1782

**SEAMAN, ANDREW** Ancestor #: A100927  
Notice: TREAT AS NEW ANCESTOR (WHY?)  
Service: CONNECTICUT Rank(s): PRIVATE, GUARD  
Birth:  
Death: 1845 CLINTON IOWA  
Service Description: 1) PVT, & MEM GEN WASHINGTON'S BODY GUARD

**WADE, WILLIAM** Ancestor #: A200271  
Service: VIRGINIA Rank(s): CORPORAL  
Birth: 3-4-1757 GOOCHLAND CO VIRGINIA  
Death: 12-29-1841 BURLINGTON IOWA  
Service Description: 1) CONT LINE

Leffler has one associated application (8035CA – El Toya Chapter). Seaman has one (50161A – Clinton Chapter). Wade has one (8123CA – Santa Lucia Chapter)

Don't you think this is an opportunity not to be missed? Three Patriots that DAR genealogists know are buried here. But who we have not marked! Of course, we are grateful for their service. It's a puzzle how three fell through the cracks. Who were they? Could there be any descendants still in Iowa? (BTW, the SAR has room on the bronze plaque for three more names.)

I don't know how far into the weeds one has to go to locate them. But how amazing would it be for Iowa to locate and mark three "new" patriot graves? America 250! is on the horizon.



Laura L.B. Kozin,  
State Historian  
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# **State & National Committees**

*Chairmen Reports*

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# America 250! Semiquincentennial Committee

*Beth Iseminger & Nancy Geiger, Co-Chairmen*

Chapter 2020 CMRs indicate a good start at sharing Patriot moments at each meeting. 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 our ISDAR America 250! Website. Read through yourself and share with others at your meetings. The NSDAR Patriot Post, a 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.

## Chapter Development & Revitalization Committee

*Carolyn DeLay, Chairman*

- Encourage chapters concentrated in an area to form a Regents Roundtable for sharing of ideas and activities-sharing of ideas and networking can benefit all chapters
- Combine with other chapters to conduct workshops and community events
- HAVE FUN-take cookies to the first responders in your area; collect and deliver books for your local early childhood education facilities; volunteer in a local classroom; plant a tree; clean a cemetery; WEAR your DAR T-shirt so your community will begin to recognize you wherever you go! Shine a light on DAR in the community!
- Be the “Go-To” group in your community! DAR members work hard and have TALENT-Share your talent and enthusiasm for community service-organize and mobilize!
- Give a Community Service Award! Recognize achievement in your community.
- Give a Good Citizen Award
- Sponsor an essay contest; Give an ROTC award
- Give new members a committee! Is the new member a retired teacher? Put her in charge of the Literacy Committee. It’s a perfect fit. Get her involved. Empower her! Give her a budget to work with.
- Try to include new members and junior members in chapter service and leadership positions
- Have name tags for ALL chapter activities. Be nice. Be friendly. Be open to new ideas.
- Encourage chapters to get involved in state activities-“at risk” chapters often do not attend state conference

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# American Heritage Committee

*Melissa Stewart, Chairman*

## **Winter 2022 ~ American Heritage Committee ~ Let Your Light Shine!**

Your American Heritage Committee presents the America 250! Quilt Project

Become a part of DAR History!

This quilt will represent every state society and the Units Overseas -- make sure your state or country is represented!

Theme: As each state became part of our country beginning 250 years ago, each state block of our quilt will unite with all, to become a tapestry of our country's heritage.

Each state will hold a contest to find that special "block" that best represents the history of the state, hopefully as far back as the Revolutionary War. Participating chapters will submit their drawn design symbolizing their state history for the quilt block. Designs to be sent to their state chair, or, if applicable, Units Overseas National Chair Cindy McNamara, for judging. It is recommended that the state regent and state chair lead the judging team.

Judging should be completed with one square chosen from each state, or region, by May 1, 2022.

When judging is complete, all state societies and the Units Overseas Committee will send their winning design to a designated member of the American Heritage Committee for approval.

After each state and the Units Overseas design has been approved, states and the national chair for Units Overseas will receive their America 250! Quilt Project kit. Each kit will include detailed directions and material that will be embroidered with your state name.

Each state may then construct its square on our 8"x 8" piece of material that has been cut and embroidered just for you! You will notify the committee after your state block is finished with delivery instructions. This quilt will be given to the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution and have the honor to be used at DAR headquarters in Washington DC, and during our celebrations!

Be creative with your design. You may use Applique, Piecing, and Hand Embroidery

You must use Pantone Colors, such as Revolutionary or Colonial Blue, Gold and Buff. Pantone colors are listed as LOGO COLORS in the PR Resources section of the Public Relations & Media Committee page on our members website.

You may not use: Embellishments such as glitter, sequins, or anything that sparkles

This America 250! Quilt will be a visual history of your state and the United States - make sure your state is represented!

### **American Heritage Committee:**

<https://www.dar.org/members/committees/national-committees/american-heritage/committee-overview>

### **Contest Form:** chrome-

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### **National Information Packet (NIP) 2020:**

<https://www.dar.org/members/forms-publication/forms-publications-national-information-packet>

**Questions?** Dianna Callaway, American Heritage National Chair: [amheritagechair@nsdar.org](mailto:amheritagechair@nsdar.org)  
Vickie Canham, Quilt Project Chair: [amheritagevccrafts@nsdar.org](mailto:amheritagevccrafts@nsdar.org)

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# DAR Good Citizens Committee

*Dianna Baker-Hoye, Chairman*

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2021 DISTRICT GOOD CITIZEN WINNERS

The Iowa DAR Society proudly announces District winners for the 2021 Good Citizens Award and Scholarship Contest. Created in 1934, the Good Citizens Award rewards individuals who possess the qualities of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism in their homes, schools, and communities. It is our duty as members of the DAR to identify and recognize these young people. Eligibility to compete at the District and State levels requires the students, high school seniors, to participate in the essay portion of the competition.

Six essays, out of the 89 essays written, advanced this year to compete at the state level. ISDAR wishes to thank all participating chapters, chapter chairmen, and District Vice Chairmen for their exceptional efforts that made it possible for our young people to be recognized as Good Citizens.

We are grateful to the non-DAR chapter, district and state judges for their important deliberations.

### NORTHEAST DISTRICT

Lia Xiao Scharnau--Linn-Mar High School, Marion, IA  
Sponsored by Marion Linn DAR Chapter  
Regent: Sarah Nemmers; Chairman: Janette Beardsley  
District Vice Chairman: Karen Wilson

Joseph Wild Olesen--John F. Kennedy High School,  
Cedar Rapids, IA  
Sponsored by Mayflower DAR Chapter  
Regent: Mary Carroll; Chairman: Anne Wilson  
District Vice Chairman: Karen Wilson

### SOUTHEAST DISTRICT

Haylie Xin Moore--Montezuma High School, Montezuma,  
IA  
Sponsored by Grinnell DAR Chapter  
Regent: Jane Cruchelow; Chairman: Barbara Lease  
District Vice Chairman: Dianna Baker Hoye

### SOUTHWEST DISTRICT

Payten Marie Lambert--Mount Ayr High School, Mount  
Ayr, IA  
Sponsored by Nancy McKay Harsh DAR Chapter  
Regent: Janelle Morgan; Chairman: Jane Briley  
District Vice Chairman: Jane Briley

Skyler Mark Stamps--Diagonal High School, Diagonal, IA  
Sponsored by Nancy McKay Harsh DAR Chapter  
Regent: Janelle Morgan; Chairman: Jane Briley  
District Vice Chairman: Jane Briley

### NORTHWEST DISTRICT

Estella J. Ruhler Johnson--East High School, Sioux City,  
IA  
Sponsored by Martha Washington DAR Chapter  
Regent: Marta Nelson  
District Vice Chairman: Marta Nelson

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# DAR Leadership Training Committee

*Sylvia Blaesing, Chairman*

Member's Course is the place to start in the DAR Leadership Training Committee. Every graduate of the Members Course without exception expresses their opinion that every DAR member should enroll in this course. Learn more about DAR, its history, opportunities, and a sampling of many subjects.

Eligibility for this course includes:

- Any member with current dues paid.
- Has access to use a working computer with internet access.
- Subscription to combined American Spirit Magazine and Daughters Newsletter –upon graduation.

Does this include you?

Members Course has been updated. With changing technology, DAR strives to provide members with good

tools. Videos have interesting scenes, adding depth to the subject, and are more life-like. Audios have been replaced and use a variety of voices and quality improved. These are important tools for participants as this is an online course. No books, no travel, and no lunch...whoops.

Please contact me to start the course or to request additional information. Send an email, or telephone message...all that is needed is **your name and name of your chapter**. Your coordinator will return instructions to you.

Sylvia Blaesing

IA State Coordinator – Members Course, Committee Leaders, and New Horizons Courses

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Mobile Phone: 563-299-6063

# Historic Preservation Committee

*Nancy Grindle & Susan B. Klein, Co-Chairmen*

## ***Iowa chapters join together for historic preservation***

The Marion-Linn, Ashley and Mayflower chapters worked tirelessly over the last few years to restore the Nathan Brown Monument in the Springville, Iowa, cemetery. Nathan Brown is one of two DAR Revolutionary Patriots buried in Linn County. His monument had deteriorated over the years and it was in need of a major repair. Beginning in 2015, the three chapters completed planning, sought funding and hired a qualified contractor to do the restoration. The group did not have an easy time with the project with many delays because of Iowa weather events, a country-wide pandemic, just to name a few. But the group persevered and the monument was rededicated in May, 2021. Hallelujah!

## ***Spring 2021 Historic Preservation Contest Winner***

The group's entry of the project in the ISDAR Historic Preservation Contest was awarded First Place and sent on to the North Central Division contest. The project was then selected as the First-place winner in North Central Division and was sent on as a nominee for the NSDAR 2021 Historic Preservation Contest. We now await the next announcement. No matter if the project wins the national award or not, this project is a wonderful example of how chapters in Iowa can accomplish great things together.



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# Genealogical Records Committee

*Shelley Wells, Chairman*

This chairperson is pleased to announce that the Iowa Daughters have submitted enough Bible records for a volume that will soon be added to the DAR library.

Also calling all Iowa Daughters with Maryland patriots. Please contact this chair as we are 8 pages shy of a Children of Patriot volume for the State of Maryland.

Keep up the good work and thank you for all your dedication to this important committee.

## Lineage Research Committee

*Carolyn DeLay, Chairman*

### **Best Practices for Sharing Records for your DAR Application from the DAR Membership Committee :**

- Scan your entire record in full color, high resolution (at least 240 dpi), and email it. JPG is the preferred file format for individual page records, but PDF is acceptable, as we can convert it.
- If you do not have a scanner and are using your smartphone/device to photograph the image, please keep the following in mind: Lay the record flat on a table in a well-lit, natural light location. (Usually near a window works well, as long as it is not in direct rays.) Try to flatten any creases etc.
  - Photograph from directly above to avoid distorted angles.
  - Make sure all edges of the page are visible—do not crop or focus only on one part of the page. It is ok if the table is in the background. We can crop that out, but we cannot recreate a missing part of the document. DAR wants to see the entire page of the document.
  - Make sure the image is in focus and clear. If using a smart device this is usually accomplished by tapping the screen of the device on the center of the document when you are getting ready to take your picture.
  - When you send the picture from your device, be sure to “send as actual size” or the full resolution that you captured the image at. (Make sure you have your image capture set to high resolution.)
  - Only send scans/photos of original records in your possession. If you found a record online simply send us the link to that (if it is not contained in your family tree.)
- Remember, certified documents are not required. Some states offer informational/genealogical copies of records at a lower cost.
- Ordering records from the county or town level are often faster and less expensive than ordering from the state.

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# Junior Membership Committee

*Sarah Steinke, Chairman*

## Welcome to the 2022 Helen Pouch Memorial Fund Classroom Grant Program!

Please note the following key dates:

- **January 2022:** Applications sent to State Junior Membership Chairs to then forward to chapters.
- **February 15 through May 1, 2022:** Application period open to classroom teachers.
- **May 15, 2022:** Applications due from chapter to State Junior Membership Chair.
- **June 2022:** Grant winners announced at Continental Congress.
- No later than **September 30, 2022:** Awards mailed to the school of record, addressed to the teacher's attention.

Please contact Sarah Steinke, Chairman, to receive the following documents and forms:

- All About the 2022 Junior Membership Classroom Grant Award Program
- 2022 Helen Pouch Memorial Fund Classroom Grant Application
- 2022 Helen Pouch Memorial Fund Classroom Grant Award Judges' Decision Sheet



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# Protocol Committee

*Mary Alice Sampson, Chairman*

How many of you are guilty of being in a meeting and being shushed??? I myself have been, especially when whoever I was listening to wasn't keeping my attention. Or maybe I just couldn't hear what was being said, whispering to the one next to me, or on one or two occasions I just didn't care.

This is something most all of us are guilty of. Starting now, I plan on doing better and certainly hope others will do the same or expect to be called on it.

Those in charge of the meeting or those making a report

at a meeting deserve the courtesy of those of us in attendance having our full attention. After all, we should be grateful to those people for doing what we maybe could be doing. It will make the meeting go faster and smoother and the secretary able to hear what each one says.

If you have questions please raise your hand, but don't expect to interrupt the meeting with your views, experiences, or a story. There will be time for that after the meeting. Remember to keep your reports short (just a minute or two) that also will help keep the timeline short.

# Service to America Committee

*Beth Iseminger & Lois Iseminger, Co-Chairmen*

Remind me!! Why is recording my volunteer hours on the NSDAR online Service to America tally so important?

NSDAR was founded as a service organization. Each year NSDAR reports to the Library of Congress. The online tally documents the quantified hours of service and validates NSDAR as a service organization.

State and Chapter Officers and State and Chapter Committee Chairs – Your officer and committee chair work are reportable hours in the DAR section of the

NSDAR online tally. (Hours spent on the road is not reportable.) (Yes, as State Chairs we do selective reviews. Hours ARE MISSING!)

Thank you to all the Iowa Chapters for your individualized National Day of Service projects. They are examples of community service.

Snap and Salute our essential workers.....besides the nurses, fireman and police, there are the mail people, teachers and grocery store workers.



Review the National website for details and information regarding the four pins available.

<https://www.dar.org/members/committees/special-committees/service-america/salute-service>.

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# Junior Sales Committee

*Jaclyn Kurtz & Cyndie Reppert, Co-Chairmen*

It is getting close to the State Conference and another printing of name badges. If you or any member of your chapter would like to have the Iowa State name badge, please complete the following form and submit it with payment to me by April 6th.

I will pick them up on my way to the conference to have them available to you or your Regent at the conference. If you have any questions please email [cpcms@yahoo.com](mailto:cpcms@yahoo.com) or call 319-750-4878.

Thank you for your continued support of the YB Boutique and the Iowa Juniors.

Mail Name Badge Order Form to:

Cyndie Reppert  
PO Box 333  
Ft. Madison IA 52627  
319-750-4878



## DAR Name Badge Order Form

(Read all Notes at the bottom of the form before placing your order.)

Print Name as it should appear on your Name Badge: \_\_\_\_\_

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Contact Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Magnet or Pin?  Magnet \$13  Pin \$11 Notes:

1. Caution, if sensitive to magnets because of a pacemaker, etc.; order a Pin rather than a magnet.
2. Orders will be made to the company when we have at least 20 requests for name badges.
3. Only the chapter name (not the city) will print on the name badge as shown in the sample below.
4. Each name badge is \$ **above** . Please make checks payable to **Cyndie Reppert**

5. Mail Name Badge Order Form to:  
Cyndie Reppert  
PO Box 333  
**Ft. Madison IA 52627**  
319-750-4878

6. Name tags will be delivered at the next state meeting. Those are:

- Fall Forum
- State Conference
- Arrangements for mailing to chapter



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# **Across the State**

*ISDAR Chapter News*

# Cedar Falls Chapter

## Literacy Committee Project

The Literacy Committee for the Cedar Falls DAR chapter has completed its book drive for North Cedar Elementary School in Cedar Falls. Working with the school librarian Darla Striegel we collected books in the Who Was and What Was series. Chapter members purchased and donated sixteen books. These books were presented to the 4th grade students by Joyce Stout and Debbie Crawford on February 1, 2022. The children were interested and happy to receive the books for their library.



*Debbie Crawford, Regent; students;  
Joyce Stout, member*



## Historic preservation of button hooks

Lisa Lang is a 30 year DAR member who presented a program to the Cedar Falls Chapter "Hooked on Button Hooks" on January 22, 2022. Lisa, pictured below, has been collecting button hooks for 30 years.



*Button Hook collection pictured below*

She shared her vast knowledge on the subject and showed members some of her collection of button hooks. This fascinating program captured the interest of all who attended.

Button hooks were a tool that was in common use across every class in society from approximately 1880 up to 1930. They were used to help button shoes, jackets, waistcoats, gloves, spats, and other clothing items. To use a button hook, you would insert the hook through the buttonhole, position it around the shank of the button and pull through. Since there were so many buttons on shoes and other articles of clothing, especially in the Victorian era, button hooks were a very handy and essential item.

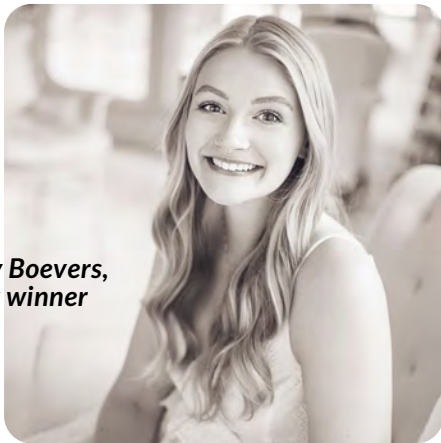
Button hooks come in many sizes, shapes and materials. More common ones were made of steel, wood or bakelite.

Advertising ones were common and given away by many merchants. There are sterling silver, enamel, trench art, brass, ivory, mother of pearl, bone, agate, gemstone, and countless other materials used for button hooks. Larger button hooks were used for shoes and boots and were kept by the door or on the dresser. Small dainty button hooks were used for gloves and were worn on a chain, carried in your purse or waistcoat pocket.

Button hooks are a fascinating part of a bygone era. I love to have them displayed and know the history behind each one. Their beauty and history always keep me on the hunt for the next "really awesome and unique" one.

## Good Citizens recognized

The Cedar Falls Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution recognized Good Citizens nominated from six area high schools at their February 19, 2022 meeting. Good citizens are chosen from area high school students who exhibit: dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism. Each student was presented a pin and certificate. Students recognized were: Molly Boevers- Cedar Falls High School; Lexi Fager- Dike-New Hartford High School; Isabella Jorgensen- Hudson High School; Alana Higgins-Union High School; Lauren Rindels-Valley Lutheran High School; and Abigail Wendland-Waterloo West High School.



**Molly Boevers,  
essay winner**

All of the students also participated in the scholarship essay contest. Independent judges evaluated the essays. The winner of the \$250.00 scholarship from the chapter was Molly Boevers from Cedar Falls High School.

## New Members

The Cedar Falls Chapter has welcomed three new members recently. Nancy Anderson was reinstated as a DAR member. One member, Judy Williamson, transferred to the Cedar Falls Chapter from the John Bell Chapter in Madison, Wisconsin.

A new member's induction ceremony took place at our February 19, 2022 meeting. Isabella Shock had her application for membership approved by NSDAR on February 5, 2022. Isabella is a new junior member and is a senior at Cedar Falls High School.

We are excited to welcome these three new members!

*Submitted by Debbie Crawford & Joyce Stout*

## Grinnell Chapter

### Years of Membership certificates awarded



*DAR members receive Years of Membership certificates: Jane Cruchelow, Regent; Jeanette Shannon; Barbara Jones; and Gail Bonath*

Grinnell Chapter recently awarded years of membership certificates. Those receiving ten-year membership certificates were: Gail Bonath, Grinnell; Barbara Jones, Newton; Marilyn Planer, Newton, and Merna Rusk, Newton. A ten-year certificate was also presented posthumously to Roberta (Bobbi) Collins, Newton, who passed away last summer.

Barbara Minner of Malcom received a twenty-five year certificate. Jeanette Shannon of Newton received a thirty year certificate, and Cynthia Crider of Iowa City received a fifty year certificate.

Grinnell Chapter salutes these women for their dedication and service to DAR!

*Submitted by Gail Bonath*





# Hannah Caldwell Chapter

## New Members

At our December 2021 meeting, two new DAR members were given the Membership Oath.

Chaplain Marilyn Owen administered the oath to Angela Kilmer and Cassandra McKown. Welcome ladies to our Chapter! It will be a pleasure to work with you in the months and years ahead.



*Chaplain Marilyn Owen, Angela Kilmer, and Cassandra McKown*

## Wreaths Across America

Hannah Caldwell Chapter members participated in the Wreaths Across America project on Saturday, December 18th at the Rock Island National Cemetery located on Arsenal Island.



*Regent Elise James at the ceremony*

The Chapter sponsored 20 wreaths for that location for a cost of \$300. Chapter members attended the opening ceremony, and the actual laying of wreaths. This year the event made history as it was officially the largest turnout for the Wreaths Across America event on Arsenal Island.



*Marilyn Owen and Donna Rath at the graves*

Army Major General Chris Mohan spoke at the ceremony; there was an honor guard, a gun salute and a bugler played Taps (these participants were all Veterans from the Quad Cities area).



*Donna Rath and Chris Harvey at graves*

## 125th Chapter Anniversary celebrated 1897 - 2022

On Saturday, January 8, 2022, our chapter celebrated its 125th anniversary [January 18, 1897] with a meeting followed by a luncheon at The Outing Club, Davenport, Iowa. A handout explaining how/why our chapter was given the Hannah Caldwell name was given to attendees.

Members were treated to displays of items from our chapter archives such as: a copy of our chapter application for charter [Iowa 9th; NSDAR 310th], list of members from charter to present day, scrapbooks from 1897 through 2014, selected papers detailing chapter history, wooden gavel from 1902, which is used at meetings, and the wooden case for it, Regent's pin from



Hannah Caldwell Members (seated left to right: Barbara Halpin past Chapter Regent, past State Regent and Past Vice President General, Karen Ward Chapter Vice Regent, Elise James, Regent, Nancy Eggers, Chapter Treasurer



1915-1917 (worn by current Regent Elise James), a poster of our local historical markers and charter members' grave markers. A sealed box with old flags was opened. It contained an American 13 star Flag, an American 46 star Flag, an American 48 star Flag, and an Iowa State Flag.

### Valentines for Vetrans

At our regular chapter meeting on February 12, 2022, members signed 85+ Valentines to distribute to Veterans residing in senior living centers. Some of the cards were hand-made by chapter members (extra special work by those Daughters), and all cards were addressed "To A Special Veteran." This project carried out the ISDAR State theme "Serve Others With All Your Heart" by remembering those who served us by their years of military service.

Submitted by Elise James



Hannah Caldwell Chapter members

## Hannah Lee Chapter

### Valentines for nursing home residents

Hannah Lee Chapter Vice Regent, Peggy Harvey designed and handcrafted 38 custom Valentine cards for each resident of the Eastern Star nursing home in Decorah, IA. This has become an annual tradition that cheers nursing home residents with a special Valentine greeting.



Valentines by Peggy Harvey

### Clayton County Veterans Affairs

In early December 2021, Regent Jill Amdahl presented a gift certificate for ten, \$30 gift cards to Jean Gage, Clayton County Director of Veterans Affairs for distribution to veterans as a holiday gift from Hannah Lee Chapter. Each year the Chapter selects a different county in NE Iowa whose veterans are the recipients of gift cards and our best wishes.



Regent Jill Amdahl and Jean Gage, Clayton County Director of Veteran Affairs



## Regent travels to Norway

In early December, Regent Jill Amdahl, and husband traveled to Trondheim in central Norway, to spend the holidays with their daughter's family. Due to COVID restrictions and regulations, tourist-related activities were limited, but Jill had plenty of time to celebrate family traditions and encourage her two granddaughters to join the Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.).



*Regent Jill Amdahl and her granddaughters*

## American History Essay Contest Winners

Kyan Oftedahl, son of Paul and Kathy Oftedahl, is the 7th grade winner and Isaiah Bonnet, son of Andy and Kim Bonnet, is the 5th grade winner of this years American History Essay Contest sponsored by Hannah Lee Chapter. Each grade level winner is presented with a certificate and an Excellence in History bronze medal. All other participants receive a certificate of participation. Both Kyan and Isaiah's winning essays were sent on to the Iowa Society DAR for judging at the state level.



*Kyan Oftedahl,  
7th grade winner  
&  
Isaiah Bonnet,  
5th grade winner*

Kyan's essay was awarded 1st place in the state for 7th grade and his essay, along with other grade level winning essays, have been sent to the North Central Division for the next level of judging. Kyan will be recognized at an Awards Luncheon later this spring at the Iowa Society DAR State Conference and will be awarded a state winner certificate and a silver medal.

## Christmas stockings for Veterans

This year, the Hannah Lee Chapter members designed, sewed, and filled 86 Christmas stockings for veterans residing in assisted living and nursing home facilities in Winneshiek, Fayette, and Howard Counties in NE Iowa. The stockings were filled with various food and snack items, socks, gloves, select candies, and personal care necessities. A holiday tradition, the Hannah Lee Chapter has been bringing holiday cheer to veterans in NE Iowa for more than a decade.

## Decorah, IA Middle School News

An interview with Hannah Lee Chapter member Sarah Nowack was featured in a video by 8th graders at the Decorah Middle School. DMSSN News, Season 7, Episode 8, 2021-2022, includes stories about current and historical events, as well as the interview with teacher and DAR member, Sarah Nowack. The recent video was produced as part of an 8th grade class on video production. The interviewer, Jessalyn Lozano, conducted research about the DAR mission to promote historic preservation, education, and patriotism, and asked insightful questions resulting in this must-see interview. The featured segment about DAR in the video plays from 3:30 to 15:19 and is also available to the public on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EGU8-qufr-s&feature=youtu.be>



*DMSSN News, Season 7, Episode 8, 2021-2022, includes an interview with teacher and DAR member, Sarah Nowack*



### Long-time member returns home

Long-time member, Rebecca Brooks Taff, currently of San Diego, CA, recently returned to Iowa to visit family and DAR friends. Rebecca had wished to attend a Chapter



*Rebecca Taff, Becky McCabe, Joy Bahnemann, and Marilyn Holland.*

meeting, but because we do not meet in January, she met with three other Hannah Lee members for a nice lunch at The Landing in Decorah, IA. Becky McCabe, Marilyn Holland, and Joy Bahnemann reminisced about Chapter activities, the days of old, and about Rebecca's mother, a former Chapter Registrar, who is buried in West Union, IA.

*Submitted by Joy Bahnemann*



## Henry Knox Chapter

**Breaking News: National JAC Contest Winners!**

### LIVE BREAKING NEWS

National Junior American Citizens Contest National Winners have been posted on the National DAR members website under the JAC Committee page! The Henry Knox Chapter is beyond delighted that one group project and 2 individual entries have been awarded first place in the national contest for 2021! Also, two entries placed second at national and one entry placed 3rd at national. Eight total students placed at the national level.

The theme for the 2021 JAC Contest was, The 100th Anniversary of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier; Rise and Shine for Duty, Honor, and Patriotism. The winning entries include a group banner, two art stamps, two poems, and a short fictional story! Additionally, several entries placed very well at the North Central Division level.

The Henry Knox Chapter ventured into sponsoring a new JAC Club, Southeast Warren JAC, last fall with the intentions of encouraging the students to volunteer at home, school, and in the community, and to explore creative pursuits beyond typical classroom assignments while studying the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier's history. Two grade levels are engaged in ongoing school and community service.

*Submitted by Jackie Beard*



# Jean Espy Chapter

## *Christmas cards for Veterans*

Recently, the local chapter of the Jean Espy Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution made Christmas cards for the veterans in all the nursing homes in Lee County. Several members have been delivering them to the homes during the last two weeks. It is an annual event headed by Juanita Shelton.

*Submitted by Cyndie Reppert*



*Jean Espy Chapter members working on cards*



# Jean Marie Cardinell Chapter

## *Honoring our Veterans, serving those who serve us*

The Jean Marie Cardinell Chapter, NSDAR, is dedicated to honoring our veterans and supporting our active-duty military men and women. We were ready, willing, able and eager to return to the Iowa Veterans Cemetery for the annual Wreaths Across America ceremony and laying of wreaths.



*Linda Wilson, Kathy Lynn, Karla Wright*

Ten chapter members and one C.A.R. member braved the very cold temperature and wind and attended the event. Members helped place wreaths on headstones on December 18, 2022.



*Edee Brunia and her granddaughter Ella Brunia*

## Christmas shopping assistance

At Christmas time, the VA Hospital identified patients who needed help with Christmas shopping for their families. Judy McNamara, DAR Service for Veterans Committee Chairman, heard of the need and jumped into action and Jean Marie Cardinell members jumped at the chance to shop. Judy was provided a list of desired gifts from VA family services and our chapter provided the "hands and feet" to shop for them. We volunteered our time and used chapter Service for Veterans donations to help the veterans in need. We made some veterans and their families very happy and provided some needed peace of mind for our valued veterans who were not able to do their own shopping this year.

The Jean Marie Cardinell Chapter was happy to provide (with the help of Hy-Vee) chocolate cream pie for everyone at the VA Hospital Christmas Dinner!

## Project Patriot service

Our Project Patriot Committee Chairman, Heidi Holsapple, acquired gifts, prepared beautifully wrapped baskets and provided them to local active-duty military families. Camp Dodge family services provided a list of needs targeting specific families, children and ages. In total, ten gift baskets were delivered to some well deserving families. We appreciate all the sacrifices our active duty military men and women AND their families make for us. We were delighted to say thank you for your service.



*Project Patriot  
Committee - Gift Baskets  
for Local Military Families*



## Veterans Day at The Capitol

It was another cold day on January 19, 2022, when the annual "Veterans Day At The Capitol" was held – inside – under the beautiful dome. Over twenty organizations with missions to serve veterans participated with tables and displays full of information and free coffee! State officials, agency heads and veteran organization leaders spoke.



*Joyce McDonnell  
visiting with a Veteran at  
the Iowa State Capitol*



The Jean Marie Cardinell Chapter always participates in this event. We provide recognition and show appreciation to Vietnam Veterans on the 50th anniversary by "pinning" Vietnam Veterans and providing them with the beautiful "Time to Honor" book and other materials. Our Vietnam Veteran Commemoration Liaison, Candy Brown, was not available due to her ongoing health concerns. She provided Regent Karla Wright and member Joyce McDonnell with the needed supplies. Joyce and Karla decorated the table, displayed our chapter banner, and visited with dozens of Veterans and their families.

## Iowa Gold Star Military Museum

On February 12, 2022, Jean Marie Cardinell members rolled up their sleeves, put on plastic gloves and served lunch at the Iowa Gold Star Military Museum. On this day, to honor Black History Month, Dr. Vincent Lewis, a Vietnam Veteran and lifelong educator and volunteer was the speaker. His reflections on how the military shaped his life were illuminating. Dr. Lewis received the 2014 President's Volunteer Service Award from President Obama and is in the Iowa Volunteer Hall of

Fame. We were pleased to contribute to and participate in the Gold Star Museum's lecture series.



*Dr. Vincent Lewis being served by DAR members Charlotte Janeczko, Linda Wilson, Marty Hansen and Naomi Bowler*

### **Community Service Award presentation**

The Jean Marie Cardinell Chapter, NSDAR, presented a 2021 Community Service Award to Mr. Marty Rathje and his volunteer organization, The FreeStore, on February 25, 2022.



*Regent Karla Wright presents the Community Service Award to Mr. Marty Rathje and the FreeStore volunteers.*

Regent Karla Wright and four chapter members presented the award and donation at The FreeStore facility in downtown Des Moines. Mr. Rathje gave DAR members a tour. The mission of the FreeStore is to help families start over, focusing on children and families who have escaped domestic violence situations, suffered trauma from natural disasters or criminal assault. The FreeStore volunteers gather, collect, organize and store donated household items, including furniture and small appliances, and deliver to people in need. They work with many agencies in Iowa with a core group of 50 unpaid volunteers. Although Mr. Rathje was the recipient of the

DAR award he was adamant that it takes a total team effort to make The FreeStore succeed in its mission. The Jean Marie Cardinell Chapter was happy to recognize the community service performed by, and say thank you to, The FreeStore volunteers.

*Submitted by Karla Wright*



*Jean Marie Cardinell members Edith Brunia, Marlene Babcock, Beverly Neuroth, Gerry Bauman, and Karla Wright at the FreeStore*



## **Martha Washington Chapter**

### **State Regent Marla Suter meeting visit**

Martha Washington Chapter was delighted to host State Regent Marla Suter at our January meeting. We thought she would be visiting us in person – until three days before when the mid-January snow storm was predicted to bear down on Iowa.

She joined us via Zoom from her home surrounded by eleven inches of snow! Sioux City only had a couple inches, but the icy roads that morning turned our meeting into a Zoom get-together for all!

Nevertheless, we enjoyed her presentation and are grateful for the time and wisdom she shared with us.

*Submitted by Marta Nelson*



# Mason City Chapter

## Community training with Lori Reynolds

In September we hosted a community training with Lori Reynolds, LISW from the VA-Central Iowa Health Care System. She spoke about VA SAVE which is a nationally recognized program created by the Veterans Health Administration.

By attending this training, we learned the common signs and symptoms of someone that may be considering suicide, how to ask them questions to assess for risk, how to validate not only the person but also those around you and ultimately when and how to get the person to engage in treatment. While the subject matter was difficult it was very informative, and it was good to meet people from our community with an interest in the topic.



Lori Reynolds, LISW  
VA-Central Iowa Health Care System

## Personal care kits for Veterans

November was a very busy month for Mason City with our focus on veterans. From helping HyVee with the free veterans' breakfast to beginning a new project of making and delivering personal care kits to Cerro Gordo County Veterans Affairs and the Mason City VA Outpatient Clinic.

The kits included shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrushes all contained in a zip lock bag. We also bagged towels and washcloths. Items were donated by our members, and we also received a grant from Thrivent. This will become an annual project for our chapter.

Chapter members holding the completed kits can be viewed in following column.



Mason City Chapter members with kits

## Pearl Harbor presentation by HODAR

In December we remembered the attack on Pearl Harbor with a presentation on the men of the USS Arizona (BB-39) by Al Johnson who is the husband of member Lyn Johnson.

He presented information on a project he undertook to find records and photographs of some of the men. He also told us about the daring escape by six men and some of the personal information about the sailors and marines. It was a wonderful program and Al's passion was evident.

Submitted by Diane Murphy





# Sun Dial-Solomon Dean Chapter

## Two 50-year Member certificates awarded

Sun Dial-Solomon Dean Chapter was proud to present certificates to two 50-Members December 6, 2021. Avis Steensland was unable to attend but will be presented her certificate at a later date.



*Susan Kennedy Harris, Chapter Regent & Alberta "Toots" Kennedy for the presentation and then the hug from Daughter to Mother.*



## Army ROTC Awards Dinner

Sun Dial-Solomon Dean members Glenda Eccles and Jackie Peters attended the Army ROTC Awards Dinner on February 26, 2022 to present the DAR ROTC Gold Medal to Cadet Rachel Eickhoff.

*Submitted by Susan Harris*



*Jackie Peters, Cadet Eickhoff, and Glenda Eccles*



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