



# Iowa Society

## Daughters of the American Revolution

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### **From the State Regent** **Edith Harris Brunia**

Greetings to our Iowa DAR Members. We have 2022 behind us now and it is full steam ahead to plan a sparkling 2023. If you have viewed the National site and the Daughters Newsletter, both are full of possibilities to try with your chapter. Our February national BOM was also full of new items on the horizon.

After many months of anticipation, finally we can talk about the new project with the national Public Relations and Media committee. It is Daughters Online Community, DOC for short. This will be a secure, DAR-only website where Daughters may interact with one another and share resources and ideas and in time replace Facebook groups without ads. It will have communities like National Committee information and you may choose which communities you wish to keep track of. It will be private just for DAR members. This new program was announced February 21 on the President General's Blog. Look it up for further information.

Our national Membership committee is working hard to help our chapters gain and retain members. The January theme was Stop the Drop, and the February theme was working to retain members who have recently dropped. In March, the national society is bringing back the 2 for 1 GEP classes. So, now is the time for chapter regents to get your names of members who will best benefit your chapter with the GEP classes in to participate in the state regent's project. It is time this state project starts benefiting our Iowa chapters because every chapter deserves willing and trained genealogists.



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A lot of what we discuss and hear about is confidential at national BOM but I can say, if you have any supplementals you have been dreaming about, now is the time to get them submitted before August 1, 2023. It is very likely the cost will rise after August. The cost had not changed since 2003 but don't be surprised if that cost doubles in the next two years.

There will be a number of new pins announced at Continental Congress this year to recognize members, celebrate commemorative events, and promote participation in new opportunities.

My chapter visits are in full swing, what a joy to join chapters in their inspiring activities. Thank you to the chapters who are supporting the state project to promote GEP training, the Hoover Museum and Library and commemorating our Revolutionary Patriots. Thank you to our members for all you do for Iowa.

Our spring conference will feature some timely speakers, some new recognitions for a job well done and hand-on activities to take back to your chapters. I hope to see many of you at Spring Conference March 30 - April 1, 2023 in Des Moines at the Airport Holiday Inn on Fleur Drive.

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**From the State Vice Regent**  
**Sarah Steinke**

# You're Invited!



Join us at the Airport Holiday Inn in Des Moines (6111 Fleur Drive) on March 30 through April 1 for the 124th ISDAR State Conference. A highlight of the weekend will be special presentations from Sue Allen, Vice President General and Carl Johnson, Music Director and Conductor of the Des Moines Community Orchestra. Ms. Allen will give us "An Introduction to Bacone College" on Friday evening and Mr. Johnson will share "History of The Stars and Stripes Forever by John Phillips Souza" at the Saturday luncheon.

Friday's business session will include annual reports of State Officers, Chapter Regents and State Committee Chairmen, and on Saturday afternoon we will recognize our award winners and DAR Leadership Training Course graduates. Unfortunately, we have lost a number of Iowa Daughters over the past year, and we will honor them on Saturday morning with a heartfelt memorial service.

Our State Regent's Project table will feature many items to help raise funds for our three-part project of Historic Preservation, Patriotism, and Education. The dress & hat exchange will return with donations and sales of gently used dresses for a \$25.00 donation to the State Regent's Project. Check out the incredible silent auction baskets and be ready to take home some new treasures. The Corresponding Secretary will have a table with chapter supplies, and Junior Membership and the Yvonne Boone Boutique will be offering items for your shopping pleasure. I.S.C.A.R. will have a sales table featuring fun items to take home to C.A.R. members in your family or society. Many state chairmen will also have displays. (Please contact me if you will need a display table or exhibit space at the 2023 State Conference.)

The Credentials Form can be found in the State Vice Regent section of the Officers and Forms page on the ISDAR Members' Website. The form should be sent to Sarah Steinke, State Vice Regent. The deadline for the credentials form is March 1, 2023.

This newsletter includes the agenda and the registration form for your convenience. The deadline for the registration form is March 3, 2023.

Finally, please note that the deadline for hotel reservations is March 16, 2023. Be sure to ask for the DAR room block when you contact the Airport Holiday Inn to make your reservation.

I look forward to seeing all of you soon!

# ISDAR 124th State Conference Agenda

## Thursday March 30, 2023

- 2:00 p.m. - Executive Board Meeting – Room 396
- 6:00 p.m. - State Officers Club – Room 397
- 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. – State Conference Registration – Lobby of Ballroom
- 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. – Display Table Setup – North Ballroom
- 9:00 p.m. – Informal Reception – Hospitality Room (Rm. 160)

## Friday March 31, 2023

- 7:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. – State Conference Registration – Lobby of Ballroom
- 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.– 124<sup>th</sup> State Conference Opening Session– Central & South Ballrooms
  - Reports of State Officers, Chapter Regents, State Chairman
  - Recommendations of the Executive Committee
- 12:00 p.m. – Luncheon – Central & South Ballrooms
- 1:30 p.m. – Conference Resumes
  - Continuation of Reports
- 5:15 p.m. - Official Photographs – Lobby of Ballroom
  - Honorary State Regents, State Officers, District Directors, State Chairman, Chapter Regents, Guests, Pages
- 5:45 p.m. – Guest Registration
- 6:30 p.m. – Banquet
  - Guest Speaker – Sue Allen, Vice President General – An Introduction to Bacone College
  - DAR Good Citizens, ISDAR Scholarship Recipients
  - \*\*\*Receiving line immediately following banquet\*\*\*
- 9:30 p.m. – Reception – Hospitality Room (Rm. 160)

## Saturday April 1, 2023

- 8:45 a.m. - Memorial Service
- 9:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. - Conference Resumes – Central & South Ballrooms
  - Reports Continue
- 11:30 a.m. – Guest Registration
- 12:00 p.m. – Luncheon - Central & South Ballrooms
  - Guest Speaker – Carl Johnson, Music Director and Conductor of the Des Moines Community Orchestra – History of *The Stars and Stripes Forever* by John Phillips Souza
  - State President – Children of the American Revolution
  - American History Essay Contest Winners, Junior American Citizens Contest Winners
- 1:30 p.m. - Afternoon Session
  - Unfinished Business
  - Presentation of Bylaws Amendments (if necessary)
  - Member Leadership Education Graduation
  - Genealogical Education Program Recognition



**IOWA SOCIETY DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**  
**124th ISDAR State Conference**  
**March 30 -April 1, 2023**

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 March 16, 2023 – 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** **Reg:** Tossed Salad served on iceberg lettuce with fresh vegetables, chicken, croutons, and ranch dressing.  
**Meat Free:** No Chicken  
 Served with Rolls and Fresh Baked Cookies.

**Friday Banquet** **Reg:** Parmesan Crusted Pork Loin with Parmesan Cream Sauce  
**Meat Free:** Broccoli Bake – Fresh Broccoli, Diced Onion, and Rice. Baked with a creamy cheese sauce.  
 Both meals will be served with Spinach and Garden Greens Salad with Raspberry Vinaigrette, Fresh Baked Rolls and Green Beans Almondine, Garlic & Rosemary Mini Red Potatoes, and French Silk Pie.

**Saturday Lunch** Salad, Smoked Beef Brisket Melt with Honey Mustard, Monterey Jack Cheese, Sautéed Onions & Peppers on Grilled Wheat Berry Bread, Potato Wedges, Fresh Baked Cookie

*Please tell us if you have dietary restrictions and arrangements will be made with our caterer.*

*\*Place check mark in box to select*

		*Check To Select		SPECIAL REQUESTS
		Reg.	Meat Free	
Registration (All members pay Registration, Guests do not. Registration fee is waived for Pages.)	\$ 21.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Friday Luncheon	\$ 34.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Friday Banquet	\$ 46.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Saturday Luncheon	\$ 34.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>TOTAL ENCLOSED</b>				

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

**Registration Deadline is March 3, 2023**

**Mail registration form and payment to:**

Sarah Steinke, State Vice Regent  
 24331 Illini Ct  
 Manhattan, IL 60442

Email: [sarah.steinke.dar@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.steinke.dar@gmail.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"/> Past National Officer  | <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter Officer  | <input type="checkbox"/> C.A.R. Member                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Honorary State Regent | <input type="checkbox"/> National Chairman      | <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter Chairman | <input type="checkbox"/> C.A.R. Senior Leader              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> State Officer         | <input type="checkbox"/> National Vice Chairman | <input type="checkbox"/> Member           | <input type="checkbox"/> HODAR                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter Regent        | <input type="checkbox"/> State Chairman         | <input type="checkbox"/> Guest            | <input type="checkbox"/> 50+ Year Member                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter Vice Regent   | <input type="checkbox"/> State Vice Chairman    | <input type="checkbox"/> Page             | <input type="checkbox"/> First Time Attendee               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Delegate              | <input type="checkbox"/> District Director      | <input type="checkbox"/> Junior           | <input type="checkbox"/> Credentialed Medical Professional |

**From the State Registrar**  
**Ann Mack**



**Welcome to our New Members!**  
**November 16, 2022 – February 16, 2023**

**Abigail Adams**

Susan Johnson  
 Theresa Reichling  
 Megan Bodwell  
 Transfer from ME  
 Mackenzie Swanso  
 Transfer from MN

**Anna Marie Lane**  
**Cedar Falls**

Judith Meyers  
 Roselyn Salinas  
 Aleta Anderson  
 Julie Reger

**Elizabeth Ross**

Michaela Peterson  
 Tammi Ross  
 Pamula Schulz  
 Terri O'Hara  
 Trudy Caviness  
 Megan Thompson  
 Leeha Logan

**Fort Dodge**  
**Hannah Caldwell**

Sharilyn Everhart  
 Diane Atwood  
 Ashley Hunt

**Hannah Lee**

Reva Smoc  
 Transfer from MS

**Henry Knox**

Holly Bosch

**Jean Marie Cardinell**

Diane Chadwick  
 Karma Wannamaker  
 Marilyn Rittel  
 Karla Kasper

**Lawrence Van Hook**  
**Marion Linn**  
**Mason City**  
**Nancy McKay Harsh**

Claire Walker  
 Kylee Fentress  
 Jan Lukes  
 Laura Walter  
 Transfer from MO  
 Faith Kinkead  
 Carolyn Anderson

**Nathaniel Fellows**  
**Open Prairie**

**Spinning Wheel**

Emilie Freiberg  
 Barbara Morgan  
 Transfer from SC

**Stars and Stripes**

Lori Bennett  
 Transfer from SC

**Sun Dial-Solomon Dean**

Tiffany York  
 Renee Larsen  
 Elizabeth Muehlenthaler  
 Tina Montz

**Washington**

**ADDITIONAL NUMBERS**

<b>Deceased Members</b>	12
<b>Resignations</b>	6
<b>Reinstatements</b>	6
<b>Transfers Out</b>	4

*Please note and save these email addresses. Chapter Registrars should see changes more quickly if the emails regarding member changes are directed to the correct department.*

The Office of the Organizing Secretary General has established new email addresses. The email organizing @ [dar.org](mailto:dar.org) is no longer monitored and an email to that address will result in an autoreply with this information. Please use the following email addresses:

- [MemberServices@dar.org](mailto:MemberServices@dar.org) - Names Changes, Address Changes, Transfers, Death Notices, Passwords, Membership Inquiries, Member for Member Program, Resignations, Tenure Certificates
- [ChapterServices@dar.org](mailto:ChapterServices@dar.org) - EIN letters, Charters, Chapters Organizing, Disbandments, Merges, Chapter Officer Changes
- [InsigniaApproval@dar.org](mailto:InsigniaApproval@dar.org) - Insignia Approvals
- [Dues@dar.org](mailto:Dues@dar.org) - Dues, Reinstatements, Life Membership
- [NBMRequests@dar.org](mailto:NBMRequests@dar.org) - National Board of Management Request, National/State Officer Updates
- [CongressRegCred@dar.org](mailto:CongressRegCred@dar.org) - Congress Registration, Credentials

**From the State Historian**  
**Lucy Ann Zeimet**



**Preserving the history of Iowa DAR....**  
**"So much of our future lies in preserving our past" \***

The 125th Iowa Society of Daughters of the American Revolution State Conference will be here soon. I'm really looking forward to seeing the many Iowa faces I've come to know through DAR. Although, maybe like many of you, names and faces together can be tough for me!! Those name tags really help.

There are funds available for DAR Chapters to help with repairing or replacing Patriot markers. The Celebration Fund through National is \$500 and ISDAR also helps with the ISDAR Historical Markers Fund. This is a \$50 grant and I'm pleased to say the application for the Iowa funds can now be found under the Historian category in Forms on the ISDAR web page.

ISDAR Chapters, as always, haven't let winter get in the way of continuing to honor our Patriots and Historical Places. The Historian General NSDAR, Suzanne Heske, has given permission to ISDAR to place an America 250 Patriots Marker on the grounds of the Iowa Gold Star Museum. She also has given permission to Lawrence Van Hook Chapter, Maquoketa to re-mark Patriot Van Hook's headstone in Andrew.

Grinnell Chapter decorated a beautiful Patriotic Christmas tree for a fundraiser for the Grinnell Library. Their tree won first place and a total of \$430 from all the trees decorated was donated to the Grinnell Library.

Anna Maria Lane Chapter diligently worked to document Patriot Jason Petrie, who is Anna Maria Lane's Chapter Regent, Shelly Wells' Patriot. Jacob is buried in Maryland and much coordination with DAR Chapters Antietam and Conococheague and the Christian Ardinger SAR of Maryland was needed to have the very meaningful and moving marker dedication in September at Patriot Jacob Petrie's grave in Beaver Creek, MD. Really impressive.

Wreaths Across America happened in Knoxville. So beautiful to see and such a heartfelt honor for our veterans who have passed.

These are just some of the winter activities of Iowa Chapters I have heard from. Please always send me a picture and narrative of what your Chapter is doing. Several Good Citizen's Awards are happening now as well.

I would be remiss in not mentioning the passing of Yvonne Boone in Alabama. She was a very important part of ISDAR and our Society sent a beautiful flower arrangement for her funeral service. Yvonne is buried in Arlington Cemetery with her husband. The YB Boutique during our Fall Forum and State Conference refers to Yvonne.

Will see everyone soon!

**Lucy Zeimet • 107 Riviera Dr • Bellevue, IA 52031 • 563-599-7566 • [Lucy.zeimet@gmail.com](mailto:Lucy.zeimet@gmail.com)**

\*Peter Westbrook

**From the State Chaplain**  
**Briana Johnson**



We will hold a Memorial Service during the upcoming State Conference on Saturday morning, April 1st at 8:45AM. This will be in memory of Iowa Daughters who have passed away since our State Conference of 2022. It has long been a tradition for members to wear hats, fascinators, or other hairpieces, if desired, to show respect during the service. This is optional.

**\*\*The last death date to be included in the Memorial Service will be March 15th. Please notify NSDAR through e-membership immediately upon the death of a member.\*\***

**In Memory of our Deceased Daughters**

Mary Alice Wilson Hill, Abigail Adams Chapter  
Shelley Lorraine Peterson Bishop, Council Bluffs Chapter  
Martha Osterfoss Meier, Elizabeth Ross Chapter  
Delilah Berniece Tharp Butler, Elizabeth Ross Chapter  
Yvonne Spann Boone, Hannah Caldwell Chapter  
Mary Gordon Broady Hull, Jean Espy Chapter  
Laetitia Cook Rotter, Jean Espy Chapter  
Lois Theresa Patten Delaney, Jean Espy Chapter  
Deborah Suzanne Morrison Wells, Jean Marie Cardinell  
Chapter Onalee Paul Arnold, Marion Linn Chapter  
Grace Eileen McCollum Miller, Sun Dial-Solomon Dean  
Chapter Carole F. Christner, Washington Chapter

Every Iowa Daughter has contributed greatly in carrying on the ideals of our National Society and will be dearly remembered by those who knew them. A distinguished Daughter who served DAR in a National capacity is member Yvonne Boone. As an Iowa Society, we sent a condolence of a beautiful red, white, and blue flower arrangement to Yvonne's funeral service. The included note that read: "In honor of Yvonne Boone, a long-time member of Daughters of the American Revolution, and the unbelievable contribution Yvonne made to the Iowa State DAR. With abiding friendship, Iowa Daughters".



# From the State Recording Secretary

**Jeri Klein**



ATTENTION ALL CHAPTER REGENTS,  
COMMITTEE CHAIRS, STATE OFFICERS

## Reports are Due March 15!

As we say goodbye to winter, I hope, we all must be looking to spring and a new beginning. I have the privilege of reading reports as they come in. What wonderful chapters we have in our state. Whether big or small, chapters find ways to be creative in honoring the three pillars of NSDAR—Historic Preservation, Education and Patriotism.

One of the primary responsibilities of this office is to compile yearly reports for the Proceedings Book, the official record of the Iowa Society, at the end of the present administration.

**Reports from Chapter Regents, State Committee Chairs and State Officers are due by March 15. If submitted by USPS, the post mark must be March 15 or before. This is a firm date.**

**Please note the email change for State Regent Edee Brunia:**

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### Chapter Regent

[http://www.isdar.org/members/ISDAR\\_Forms/State\\_Regent/2022/Chapter\\_Regent\\_Report\\_Form.pdf](http://www.isdar.org/members/ISDAR_Forms/State_Regent/2022/Chapter_Regent_Report_Form.pdf)

### State Chair Report

[http://www.isdar.org/members/ISDAR\\_Forms/State\\_Recording\\_Secretary/2022/Committee\\_Chairman\\_s\\_Report.pdf](http://www.isdar.org/members/ISDAR_Forms/State_Recording_Secretary/2022/Committee_Chairman_s_Report.pdf)

### State Officer Report

[http://www.isdar.org/members/ISDAR\\_Forms/State\\_Recording\\_Secretary/2022/State\\_Officer\\_s\\_Report.pdf](http://www.isdar.org/members/ISDAR_Forms/State_Recording_Secretary/2022/State_Officer_s_Report.pdf)

Please follow the instructions and submit to:

**Edee Brunia**

**AND**

**Jeri Klein**

**ISDAR Regent**

**ISDAR Recording Secretary**

[edeehb@gmail.com](mailto:edeehb@gmail.com)

[jerilynklein@gmail.com](mailto:jerilynklein@gmail.com)

Many chapters will be electing officers, please use this form to report changes.

<https://www.dar.org/sites/default/files/members/darnet/forms/OSG-1001.pdf>

Email to: <mailto:organizing@dar.org>

## **From the State Organizing Secretary** **Tiffany Hauptman**



### **Member Retention and Engagement**

Recruiting new members can be a daunting task! New members are essential for the future of our chapters, and I encourage every member to continue to talk about DAR with your friends and family, and for chapters to continue to work on your Prospective Member Database!

But we can't neglect the members we already have! Are your chapter members actively engaged in chapter activities? Encourage the members who are involved so they will continue to be involved. For those who aren't, do you know why? Sometimes all it takes is a member to show interest in them. Some members may not be able to make it to meetings or other activities. A phone call, note or email message goes a long way to show you care.

Our Iowa Chapters have some wonderful ideas for engaging their members!  
Consider selecting one of these ideas to try in your chapter this year:

- Start or continue a Chapter Newsletter
- Email chapter meeting minutes to members
- Clean veterans' headstones at local cemetery
- Make and send handmade birthday/anniversary/sympathy/get well cards
- Participate in parades
- Donate items to nursing homes, hospitals, VA, women's shelters
- Organize an outing or field trip
- Host a special chapter party
- Celebrate special member events, such as milestone anniversaries
- Have informal chapter gatherings, such as lunch or coffee
- Have a door prize to give away at chapter meetings
- Have a private Facebook page or website to communicate chapter news and activities among chapter members

**Our members are the jewels of DAR!**  
**Remember to treat them with care and kindness, and they will SPARKLE!**

## **From the State Treasurer** **Debra Arendt**

This Officer has been very busy for the last couple of months with the finances of the State. Thanks to the Chapter Treasurers for their hard work for providing Cash Contributions, State Dues and end of the fiscal year report. If your Chapter hasn't sent the Chapter Fiscal Report or is getting close to the end of their fiscal year, please send a copy of the Chapter Fiscal Report, and if you want me to file to the IRS the 990-N e-postcard tax report. Please check the box in the left bottom corner. I will have a copy of the e-postcard for you at State Conference in your mailbox. If you are going to do your own 990-N please send a copy of the e-postcard to me. With the end of the fiscal year, don't forget to send a copy of your Chapter Audit Committee Letter.



Important reminder if you have a new member admitted or reinstated to your Chapter between December 1st to July 5th, please send their \$5.00 State Dues along with the State Remittance Form. All forms used by the Chapter Treasurers are on the ISDAR Member website: ISDAR Officers and Forms.

With talking to some of the new Chapter Treasurers I have learned that every report should be sent to the State Treasurer. There should be a report sent to the Chapter Regent so that the State Treasurer doesn't retain all records. See you at State conference.

**Debra Arendt, ISDAR State Treasurer**  
**PO Box 1882 • Ottumwa, Iowa 52501**



## Page Committee

*Jackie Beard, Chair*

# PAGES WANTED!

Are you ready to Sparkle in DAR Service & Friendship?

The perfect opportunity lies in being a page at the state conference!

Pages contribute to the success of the meeting in a variety of ways from assisting with the flags, tending doors, delivering messages, assisting with technology, placing table numbers, handing out information, etc.

There is not an age restriction. Pages wear all white and a friendly smile.

Contact Jackie Beard [jkbeard17@gmail.com](mailto:jkbeard17@gmail.com) 641 217-1233 for more information and to sign up for this opportunity to Sparkle!

## Children of the American Revolution

*Amy Sunleaf, Chair*



We have had another great year in Iowa C.A.R. Thank you again for your generous support of this year's State Project, "Everyone Deserves a Home". We filled the FreeStore truck from front to back during Fall Forum! FreeStore volunteers were thrilled to receive our donations of new and gently used household goods.

Plans are underway for the 76<sup>th</sup> State Conference of the Iowa Society Children of the American Revolution. This

year's conference will be held on Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at the Urbandale Public Library. Email me at [iowanscar@gmail.com](mailto:iowanscar@gmail.com) for more information. We would love to see you there!

Thank you, Chapter Regents, for filling out information about your relationship with Iowa C.A.R. I was able to glean from your reports that many of you are providing C.A.R. brochures to members with children. I also learned that we have work to do—13 chapters indicated they have members with children and/or grandchildren who are eligible to join C.A.R. Please contact me at [iowanscar@gmail.com](mailto:iowanscar@gmail.com) or stop by the C.A.R. Sales Table during the 2023 Iowa DAR State Conference so we can start talking next steps in the application process for these young people!



## America 250! Committee

*Denise Baker Hamilton, Chair*

### America 250! Committee

Denise Baker Hamilton, ISDAR Chair

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### *Preparing for America's 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations!*



As you know the United States stands on the eve of a grand anniversary – and DAR is preparing to **Celebrate Stars & Stripes Forever** in a big way!

The celebration and plans include celebrating the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of all events associated with our nation's quest for independence from the Boston Tea Party of 1773 through the Treaty of Paris in 1783.

### Has Your Chapter...

- Appointed an America 250! chapter committee chairperson?
- Encouraged members to transition from the DAR America 250! Facebook Group to the **NEW** Daughters Online Community – America 250! Committee?
- Considered how your chapter can take advantage of the one-time Celebration Grants?
- Placed an America 250 Patriot Marker?
- Held grave marking and/or dedication ceremonies to honor patriots?
- Considered honoring a non-member with the America 250! Commendation medal and certificate?
- Shopped at the DAR Store to support the America 250! Committee? (Yes, there is also a beautiful American 250! pin!)
- Encouraged members to author a story about their Patriot(s) for publication in **"Stories of Our Patriot Ancestors"** for the ISDAR website?

- Posted “Patriot Spotlights” on social media sites to promote and honor patriots.
- Explored ways to attract new members, assist with their application and welcome them.

I encourage all chapters to engage in meaningful activities **to Celebrate the 250th Birthday of the United States of America and the Patriots that achieved American Independence.**

**In the meantime, see what some of our chapters have already done.**



The Anna Maria Lane Chapter, NSDAR researched one of its member’s patriots, Revolutionary War Soldier **Jacob Petrie**, and participated in a Grave Marking and Dedication at Beaver Creek Cemetery in Hagerstown, Maryland on 17 Sep 2022.



The Elizabeth Ross Chapter, NSDAR dedicated an America 250 Patriot Marker for Isaac Mason on 12 Nov 22 at Cemetery, Drakesville, Iowa.



The Revolutionary Dames Chapter, NSDAR, dedicated a marker for Paulina Coy Hamilton Pierce, a REAL daughter of Patriot Elisha Coy, at Harlington Cemetery, Waverly IA on 22 Oct 2022.



**Thank you for all your work, Daughters!!**

# LET'S SHOOT FOR THE STARS!!!!

The New Year is beginning. We have or are finishing our chapter records. So, let's put the past right there in the past. Let's take what we have learned from the past year and improve on it. Let's focus on our own chapter. WE can't be another chapter, but we can see if maybe something someone else has done will be good for our chapter. So, here are some tips gathered from many sources this past year.



1. Celebrate your chapter. Share what YOUR chapter HAS done. Be excited! Get your chapter members excited about these accomplishments. You did a good job!
2. Evaluate your chapter's strengths and weaknesses is the Chapter Annual Checkup. It is important for each chapter to conduct an annual review as performance can change year to year. We all know that "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." After completing the Chapter Master Report, take time to complete the Chapter Annual Checkup. Its goal is to assist chapters in three broad areas:
  - A. Encourage community participation so the chapter will further the DAR goals of historic preservation, education, and patriotism!
  - B. Develop and educate members; thereby retaining productive and active members and strengthening chapters.
  - C. Increase membership.
3. Don't look at other chapter's numbers for new members. Remember, larger chapters recruit more members, but also lose about the same number each year. Work on ways to get the chapter members excited so they WANT to stay.
4. Pick up members for the chapter meeting. Don't ask "Do you want me to pick you up?" Rather, "I can be there at ... so we can make it to the meeting on time." You have conveyed that you want to give her a ride and you are expected on time.
5. Start the meeting "on time." They will come late if they know you will wait for them.
6. Stick to your agenda. Don't get side-tracked with chit chat. Keep your meetings short.
7. Plan your programs in advance, not at the last minute. Let members know far enough ahead that they can plan their schedule accordingly. Get them excited about it. Send out flyers, emails, phone calls. If you don't care about your program, they won't.



8. Welcome new and prospective members. Greet guests and members providing name tags for everyone. Assign a “buddy” to mentor them. Give them a memento, Swag bag, or whatever your chapter can afford.
9. Give attention and honor your “older” members. Present certificates for a job well done, for annual special year of anniversary.
10. Plan and participate in service projects in the community. Get the DAR name out there.
11. Provide new member orientation and training for all members through workshops, leadership training courses, and DAR webinars. A well-informed member becomes a well-informed leader.
12. Be a spark plug for your chapter. Sparkle and shoot for the stars! Anything is possible!

## **Lineage Research Committee**

*Carolyn DeLay, Chair*

There have been a few changes in the last few months concerning the completion of applications. One help was the ability to cite one document in the GRS. Registrars may now cite ONE document on an Application or Supplemental without supplying a copy of the document. On page 3, the citation must read: IA Doc #9999999, and include a description, such as Bible Record or Will. Our staff genealogists will look up the document and review it. (An AIR will automatically be sent when submissions do not include the notation “IA” along with the Doc numbers.) If the document is more than one page, please either list all of the numbers or the range, i.e. the first page and last page document numbers.

### Genealogy Guidelines Part II, page 33: **DAR Documentation Files**

Applicants or members may refer to supporting documents retained in support of previously verified applications as part of our Genealogical Research System (GRS). **The submission and use of a document with any previous DAR application does not automatically mean it will be acceptable for a new lineage.** Registrars and members who have Image Access (IA) are **not** permitted to take screen shots of supporting documentation; doing so will result in immediate loss of IA privileges. Likewise, transcriptions of the documents found in IA are not permitted. If referring to a document in the GRS, cite on page 3 the type of record, the document number, member number **and** ancestor number, and provide a copy of the record. There will be instances in which there is no supporting documentation for an ancestor or a particular member, even though some sources may be listed on the application.

The other newest change concerns the length of time a member has to respond to an AIR. From the Registrar General: **Change Regarding Supplemental AIRs:**

Effective for all supplemental applications that receive an AIR letter dated after February 11, 2023, you will have **ONE year** to resolve the problem(s) outlined in the letter, however, **you may now request a 6-month extension** of this deadline. Previously, a supplemental AIR was returned if it was not resolved after two years and no extensions were allowed. You still are not able to change patriots on a supplemental application.”

Since many Daughters fail to respond to AIR letters for supplementals and never attempt to solve the lineage problems identified, this should reduce the backlog of supplemental applications in the queue that Daughters are not attempting to solve while allowing a reasonable time for those that can be resolved.

The thing to remember is: Do your homework! Find out what documents and proof you need. Get your one doc if you need it from the GRS. Do NOT send in an application without proof positive. It will save a lot of heartache in the end.

## Women's Issues Committee

*Linda Harvan, Chair*

If your chapter includes a Women's Issues Minute at each meeting, ideas around monthly themes are easy to download and share from the committee website. The monthly themes for the next three months are:

March	Career: Women's History Month
April	Family: Month of the Military Child
May	Mental Health: Mental Health Month



The first Women's History Day was held February 28, 1909 in New York City, commemorating the one-year anniversary of the garment workers' strikes when 15,000 women marched through lower Manhattan. In 1980, President Jimmy Carter declared the week of March 8 Women's History Week across the country and in March of 1987, Congress declared March Women's History Month. The National Women's History Alliance designates a yearly theme and the 2023 theme is "Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories." Many resources are available for ideas about how to celebrate, including The National Women's History Alliance website at: [www.nationalwomenshistoryalliance.org](http://www.nationalwomenshistoryalliance.org).

April is designated as Month of the Military Child – a time to honor the sacrifices made by military families worldwide, with an emphasis on the experience of the dependent children of military members serving at home and overseas. According to the US Department of Defense, there are more than 1.6 million military children who face many challenges and unique experiences because of their parents' service. Military families move every two to three years on average, which impacts military children through changing schools and support networks. More information is available at: [www.defense.gov/Spotlights/Month-of-the-Military-Child/](http://www.defense.gov/Spotlights/Month-of-the-Military-Child/).

Every year since 1949, Mental Health Awareness Month has been observed in the United States during the month of May. The purpose of Mental Health Month is to help eliminate the stigma associated with mental illness by raising awareness of mental health conditions and those who have them. In 2023 the campaign will focus on the way our neighborhoods and built environments – our physical surroundings – impact both individual and population mental health. Resources are available at: [www.mhanational.org/mental-health-month](http://www.mhanational.org/mental-health-month) and [www.nami.org/Get-Involved/Awareness-Events/Mental-Health-Awareness-Month](http://www.nami.org/Get-Involved/Awareness-Events/Mental-Health-Awareness-Month).

Thank you to everyone who entered the Women's Issues Celebration Essay Contest. Three essays from Iowa were sent to the North Central Division Vice Chair along with entries from Illinois, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin. Winning essays in each category from the division will be sent to the coordinating national vice chair by March 15th. National winners will be notified before Continental Congress. Congratulations to:

1. Sharon Greenlee of the Elizabeth Ross Chapter whose essay "My Cochlear Implant Journey" was the state winner in the Physical Health Issues category.
2. Jan Morgan of the Nancy McKay Harsh Chapter whose essay "Fighting Tension and Stress" was the state winner in the Mental Health Issues category.
3. Michelle Turner of the Lawrence Van Hook chapter whose essay "Winds Of Change" was the state winner in the Family Issues category.

Lastly, please share program and service project ideas and photos of your chapter's activities with the committee via email to Linda Harvan [linda.harvan@gmail.com](mailto:linda.harvan@gmail.com).

## Across the State

### Ladies of the Lake Submitted by Carolyn DeLay

Even though the Ladies of the Lake Chapter had completed their in person meetings for the year, the chapter members continued their work as a chapter. In December the chapter decorated a Christmas tree for the Spirit Lake Mall. Our donation item under it was body wash for the food pantry in Dickinson County. Everyone was free to add to our collection.



Worker bees! From left to right: Mary Thunhorst, Julie Bergquist, Moya Sanders, and Rita Brockshus. Mary and Julie loaded and transported 4 loads of food from the local Wal-Mart to the Upper Des Moines Food pantry over two days (Dec. 27 & 28). Moya and Rita volunteer at the Food Pantry and helped unload and stock shelves. Mary, Moya, and Rita are all members of Ladies of the Lake DAR, Spirit Lake, IA.



We had a Zoom Christmas Coffee.



We took 50 Christmas cards with personalized messages to the Spirit Lake Veterans' Medical Clinic.



In January the chapter did the Chapter Master Report via Zoom with the share function. In February the chapter turned to Zoom again for the Valentine Tea! Several ladies attended sipping their tea and chatting away.



We are planning in person meetings starting in May. Perhaps another chapter would like to join our tour West Okoboji on the "Queen" this summer.

## Across the State Stars & Stripes

Submitted by Tiffany Hauptman

On February 11, 2023 Stars & Stripes Chapter held a reception to honor its DAR Good Citizens at the Spirit Hollow Golf Resort in Burlington.

The DAR Good Citizens recognized by the Stars & Stripes Chapter DAR for 2022-2023 are: Carlea Beckman (Danville High School), Ben Egan (Mediapolis High School), Abby Lynn Korschgen (Notre Dame High School), Kolton David Hauser (Wapello High School), and Zachary William Hite (West Burlington High School). Guest speaker was Todd Chelf, General Counsel for Great River Health. Honored guests included DiAnne Lerud-Chubb, Honorary State Regent of Iowa, Past Vice President General 2008-2011; Tiffany Hauptman, State Organizing Secretary ISDAR; and Debra Arendt, State Treasurer ISDAR.



Tiffany Hauptman, Ben Egan, Abby Korschgen, Zachary Hite, Kolton Hauser, Carlea Beckman, DiAnne Lerud-Chubb, Debra Arendt

## Across the State Mayflower & Ashley

Submitted by Karen Wilson



On Sunday, February 19, Mayflower and Ashley Chapters of Cedar Rapids held their annual George Washington Tea at the Cedar Memorial Family Center. We honored our area Good Citizens. This year we had five students participate. They were: Natalie Rickels from Benton Community High School; Tayler Reaves from Center Point-Urbana High School; Carter Joseph Fitzgerald from John F. Kennedy High School; Sawyer Slezak from Prairie High School and Victoria Gomez from Xavier High School. Natalie Rickels and Sawyer

Slezak were unable to attend our tea. We were also honored to have State Regent, Edith Brunia attend and give remarks. It was a lovely day and Mayflower and Ashley Chapters are always happy when they have the occasion to visit with each other.



### DECORATING THE JORDAN HOUSE FOR CHRISTMAS

JMC members got into the holiday spirit early. They planned for and decorated the formal parlor of the 1860s Jordan House in West Des Moines. This historic



home was fully decorated in time for the Christmas *Home for the Holidays* tours. It was great fun for the decorating team and a good service project too.

[l-r Lucinda Stine, Joyce McDonnell, Naomi Bowler, Joanne Tinker, Nancy Geiger, Sharleen Newton, Dianna Baker Hoye]

### FOOD DONATION DRIVE FOR HOMELESS VETERANS

Members very generously brought food donations to our November and December meetings. We participated in a call from the Veterans Administration asking for food donations for the CRRC which provides for homeless veterans.



It was a great success and we were happy to be part of it. The effort was led by VAVS Representative Judy McNamara and her deputies Joanne Tinker and Joyce McDonnell.



### HONORING OUR MILESTONE ANNIVERSARY MEMBERS

We have a tradition at our December meeting of honoring all milestone anniversary chapter members for the entire year. Out of the 22 honorees this year, 8 were able to attend to receive a certificate, a poppy corsage (hand made by Gerry Bauman), and a poinsettia plant. A very good celebration!



Stephanie & Ann—20 years



Linda—10 years



Flossie—30 years



Barb—70 years

Libby—65 years



Judy & Dianna—25 years

**CHRISTMAS POTLUCK WITH C.A.R. ENTERTAINMENT** What better way to spread some holiday cheer than to enjoy the wonderful feast prepared by amazing Jean Marie Cardinell bakers at our Christmas luncheon—and serenaded by The Tallgrass Prairie Society, C.A.R. children.



**WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA—AND IOWA!** JMC members were busy all around the state helping out with Wreaths activities. Even more members sponsored 108 wreaths this year! We are grateful to you all! Our in-person volunteers, are to be commended for sticking it out in that arctic weather, hardy souls that we are!



**Iowa Veterans Cemetery, Van Meter**  
[l-r] Marty Hansen, Nancy Geiger, Naomi Bowler, Edee Brunia, Dianna Baker Hoyer, Jennifer Ewing. Not shown is Mary Lee Koziol.

**Woodland Cemetery, Des Moines**



Dawn Baldwin

**Warren County Cemetery**



Alayna & Chris Walker



Madam State Regent Edee Brunia with Patrick Palmershein.



**Belmont City Cemetery, Belmont, inaugural WAA event**

Denise Baker Hamilton

## VETERANS DAY AT THE STATE CAPITOL

Members of Jean Marie Cardinell tabled during Veterans Day at the State Capitol on January 18, 2023. The day is a recognition of Iowa's veterans where they meet with state legislators to share issues of concern.

During the event, our chapter meets and honors Vietnam Veterans by presenting them with a special pin provided by the U.S. Department of Defense.



Joanne Tinker, Madam State Regent  
Edee Brunia, and Joyce McDonnell



## Across the State

### James Harlan

Submitted by Gayle Olson

**The James Harlan Chapter of DAR is 100 years old! While there will be special projects and activities all year long, the chapter is hosting a celebration on March 25, 2023 at the Ashford Park Clubhouse at 1801 E. Ashford Avenue in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. The celebration will begin with an open house at 1:00 p.m. A program will start at 1:30 p.m.**

**James Harlan Chapter members decided they wanted to celebrate by exploring what was going on in the lives of the women of our nation and our area 100 years ago. The program will feature two speakers discussing the Progressive Era for Women that spawned many women's organizations. Cheryl Mullenbach, author, social studies educator and tv content developer, will give the national and regional perspective. Cathy Garretson Helman, James Harlan Chapter Treasurer and volunteer extraordinaire, will share local initiatives designed to help educate women of the era. Displays, awards, reminiscing and light refreshments will round out the afternoon's festivities.**

**The afternoon is free and open to the public. In order to be prepared with enough chairs and refreshments, it would be helpful if those planning to attend could send an email to [JamesHarlanChapter@gmail.com](mailto:JamesHarlanChapter@gmail.com) to RSVP.**

# Across the State

## Hannah Lee

Submitted by Joy Bahnemann

December 2022 – February 2023

The Christmas holidays began for our chapter with the annual cutting, sewing, and filling of Christmas stockings for veterans in northeast Iowa and active military personnel. Members of Hannah Lee Chapter joined together for fun and festivities at two different times early in the month to cut holiday-themed fabric and batting resulting in 140 stockings for veterans and troops. Jill Amdahl, Peggy Harvey, Carol Hasvold, Becky McCabe, Wendy Novak, and Jan Wearda delivered the Christmas stockings to Veterans in care facilities, assisted living and nursing homes located in Allamakee, Clayton, Fayette, Howard, and Winneshiek counties. 50 of the custom sewn stockings were filled with goodies and sent to active military men and women serving on the USS Philippine Sea CG 58 in Norfolk, Virginia.



Hannah Lee Chapter members made Valentine cards and wrote letters to the Mason City Iowa Army National Guard Unit, 133rd Transportation Company. "Operation Hometown" was started by Sgt. Kaleb Michel, son of our member, Maureen Michel. She introduced the chapter to the "Operation" and asked for our participation. We delivered! Jill Amdahl, Becky

McCabe, Carol Hasvold, and Peggy Harvey crafted 150 cards and wrote letters to the troops. We also sent a care package of puzzle books, adult coloring books with colored pencils, pencil sharpeners, lead pencils, and playing cards. Member Sarah Nowack, a teacher at the Decorah Middle school, and her students supported the local National Guard unit in Decorah, IA by making 70 cards, writing letters, and including self-drawn pictures for the troops. Ms. Nowack presented the cards to the Iowa National Guard unit in Decorah, Ia.

Chapter Regent Peggy Harvey, and Associate member Marty Hansen, designed and created 38 handmade Valentine cards for residents at the Eastern Star Nursing home in Decorah, Iowa. Regent Harvey delivered the cards to the nursing home residents bringing holiday cheer and festive greetings.







Chapter member, Wendy Novak, filled a large Valentine’s Day gift basket with chocolates, treats, and snacks and delivered it to the VFW in Decorah, IA., offering our best wishes, appreciation, and thankfulness for their service to our country.

In support of the local Food Pantry in Decorah, IA, Chapter Secretary Julie Vogel delivered chapter donations of 93 pounds of food and a check for \$140, and presented these gifts to David Scott, a member of the Food Pantry Board of Directors. Julie is a stellar volunteer contributing her time and talent in support of the Pantry mission of “sharing food with local lowans facing food insecurity”. Of Julie’s service, and Hannah Lee’s dedication to the cause, David Scott stated that “we are

blessed by so many volunteers who help us achieve our Mission and by so many in the community who partner with us”.

As a holiday tradition, the chapter collected money at the December meeting and purchased Christmas gifts for a family selected from the Helping Services of North-east Iowa (HSNEI) giving tree.

Hannah Lee chapter members volunteered 4695 hours of community service in 2022.



## Across the State

### Pilot Rock

Submitted by Peggy Corrington

Pilot Rock DAR Chapter held their Awards Program on Sunday, February 5th at Sanford Museum. Pilot Rock Chapter presented two Community Service Awards to the MMC Community Ministries Food Pantry and to the Cherokee Rotary Club. The MMC Community Ministries Food Pantry collects donations from businesses and individuals to keep their shelves and freezers stocked with food. They distribute the items to area families in need. The Cherokee Rotary Club provides weekend meals for students in need. The group meets to pack and distribute the food discreetly to over 100 students in the Cherokee School System.

Lynette Hyndman present a NSDAR Community Service Award to the Cherokee Rotary for their backpack program at the Cherokee Schools. Accepting the award are George Wittgraf, Craig Wise, Bill Anderson and Lorna Kohn (President).



The Marcus Community Food Pantry received a NSDAR Community Service Award. Donna Bird and Sara Wilcox are accepting the award from Peggy Corrington.



Chapter Awards were presented to The Brummer Legacy Foundation for their work in Historic Preservation. The conservation efforts of Mark and Barb Radke on their farm were recognized with a chapter award. Cindy Hanner from the *Cherokee Chronicle Times* was recognized for her contributions in promoting community activities through print media.



Linda Craig awarded the Chapter Historic Preservation Award to Brummer Building Foundation. Accepting the award are Bill Anderson and John Snap.

Pilot Rock DAR Chapter presented Good Citizen Awards to area high school seniors. The DAR Good Citizen program and Scholarship Contest is intended to encourage and reward the qualities of good citizenship. The student selected as the school's DAR Good Citizen must have the following qualities: dependability, service to others, leadership, and patriotism. The students recognized were Steven Colerick, Alta-Aurelia; Kaden



Mark and Barb receiving the Chapter Conservation Award from Micki Conley.



Peggy Corrington presented Cindy Hanner with the Chapter Media Award.

Neddermeyer, MMCRU; Jake Breyfogle, Ridgeview; Jesse Brewer, River Valley; and Halle Laurson, Sioux Central. Kaden Neddermeyer was selected to represent Pilot Rock Chapter in the Northwest Iowa contest. He read his winning essay for the audience.



Jake Breyfogle- Ridgeview Good Citizen  
 Halle Lauren-Sioux Central Good Citizen  
 Steven Choleric-Alta-Aurelia Good Citizen  
 Kaden Neddermeyer- MMCRU  
 Good Citizen and Chapter Winner.  
 N/A Jesse Brewer- RiverValley  
 Elaine Leavitt and Renea Ogren are committee Co-Chairs.



Kaden Neddermeyer, MMCRU was chosen as Pilot Rock Chapter Good Citizen. The award was present by Renea Ogren and Elaine Leavitt.

## Across the State

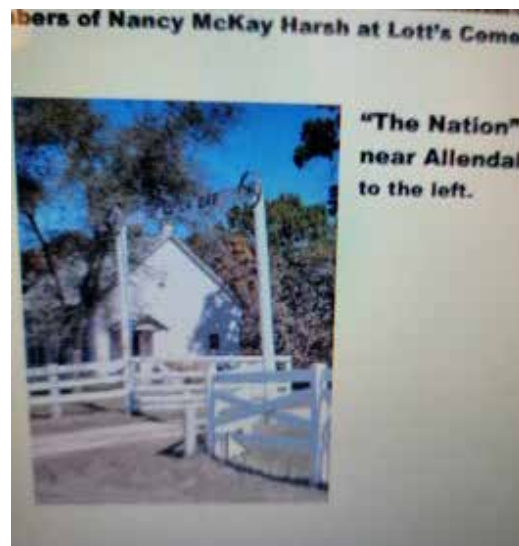
**Nancy McKay Harsh** Submitted by Jan Morgan

In October, we had a tour to “the Nations” and Lott’s Grove church and cemetery. Suzanne Adkisson told the story of Henry Lott and Lott’s Grove and Creek (picture 1) our service project. She also shared information about “The Nation”. “The Nation” schoolhouse near Allendale, Missouri (picture 2) Three of us attended parts of the ISDAR State Fall Forum. Donations were taken for the ISDAR service project and CAR project. In November, we had fun at our zoom meeting singing to John Philip Sousa’s national march, learning how to fight stress and tension during the holidays and learning about the Revolutionary War soldier, Isaac Mason. December, we gave a Braille Flag to Joel Ray. We gave Christmas Cards to veterans in nursing homes. One of our members helped place wreathes at Van Meter’ Veteran Cemetery. Pam gave the program about the Algona Nativity Scene that was made by WWII POWs. Daughters of American Revolution Conservation Award was given to the Wallace Centers of Iowa for a Conservation practices. The Wallace Centers of Iowa, near Orient, Iowa, connect food, land, and people through the services they provide. They renovated pasture to prairie with native grasses and forbes. They educate the public through their classes, agri-tourism programs, site tours, and special events. From Left to Right; Nancy McKay Harsh Chapter members Lynne Schlaht, Suzy Thomas, Jan Morgan and Wallace Centers staff, Lisa Swanson and Deb Houghtaling (picture 3). We submitted applicants for Good Citizen Award, DAR scholarships, 5th grade American History essay and women’s issues essay. One of our members completed the membership course.

Conservation Award (L to R) Lynne Schlaht, Suzie Thomas, Jan Morgan, Lisa Swanson and Deb HouQghtaling



Day of Service Lott's Grove Cemetery (LtoR) Jan Morgan, Suzanne Frost, Pam Marvin, Bonnie Riepe, Jane Briley, and Suzanne Adkisson

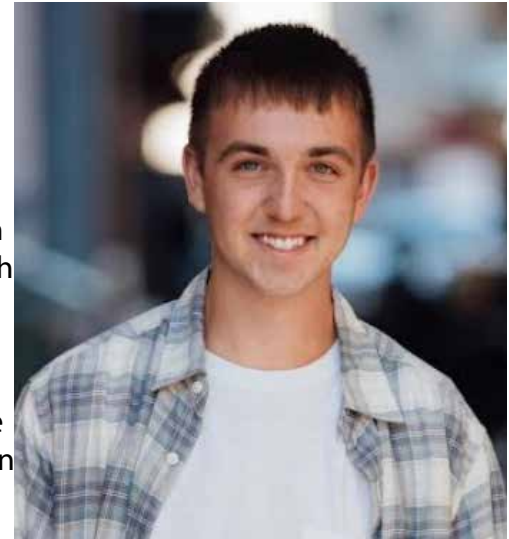


"The Nation's"



### Good Citizens

The Cedar Falls Chapter of Daughters of American Revolution has recognized Good Citizens from six area high schools. Students are chosen due to their dependability, service, leadership and patriotism. The students recognized as Good Citizens this year were presented a pin and a certificate and included: Akshat Mehta- Cedar Falls High School; Nick Reinicke-Dike-New Hartford High School; Lane Rogers- Hudson High School; Miya Uchiyama-Hansen- Union High School; Marcus Schriever-Valley Lutheran School; and Sierra Meeks-Waterloo West High School.



All students were also invited to participate in a scholarship essay contest. The subject of this year's essay was "How Will The Essential Actions of a Good Citizen Meet the Challenges That America Faces in the Next Decade"? They students' essays were judged by independent community members. Lane Rogers was chosen as the chapter scholarship essay winner. Lane attends Hudson High School and is the son of Nicole and Braden Rogers. He also received a scholarship for \$400.00 from the chapter.



### Service in Seconds

The Cedar Falls chapter conducted a "Service in Seconds" project at its January 2023 meeting. Members were asked to bring coupons and scissors to the meeting. We spent time cutting out coupons that were sent to the Support Our Troops Troopons Program. The coupons are sent to commissaries overseas and help grateful military members, families and children. The chapter sent 325 coupons from the January meeting.



## Across the State Council Bluffs

Submitted by Pamela Oviatt

As part of our Conservation Committee and Service to America projects, the Council Bluffs Chapter is collecting used pill bottles to reuse/recycle. If you would like to help, please bring your clean pill bottles to the State Conference and give them to Chapter Regent Donna Knight or to Mary Jane Foutch.

We have found a ministry, Matthew 25: Ministries, which accepts donations of empty plastic pill bottles for inclusion in shipments of medical supplies and for shredding and recycling. Their pill bottle program fulfills the dual needs of improving medical care in developing countries and caring for our environment.

Acceptable collection items include:

- Prescription and over-the-counter pill bottles
- Large and small pill bottles
- Pill Bottles with and without secure caps (child-resistant)

Pill bottles that are not appropriate to include with shipments of medical supplies are recycled and may generate revenue that supports Matthew 25: Ministries' programs. If you would like to support this project, please:

- Make sure pill bottles have an all plastic lid.
- Remove labels, leaving no glue or residue.
- Wash bottles in hot water and dish soap.
- Rinse and dry thoroughly.
- Replace lids on clean, dried bottles.

Please place these clean recapped bottles in large Ziplock bags marked "Clean Bottles." And, remember to report your contribution to your own chapter's recycling efforts. Thank you!

Attached are photos of the most recent collection of pill bottles ready to be washed and packaged for donation.



## Across the State

### Martha Washington

Submitted by Marta Nelson

#### Day of Service

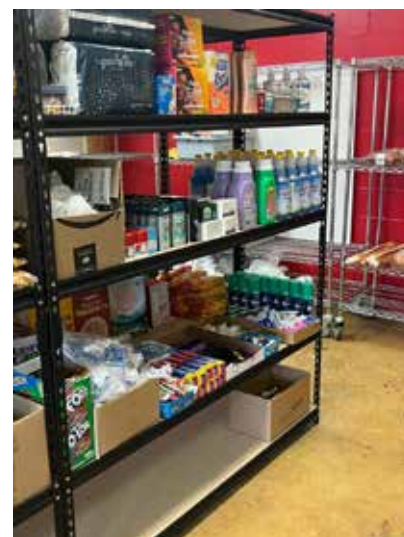
For many years Martha Washington Chapter supported our county Veterans' Office Stand Down with donations of large tote bags of personal care items. Covid changed the way services were offered by the Vets' office and Stand Down was disbanded this year. Thanks to Vice Regent Elizabeth Rosenbaum, we found a new military service project to serve active duty soldiers, their families, and veterans, and this fall it became our continuing Day of Service Project. Support Siouxland Soldiers is an active group in the tri-state area that provides social events, runs a food pantry, offers a monthly free waffle breakfast, and supports local active duty families in a number of ways. Our members collected items for the food & personal items store. In coordination, Elizabeth and her law office staff transported the items to the center and spent an evening helping clients shop and then loading items in their cars.



Elizabeth Rosenbaum & her office crew at Support Siouxland Soldiers, Day of Service 2022

#### November Journey through Sioux City's Archives

Martha Washington Chapter held our November meeting at the Sioux City Museum Research Center (Archives). After our business meeting, Archives Clerk Haley Aguirre took us on a tour of the collections in the reading room and the large storage area in the back. In addition to millions of documents, we noticed buggies, portraits, uniforms, flags, quilts, pioneer artifacts, memoirs of past businesses and organizations – too many to list! Haley had pulled some items in advance that were connected to our chapter history. In fact, a prominent member from the first half of the 20th century became the museum's first official Museum Director! Her personal papers were invaluable in researching, relocating, restoring and rededicating our Old Missouri River Trail Monument a few years ago. Treasurer Amy McDonald found evidence of her grandmother's time in our chapter many years ago; she plans on returning to get copies to share with her family.



Support Siouxland Soldiers Pantry – Day of Service 2022



Archives Clerk Haley Aguirre shows off part of the Archives quilt collection



A small portion of the Sioux City Museum Archives Storage

## Annual Christmas Brunch

Each December our chapter gathers at the home of one of our members for a Christmas potluck brunch. This year we met on a frigid, sunny day on the shore of McCook Lake where hostess Amy McDonald spoiled us with her hospitality. One of our members was under the weather, but sent her contribution with husband Jerry. He joined us for brunch and we sent a big plate home for member Donna. We had drawings for two door prizes. Brooke Redwine took home a cheerful Christmas gnome. Marion Cain was excited to try out her box of cooking spices.



Brooke Redwine shows off her Christmas gnome to Marion Cain & Beth Rosenbaum



Marion Cain shows her spice collection to Amy McDonald & Erin Nelson

## Native Urban Center

Our February program was given by inspiring speaker Val Uken, director of the Native Urban Center, located in Sioux City. Their mission is to provide individual and community services that include cultural, spiritual, educational, and behavioral support to Indigenous community members in Siouxland, serving Nebraska, Iowa, and South Dakota. Recognizing that native youth are the future of the community, the Center's vision expanded this last year to offer weekly youth programming one day a week. In 2023 they will expand to five days a week. We are excited to follow their progress and hope to find new volunteer opportunities with them. Plans are in the works to serve dinner to the youth this spring.



# Across the State

## Elizabeth Ross

Submitted by Sharon Greenlee

Elizabeth Ross has had an exciting fall. We celebrated our 126th Anniversary.



### Constitution Week

We also celebrated Constitution Week by displaying posters in Centerville, Bloomfield, Fairfield and Ottumwa Iowa; received a Proclamation from Governor Kim Reynolds, and sent a Constitution Week information flyer to 14 city churches in several cities requesting they talk about Constitution Week in their services.



Joan Felkner

### Day of Service

Elizabeth Ross commemorated our Day of Service at Drake Public Library in Centerville Iowa where we inventoried the 1880-1990 Appanoose County Probate Records on microfilm. A big thank you for chapter member Joan Felkner for organizing that Day of Service.

### Recognizing our Veterans

For Veterans Day Elizabeth Ross honored Veterans by putting an advertisement in 3 local newspapers. We have also made it a tradition to display Missing Man Tables at 2 local restaurants. The Veterans are always so appreciative of the tables.



### New Members

We are so excited that our Chapter has grown this fall. We welcomed a new member, Ashlynn Hamilton. She was sworn in by her Aunt, Deb Arendt, State Treasurer.



We also have 7 applications approved: Trudy Caviness, Terri O'Hara, Pamula Schulz, Lee-ha Logan, Michaela Peterson, Tammi Ross, and Megan Thompson. We are so excited to have them.

### Patriot Marker Dedication

The most exciting event this fall for our chapter was the Grave Marking and Dedication of Revolutionary War Soldier, Isaac Mason. Isaac is the only soldier in Iowa that was in both the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812.

Despite the 1st cold weather and slight snow flurries, the dedication was a success due to the support of so many. We had guests from around the state, a family from Michigan, the American Legion, Sons of the American Revolution, Iowa Society of the War of 1812, Nancy McKay Harsh Chapter was represented, United States Army National Guard from Fairfield Iowa, newspaper reporter, and the local public.



Ashlynn Hamilton and Deb Arendt



Mike Rowley, Sons of the American Revolution





## Across the State

### *Sun Dial-Solomon Dean* Submitted by Susan Kennedy Harris



**Blake Huntrods, Collins-Maxwell High School, Sun Dial-Solomon Dean Chapter DAR Good Citizen Winner, Iowa Society Daughters of the American Revolution Northwest District Winner.** His parents are Joel and Tara Huntrods. His school counselor is Michelle Stuber.

The DAR Good Citizens program is a brilliant way to recognize outstanding young people who exhibit the qualities of good citizenship in their homes, schools, and communities! The DAR Good Citizens program and Scholarship Contest is intended to encourage and reward the sparkling qualities of good citizenship in our students. The program is open to all high school seniors enrolled in public or private schools accredited and in good standing with their state board of education. Students are not required to be United States citizens. The student selected as the school's DAR Good Citizen must have the following qualities:

- Dependability (truthfulness, honesty, punctuality, etc.)
- Service (cooperation, helpfulness, responsibility, etc.)
- Leadership (personality, self-control, initiative, etc.)
- Patriotism (unselfish loyalty to American ideals)

Each school's DAR Good Citizen receives a DAR Good Citizens pin, certificate, and wallet recognition card. This student is then eligible, if they wish, to enter the DAR Good Citizens Scholarship Contest.

### **The POW/MIA Missing Man Table ceremony, Patriotic Coffee Saturday, February 4, 2023, presented by Iowa State University Air Force ROTC Students**



The POW/MIA Missing Man Table ceremony is a dignified and solemn moment. This ceremony is performed at official military events and public venues in remembrance and in honor of all POW/MIAs.

Within each of us lies the American spirit, a burning desire to dedicate and commit ourselves to the American ideals of freedom. This desire is deep within the heart and soul of each Soldier, Sailor, Airman, Marine, and Coast Guardsman. It is undaunted by weather conditions, living conditions, or hardship of mission. We have never failed to answer our country's call. America has always counted on us. America's military has always been the beacon of freedom, shining for all to see. We have marched with our heads held high and served with pride. Through all these periods of war and American history, one question remains unanswered:

Where are our brother - our prisoners of war, our missing in action veterans?

This is not an absence of choice but rather one, which emulates duty, honor, and country. Let us remember their absence. The Missing Man Table is a vibrant way to remind everyone, both military and civilian, that there are still unaccounted for Americans from past wars.



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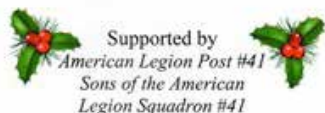
## Jean Espy

Submitted by Cyndie Reppert



Remembrance Program  
Keokuk National Cemetery

11:00 a.m.  
Saturday, December 17, 2022



With hats, scarf and blankets, knowing that they were in for a cold, and breezy day, the members of the Jean Espy Chapter settled into their chairs for the "Wreaths Across America" Ceremony on December 17 at the Keokuk National Cemetery. The rolling vista of this cemetery adds to the solemn ceremony as names are read, taps are played and the 21 gun salute rolls across the acres of stones, gives the Jean Espy Chapter members and visitors time to reflect on these that gave the "Ultimate sacrifice" to our Nation and served our Country. Local Future Farmer of America Chapters help lay the wreaths on the headstones throughout the cemetery, for this we thank them.

After the Ceremony a drive was taken through this historic cemetery to view the graves with the wreaths laid on the white stones.

Soon afterwards, Chapter members arrived at the beautiful, historic home of our Register, Nancy Kimmel, for our December luncheon. Nancy prepares and serves a delicious meal of lasagna; members add side dishes to help out. After the afternoon of good food, stories and laughter, Chapter members start work on our December service project.

Each December members donated Christmas cards to be used to send to Veterans in local Nursing homes and assisted living facilities throughout Lee County. Cards are addressed to veterans with the message "Merry Christmas to Special Veteran". With the message inside, wishing them a Merry Christmas from the Jean Espy Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. These cards are then delivered to the Nursing homes in the towns of Ft. Madison, Keokuk, Montrose, Donnellson, and West Point, with candy canes included.

This is a special project for our Chapter. It also gives our group a time during the busy season to share our good wishes with each other.



## First Ladies Tea Party



Lawrence Van Hook members were delighted to host the Iowa State Regent, Mrs. Edee Brunia, at our December meeting. During the Chapter Historian's report, members learned about the origin of Christmas cookies. Following the business meeting, members enjoyed a Christmas tea and special program on America's First Ladies. The highlight of the tea were 14 varieties of cookies attributed to First Ladies. The cookies, baked by

members, had flavors ranging from Martha Washington's spicy ginger to Lou Hoover's humble, buttery shortbread to Nancy Reagan's decadent chocolate and raspberry Vienna Squares. As members enjoyed their tea and cookies, they learned more about the lives of thirteen First Ladies with a fun, interactive, and engaging program. Several members had volunteered in advance of the program to read in the round, reader's theater style, short biographies of various First Ladies such as Dolley Madison, Lou Hoover, and Abigail Adams.



Even our State Regent was fully involved in the program, baking teacakes found in Caroline Harrison's cookbook, and reading Mrs. Harrison's biography. Our members had a wonderful time, and were delighted to take part in a cookie walk following the program where they loaded a container with their favorite First Lady confections. *For more information on this program, or to receive a copy of the cookie recipes, please contact Amy Sunleaf ([aamascd@gmail.com](mailto:aamascd@gmail.com)).*



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