



# Iowa Society

## Daughters of the American Revolution

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

Your state officers and state committee chairs are hoping all our chapters are excited about the upcoming 125th anniversary celebration planned for the 2024 state conference. News is coming in daily of state and division winners. Our fingers are crossed for good news from National because it has certainly been lots of good news so far. It has been a while or maybe the first time Iowa DAR has had a Youth Volunteer and an Outstanding Volunteer for Service for Veterans in the same year. We have an Outstanding Teacher of American History; a full slate of American History essay winners and all four districts have a Good Citizen winner. SAR and JAC DAR members will be honored. This is going to be a banner year for Iowa DAR! Our Friday night banquet is so crowded with winners and special presentations we will not have time for a speaker! There will be special surprises for all who attend our spring conference which will make for a conference we hope to be fondly remembered. All chapters are encouraged to send their Regent and more members to join in the festivities.

Time is running out to participate in the GEP reimbursement program that is part of the State Regent's project. Qualification has now been opened to any Iowa daughter who took GEP courses during the Brunia Administration starting in July of 2022. Each daughter is eligible for a one-time \$75.00 reimbursement for taking any one of courses GEP 1, 2, 3, or 4. Participation has not been as high as liked so the membership will have to decide where to use the remaining money if not used by June of 2024. The good news is that there are



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now 33 Iowa daughters who have taken GEP courses, and twenty chapters have gained members who are trained. Not only does this benefit individuals in proper genealogy, but our chapters have also gained knowledgeable members. Thank you to those Iowa daughters who stepped forward to do the education advancement. One very bright spot for the Iowa Society is the total membership of Iowa DAR is growing again! Do you suppose it has something to do with our newly trained volunteers? We sure hope so.

At the 2024 State Conference all members who have obtained cords are encouraged to bring them with you so we may have a group picture of all the Iowa daughters who have taken training in GEP and Leadership courses. My dream is for nearly everyone attending in the picture, which would be a true achievement that can only be obtained by personal initiative.

If your chapter has a chapter flag you are encouraged to bring that flag, pole, and stand to state conference as a show of pride in your chapter and Iowa DAR. Our Page Chairperson will oversee the placement.

Your state leadership is looking forward to seeing many of our members April 4-6, 2024, at the Airport Holiday Inn in Des Moines, Iowa for the 125th anniversary celebration.

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## Iowa Spread the Sparkle Results

Congratulations to the following chapters that met the Spread the Sparkle Challenge of bringing in 4 or more new members by application or reinstatement (inactive for 2 or more years) by '24. The count ran from March 5, 2023 to December 29, 2023.



# Congratulations on meeting the Spread the Sparkle Challenge

**Abigail Adams Chapter  
Ashley Chapter  
Camp Dodge Chapter  
Cedar Falls Chapter  
Council Bluffs Chapter  
Hannah Caldwell Chapter  
Hannah Lee Chapter  
Jean Marie Cardinell Chapter  
Ladies Of The Lake Chapter  
Mayflower Chapter  
Sun Dail-Solomon Dean Chapter**

*Iowa Daughters Sparkle!*



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



The 125th annual ISDAR State Conference planning is ramping up and I encourage all members to join us in Des Moines at the Airport Holiday Inn at 6111 Fleur Drive, April 4-6. It's our 125th Anniversary and we are looking forward to a celebration.

We will have a full meeting with reports of State Officers, Chapter Regents and State Committee Chairmen, nomination and election of new officers, recognition for our award winners and DAR Leadership Training Course graduates and a special memorial service honoring our dear Daughters whom we lost this year. We look forward to welcoming the State Regents from Florida, New Mexico, South Dakota, and Wyoming as our guests for this year's conference. Amanda Vasquez, DAR Library Archivist will be our Friday Luncheon Speaker.

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 revamped DAR Apparel sale will return with sales of gently used dresses and hats with the addition of purses and briefcases proceeds will support 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, Junior Membership and the Yvonne Boone Boutique will be offering items for your shopping pleasure. C.A.R. will have a sales table featuring fun items to take home to a young person, C.A.R. in your family, or a C.A.R. Society. Many state chairmen will also have displays set up as well. Please contact this officer if you need a display table or exhibit space at the 2024 State Conference.

The credentials form has been posted on the ISDAR website under Officers and Forms under State Vice Regent category. The deadline for the credentials form is March 1, 2024, to be received by Sarah Steinke, State Vice Regent. This newsletter includes the agenda and the registration form for your convenience. The deadline for the registration form is March 4, 2023. The mailing address is on both forms. The deadline for hotel reservations is March 14, 2024, be sure to ask for the DAR room block.



## **2024-2026 State Chairs Wanted!**

**Are you interested in serving the ISDAR as a State Chairman in 2024-2026? Is there a particular committee that aligns with your DAR passions? Please complete [this chairman interest form](#). All reasonable attempts will be made to accommodate everyone's preferences.**



**Sarah Steinke**

Ashley Chapter, Cedar Rapids

Candidate for the office of  
**State Regent**

Iowa Society Daughters of the American Revolution

Has the Honor to Announce  
Associate Candidates for Election  
At the One Hundred Twenty-Fifth State Conference  
April 2024

**State Vice Regent**

**Tiffany Hauptman**

Stars and Stripes Chapter, Burlington

**State Chaplain**

**Andrea Perry**

Onawa Chapter, Onawa

**State Treasurer**

**Shelley Wells**

Anna Maria Lane Chapter, Swea City

**State Recording Secretary**

**Jackie Beard**

Henry Knox Chapter, Knoxville

**State Registrar**

**Donna Knight**

Council Bluffs Chapter, Council Bluffs

**State Corresponding Secretary**

**Deborah Crawford**

Cedar Falls Chapter, Cedar Falls

**State Historian**

**Barbara MacDougall**

DeShon Chapter, Boone

**State Organizing Secretary**

**Ann Mack**

Abigail Adams Chapter, Des Moines

**State Librarian**

**Gail J. Bonath**

Grinnell Chapter, Grinnell



# IOWA SOCIETY DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

## 125th ISDAR State Conference

### April 4-6, 2024

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 14, 2024 – 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** Caesar Salad, Smoked Beef Brisket with Honey Mustard, Monterey Jack Cheese, Sauteed Onions & Peppers on Grilled Wheat Berry Bread, Seasoned Potato Wedges & Fresh Baked Cookie.

**Friday Banquet** Chophouse Wedge, Fresh Rolls, Grilled Iowa Pork Chop with Red Onion Jam, Grilled Asparagus, Baked Potato, and mini dessert plate.

**Saturday Lunch** Salami & Cheese Tortellini Salad, Grilled Chicken Breast with BBQ Sauce, Monterey Jack Cheese, Cheddar Cheese & Bacon on a Brioche Bun, Seasoned 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
Registration (All members pay Registration, Guests do not. Registration fee is waived for Pages.)	\$ 25.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Friday Luncheon	\$ 34.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Friday Banquet	\$ 46.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Saturday Luncheon	\$ 34.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>TOTAL ENCLOSED</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>		

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

**Registration Deadline is March 4, 2024**

**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 |

## Tentative - ISDAR 125th State Conference Agenda

### Thursday April 4, 2024

- 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 April 5, 2024

- 7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m. – State Conference Registration – Lobby of Ballroom
- 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.– 125<sup>th</sup> State Conference Opening Session– Central & South Ballrooms
  - Reports of State Officers, Chapter Regents, State Chairman
  - Recommendations of the Executive Committee
  - State Officer Nominations and Elections
- 12:00 p.m. – Luncheon – Central & South Ballrooms
- 1:30 p.m. – Conference Resumes
  - Presentation of Bylaws Amendments
  - 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
  - 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration
  - DAR Good Citizens, ISDAR Scholarship Recipients, Outstanding American History Teacher
  - \*\*\*Receiving line immediately following banquet\*\*\*
- 9:30 p.m. – Reception – Hospitality Room (Rm. 160)

### Saturday April 6, 2024

- 8:45 a.m. - Memorial Service
- 9:15-9:45 - State Conference Registration – Lobby of Ballroom
- 9:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. - Conference Resumes – Central & South Ballrooms
  - Reports Continue
  - State Officer Installation
- 11:30 a.m. – Guest Registration
- 12:00 p.m. – Luncheon - Central & South Ballrooms
  - State President – Children of the American Revolution
  - American History Essay Contest Winners
- 1:30 p.m. - Afternoon Session
  - Unfinished Business
  - Member Leadership Education Graduation
  - Genealogical Education Program Recognition

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# We're changing the name!



## The ISDAR Apparel Sale

We're changing the name to include more items you definitely could use!

Have a purse or briefcase you no longer use or want?

Donate them to The ISDAR Apparel Sale at Spring Conference – it's only months away!

Dresses and Hats are still very welcome!

Accepting dresses, hats, purses, briefcases & DAR logo only t-shirts items in good condition to this newly re-named sale!

All items are donated by Daughters

Proceeds Towards State Regent Project







**Membership Changes**  
**November 11<sup>th</sup>- February 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Welcome New Members!**

**Ashley Chapter**

Lenore Davis  
Molly Donahue  
Laurie Love-Homan  
Christine Sagon

**Camp Dodge Chapter**

Kathy Forret  
Anndrea Golightly

**Cedar Falls Chapter**

Susan Barre  
Nancy Kerns  
Louise Starkey  
Michelle Walden  
Anne Woodrick

**Council Bluffs**

Lori Hubbard

**Hannah Caldwell Chapter**

Alexandra Arnold  
Jayne Haffarnan  
Arien Pooch  
Kathleen Richardson

**Jean Espy Chapter**

Liza Alton  
Melissa Flach

**Jean Marie Cardinell Chapter**

Jessica Clark  
Margaret Klee  
Julie Lee  
Connie Schmett  
Jennifer Stokes  
Paige Yontz

**Lawrence Van Hook Chapter**

Charlene FitzGerald  
Krista Othon

**Lucretia Deering Chapter**

Nancy Hamilton  
Constance Lievrouw  
Marie Weber

**Mason City Chapter**

Rochelle Arends  
Jean Shilling

**Revolutionary Dames Chapter**

Susan Aswegan  
Sandra Miller



**Hope to see you at**  
**State Conference in April!**

From Mrs. Parnell, Registrar General: Effective February 10, 2024, members will be limited to six supplemental apps in the queue. If six+ apps are already listed, they will be grandfathered and reviewed, but any new apps would be returned with fees until there are only six. This ruling will be reviewed when the back log of supplementals is cleared. See the "Shooting Stars" newsletter on the Registrar General's webpage or ask your chapter registrar for specific details.

DAR Genealogy Gems: Have you researched, or tried to research records in New York? Sometimes it's a struggle. The December Issue has some great tips for finding records in this state. See all the Lineage Research Committee's newsletters on their webpage.

HELP!!! Can't find a document? Need help with an AIR? Just want to vent? That's what I (try to) do. [mack.ann.m@gmail.com](mailto:mack.ann.m@gmail.com) is your first defensive move. If a solution cannot be found, get the PMD updated and the next move is to ask the Lineage Research Committee on a new member app or the Volunteer Genealogists on a supplemental app for help. Genealogy is a TEAM Sport!!

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



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

This State Conference will be one for the history books!! Celebrating 125 years of Iowa Society DAR!

This officer has been working hard to bring the Past State Regent book up to date and compiling all the biographies of Past Regents and Honorary Regents in one place. From 1891 (before Iowa had a DAR Society) to 2024! Iowa has had 66 State Regents.

I cannot take credit for the information on all past Regents as past Iowa DAR Historians and members have started and then continued to gather pictures and biographies of these amazing ladies. I will take credit for finding, organizing and producing a beautiful binder of our 66 Past Iowa State Regents.

The Iowa Society must thank State Historian Martha Thrall who served under State Regent Mary Button Frisbee in 1920. She began the gathering of information of Past Regents. State Historian Ethel Hamilton worked to compile State Regents in 1928 and State Historian Lucy Drew Chilgren continued the work along with my grandmother Lucile Tucker Remely in 1930. Finding her name among the archives brought a tear.

More recently, Honorary State Regent Marla Suter, Marlys Ankrum, Jeanette Shannon and Shelley Wells have all done amazing work to honor and remember Past Iowa Regents.

Most importantly, **the State Regent Book has been dedicated to past State Historian, Linda Hopkins** who served under Honorary State Regent Linda Van Niewaal in 2010-2012. Linda had to have worked hours and hours to put together a detailed account of most of the past Regents. Sadly, Linda passed away during her term as State Treasurer under Honorary State Regent Barbara Halpin.

Our Iowa Society Past Regents were and are an amazing group of women who were suffragists, feminists, educated, involved, assertive, independent, believed deeply in the mission of DAR and were honored to be a part of this important society. I hope all can take some time at State Conference to look at the State Regent book on the State Historian's table. There will also be a companion piece that will add a visual reminder of the important work each Regent did.

Below are two links to ISDAR Virtual Cemeteries on Find a Grave. One is a list of Past Regents and the other a listing of Real Daughters, Daughters, and a pretty complete list of ISDAR members who have passed and their graves marked with the DAR Insignia. To end my last contribution to the State Newsletter, I have to thank State Regent Brunia for a wonderful two years as State Historian. I have learned so much and am proud to be a DAR.

[findagrave.com/virtual-cemetery/49101791](https://findagrave.com/virtual-cemetery/49101791)

[findagrave.com/virtual-cemetery/1741356?page=1](https://findagrave.com/virtual-cemetery/1741356?page=1)

\*Peter Westbrook

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



Mark 13:28 "Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near."

Hello! I am looking forward to seeing everyone again soon!

We will hold a Memorial Service during this upcoming State Conference on Saturday morning, April 6th at 8:45 AM. This will be in memory of Iowa Daughters who have passed away since our State Conference of 2023. 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**

H. Winfred Condon, Candle-Stick Chapter

Jane Nelson Schwartz, Council Bluffs Chapter

Dana Wright Moritz, Elizabeth Ross Chapter

Daphane Thomas Alexander, Hannah Caldwell Chapter

Hazel Halene King, Henry Knox Chapter

Vivian Wiltsey Kalton, Lucy Standish-Newcastle Chapter

Virginia Patterson Wachenheim, Lucy Standish-Newcastle Chapter

Darlene Poore Morgan, Nancy McKay Harsh Chapter

Patricia Lynn Cowell Redig, Pilot Rock Chapter

## **From the State Librarian** **Carol Baxter**

Hello fellow Daughters!! Spring is in the air and our State Conference is coming up. Hope you are doing well and able to come see what Iowa DAR has been up too. The agenda looks awesome! We will be installing new State officers. It has been my privilege to be your State Librarian for the last two years. Thank you to the Brunia administration.



The Sundial/ Solomon Dean met recently and discussed the book we read from the DAR suggested reading list by Andrea Wulf, "Founding Gardeners." It told of the love of nature and the shaping of America. The gardens of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, and James Madison were the author's focus. I have been fortunate to have seen three of them when traveling to see ex President's homes. It was eloquently written and I can't imagine how much research went into it. I highly recommend reading. See you soon!!!

## **From the State Corresponding Secretary** **Andrea Perry**

Greeting Iowa Daughters! Congratulations on another successful year of service to God, Home and Country. I'm looking forward to hearing about your activities and accomplishments at the ISDAR 125th State Conference.



All chapters are encouraged to bring their DAR Chapter Flag (Chapter Banner) and floor stand to the conference for display near the speaker's podium.

If your chapter does not have a chapter flag, you can order one from the online DAR Store. Plan ahead for next year's state conference as these are a custom order that takes 4 to 6 weeks to process and ship and 'rush' options are not available.

Celebrate your chapter's milestone by adding an Anniversary Streamer to the top of your chapter flag. These cost \$5 and are available for 25 years, 50 years, 75 years, 100 years, and 125 years.

Please stop by the State Corresponding Secretary's table for chapter supplies that will help your chapter run smoothly in the coming year.



## From the State Organizing Secretary Tiffany Hauptman



Membership is all about **RECRUITING** new members, **ENGAGING** current members, and **RETAINING** our precious members. Having recently completed the State Membership Committee Report, I have to say I was very inspired by the varied ways Iowa chapters **RECRUIT, ENGAGE, and RETAIN** members! I want to share some of them! I hope that these ideas will spark some interest in your chapter!

### **RECRUIT**

- Distribute promotional flyers at public events and locations.
- Invite prospective members to coffee, tea, or lunch.
- Connect with prospective members frequently with phone calls, texts, and email messages.
- Offer to provide transportation for prospective members to attend meetings.
- *What can you do to help make ladies feel welcome and invited?*

### **ENGAGE**

- Celebrate chapter and member anniversaries.
- Provide fellowship opportunities with special outings, parades, or community service events.
- Maintain connections with all members through regular emails and snail mail with updates, including meeting minutes, upcoming events and announcements.
- Send cards for birthdays, illnesses, sympathy, or just thinking of you.
- *What can you do to show fellow Daughters how much you care about them?*

### **RETAIN**

- Start the process of membership renewal early.
- Be persistent, using email, mail, and phone calls to remind members about their dues.
- Consider maintaining a special fund to help defray the cost of dues for those who may be struggling.

DAR is an active organization, and it takes work to increase our membership. But we can all help each other to make the work of DAR enjoyable for everyone! Please let me know what other ideas you have to **RECRUIT, ENGAGE, and RETAIN** our DAR members!

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

Hello Iowa Daughters. Now that spring is around the corner and State Conference is upon us. Remember the project that was mentioned by our State Regent about the KDS 100th Anniversary Celebration. If each chapter donates \$1.00 per member or more, then send a check to the State Treasurer by April 6th. The contributions will ensure recognition to the KDS DAR School Centennial Campus.



For those Chapters that their fiscal year ended December 31. Please get them in, so the N-990 can be done. If you have already done the N-990 post card. Send a copy to show that it has been done. See everyone at State Conference.

If you have any questions contact the State Treasurer:

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



## America 250! Committee

*Denise Baker Hamilton, Chair*

### America 250! Committee

## Preparing for America's 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration



### Celebration Grants

## FREE MONEY FREE MONEY FREE MONEY!!!!

Chapters are doing great things and impacting their communities with the \$500 grants awarded by the Wright Administration. However, there are 29 chapters that have yet to participated in this program. That means that there is **\$14,500** just waiting for the remaining chapters to file an application for its share of the grant money. Our goal is to have 100% of our chapters participating in the Celebration Grant program.

Applying for the grant is easy! The chapter simply completes a short application describing how it is going to use the funds to support the NSDAR America 250! vision of celebrating the 250th birthday of the United States of America and the Patriots who achieved American independence.

The ideas for use of the grant money are endless. If you need help with ideas or the application itself, please contact me. I would love to help.



Don't wait until the last minute to apply for your grant. **Projects must be completed no later than February 28, 2025.** Please allow 30 days for the review and 75 days for the grant funds to be disbursed. If you want to support the ISDAR State Fair Parade, we need to get that application in now so that we will be able to use it for the 2024 parade in August.

Go to the **America250!** Committee page for more information.

[Preparing for America's 250th Birthday Celebrations | Daughters of the American Revolution \(dar.org\)](https://www.dar.org/Preparing-for-America-s-250th-Birthday-Celebrations)

# Stories of Our Patriot Ancestors

Another mission of the America **250!** Committee is to bring Patriots to life through their remarkable stories and their legacies.

Did you know that on the ISDAR public website (<https://www.isdar.org>) there is a repository for Patriot Stories? These Patriot Stories seek to remember and honor our Patriots' contributions.

Have you submitted a story about your patriot(s)? Your Patriot is waiting for you to share his or her story.

Click on this link to view some of the Patriot Stories that have already been published. You will also see the guidelines for submitting your story. [patriot\\_stories \(isdar.org\)](https://www.isdar.org/patriot_stories)

Let's challenge each chapter to submit one story in the next 60 days!!

Any questions, please contact me.

Denise Baker Hamilton,  
ISDAR American **250!** Committee Chair  
[denisehamiltonamerica250@gmail.com](mailto:denisehamiltonamerica250@gmail.com)  
515-240-5378

## Junior Sales Committee

**Jaclyn Kurtz & Cyndie Reppert, Co-Chairs**

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 March 20, 2024.

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:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DA R Chapter Name:** Check the box in front of your chapter

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|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Algona, Algona Chapter                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Des Moines, Camp Dodge Chapter         | <input type="checkbox"/> Onawa, Onawa Chapter                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ames, Sun Dial-Solomon Dean Chapter      | <input type="checkbox"/> Fort Dodge, Fort Dodge Chapter         | <input type="checkbox"/> Osage, Lucretia Deering Chapter          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Belle Plaine, Artesia Chapter            | <input type="checkbox"/> Fort Madison, Jean Espy Chapter        | <input type="checkbox"/> Oskaloosa, Oskaloosa-Mary Marion Chapter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boone, DeShon Chapter                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Glenwood, Glenwood Chapter             | <input type="checkbox"/> Ottumwa, Elizabeth Ross Chapter          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Burlington, Stars & Stripes Chapter      | <input type="checkbox"/> Grinnell, Grinnell Chapter             | <input type="checkbox"/> Shenandoah, Shenandoah Chapter           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carroll, Priscilla Alden Chapter         | <input type="checkbox"/> Hampton, Candle-Stick Chapter          | <input type="checkbox"/> Sioux City, Martha Washington Chapter    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cedar Falls, Cedar Falls Chapter         | <input type="checkbox"/> Iowa City, Nathaniel Fellows Chapter   | <input type="checkbox"/> Spirit Lake, Ladies of the Lake Chapter  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cedar Rapids, Ashley Chapter             | <input type="checkbox"/> Iowa City, Pilgrim Chapter             | <input type="checkbox"/> Swea City, Anna Maria Lane Chapter       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cedar Rapids, Mayflower Chapter          | <input type="checkbox"/> Knoxville, Henry Knox Chapter          | <input type="checkbox"/> Storm Lake, Buena Vista Chapter          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cherokee, Pilot Rock Chapter             | <input type="checkbox"/> Maquoketa, Lawrence Van Hook Chapter   | <input type="checkbox"/> Tipton, Open Prairie Chapter             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clarion, Lucy Standish/Newcastle Chapter | <input type="checkbox"/> Marion, Marion Linn Chapter            | <input type="checkbox"/> Washington, Washington Chapter           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Council Bluffs, Council Bluffs Chapter   | <input type="checkbox"/> Marshalltown, Spinning Wheel Chapter   | <input type="checkbox"/> Waverly, Revolutionary Dames Chapter     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Creston, Nancy McKay Harsh Chapter       | <input type="checkbox"/> Mason City, Mason City Chapter         | <input type="checkbox"/> West Union, Hannah Lee Chapter           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Davenport, Hannah Caldwell Chapter       | <input type="checkbox"/> Mount Pleasant, James Harlan Chapter   |   |
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**Contact Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Magnet or Pin?**  Magnet \$14  Pin \$12 **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



# Junior Membership Committee

**Cyndie Reppert, Chair**

## Welcome to the 2024 Helen Pouch Memorial Fund Classroom Grant Program!

Please note the following key dates:

**January 2023:** Applications sent to State Junior Membership Chairs to then forward to chapters. **February 15 through May 1, 2024:** Application period open to classroom teachers.

**May 15, 2024** Applications due from chapter to State Junior Membership Chair.

**June 2024** Grant winners announced at Continental Congress.

No later than **September 30, 2024:** Awards mailed to the school of record, addressed to the teacher's attention.

Please contact Cyndie Reppert, Chairman, to receive the following documents and forms:

*All About the 2024 Junior Membership Classroom Grant Award Program*

*2024 Helen Pouch Memorial Fund Classroom Grant Application*

*2024 Helen Pouch Memorial Fund Classroom Grant Award Judges' Decision Sheet*



## 2024 Helen Memorial Fund Classroom Grant Program

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

Deadline is May 1, 2024

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

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



# **The Flag of the United States of America Committee**

**Ann Ghabel,, Chair**



Over 100 years ago this committee was established to promote a deep patriotic sense of respect for our flag. In 1909 NSDAR presented this committee with these principal objectives: to keep the flag flying and to protect it continuously under all conditions, as well as to educate citizens regarding its correct usage.

This chairperson wants to thank members of ISDAR for their many hours of service to our patriotic history and continued love of our country. More flags were distributed in 2023, 43% more! Over 3,829 American flags were donated by ISDAR in 2023! In addition, Flag Code brochures and other flag literature were distributed and the total was 89% higher in 2023! Revolutionary flags were donated by Anna Marie Chapter totaling 826.

Please keep in mind our patriotic holidays this spring and proudly honor the flag. Flag Day, June 14, and Memorial Day will be here shortly. Chapters can plan appropriate events for their members.

Continue to present Flag Certificates and Braille Flags to recognize and show appreciation to individuals and groups who show respectful and correct flag usage. Consider giving one a month! Certificates can be downloaded from the ISDAR webpage The Flag of the United States of America Committee page.

Ann Ghabel, Chair

The Flag of the United States of America

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# Children of the American Revolution

*Amy Sunleaf, Chair*

The relationship between Iowa DAR and C.A.R. continues to strengthen. Your Chapter Master Reports on the C.A.R. committee page, indicated much more involvement between our groups than was reported last year. Thank you also for your generous donations at the local, state and national levels. In addition, this year's State President Abby J. and I deeply appreciate your support of this year's project, Veterans Tech Support.

We still have work to do, however. In the CMR, a whopping 126 children were identified as being between the ages of birth and 22 and eligible for membership in C.A.R. Please help us Cultivate Tomorrow's Leaders by making it a priority to get your children, grandchildren, nieces' and nephews' applications prepared and sent in (we have a great Senior Registrar who can help you do this).

I am excited to announce that our reorganizing chapter, Francis Marion, has reached the number of members needed to organize and will do so in March, right before our State Meeting. Please consider joining us at the 77th Iowa Society State Conference which will be held in Des Moines on March 16, you will be amazed at how the State Officers of Iowa C.A.R. run the entire meeting! For more information on how to register, please email me at [iowanscar@gmail.com](mailto:iowanscar@gmail.com).



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INVITE YOU TO ATTEND**

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**77TH I.S.C.A.R. STATE CONFERENCE**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2024**  
I.C.A.R. business dress code

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IOWA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

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FOR MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT  
AMY AT [iowanscar@gmail.com](mailto:iowanscar@gmail.com)



## **Page Committee**

**Jackie Beard, Chair**

### **Please Plan to Sparkle in DAR Service and Friendship at the 125th ISDAR State Conference as a Page!**

Please consider serving as a page at the historic 125th State Conference! A white dress and a smile are the most important requirements.

Pages sparkle in DAR service by assisting in many ways to help the meetings and workshops of the State Conference run smoothly. Those duties include: assisting the State Regent and officers, carrying flags, assisting with technology, monitoring doors, stuffing mailboxes, assembling table favors, assisting with the graduation ceremony and the memorial service. Pages may serve the entire conference or as personal schedules allow.

Page at any age at the 125th ISDAR State Conference!

Please contact Jackie Beard [jkbeard17@gmail.com](mailto:jkbeard17@gmail.com) to sign up &/or with any questions.

## **Iowa State Fair Parade**

**Kathy Lynn Sells, Coordinator**



Greetings Iowa Daughters! In a recent trip down memory lane (the DAR Magazine archive), I've indulged in a "parade search" from the 1920s to the present and see grand floats and enthusiastic participation across America. Check out the 1930 Rose Parade entry in Pasadena, California. This DAR float won the second-place trophy!

We are approximately four months away from the Iowa State Fair Parade - the one day each year when we have the honor of representing our Society in the largest parade event in our State.

This year we are adding an "All-Daughter Color Guard" and expanding the team to include special projects leading up to the big event. We are recruiting volunteers with a passion for the creative with an interest in design. If ever there was a time to get involved, it's now. Each year we are building our presence with a focus on the America250! Celebration. There are many ways to participate whether before, during, or after the event. If parades are your interest and passion, join us!

Kathy Lynn Sells • Department of Sparkle and Shine! • Celebrate Stars and Stripes Forever! • [IowaParadeTeam@gmail.com](mailto:IowaParadeTeam@gmail.com)

## New Horizons Course Updated

### New Horizons – then & now

#### Original Course

- Created in 2014
- Legacy content & resources dating back 4 administrations
- Exhaustive Content: 36 modules/3 Books Required Reading & Synopsis/Meetings/Capstone Project
- Estimated time to complete: 6 – 12 months

#### Updated Course 2.0\*

- \* Updating during Wright Administration
- \* Focus on current resources and administration agnostic
- \* Streamlined content: 20 modules/3 Officer Workbooks/1 Book required/ Meetings/Capstone Project
- \* Estimated time to complete: 3 – 6 months

### New Horizons Parts 1 - 4



- \* Part 1 – 20 modules
- \* Part 2 – 3 Officer workbooks
- \* Part 3 – Meeting, tours and activities
- \* Part 4 – Capstone Project and Graduation Final Review

### Streamlined and Consolidated Content from 36 to 20 modules

#### Existing Modules used

- \* Welcome to the Wright Administration\*
- \* Governing Documents - Handbook & Bylaws
- \* Generational Awareness
- \* Conflict Resolution
- \* Finding Balance: Life, Work, and DAR

#### New Modules created

- \* Welcome to New Horizons
- \* DAR in brief
- \* DAR Magazine and other valuable resources
- \* Wide Blue Sash
- \* Top 10 Financial Issue for Nonprofits
- \* Donate with a Purpose
- \* Parliamentarian\*
- \* Dare to Lead\*
- \* 21<sup>st</sup> Century Volunteer\*
- \* Chapter Health Assessment (CDRC)
- \* Membership Committee
- \* Communications
- \* eMembership\*
- \* Importance of Reporting
- \* Protocol

## New! [Officer Workbooks](#)



- ★ Regent
- ★ Vice Regent
- ★ Chaplain
- ★ Recording Secretary
- ★ Corresponding Secretary
- ★ Treasurer
- ★ Registrar
- ★ Historian
- ★ Librarian

## Other Course Requirements



- ★ Part 3
  - Continental Congress attendance (In Person or Online)
  - State Conference or other State Meeting
  - State Tours or Activities
  - Chapter Meeting, Tours or Activities
- ★ Part 4
  - Capstone Project
  - Graduation Final Review

## Roll Out



- Daughters will begin to enroll in New Horizons (2.0) May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Daughters currently enrolled in New Horizons will have 90 days to complete current or working with her State Coordinator can transition to 2.0.
- August 1<sup>st</sup> – current New Horizons content will be removed from Members website

## How can you help?



- Promote the course with your board
- Support your State Coordinators
- Celebrate Daughter's success with a graduation ceremony at a State Meeting

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## DAR Leadership Training

### It's Not Just for New Members!

Denise Baker Hamilton, Jean Marie Cardinell Chapters, NSDAR



I do not believe a day goes by without my seeing questions on DOC (Daughter Online Community) or a DAR Facebook group asking a question that begins with one word in the above image. I would venture to say that you haven't either.

I consider myself a relatively new member having joined in February 2021. I found myself relatively active almost immediately in the organization and along with that had a lot of questions about this massive organization. I was eventually introduced to the DAR Leadership Training program and have to say that it is absolutely the best piece of advice I have received.

The course is made up of three separate courses: Membership Course; Committee Leaders Course; and New Horizon Course. Each course contains multiple modules. These courses are **FREE**, are available 24-7 and self-directed, so one can go at her own pace.

Generally, the modules include a webinar, a script and a worksheet. One listens to the webinar and completes the worksheet. The script will help refresh your memory of what was said during the webinar and allows you to go back and replay that portion for better understanding.

**Whether you are a relatively new member or have been a member for years these training courses will be worth your time.** You will learn about DAR, committees, history, genealogy, membership, leadership and skill building. These courses will make you a more effective member, committee member, committee chair or officer at any level of the organization.

Will taking these courses eliminate the number of questions people ask on DOC or Facebook? No, it won't. But I do think there will be fewer questions for those daughters who take the courses and more daughters that can answer the questions asked on these platforms.

Do I know everything about DAR after having taken these courses? Of course, not; however, I do feel much more comfortable where or to whom I can go to get the answers to those questions.

It's a new year and a great time to begin these courses! Be sure to contact our DAR Leadership Course Coordinator, Sylvia Blaesing, <mailto:calicoacres2@comcast.net> before you start.



## **Chapter Development & Revitalization Commission**

**Carolyn DeLay, Chair**

### **The CDRC Sparkles in 2023**

*Here are some things that the National CDRC Committee accomplished in 2023. Have you checked out how the CDRC Committee can help your chapter?*

- Monthly Zoom meetings provided a time for reporting, brainstorming, and sharing successes.
- Presented in the March Membership Madness nationwide Zoom call, membership and Rural/Small Chapter figures, trends, statistics, and suggestions.
- Introduction of three Rural Concerns Initiatives with proven results
- Presented the CDRC segment during the Education Workshop at Continental Congress.
- Continental Congress Sparkle in Service Night – Piecing together the CDRC Puzzle Pieces.
- NVC for Rural Concerns guest speaker at Iowa Fall Forum.
- Collaboration with state leaders from Iowa, Montana, Colorado, and Kansas to offer encouragement and formulate plans for struggling chapters in rural areas.
- The CDRC on the Daughters Online Community (DOC) was launched and continues to provide a forum to share ideas and ask questions.
- Articles written for the Daughters Newsletter
- “How Bright is Your Sparkle?” presented to NBM and New Hampshire State Conference
- DVCs created and recorded module for New Horizons Course on CDRC.

## **DAR Schools**

**Peggy Corrington, Chair**

### **Chapters Take Action!**

Kate Duncan Smith (KDS) DAR school is celebrating a 100 year anniversary with a special campus commons project. A separate flyer is below describing the project. It would be awesome to have our Iowa Society recognized as a sponsor for this project. Please consider giving a minimum of \$1.00 per member toward this project. Please send a separate Chapter check with the memo KDS to our State Treasurer by 2023 State Conference. (April 6th). This will ensure recognition of our contribution to the KDS DAR School Centennial Campus Commons. Of course, members may give more or individually if they choose. A video describing the project can be viewed at: [www.kdsdar.org/100th-anniversary-project](http://www.kdsdar.org/100th-anniversary-project). Thank you for your support.

KATE DUNCAN SMITH  
DAR SCHOOL  
*The Gem of Gunter Mountain*  
100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY PROJECT



Kate Duncan Smith DAR School has devoted a century of service and support to its students by striking a balance between progress and tradition. And on the eve of the school's 100th Anniversary, we have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to celebrate this milestone while leaving a gift for future generations.

The **KDS DAR School Centennial Campus Commons** project will focus on constructing and rejuvenating a neglected space in the heart of our historic campus, thereby enriching our student experience by providing opportunities for learning both inside and outside the classroom.

This project will unite our campus and our community by focusing on shared experience, strengthening our connection to our history, and serving as a reminder of how the past shaped us to inform our present and mold our future.

The generosity of the Daughters of the American Revolution, KDS alumni, students, faculty and staff, friends, and community is critical to our success. You can secure your part in honoring our beloved Gem of Gunter Mountain on the eve of its centennial through a number of available sponsorship opportunities.

*Celebrating...*

*100 years of education*

*100 years of history*

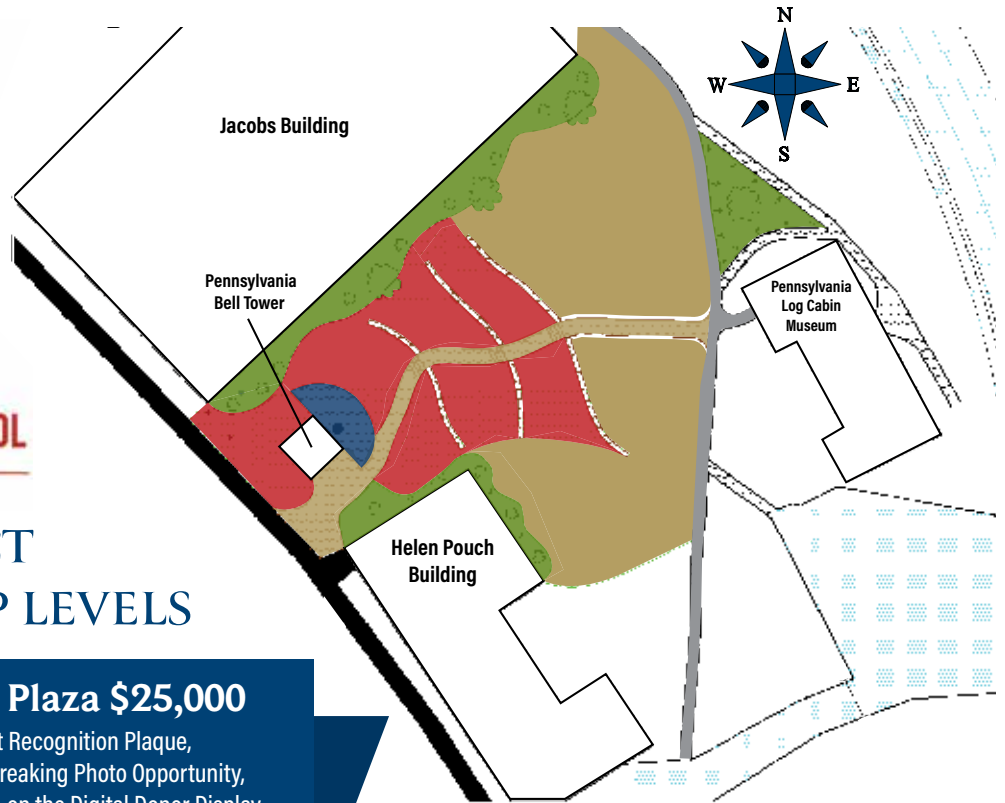
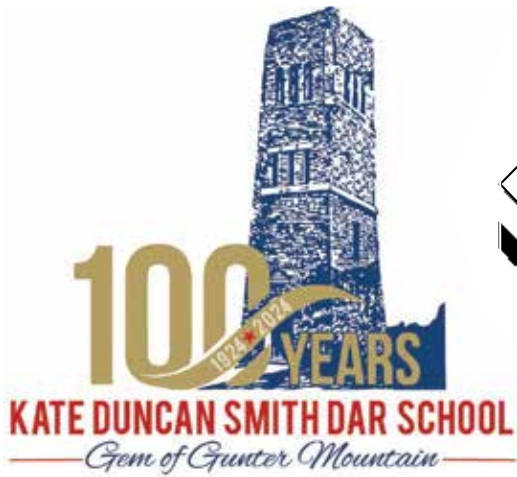
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*100 years of tradition*



*(See reverse side for sponsorship opportunities.)*

# 100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY PROJECT SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION



## PROJECT SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

### Blue Level: Centennial Plaza \$25,000

Showcased on the Permanent Project Recognition Plaque, on the Project Banner, during the Ground-Breaking Photo Opportunity, during the Project Dedication Ribbon-Cutting, on the Digital Donor Display, on the Website, in the Annual Report

### Red Level: Terrace & Trees \$15,000

Featured on the Permanent Project Recognition Plaque, on the Project Banner, during the Project Dedication Ribbon-Cutting, on the Digital Donor Display, on the Website, in the Annual Report

### Gold Level: Campus Green & Pathway \$10,000

Highlighted on the Permanent Project Recognition Plaque, on the Project Banner, on the Digital Donor Display, on the Website, in the Annual Report

### Green Level: Landscaping \$5,000

Presented on the Permanent Project Recognition Plaque, on the Digital Donor Display, on the Website, in the Annual Report

### Silver Level: Flagstone Walkways \$1,000

Listed on the Permanent Project Recognition Plaque, on the Digital Donor Display, on the Website, in the Annual Report

### Patrons \$500

Included on the Permanent Project Recognition Plaque, on the Digital Donor Display, on the Website, in the Annual Report



For more information regarding the project or sponsorship opportunities, contact:



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# **Lineage Research Committee**

**Carolyn DeLay, Chair**

Starting out with doing research on your family tree or helping someone else? Here are some ideas that will help you save money on things you don't need or spending a fortune. Below are listed eight things taken from "ancestralfindings.com."

1. **Professional Genealogical Researchers.** Many beginning genealogists think they need a certified professional to get them started. This is rarely necessary. If you know even the tiniest bit about your family history, you can begin the search on your own. Professional genealogists are best used when you've hit a genealogy brick wall you can't seem to break through on your own.
2. **Trips to Ancestral Locations.** While you should definitely make these trips eventually in your research, to see where your ancestors lived and get an idea of how they lived, you don't need to go there to find the most basic records on your ancestors when you're beginning. The vast majority of what you need to start can be found online. The records you can find on trips are more ephemeral in nature and are good for adding to the story, not starting it.
3. **Subscriptions to Every Genealogical Website.** Most genealogical websites that charge a subscription fee also offer free trial periods. It is possible, and actually likely, that not every subscription site will be right for you. Instead of spending your money on a subscription up front, you should use the free trial periods to determine the subscriptions you really need.
4. **Vital Records that Can Be Found Online.** Before you spend a lot of money sending away for vital records, make sure they're not already posted online. More and more of them are available for free through subscription sites or free genealogy sites. Check first, before sending money to state or county vital record departments.
5. **Joining Every Genealogical Society.** It's tempting to join every genealogical society you hear about when you're beginning, but you should take the time to research the societies and see what they have to offer, and if they can offer anything useful to you in particular, before spending the money to join them.
6. **The Wrong Genealogical Software.** Many beginning genealogists grab the first box of genealogical software they see and try to use that to record their research. Some programs are more user-friendly than others, while some may have features you want that others don't. Always read the description of the software carefully before buying it.
7. **Old Family History Books.** Usually written in the late 1800's, these books on the history of your family lines can be quite expensive. Many of them are available for free on Google Books. Check there before you buy, because you may be able to read it for free.
8. **Postage.** If you have family history questionnaires to send out to your older relatives, you may think you'll get a better response rate if you mail them, since you may believe older relatives don't use or like email. The fact is, many older people use email, and it's much easier for them to use it to respond to you than to put a letter in the mail. If they have an email address, use it, and save money.

## Women's Issues Committee

*Linda Harvan, Chair*

Thank you to everyone who entered the Women's Issues Celebration Essay Contest. Two essays from Iowa were sent to the North Central Division Vice Chair. 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. Mary Thunhorst of the Spirit Lake Chapter whose essay "My Mother's Strength" was the state winner in the Family Issues category.
2. Karen Stinson of the Camp Dodge Chapter whose essay "Standing on the Shoulders of Giants" was the state winner in the Career Issues category.

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. In addition, the national committee has added links to more resources that can be used for monthly minutes. 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 Women's History Month theme for 2024** celebrates "[Women Who Advocate for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion.](#)" This year the National Women's History Alliance "will recognize women throughout the country who understand that, for a positive future, we need to eliminate bias and discrimination entirely from our lives and institutions."

The Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC) provides a toolkit of resources for celebrating the Month of the Military Child: [MOMC Toolkit.](#)

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) offers resources to learn about [Mental Health Awareness Month](#) and ways to get involved. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) provides information about [Children's Mental Health.](#)

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).



## Iowa Room

### Nancy Geiger, Chair



### What is a Parlor?

The parlor is a room dedicated to sociability and display. Historian R.L. Bushman described it as an early American “material expression of genteel social status”. After the American Revolution, he labeled that room as a symbol of middle-class “respectability”.

It was usually situated to offer the best views through its windows and to offer visitors the best of what the household possessed.

A parlor is often considered “the ladies’ room” as it was a room used for conversation and to receive guests.

Does your home have a space dedicated for conversation and enjoying the company of your guests?



# Across the State

## Hannah Lee

Submitted by Joy Bahnemann

1. At the December 2023 meeting, Hannah Lee Chapter members celebrated the spirit of the holidays by creating one-of-a-kind Christmas treat bags for Veterans living in nursing homes in Northeast Iowa. Using vintage, new and gently used Christmas cards, designs were cut from the front of the card, pasted to small brown paper bags, and filled with goodies and snacks for 103 veterans in 18 nursing homes and assisted living centers in 4 counties of Northeast Iowa.



Hannah Lee Chapter members create and fill one-of-a-kind Christmas bags for Veterans.



Becky McCabe and Julie Vogel are pictured next to a box of Christmas bags for Veterans.



Secretary Julie Vogel delivers Christmas bags to Veterans in one of many nursing homes in NE Iowa.

2. Hannah Lee Chapter held the annual Christmas collection of food for the Decorah Food Pantry at our year-end meeting. Our members donated 59 pounds of non-perishable food and collected \$160 in cash for use by the Food Pantry. Chapter Secretary and Food Pantry volunteer Julie Vogel presented our gifts to Matt Tapscott, Director of the Decorah Food Pantry with our blessings and best wishes.



Holy Trinity Catholic school teacher and students display Hannah Lee Chapter donations of books, maps, and puzzles on American history.

3. In response to an expressed need from teachers at the Holy Trinity Catholic School, Protovin, IA, Hannah Lee member Valerie Pecinovsky presented the opportunity for our Chapter to fund the purchase of books, maps and puzzles for 3rd and 4th graders to enhance their study of the American Revolution, the Civil War, and other important American events. The Chapter collected monies for the study materials and was pleased to present the check for more than \$160 to the Holy Trinity teachers as a gift from DAR.



Secretary Julie Vogel presents Hannah Lee Chapter donations of food and money to the Decorah, IA Food Pantry Director, Matt Tapscott.

4. Hannah Lee Chapter Regent, Peggy Harvey, presented a Certificate of Appreciation and a Hodar pin to Greg McCabe at our December meeting. Greg is the husband of member Rebecca McCabe. Greg attends every Chapter meeting with his wife and helps the chapter with activities and special events.



Regent Peggy Harvey presents a DAR Certificate of Appreciation award to Hodar, Greg McCabe. Also pictured to the right is Greg's wife and Chapter member, Becky McCabe.

5. In early February, the Hannah Lee Chapter sent a large box of Valentine candy, along with other treats, note paper, and personal care items to the troops aboard the USS Philippine Sea CG58 in Norfolk, VA. The thank you came from troop leaders saying that the box arrived before Valentine's Day and was a great morale booster. The deployment of the troops had been extended from 7 to 10 months at which time they were moved into the Red Sea.

6. Hannah Lee Chapter was featured in the January/February issue of the Daughters Newsletter, in the "With the Chapters" section for receiving the Eugenia Washington Gold Traveling tray during the 124th Iowa State Convention held in Des Moines, Iowa, from March 30-April 1, 2023. This prestigious Award, presented by the Iowa Society of DAR Service to America Committee recognizes the Iowa Chapter with the highest average number of volunteer hours per member each year. The tray was generously donated by past Iowa State Chaplain Ellie Marie Senne (2018-2020).



Chapter Registrar, Wendy Novak, presents a basket of Valentine's Day sweets and treats to the Decorah, IA, VFW.

7. Hannah Lee Chapter Registrar Wendy Novak presented a decorated Valentine's Day gift basket filled with sweets and treats to the Decorah VFW with thanks and appreciation for their service.

8. For Valentine's Day, Regent Peggy Harvey cut fabric patterns and sewed 23 Comfort Bears for residents of the Eastern Star Nursing home in Decorah, IA. Comfort Bears are stuffed animals that provide encouragement and comfort as well as a sense of security for those who are sad, or who have recently experienced a disaster, tragedy, or significant loss.

9. Chapter Regent, Peggy Harvey, and Chapter Secretary Julie Vogel met with and presented the DAR Community Service Award to Chapter member and President of the Winneshiek Historical Society, Stacey Gossling. Stacey is also the owner of Gravestone Cleaning Services of Northeast Iowa and is well known for her love of service to Veterans and interest in restoring gravestones and tombstones for families and the preservation of history. Stacey received this distinguished Service award for professionally cleaning more than 100 tombstones of Veterans in Northeast Iowa on her own in 2023.



Chapter Regent, Peggy Harvey presents the certificate and DAR Community Service Award to member Stacey Gossling for personally and professionally cleaning more than 100 Veteran tombstones in Northeast Iowa.

10. Hannah Lee Chapter was successful this past year in meeting the DAR Membership initiative and challenge of adding at least 4 new members to our DAR Chapter. Regent Peggy Harvey and Registrar Wendy Novak, among several other dedicated members, went above and beyond in educating local women about DAR and welcoming new members into our Chapter through the completion of their approved application papers and acceptance into the society. Regent Peggy Harvey presented a DAR Certificate to Registrar Wendy Novak for her diligence in working with prospective members.



Regent Harvey presents a DAR Certificate for Outstanding Effort in Completing the Iowa State Registrar's Challenge to Registrar Wendy Novak for her success in working with prospective members resulting in the addition of 4 new members for the Chapter.



# Across the State

## Pilot Rock

Submitted by Peggy Corrington

On Sunday February 3, Pilot Rock DAR hosted an award program at Sanford Museum. Awards were presented of Community Service, 125th Anniversary of DAR Hospital Corps for nursing, Conservations Awards, Historic Preservation, Literacy Award and DAR Good Citizen Awards. Approximately 40 people attended the program. After Awards, refreshments were served and Pilot members prepared 7 cookie boxes for Area Nursing Homes.



Elizabeth Johnson received a 125th Anniversary of DAR Hospital Corps Certificate for her service as a military nurse. She also received a NSDAR Community Service Award.



Good Citizen Awards were presented to Leo R Allison Ehlers, Sioux Central; ColeThomas, River Valley; Jayley Endrulat, Ridgeview; Jady Young-Kruse, MMC-RU; Harper Holton Benson, Cherokee Washington, and AllisonWatts, Alta-Aurelia.



Cole Thomas from River Valley was the Pilot Rock NSDAR Good Citizen Winner. His application has been forwarded on District level competition.



The Cherokee County Fair Association received an Historic Preservation award for their Work during the centennial fair. L-R Brad Nelson, VP, Chris Nelson, Secretary, and Linda Craig, presenter.



Chris Horton is shown accepting a Conservation Award for the planting and care of 6 CAR trees memorial trees by Oak Hill Cemetery Staff. Two trees were planted in the green space on Roosevelt. Duane Mummert and the Parks and Rec Department will receive a Conservation Award at a later date.



Sidney Reimenschneider, educator for Farm Bureau's Ag in the Classroom program was presented a Literacy award by Micki Conley.

### 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 17, 2024 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: Madelyn Gallagher from Cedar Falls High School; Chase Lehr from Dike-New Hartford High School; Talia Simmer from Hudson High School; Hayden Spore from Union High School; David Beltz from Valley Lutheran High School; and Princess Kromah from Waterloo West High School.



*Deb Goodenbour, member; David Beltz, Talia Simmer, Princess Kromah, Madelyn Gallagher, Barb Gregersen, member*

Each of the six students also participated in a scholarship essay contest. Students are given two hours to write on an assigned topic. Independent judges reviewed the essays. The winner of this year's \$400 scholarship was Madelyn Gallagher from Cedar Falls High School.



Cedar Falls chapter welcomed three new members at our January meeting.

*Pictured here are Chaplain Heidi Warrington, new members Anne Woodrick, Louise Starkey, and Nancy Kerns and Chapter Regent, Deb Crawford.*

A program on Creative Quilts and Quilt Preservation Tips was given at the January 20, 2024 meeting of the Cedar Falls Chapter NSDAR. Heidi and Amythest Warrington were the presenters. Ten hand quilted homemade quilts were brought in as examples of Heidi's work. She shared information on fabric choices, thread and how that would impact the longevity of your quilts. All of the quilts shown were hand quilted by Heidi or the Amish/Mennonite girls from Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Amythest Warrington discussed how the choice of fabrics leads to differing timelines for fading of quilts. She shared quilt preservation tips for vintage quilts including specific cleaning techniques. Those quilts that were meant for personal use, could be washed. Storage recommendations were also covered.



# Across the State

## Lawrence Van Hook

Submitted by Linda Harvan

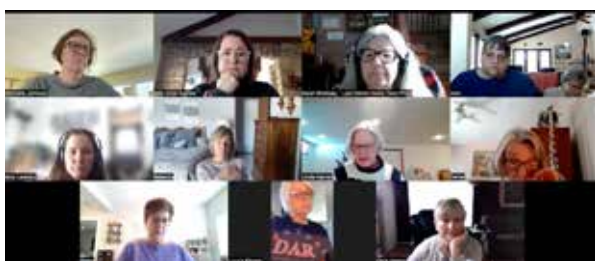
Lawrence Van Hook Chapter members gathered at the home of Michelle Johnson on Saturday, December 16, 2023 to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the Boston Tea Party. As the chapter's America250! committee chairman, Michelle planned a fun and informative event. Members enjoyed sampling three colonial era teas and delicious holiday treats. A trivia contest tested our knowledge of the historic event. Prizes, a commemorative magnet, and tiny take-home replicas of East Indian Co. tea crates made the day extra special.



Boston Tea Party (left to right): Michelle Johnson (America250! Chairman), Lucy Zeimet, Linda Harvan (Vice Regent), Becky Campbell (Registrar), Peggy Thoms, Pam Wetzstein (Treasurer), Amy Sunleaf (Regent), Michelle Turner (Historian)



In January, the chapter hosted author and Georgia DAR member Perrie Patterson for a lively discussion of her historical fiction book, *Leader of Liberty: tale of America's first spy ring*. The book tells the story of the Culper Spy Ring and would be of interest to fans of AMC's *Turn: Washington's Spies*. Although the author was to join us via Zoom at our regular meeting place, the winter storm forced everyone to stay home and participate via Zoom. The benefit was an associate member who lives in Florida was able to join us, too!



Zoom meeting book talk (left to right): Top Row: Michelle Johnson, Amy Sunleaf (Regent), Karen Bradway (Corresponding/Recording Secretary), Shari Jorgensen; Middle Row: Amy Lawrenz (prospective member), Becky Campbell (Registrar), Linda Harvan (Vice Regent), Pam Wetzstein (Treasurer); Bottom Row: Peggy Thoms, Lucy Zeimet, Chris Heaton (Associate Member)

Students from six area high schools and their parents were guests of the Lawrence Van Hook Chapter at a tea held February 10, 2024, at the DeWitt Community Library recognizing the DAR Good Citizens winners of each school. High school staff and faculty in Clinton, Jackson, and Dubuque Counties were invited to choose the senior student who best exemplifies the characteristics of a good citizen. Karen Bradway, past Regent, gave a background of the DAR Good Citizens program and scholarship contest. Michelle Johnson, DAR Good Citizens Chairman, introduced the students and presented each with a DAR Good Citizens pin, certificate, wallet card,

and a red, white, and blue cord that can be worn at their high school graduation if permitted by their school. In her address, Michelle read excerpts from each student's essay entry. Regent Amy Sunleaf announced Brenna Meyer-mann from Northeast High School as the Lawrence Van Hook Chapter scholarship winner and presented her with a \$200 check from the chapter.



2024 DAR Good Citizens (left to right): Michelle Johnson, DAR Good Citizens Chair; John Portz, Easton Valley High School; Breckin Downey, Maquoketa High School; Kylie Arlen, Bellevue High School; Maya Oliver, Marquette High School; Brenna Meyer-mann, Northeast High School; Amy Sunleaf, Lawrence Van Hook Regent



Lawrence Van Hook DAR Good Citizen winner (left to right): Michelle Johnson, DAR Good Citizens Chair; Brenna Meyer-mann, Northeast High School; Amy Sunleaf, Lawrence Van Hook Regent

Members signed Valentine's cards for residents of Clover Ridge Place in Maquoketa, a senior living community. Lawrence Van Hook chapter has some meetings scheduled there in 2024 and want to give back by doing some special favors for the residents throughout the year.



Signing Valentine cards (left to right): Linda Harvan (Vice Regent), Eliza Wilson (prospective member), Lucy Zeimet, Michelle Johnson



Linda Harvan (Vice Regent) delivering treats

### Celebrating Friendship at our Christmas Brunch

For a number of years Martha Washington Chapter has gathered in December for a Christmas potluck brunch at a member's home. This year Secretary Erin Nelson was our gracious host. Each person brought a dish, then we shared the recipes by email afterward. We ate, chatted and drew for a couple door prizes. We even had a young visitor – member Brooke Redwine's son thought the affair was great fun. We always look forward to a good meal together!



Treasurer Amy McDonald serves up a casserole sitting next to her famous cheesecake jars



Treasurer Amy McDonald, Registrar Vivian Adams, Member Carol Schneider, Vice Regent Beth Rosenbaum



Regent Marta Nelson, member Karen Miller, visitor Julie Lord, Secretary Erin Nelson



Lila Sybesma shows off a Civil War bayonet in a War of 1812 scabbard

Co-Chaplain Brooke Redwine with son Lucas and resident pup Midge



### A World War II/Korean War Veteran's Story

Member Dr. Lila Sybesma is fortunate to belong to a family of savers; she has a wonderful collection of documents and artifacts from her ancestors' service to America. She has turned her father's memoir and photos into a book for young adults – *Memoir of a Man Between Wars* - to help them become familiar with America's role in World War II and the Korean War. She presented his story for our February program. She began by sharing some of her family's heirlooms, including a Civil War bayonet in a War of 1812 scabbard, a WWI helmet, a WWII parachute, and a book she has organized of family letters from war. Lila presented a gallery walk through her father's book. What a great way to keep his story alive!



Lila Sybesma with WWII parachute

# Across the State

*Nathaniel Fellows* Submitted by Kaye Miller

Editor's Note: This article ran with some incorrect text in the previous issue. We apologize for any confusion!

Daughters from the Nathaniel Fellows Chapter in Iowa City attended and handed out US Flags and Flag Code Pamphlets to 75 candidates for citizenship on September 15th at the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library and Museum in West Liberty. It was a gorgeous day and the ceremony was truly inspiring. Chaplain and VAVS Representative Joyce Mandel and Regent Kaye Miller were in attendance.



Daughters from the Nathaniel Fellows Chapter in Iowa City, spent a day shopping to fill duffels for individual patients at the VA hospitals, for our Chapter's Day of Service project. We were able to fill 7 duffels with complete clothing sets and personal items for the VA to distribute. Our chapter will be packing up the items together at our October Chapter meeting. The shopping spree crew included Kathleen Jespersen, Denise Yoder, Joyce Mandel and Kaye Miller.



## Across the State *Ladies of the Lake*

Submitted by Carolyn DeLay



The Zoomies take over the Lake area.

Ladies of the Lake chapter started off the month of December with a service project at the local mall with the theme of celebration of the 250th anniversary of the Boston Tea Party. Mall patrons placed boxes of Ramen Noodles under the DAR Festival of Giving Christmas tree at the Great Lakes Mall. All food donations went to Upper Des Moines Opportunity food bank!

Then the chapter went into Zoom mode for the next few months, as the snowbirds had flown to warmer climates. We had our annual Christmas Coffee via Zoom. The premise is to dress Christmassy, make your favorite coffee and grab a bite to eat to go with it and meet up. We chat, exchange news, do a bit of business, and just have fun.



January saw the ladies meet together again to complete the CMR using the Share function on the Zoom. CMR Status: Completed Chapter Code: 5039IA after a business meeting.



February the Ladies put their hearts together for their annual Valentine tea. They had fun, conversation, as well as another business meeting. Now for a short break before installing new officers at their first meeting in May. They are getting good at this Zooming!

Judy McNamara and Joanne Tinker, VAVS Representative and Deputy, participated in the **NATIONAL SALUTE TO VETERANS PATIENTS**



Joanne

Judy

**WEEK.** It was observed at the Des Moines Veterans Hospital on February 12. This is a great time to spend time with a hospitalized Veteran and express gratitude for their service.

### FOOD DONATIONS FOR HOMELESS VETERANS.

JMC Chapter members collected food donations at the November and December meetings.



### COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD TO KARL SCHILLING

Karl Schilling was honored as recipient of a Community Service Award from Jean Marie Cardinell DAR. Mr. Schilling's volunteer achievements have helped others navigate the knotted bureaucracies of social services, victims' services and veterans groups. His advocacy included helping eliminate the statute of limitations for child abuse and increasing the penalty for human trafficking to equate with federal laws.



Donna

Karl

Dianna

Many thanks to Donna Ragner, CSA Chairman for identifying this admirable member of our community.

### VETERANS DAY AT THE STATE CAPITOL—JANUARY 17, 2024

The Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs hosted Veterans Day on the Hill at the State Capitol on January 17. We were represented along with 19 other organizations. Our chapter was there to share pins and engage with Vietnam Veterans, which we did with flying colors!

We met with veterans from all corners of the state and Polk County, and we heard from the Governor and legislative leaders about important programs for veterans.

On hand from our chapter were Marilyn Rittel, Donna Rock Wenzl, Chelsea Hoye, and Regent Dianna Baker Hoye.



State Rep. David Young with Dianna and Chelsea



Vietnam Veteran Dave Bolton and State Rep. Roy Sorenson with Dianna and Marilyn



State Rep. Ross Wilburn with Dianna and Donna



## Wreaths Across America—December 16, 2023



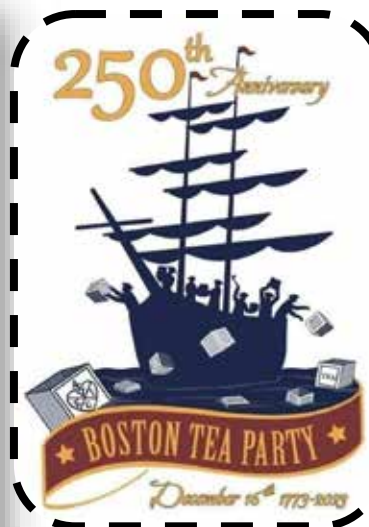
**Dawn Baldwin and Marilyn Rittel (Pics 1-2) at Historic Woodland Cemetery, Des Moines. (Pic 3) Jacque Welden, Dianna Baker Hoye, Mary Petersen (Priscilla Alden) and Lynne Schlaht (Nancy McKay Harsh) at Iowa Veterans Cemetery, Van Meter.**



**Denise Baker Hamilton, Annette Van Zee, Myrna Baker, Katie Hamilton and Christine Baker Erslund at the City Cemeteries in Belmond.**



*State Regent Edee Brunia  
in Boston*



State Regent Edee Brunia experienced first-hand the incredible re-enactment of the 250th anniversary of Boston Tea Party in Boston, Massachusetts. Huzzah!!

Back home in Iowa, JMC members Jacque Welden and Dianna Baker Hoye were guests at a community-wide Boston Tea Party hosted by Henry Knox DAR Chapter in Knoxville, IA. Congrats to Jacque for receiving first place in the tea party costume contest!



**We honored 2023 DAR Milestone Anniversary Members** in December. Congratulations for their many years of service to the Daughters of the American Revolution!

(l-r) Myrittis Yontz (10 years), Sheila Graham (10 years), Debra Jorgenson (10 years), Valerie Sondag (20 years), Deborah Gustafson (20 years), Sherry Young (40 years).

Honorees not in attendance: Sarah Voas (40 years), Gloria Elmore (30 years), Holly Cochran (20 years), Rosemary Hulet (20 years), Virginia McGinn (20 years), Jodie Butler (10 years), Margann Nebergall (10 years).

The December chapter meeting took place under the genealogy-inspired Christmas tree decorated with vintage photographs that the IGS folks decorated for us.



The fabulous culinary skills of our members were on full display at our annual potluck holiday luncheon. It was wonderful. Thanks everyone!!



For our American Heritage entry, we had a millinery project. We fashioned fabulous hats reminiscent of the Belle Epoch period, 1890-1899.

Members cast their votes for their favorite hat and the winning entry was announced. Congrats to Charlotte!



Tallgrass Prairie Society C.A.R. members took to the stage after adjournment of the meeting to give the program.

Thanks to Olivia, Liam, Jaren, Liam and Olivia for their fine presentation, and also to C.A.R. State President Abby Johnson for her help with the presentation.

## Across the State

### Onawa

Submitted by Lori Bermel



The Onawa Chapter NSDAR completed our National Day of Service project this past November. We decided the project would be donations to the West Monona JR/HS School's FCCLA Care Closet. FCCLA stands for: Family, Career, Community, Leaders of AMERICA. The students won state honors for this project and got to compete at a national level in Denver, CO. Their mission is to "help the students whose families are financially struggling to do better in class by not having to worry about their everyday needs".

Our members collected personal care items, clothing, and school supplies. One of the FCCLA members, Kaylee Goslar, is a granddaughter to a current member and will be submitting an application to join DAR!

The FCCLA committee expressed great gratitude for our donations.

## Across the State

### Revolutionary Dames

Submitted by Barbara Glasener

Two new members were welcomed into the Revolutionary Dames chapter of the DAR and third new member is now pending. The Revolutionary Dames are excited about our growing membership.

Following our regular meeting on February 12<sup>th</sup> Sandra Miller and her sister Susan Aswegan were inducted by Chaplin Ellie Hilbert and welcomed by Regent Rita Ruth with gifts from the chapter. The Ingersoll sisters' patriot ancestor is their 5x-great-grandfather Peter Ingersoll who served as captain in the Massachusetts Militia.

Then we held an application signing for Heather Anderson. She also wants to bring her four children into the C.A.R. once she receives her membership.



Figure 1: (Left to right) Susan Aswegan and her sister Sandra Miller with Chaplin Ellie Hilbert and Regent Rita Ruth.



Figure 2: Prospective Heather Anderson signing her application.

## Across the State

*Elizabeth Ross*

Submitted by Sharon Greenlee

### Anniversary of the Boston Tea Party

The Elizabeth Ross Chapter celebrated the 250th Anniversary of the Boston Tea Party by holding a tea. The KTVO TV station televised an interview at the tea. The chapter was able to expound on the DAR goals to the public.



*Jeanne McMillian, Sharon Greenlee, Joan Felkner, Barbara Harrington, Mary Alice Sampson*

### Black History Month

Laure Reminnk has been providing a Black History Program every year for many years. This year she focused on Jackie Kennedy's wedding dress designer, Ann Lowe. Ms. Lowe was Black and designed a plethora of beautiful gowns and dresses which Laure showcased for us. The recognition she deserved was too long in coming to realization.

## Across the State

*Sun Dial-Solomon Dean*

Submitted by Susan Harris



Sun Dial-Solomon Dean Chapter presented DAR Good Citizens Awards, given by Chairman Patricia Ruble, during their Patriotic Coffee on Saturday, February 3, 2024 to the following students: Bradly Sage, Ballard High School, Huxley; Cady Zimmerman, South Hamilton High School, Jewell; Carolin Cromley, North Polk High School, Alleman; Elizabeth Powers, Gilbert High School, Gilbert; Emilia Broich, Roland Story High School, Story City; Erica Houge, Collins Maxwell High School, Maxwell; Katherine Rouse, Colo-NESCO High School, Colo; Sydney Howe (represented by her father, Jeremy Howe), Ankeny High School.

James Harlan Chapter member, Becky Wright, has been passionate about old quilts and quilting all her life and shared this story as the program for the chapter's January meeting. Becky attended an estate auction in Carthage, Illinois as a young adult in 1977, where she bought a well-kept old quilt for \$35. This quilt story would have ended there but for an elderly neighbor who told Becky the quilt had been made by a Union Civil War soldier while he convalesced from a battle injury. Becky learned bits about the soldier and his quilt over the next 45 years. A big break came in 2011 when descendants of the soldier attended Becky's program on the quilt in Davenport, beginning her friendship with the family which led to learning more of the soldier's story.

Christopher Staffenger was born in Germany in 1843, immigrated with his parents in 1850 and settled in Kentucky. They later moved to Orange Co., Indiana. He enlisted in the 38th Indiana Volunteers in August 1862 at age 17. He was severely injured in the Stones River Battle at Murfreesboro, Tennessee, fought December 31, 1862 through January 2, 1863. Both sides had heavy losses. A minie ball (type of bullet used extensively in the Civil War) passed through his lower face which left a hole 3 fingers wide and nearly severed his tongue. As he lay among the dead and boulders on the battlefield for 3 days, Confederate soldiers looted the bodies, but decided not to waste ammunition by shooting him because they thought he would die anyway. When found, he was taken to a small building where he was expected to die. When his unit moved on, he was taken by wagon to a hospital in Louisville where he laid in bed for 5 months. No medical care was given to his face because he wasn't expected to live, and finally he was sent home, still not expected to live. His mother and girlfriend, Margaret Beaty, cared for him. His mouth had become fused but pureed food could be pushed into his mouth through a small hole in front. He was in bed at home for 19 months. He sewed his quilt by hand while lying on his back and reaching up. No quilt frame was used by Christian while piecing and quilting. Twenty three months after being injured, he was able to get out of bed, and he and Margaret were married on 11-13-1864.

Christopher fed himself by placing mashed food on a knife, tilting his head back, and pushing the food with another knife through the hole in the front of his face. His tongue healed and he wallowed the food around with his tongue until he swallowed it. Christopher and Margaret had 6 children: 5 daughters and a son who died in infancy. They moved to Illinois and he tried to farm but wasn't strong enough so they moved to Carthage. After persistent contacts, he was finally awarded a pension of \$12 per month. He wrote for more but was repeatedly turned down and told he could do some work. He received \$38 a month in his last years and Margaret collected \$30 a month as a widow. Christopher died from a heart attack while working in his garden in July 1922, age 79 years. He was buried in the Moss Ridge Cemetery at Carthage.

Two daughters were living at the time of Christopher's death, and the youngest, Bertha, lived in Christopher and Margaret's home until her death. She had kept the quilt in a closet, and no one at the auction knew the significance of the quilt except the neighbor lady. Becky and the family agreed the quilt and its story needed to be in a

museum, but first, she first wanted to make a duplicate. About 10 years ago some textile manufacturers recreated old fabrics in colors and patterns of the Civil War era which Becky was able to obtain and completed her duplicate in 6 weeks. Differences between her quilt and the original are that her stitches are smaller and uniform, and she didn't use tobacco pouch strings in one corner as Christopher had done when he ran out of thread.

Becky delivered the Civil War quilt to Stones River National Battlefield in late December 2023 where its permanent home is a large glass case in the museum at the visitors' center. The director was excited to receive the quilt because there were officers' belongings on display but no items or stories about regular soldiers.

After the program, Becky provided lunch: turkey and noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, biscuits and cake. Christopher Staffenger could have mashed and swallowed all of these foods.



*Becky with the original behind glass and the copy she made beside a ranger from the National Battlefield.*



# DAR VAVS Representative

*Iowa City VA Healthcare System* Submitted by Joyce Mandel

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE OUR VETERANS



The Iowa City VA Health Care System (ICVAHCS) offers a wide range of services for Veterans across eastern Iowa and nearby States. There are many ways DAR members can honor Veterans by serving a local VA facility.

In Iowa, the DAR has 17 Iowa Chapters within an hour's drive of the Iowa City VA hospital and/or its many clinics within this System.

Ongoing volunteer and support opportunities include:

- "Patient Escorts" are needed at the Iowa City VA Hospital to help patients navigate the hospital.
- Drivers are needed to get patients to their VA medical appointments, especially in the Cedar Rapids, Quad Cities, Waterloo, Fort Madison, Benton and Dubuque communities.
- The Compassionate Contact Corps (CCC) Program needs volunteers to make short weekly phone calls with a Veteran who is experiencing loneliness or is socially isolated.
- The Red Coat Ambassador Program needs volunteers to provide a warm, welcoming, and helpful first impression at VA facility entrances.
- Volunteers are also needed to make appointment reminder phone calls to patients.

Donations currently needed include:

- 5G cell phones and Tracfone service cards
- Activities – playing cards, adult coloring books, crosswords, paperback books, washable markers
- Shoes of all adult sizes



Members of the DAR in eastern Iowa have an opportunity to volunteer at the 31<sup>st</sup> annual National Disabled Veterans Golf Clinic (NDVGC) being held at Riverside Resort in Riverside, Iowa on Sunday, September 8 – Friday, September 13, 2024.

The NDVGC is a week-long adaptive golf program that is presented by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and DAV (Disabled American Veterans). This event promotes rehabilitation by instructing Veterans with specific life-changing disabilities in adaptive golf and other adaptive recreational sports at facilities throughout the Iowa City area. More than 200 veterans come to Iowa from all over the country where they will develop new skills, strengthen their self-esteem, and expand fellowship and camaraderie among the participants.

I had the opportunity to be among the 400+ volunteers to serve at this event in 2023. It was an honor and privilege to be a small part of something that makes a huge difference in the lives of our disabled heroes. This year, the DAR has been invited to expand our involvement by providing support during breakfast service or something similar.

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If you are interested and able to commit to volunteering a few hours each morning from Monday – Thursday (September 9th – 12th) please contact me at [darvavsic@gmail.com](mailto:darvavsic@gmail.com) before April 1, 2024.

For more information about the NDVGC, visit their website, [www.veteransgolfclinic.org](http://www.veteransgolfclinic.org)

Respectfully submitted,

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