



# Iowa Society

## Daughters of the American Revolution

Issue 4, Summer 2023

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

Greetings to Iowa Daughters. Spring has sprung, schools are almost out, and summer is fast approaching. The excitement of our national meeting, Continental Congress will be the highlight of late June and early July. I have only received a few Regent's reports of 6 ladies attending, it is extremely important to know who is attending to include them in any activity Iowa may hold. The Iowa room will have an open house Wednesday June 28th from 1:30 to 3 p.m. We certainly need to have a picture of all the Iowa delegation sometime during Continental Congress.

The start up of the 2022-2024 State Regent's Project has begun and names of willing members ready to take any of the GEP courses are slowly being turned in. All chapter regents are encouraged to submit 2 names. Each daughter participating should sign in and get an account. After the completion of a course, national will send a completion notice with a date of completion and the course taken. Please send me a copy of your completion form either by mail or email at [edeerb@gmail.com](mailto:edeerb@gmail.com) and our State Treasurer will see you are reimbursed.

I hope our chapters are making plans to participate in a 4th of July celebration somewhere in your community. After several date changes, our 250 Patriot marker is set to be placed and dedicated on July 15, 2023, at the Gold Star Museum at Camp Dodge in Johnston, Iowa. At 11 a.m., SAR will be joining us, and a band has been procured. I believe we will have a real bell ring for our Patriots and not the little handbell from the past.



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Recently some research needed to be done on some very early State Regents and it was my plan to do that research in early May when I attended the Genealogy Institute in DC. Much to my surprise the information sought was online in the Digital Magazine Archive. All the early Proceedings records are recorded in the magazine, and I believe every word spoken in those 6 days was written down. These Proceedings are literally hundreds of pages long and very interesting. Each day the previous days minutes were reviewed. In those days, our State Regent was chosen at Continental Congress. The state regents had 10 minutes to report on the activities of their state! Even individual chapter could have reports too. Each early year had 2 Tables of Contents for half of the year making it easy to find what was looked for. The search box at the top was very helpful too. It turned out to be just like all the other information we learned at the Institute, always research any site first to see how to use it to your advantage before you start. We learned that not all the information in a site is in the first search box because the information may be broken down into several categories and one needs to look in the category that best fits what you are searching for.

Your District Directors will be working soon on the plans for our Iowa Fall Forum which will be October 13-15, 2023. Get ready to do some serious genealogy work in our research libraries in Des Moines, Iowa. Our Fall Forum will again be at the Airport Holiday Inn on Fleur Drive in Des Moines. Have a great summer.

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## ***From the State Vice Regent***

***Sarah Steinke***

Greetings after another successful year of the Iowa Society Daughters of the American Revolution. Continental Congress will be here before we know it. If you are planning to attend, please email or text me so that I can keep track of all of the members attending. This officer looks forward to seeing you at the Iowa Room Open House on Wednesday June 28, 2023 from 1:30-3:00 pm. Be sure to tune in to the Friday and Saturday morning sessions to hear the report of our State Regent along with the other State Regents. More information will be coming about a group photo for the Iowa Delegation.



Dates for upcoming meetings were announced at the 2023 State Conference. Fall Forum will be Friday-Sunday October 13-15, 2023. Our District Directors will again have workshops and speakers along with a service project all of which are in the planning stages. Look for more information about Fall Forum on the state website in the near future and the fall ISDAR newsletter in September. The dates for our 125th Spring Conference will be Thursday – Saturday April 4-6th, 2024. Both meetings will be at the Airport Holiday Inn on Fleur Drive in Des Moines, Iowa.

## ***From the State Organizing Secretary***

***Tiffany Hauptman***

***What is "Regent-In-A-Box?"***  
***Need more information about the new***  
***Supplemental Application Review Process?***  
***Does your chapter have an Application Processing Fee?***  
***What does your chapter do with old scrapbooks?***



These topics and more are discussed on the new Chapter Officers section of the Daughters Online Community (DOC)! These communities are hosted by NSDAR executive officers, and are open and available to anyone currently serving in a chapter officer role, or think you might like to someday. There are currently communities for Chapter Chaplains; Chapter Historians; Chapter Regents, Vice Regents and Past Regents; Chapter Registrars; Chapter Treasurers; and The Parliamentarians' Place.

Haven't joined the Daughters Online Community? Visit [community.dar.org](http://community.dar.org) to get started. (You will also find a Community link at the far right of the National Members' Website menu.) How you sign in the first time will depend on whether you have e-Membership access. If you do, use those credentials. If you don't, follow the on-screen instructions to set up your password. Remember—your password reset email will be sent to the email address you have on file in e-Membership, so be sure to look there for the link. If you have questions, please check the DOC FAQs, or contact the volunteer DOC support team using the contact form.

# From the State Registrar

Ann Mack



## Membership Changes Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> – May 16<sup>th</sup> Welcome New Members!

**Anna Maria Lane  
Ashley**

**Camp Dodge**

**Cedar Falls**

**Council Bluffs**

**Elizabeth Ross  
Hannah Caldwell**

**Henry Knox  
James Harlan  
Jean Marie Cardinell  
Ladies of the Lake  
Lucy Standish-Newcastle  
Mason City**

Kathy Paul\*  
Audra Mercure  
Kimberly Taylor  
Janet Biaess  
Camille Maginas  
Sherrill Roskam  
Molly Uhlman  
Connie Ginther  
Sandra Lawry  
Carla Lown  
Judith Meyers\*  
Judith O'Brien  
Abigail Sherbondy  
Alyssum Sherbondy  
Katherine Sherbondy  
Cynthia Yockey  
Olive Finn  
Alison Hosmer  
Martina Razdan  
Tekla Valus  
Rhonda Rosado  
Mary Ryan  
Jeanette Bodermann  
DeNeitt VanDenBroeke  
Rosine Kennedy  
Kimberly Baldwin  
Christine Spradling

**Onawa  
Pilot Rock  
Priscilla Alden  
Revolutionary Dames  
Sun Dial-Solomon Dean  
Washington**

Judy McAndrew  
Carmen Henke  
Marjorie Nielsen  
Barbara Glasener  
Cindy Barrowcliff  
Heather Wells

\*Correction to ISDAR 2023 Spring Newsletter

*Has your chapter selected someone to take advantage of the State Regent's Project of paying for a GEP Class? Now is the time to get your chapter's next registrar trained to take over!*

### ADDITIONAL MEMBER INFO

- **The Iowa Society had a total of 47 drops for delinquent dues**
- **No deaths have been reported**
- **No Transfers in or out have been reported**

#### **Note to Registrars:**

*Please watch for news of any fees increase in new and/or supplemental applications after the vote at the 2023 Continental Congress in late June. All applications sent after the vote, at a specified date, will be subject to the new fees.*

*The genies are approximately 6 weeks out on new member applications for verification. An application sent in early to mid-June will be subject to the current fees, and be verified after July 5th, so would include dues for the 2023-2024 term. It's all about the timing! Get those applications finished up, ladies!*

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



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

I'm excited to tell the Iowa Society of the little road trip I took in May to the State Historical Society of Iowa in Iowa City. This wonderful place houses all the ISDAR history that various Chapters and past State officers have decided to store away for posterity. These past records do belong now to the State Historical Society, but anyone, DAR or not, does have access to these wonderful glimpses into our ISDAR past. Inactive Chapters and many current Chapters as well as State records can be found. Not always a complete set of records, especially for the inactive Chapters, but so many interesting things to find out.

I was especially interested in looking at the information from the Francis Shaw Chapter Anamosa, as my grandmother belonged. Francis Shaw was chartered in 1898 and disbanded in 1989. Others along with me were looking up the Clinton Chapter, the first NSDAR Chapter in the State, starting in 1895 (with eventually having 99 members) and disbanding in 1998 with three members. Also the Addie Merrel Lee Chapter DeWitt chartered in 1927 and disbanding in 1971. Minutes, applications, yearbooks, newspaper articles etc.

What is really exciting is the entire current inventory of items held at the State Historical Society is now available to look at under the Historian section on our ISDAR web site. It lists exactly what the Historical Society holds for which Chapter, disbanded or current. Original past records. On their web site is a request form to fill out on what Chapter(s) you are interested in and what day you are coming. They will have all the items pulled for you to look at. Cell photos and copying are allowed. The librarians are helpful and glad you are there. Check out the inventory list on our ISDAR web site under Historian Forms.

For the Historical Society web site: [www.iowaculture.gov/history](http://www.iowaculture.gov/history) 319-335-3926

With summer comes ISDAR dedications, events, parades etc etc. SEND me your information and pictures for the permanent ISDAR scrapbook!!!!

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\*Peter Westbrook

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



"The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come..."  
Song of Solomon 2:12

What a beautiful time of year it is! Our State Regent's chosen scripture is fitting: "Serve the Lord with gladness: come before His Presence with singing." Psalm 100:2

Thank you for your participation and service for the Memorial Service held at State Conference this past April. If you would like a copy of the program with the list of daughters honored, I am happy to send it out via email.

Continue to report member deaths to this office, and don't forget to also report the death through e-membership. This must be submitted by someone with e-membership access.

I have been receiving updates to the list of 89+ year old members. I hope to hear from more chapters so that all of these daughters will receive a birthday greeting from the Iowa Society. Also, remember to notify the NSDAR Chaplain General of members who will be turning 90, 100, or 100+.

I would like to share that the Marion Linn Chapter participated in the recent National Day of Prayer on May 4, 2023 by holding an "Around the Clock Prayer". They put together prayers for each hour to correspond with topics addressing our country. Members signed up for times to pray!

**In Memory of our Deceased Daughters**

Charleen Rose Harman Gale, Jean Marie Cardinell Chapter  
Marjorie Louise Choate Kinkade, Nancy McKay Harsh Chapter  
Marvel L. Harding Brenden, Onawa Chapter  
Anne Lindsey Wilson Wiesner, Open Fire Chapter  
Barbara Jo Norman Morgan, Spinning Wheel Chapter  
Barbara Ann Abbe Wacha, Spinning Wheel Chapter

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

Spring has sprung and the months pass by so fast. Here it is June already and time to finish up some loose ends before summer. I need the Chapter Treasurers' help by sending required copied records. Here are a few reminders: If there are any Chapters that have had the end of the fiscal year, please send me a copy of their Chapter Fiscal Report, 990-N (unless they want me to file it), and Report of Audit Committee. New members and reinstated members between December 1-July 5 chapters need to send the State Treasurer their state dues. Hope you have a Great Summer.



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

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

I want to report to our Iowa daughters that in February there was a book club formed by the chapter librarian and literacy chair, Paula Smith, from the Henry Knox chapter. They plan to meet quarterly, and they have enjoyed helping members get better acquainted.

In March I was notified that Christie Noble, from the Nathaniel Fellows chapter, donated 7,000 genealogy books to the Attic (museum) in Tipton, IA. The value is about \$7,000.00.

In April, the Elizabeth Ross chapter donated to the National Library, "Clairborne County Folks," from Sharon Greenlee.

Please continue to support our national and local libraries with donations. Thank you!



# America 250! Committee

## Denise Baker Hamilton, Chair

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



### Have you explored the new Daughters Online Community (DOC)?

The DAR America 250! Facebook Group has move to the **America 250! Committee Community** with lots a good information at your fingertips. As with anything that is new it takes time to get your “sea legs”. I would encourage you to spend some time surfing around this new feature and get familiar with it.

Don't forget to post ***Patriot Spotlights*** in this DOC community in addition to your chapter and Iowa Society DAR Facebook groups to carry on our tradition of remembering those who achieved American Independence.

The screenshot shows the DAR America 250! Facebook Group interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Home', 'About', 'Communities', 'Resources', 'Participate', and 'Help'. A search bar and a 'Create' button are also visible. The main content area displays a post titled 'Patriot Spotlight - Heman Baker MA A004936'. The post is by Denise Hamilton, posted a minute ago. The post content includes a graphic for the Patriot Spotlight on Heman Baker, with the following text: 'Patriot Spotlight HEMAN BAKER b. 4 Aug 1749, Yarmouth, Barnstable Co., MA d. 24 Jan 1825, Toland, Toland Co., CT Rev. War Residence: Yarmouth, Barnstable Co., MA Service: Pvt, Drummer, Capt, Crowell, Gray, John Nickerson, Col, Freeman Assessor of A004936 Jean Marie Cardinell, NSDAR Do you have a Revolutionary War Patriot? Contact us at: darjmo200@gmail.com'. Below the graphic, it says 'Highlighting my patriot Heman Baker. He married Temperance Baker. There are 15 DAR applications for this patriot.'



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Our big **4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration** is coming up soon. What is your chapter doing to commemorate this event...share, share, share. We love to see what everyone is doing.

I would like to thank the chapters that have used its Celebration Grant to support the ISDAR Iowa State Fair Parade project. **DO NOT** leave your Celebration Grant money on the table!!! Consider how your chapter can take advantage of the one-time \$500 Celebration Grant.

If your chapter is interested in supporting the Iowa State Fair Parade project, let me know. I am glad to give you details and provide you a copy of the grant that we are using for a template.

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

**Have a Great Summer!!!!**

## ***Genealogical Records*** ***Shelley Wells, Chair***

Congratulations Ladies! I am pleased to announce the Iowa Daughters have placed 2nd in the Genealogical Records for state membership of 751-2000, after submitting a total of 289 pages in 2022. Overall, we had a 7th place finish for memberships of all sizes. Well Done!

You all keep this chair busy and can't thank you all enough for supplying records for this vital committee. Two volumes were added last year with one volume of Bible records and the other volume for potential new children of patriots who rendered service in Maryland.

When planning for upcoming events this year, please keep this committee in your plans. There are a couple of chapters who are working on a cemetery project to create a volume. If you need more information please feel free to reach out.

# Iowa State Fair Parade

*Kathy Lynn, Coordinator*

Everyone loves a parade! "How" we love a parade may differ, but one thing is constant: there are many ways and opportunities to sparkle and shine with each parade experience!

As of this writing, three chapters, plus Iowa Society DAR, have joined America 250! Celebration Grant funds to support our entry efforts in the State Fair Parade! These funds will enable us to expand our presence on the route which will increase each year as we build toward 2026 and America's 250th birthday.



 **IOWA SOCIETY DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION** 

**STATE FAIR PARADE**



**SAVE THE DATE  
AUGUST 9, 2023**

 **IOWAPARADETEAM@GMAIL.COM** 

To capture all levels of interest, we've created a "Parade Interest Form" for you. Here's the link: <https://forms.gle/G95LXc1tMJLSGY7K6>

Let's get you plugged in to the area that brings you the most parade joy!

We can't wait to sparkle and shine with this year's parade theme, "Best Day Ever!" After all, what could be better than celebrating freedom?

Kathy Lynn

State Fair Parade Committee  
Department of Sparkle and Shine!  
Celebrate Stars and Stripes Forever!  
Email: [IowaParadeTeam@gmail.com](mailto:IowaParadeTeam@gmail.com)

## **Chapter Development & Revitalization Commission**

*Carolyn DeLay, Chair*

At this time of the year some chapters are nearing the end of their year for meetings, while others are just beginning. So now is a good time to do a little chapter reflection. Did you make your goals? What would you like to do differently? Last year at this time each chapter was sent the Chapter Annual Checkup. This tool can be found on the CDRC Committee page on the National website. Or you can contact me, and I will send it to you. It helps evaluate a chapter's strengths and weaknesses. The goal of this yearly checkup is to assist chapters in three broad areas:

- Encourage community participation so the chapter will further the DAR goals of historic preservation, education, and patriotism!
- Develop and educate members; thereby retaining productive and active members and strengthening chapters.
- Increase membership.

This can be done together as a chapter or hand out copies to all members individually and then average the score collectively. It is important to remember to be honest about your answers. WE can't change anything if we don't admit there might be areas that could use a little tweaking. Additionally, communicate with each other during chapter meetings and when planning. This is the number one way to avoid problems in the future. Support each other in our DAR journey.

Embrace the opportunity to utilize the information on the completed Chapter Annual Checkup as a tool for positive improvement! Begin productive discussions, exploring ideas and not wasting precious time with negativity or pointing of fingers. Just like your annual health checkup, when there is room for improvement, apply an ounce of prevention, so later a pound of cure will not be needed!



# **Lineage Research Committee**

**Carolyn DeLay, Chair**

I can't find a copy of a marriage certificate! I don't seem to find a birth record/death record. My person lived in a "burned county." What do I do now? Sometimes we become too focused on an actual "document" required that we forget that there are other ways to "Prove" a particular life event. Providing a birth, death or marriage certificate is just one way to research a person's family. Now comes the fun part-digging into the past and putting all the pieces together like a jigsaw puzzle. WE want to fill all those lines on the applications.

No birth certificates? No problem.

1. Look for baptismal certificates in church records.
2. Birth announcement in a local newspaper.
3. The next available census.
4. Announcements of a baby shower given
5. Approximate dates from census records, tax lists
6. Military draft records, pension files, passport and immigration records.

Need a death certificate?

1. Obituary in the newspaper or a funeral home flyer.
2. Funeral home records.
3. Cemetery records, tombstone photos

Marriage certificate a problem?

1. Look for a marriage announcement or wedding shower announcement in the local newspaper, wedding invitations.
2. Remember the 1900 and 1910 US Census has some marriage info in them.
3. Check for wills, guardianship records, letter of administration, probate records or final estate settlements and inventories. Check from the time of death to several years after. They will often give names of spouses.
4. Land records often record the names of spouses, and sometimes heirs.
5. Divorce records often state the marriage date.

Additional tips:

1. Don't forget also to check other people's trees on ancestry.com and findasearch.com.
2. Send messages to people with those trees and who put info on findagrave.com asking if they have any information, they would be willing to share.
3. Look in surrounding counties or states. Boundary lines often changed in the early days. There are many reasons why a couple would go out of state to get married.
4. Check local and state genealogy societies, as they often have obit files, cemetery records, and other information that is not available in other places.
5. Just about every county in the 1800's compiled a history book. These are generally available online to read free of charge at sites like Google books, internet archive, and others. Just search.
6. Family Bible often contain birth, death, and marriage records.

# Scholarship Committee

*Gail J. Bonath, Chair*

The Iowa Society Daughters of the American Revolution offers two state scholarships to worthy young people planning to attend a U.S. Department of Education accredited school of post-secondary education.

Both the ISDAR Scholarship and the Amelia Jenks Bloomer Scholarship are awarded based on merit and financial need and are one-time scholarships of \$1000 each.

Judging criteria includes:

Does the applicant demonstrate strong academic ability? A 3.0 grade point average or higher is required.

Has the student shown strong leadership skills, family values and/or a spirit for volunteerism?

Does the applicant show potential for making a positive contribution to our society in the future?

Chapters solicit applications for the scholarships by sending information to school counselors at the high schools in their area. Each chapter may sponsor one applicant for each scholarship.

This year the Scholarship Chair received seven applications for the two scholarships by the February 1 deadline. Two retired public school teachers, not affiliated with DAR, were chosen to be judges.

The winner of the 2023 Amelia Jenks Bloomer Scholarship is Conner Maston from Lynnville Sully High School sponsored by Grinnell Chapter, Gail Bonath, Regent.

Conner is a four-sport athlete who has consistently been on the honor roll and has served his community through coaching youth sports programs, volunteering with the FFA, helping with local park maintenance, and appearing as the school mascot. He will be attending Morningside University in Sioux City where he plans to study business and/or physical therapy with a sports management minor.

The 2023 ISDAR Scholarship Award recipient is Nolan Van Waus from West Des Moines Valley High School. Nolan was co-sponsored by Abigail Adams Chapter, Luanne Baker, Regent, and Jean Marie Cardinell Chapter, Dianna Baker Hoye, Regent.

Nolan's high school activities include basketball, orchestra, National Honor Society and the Architecture Construction Engineering Mentor program. He has volunteered with Best Buddies, blood drives, meal packaging programs and yard maintenance for shut-ins. In addition, he works approximately 15 hours per week for the West Des Moines Parks and Recreation Department. Nolan will attend Iowa State University where he intends to study mechanical engineering.

The Iowa Society DAR is to be commended for its dedication in assisting Iowa students who are pursuing higher education.



Conner Maston, Amelia Jenks Bloomer Scholarship winner



Nolan Van Waus, Iowa Society DAR Scholarship winner

# Commemorative Events Committee

*Susan Klein, Chair*

## Shelley Wells Represents Iowa DAR for Special Commemorative Event Award

Each year the U.S. Vietnam War Commemoration commission, through the NSDAR Commemorative Events Committee, recognizes one DAR Member from each state. This one-time award is for outstanding accomplishments by an individual member in her efforts to honor and thank Vietnam War Veterans. Iowa has chosen a worthy recipient, Shelley Wells from the Anna Marie Lane Chapter. Shelley has been able to help recognize Vietnam Veterans from many states.

She started in Iowa by holding a June, 2022, recognition ceremony honoring local veterans in Kossuth County with nearly 40 people attending and over 100 flags raised. That was just the beginning.

Reading on Facebook of four other veterans in Wisconsin deserving of recognition, Shelley hopped in a car and drove six hours to honor them with a gift bag, certificate and lapel pin.

Always a DAR member, during vacation to Williamsburg, VA, Shelley met Jim Hildreth, a Vietnam Veteran from New York, who had not been recognized. Jim shared that his brother, Ken, was really the person needing the special recognition and gave her his contact information. Of course, Shelley reached out to Ken and was touched by his life story. Again, social media helped out and Shelley found a fellow DAR member from Massachusetts who agreed to organize a group of daughters, who went to Ken's home for the recognition ceremony. Ken and his family were very touched by this special time. Shelley could not attend in person BUT she did watch on FaceTime. Shelley will attend Continental Congress and receive her award on Friday afternoon, June 30th. Congratulations to Shelley for the award and demonstrating to us that DAR is a far-reaching organization.

To read the full award report, view on ISDAR webpage, Commemorative Events 2022 awards.

[www.isdar.org/members/ISDAR\\_Committee\\_Files/2022/2022\\_ISDAR\\_Commemorative\\_Events\\_Winners.html](http://www.isdar.org/members/ISDAR_Committee_Files/2022/2022_ISDAR_Commemorative_Events_Winners.html)



Ken Hildreth, Vietnam Veteran certificate ceremony with Capt. John Joslin, Jr. DAR chapter in Leominster, MA. Note Shelley Wells in corner. She attended virtually.

# DAR Leadership Training Committee

*Sylvia Blaesing, Chair*

## Graduates List – FINAL April 1, 2022, thru March 31, 2023

### **Members Course:** Blue Cords; Certificate

Catherine Baker, Abigail Adams Chapter  
Sharon Braden, Council Bluffs Chapter  
Lucinda Carter, Abigail Adams Chapter  
Emilie Freiberg, Spinning Wheel Chapter  
Jennifer Gibson, De Shon Chapter  
Peggy Harvey, Hannah Lee Chapter  
Lisa Lang, Cedar Falls Chapter  
Annabelle Mack, Abigail Adams Chapter  
Joyce McDonnell, Jean Marie Cardinell Chapter  
Chere McLaughlin, Anna Maria Lane Chapter  
Kaye Miller, Nathaniel Fellows Chapter  
Janelle Morgan, Nancy McKay Harsh Chapter  
Terri Toppler, Hannah Caldwell Chapter  
Donna Wenzl, Jean Marie Cardinell Chapter

### **Committee Leaders Course:** Red Cords; Certificate

Catherine Baker, Abigail Adams Chapter  
Jacqueline Beard, Henry Knox Chapter  
Judith Bushlack, Marion Linn Chapter  
Lucinda Carter, Abigail Adams Chapter  
Sharon Greenlee, Elizabeth Ross Chapter  
Denise Hamilton, Jean Marie Cardinell  
Debra Jorgenson, Jean Marie Cardinell  
Susan Klein, Abigail Adams Chapter  
Lisa Lang, Cedar Falls Chapter  
Andrea Perry, Onawa Chapter  
Paula Smith, Abigail Adams Chapter  
Terri Toppler, Hannah Caldwell Chapter  
Karen Ward, Hannah Caldwell Chapter

### **New Horizons Course:** Gold Cords; Certificate

Terri Toppler, Hannah Caldwell Chapter

### **Recognition**

#### **Trois in One (Completion of all three courses in one award year.)** Certificate

Terri Toppler, Hannah Caldwell Chapter

### **New Recognition**

The National Vice Chair of DAR Leadership Training Committee requested State Coordinators to recognize members completing all three courses since the creation: Iowa's first graduation in 2018. This includes developing the roster, name the committee, recognize/honor the recipients, give certificates and other mementos of her choice and have all items differ from those given for the individual courses. Quote "Make a big blast of this!" **"This is a special recognition, not graduation (they have graduated three times.)"**

#### **Delta Challenge\* (Completion of all three courses.)** Certificate, large pin

Sylvia Blaesing, James Harlan Chapter  
Edith Brunia, Jean Marie Cardinell Chapter  
Carolyn Delay, Ladies of the Lake Chapter  
Mary Ealy, Priscilla Alden Chapter  
Sharon Greenlee, Elizabeth Ross  
Debra Jorgenson, Jean Marie Cardinell Chapter  
Paula Smith, Abigail Adams Chapter  
Sarah Steinke, Ashley Chapter  
Terri Toppler, Hannah Caldwell Chapter  
Shelley Wells, Anna Maria Lane Chapter



To join, contact Iowa State Coordinator: **Sylvia Blaesing** • [calicoacres2@comcast.net](mailto:calicoacres2@comcast.net) • **563-299-6063**

## Across the State

### Ladies of the Lake

Submitted by Carolyn DeLay

On Tuesday, May 9, the Ladies of the Lake started the year off with their first meeting at the home of Chaplain Collette Travis. After a light snack (with wonderful Danish desserts) Collette and her daughter-in-law presented a program on quilts and her ancestry. State Regent Edee presented Bobbie Holden with her certificate and cord for taking a GEP course. Bobbie was not present at State Conference to get hers. Others who earned one but were not present were Tania Lair and Diane Lavender. One of the guests was Audrey Johnson who is presenting programs this week on suffragettes. Additionally we welcomed new member DeNeitt VanDenBroeke, All had a great time.



## Across the State

### Mayflower

Submitted by Karen Wilson



Mayflower Chapter of Cedar Rapids was once again honored to sponsor a Quilts of Valor presentation on April 28, 2023. Three veterans were honored with quilts made by a chapter member. The veterans had several guests present for the ceremony conducted by the Freedom Stitcher of Iowa branch of the Quilts of Valor. Refreshments were served prior to the presentation. We were also privileged to have a World War II flag that had previously served as a coffin cover for a WWII veteran who died serving our country. The flag made of wool had the 48 stars representing the states at the time of the war.





## Across the State Camp Dodge

Submitted by Karla Wright

It is with great excitement and pride that we are announcing a brand new DAR chapter in Iowa -- the Camp Dodge Chapter, NSDAR.

Recognizing needs to: 1) better serve Des Moines suburbs, 2) allow more members to participate in chapter activities and leadership, and 3) respond to increasing numbers of prospective applicants -- a new DAR chapter was organized. NSDAR approval was secured and Karla Wright was approved as Organizing Regent. The Abigail Adams and Jean Marie Cardinell Chapter Regents were directed by the State Regent to inform all members of the potential new chapter. On February 12, 2023, an information meeting was held in Ankeny, Iowa. At that meeting fifteen DAR members signed on to start a new chapter as Organizing Members and three non-DAR (prospective) members also signed on. The names of the organizing members were submitted to NSDAR. Supporting documentation for the Camp Dodge chapter name was submitted to NSDAR. Approval from NSDAR was received on February 22, 2023 -- on George Washington's birthday -- how apropos.

An inaugural meeting and celebration were held at Camp Dodge at the Dodge House on March 21, and officers were installed.



March 21, 2023. Fifteen Organizing Members, Four Charter Members, and the ISDAR State Regent joined together to celebrate the formation of a new DAR chapter. In photo:

First row left to right: Kathy Lynn (Vice Regent), Tina McCleary (Historian), Karla Wright (Regent), Sharleen Newton (Registrar), Ella Evans (Recording Secretary).

Second row left to right: Edith Brunia (ISDAR State Regent), Susan Ohnysty (Chaplain), Karla Kasper, Jennifer Ewing (Treasurer), Jan Neal, Pat Ball, Marty Hansen, Kennetha Klein, Janet Blaess.

Third row left to right: Camilla Maginas, Heather Guck, Gerry Bauman, Karen Knapp-Danielson, Karen Stinson.

Not in photo but attending: Barbara Rosberg

Photography by Kristine Bartley of the Abigail Adams Chapter.



Camp Dodge Regent, Karla Wright, received the Organizing Chapter Certificate from Iowa Society DAR State Regent, Edith Brunia, at the Inaugural Meeting.

The chapter started with fifteen organizing members and already has ten more members! The chapter held its first regular meeting at the Iowa Gold Star Military Museum on April 20.



Camp Dodge Chapter members got down to business at their first regular meeting in April. Members welcomed three new transfers, catered in lunch, roamed the Iowa Gold Star Military Museum, and flew a fighter jet (simulator only!).

The Camp Dodge Chapter will serve the eastern and northern suburbs of Des Moines. The chapter will meet at various places including the Iowa Gold Star Military Museum, the Ankeny Area Historical Museum, local libraries, and other venues within the eastern and northern suburbs. Meeting days and times will also vary to allow maximum participation.

The mission areas of the Camp Dodge Chapter are Historic Preservation, Patriotism and Education. Service activities will include assisting organizations that serve active-duty military personnel, cemetery cleaning and restoration, parade and school events. Immediate future events are: Vietnam Veterans Recognition Day at the State Capitol, Memorial Day and Vietnam History Event at the Iowa Gold Star Military Museum, Final Salute at the Iowa Veterans Cemetery, Continental Congress in Washington, D.C., State Fair Parade, and representing the founders of Ankeny, Iowa (John Fletcher and Sarah Ankeny) at the Woodland Cemetery Living History Event.

The Camp Dodge Chapter is considered a "Lantern Chapter." The beautiful and huge lantern that adorns the entrance to Camp Dodge has become our symbol of light to promote American history, patriotism and love of God, Home and Country.

For more information contact Karla Wright at [Karla@WrightSources.com](mailto:Karla@WrightSources.com) OR go to [www.isdar.org/chapters/campdodge](http://www.isdar.org/chapters/campdodge).



**100 Candles! Celebrating Stella!** Lots of good cheer, cake, and birthday cards were sent to Stella Bingaman for this once in a century occasion on May 13, 2023 as she turned 100 years old! Even NSDAR President General Pamela Wright sent special greetings to this 34-year DAR member. At our May chapter meeting, we had our party (minus the honoree) with cakes and coffee for this special lady. Chaplain Mary Lee Koziol and Regent Dianna Baker Hoye were invited



to be part of the family celebration. Stella proudly wore her DAR insignia, and was quite jolly proclaiming to us that she decided she is only 39 years old! Daughters Mary and Sheila Bingaman, Abigail Adams DAR members, are also in the official DAR photograph. It was an honor to share in the joy and love felt by Stella and her family on this amazing occasion.



**Iowa Vietnam Veterans Recognition Day**

As we gathered at the monument at the State Capitol on this beautiful spring day, Governor Kim Reynolds



signed the Proclamation designating the occasion. About 250 people attended the event. Vietnam

Veterans and their families were remembered and honored by Capt. Dan Gannon and Brig. Gen. Harold "Tommy" Thompson, MacKenzie Highlanders Pipes and Drums, among others.

Jean Marie Cardinell members on hand were led by Chm. Candy Brown. Marty Kane, her state-wide Vietnam Veterans partner, and her grandson Gage Carey.

In the photo are [l-r] Marty Kane, Dianna Baker Hoye, Candy Brown, Gage Carey, State Regent Edee Brunia, Denise Hamilton. JMC members not shown in the photo are Donna Ragner, Nancy Geiger, and Dawn Baldwin (who piped with the MacKenzie Highlanders).

**DAR "Welcome-Oath" Ceremonies were held for our Newest Members!**



**Karma Wanamaker**



**Marilyn Rittel**



**Jeanette Bodermann**



**Jennifer Jacobs**

## Paul Revere's Ride—and the Shot Heard Round the World!

Literacy Chairman Linda Wilson led discussion of our spring book selection, Paul Revere's Ride by David Hackett Fischer. Not only did this book provide great insight into the persons of Paul Revere and British General Thomas Gage, but it recreated the fateful events leading to Paul Revere's ride on April 19, 1775. Linda scheduled the book discussion to coincide with that anniversary. We met at the Urbandale Library on April 19, 2023, the 248th anniversary of the famous ride from Boston to Lexington to Concord, MA. [l-r]—Mary Lee Koziol, Dianna Baker Hoyer, Donna Ragner, Dianne Chadwick, Denise Hamilton, Suzanne Spurrier Wegner, Linda Wilson.



### Community Service Award winner Barbara Wicks

On March 25 we honored Barbara Wicks with a Community Service Award for her 700+ volunteer service hours



at the Des Moines Blank Children's Hospital. Since its inception, Barbara has been a dedicated volunteer Cuddler in the NICU Cuddler program. CSA Chairman Donna Ragner spearheads this chapter effort.

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### National Salute to Veteran Patients

Our chapter participated in the National Salute to Veteran Patients on February 17 at the Iowa Veterans Hospital in Des Moines. Leading the team were Chm. Judy McNamara, Joanne Tinker and Debbie Jorgenson.



The purpose of the Salute is to honor and pay tribute to the brave military veterans who receive medical care at Veterans Affairs (VA) facilities—and create

more awareness about the importance of these centers while encouraging more people to visit and volunteer. [l-r] Joanne Tinker, Debra Jorgenson, Judy McNamara.

**Showing Our Military Some Love!** At our February meeting, members were invited to participate in a DAR Project Patriot initiative to "Show Our Military Some Love." Personal messages were added to Valentine cards. Nearly 50 cards were given to USO Iowa that is located at Camp Dodge in Johnston. When the soldiers arrived for lunch, they each received a Valentine and a lollipop from us!

[l-r]—D. Baker Hoyer, Pvt. V. Romero, USO Manager H. Goodwin



## Outstanding Teacher of American History 2023 State Winner, Lori Deason

At the State DAR Conference Awards Banquet, we were excited to learn that our chapter history teacher was named State Outstanding Teacher of American History. Lori Deason teaches at Ballard Middle School in Huxley. History Chm. Heidi Holsapple and Regent Dianna Baker Hoye visited her school to present her with a certificate from the chapter.



## ISDAR 2023 Scholarship Winner Nolan Van Waus from Valley H.S.

At the DAR Awards Banquet it was also announced that Nolan Van Waus was the recipient of a \$1,000 ISDAR Scholarship. We are so proud of him and wish him all the best as he pursues studies at ISU next year. Our chapter shared the honoring of Nolan with Abigail Adams DAR chapter. Congratulations to Nolan!



## All Dressed Up...With a Banquet to go to!

We like to get all dolled up for special occasions. The Awards Banquet on Friday night of State DAR was just the place!



[front row l-r] Denise Hamilton, State Regent Edee Brunia, Regent Dianna Baker Hoye; [back row] Joyce McDonnell, Jean Harbeck, Heidi Holsapple, Mary Lee Koziol, Debra Jorgenson.

## Ina Napier Traveling Silver Tray Awarded to Jean Marie Cardinell

How wonderful to receive the Ina Napier Traveling Tray! We are honored.



## JMC Delegation at State DAR

Judy McNamara, Debra Jorgenson, Denise Hamilton, Joyce McDonnell, Mary Lee Koziol, Jean Harbeck, Regent Dianna Baker Hoye.



## Across the State

**James Harlan**

Submitted by Gayle Olson



### James Harlan Chapter Celebrates 100 Years of DAR

"Hear Ye, Hear Ye!" the Revolutionary War soldier called us from visiting and viewing the many historical artifacts and information about our patriots to begin the program entitled "Misbehaving Women of the Progressive Era" celebrating the James Harlan Chapter of DAR's 100th anniversary celebration.

Two Henry County women received the Women of American History Awards. Joy Conwell's posthumous award was accepted by her husband and son, Ed Conwell and Ed Conwell, Jr. Joy left a history legacy – expanding and managing the archives of Iowa Wesleyan, the first woman on the Midwest Old Threshers Board of Directors, founding Explorer Post 1846 which grew the Log Village at Old Threshers where students learn pioneer history and do living history interpretation at the annual Midwest Old Threshers Reunion for thousands of visitors each year. Lugene "Lucky" Krieger, 100 year old matriarch of the "Krieger Girl Farm" accepted her award and was accompanied by her 102 year old sister, several daughters, their spouses and grandchildren. Lucky was a pioneer in girls' athletics and raised 10 daughters to also be independent, successful women while modeling active church and community leadership.

Iowa author Cheryl Mullenbach shared the stage with James Harlan's own Cathy Helman to tell more about the misbehaving women who played such an important role in our history and found ways to help women to become educated and capable citizens. Cheryl gave us the national picture while Cathy shared what local women were doing. Of special interest was the role of DAR women during the Spanish American War, insisting that those who would be nursing the injured soldiers were well-trained health professionals, a decision credited with saving many lives. More details can be found in her book "Women of the Spanish-American War", an appropriate resource as we commemorate the event this year.

Huge kudos to all the James Harlan members who decorated the room, brought pieces of our history, provided delicious refreshments and put together a fitting celebration. We were particularly thrilled that 73 year DAR member Wilma Lewis was able to join us. A special shout-out to Becky Wright for the beautiful patriotic quilted wall hanging she created to commemorate our important milestone. Thank you to all those who attended, sent us good wishes and have supported us through the years. You helped us build great memories to launch us into the future!



# Across the State

## Hannah Lee

Submitted by Joy Bahnemann

1. The Hannah Lee Chapter designed and created 38 handmade St. Patrick's Day's greeting cards for each member at the Eastern Star Nursing Home, Decorah, IA. The residents and staff were thrilled to receive these bright holiday greetings, and appreciated the special thoughts being sent their way from our Chapter members.

2. The Hannah Lee Chapter was awarded the Eugenia Washington Traveling Gold Tray for the highest number of service points per member. The award was given at the 124th Annual State Conference in Des Moines, IA, March 30, 2023 - April 1, 2023. Our goal was 1080 for thirty-six members, and we entered 4,990 service points for the year 2022. The Eugenia Washington



St. Patrick's Day Cards: for residents of Eastern Star Nursing Home.



(This picture was taken at the Chapter meeting on May 6 at Winneshiek Wildberry Winery, Decorah.)

Seated L-R: Peggy Harvey, Regent; Wendy Novak, Registrar; Marilyn Holland (holding the tray); Chaplain; Julie Vogel, Secretary; Jill Amdahl, Treasurer. Back Row: Janet Koozer, Rebecca McCabe, Sue Holthaus, Prospective Member, Carol Hasvold, and Melinda Rhode. The member not pictured was Jan Wearda.

Traveling Gold Tray was donated by former State Chaplain, Ellie Senne, who served from 2018 through 2020.

3. Hannah Lee collected dozens of vegetable seed packets for the students at the Hindman Settlement School in Hindman, KY. The Hindman School supports education, cultural heritage, and community service to students in the mountains of Appalachia. The seed packets were sent to the school in time for spring planting where students will plant and follow the growth of vegetables for fun and sustainability.

4. Hannah Lee Secretary, Julie Vogel, prepared and distributed newly created brochures that feature our Chapter initiatives and activities. The brochures, along with display stands, were delivered to area libraries, historical societies, welcome centers, and Chamber of Commerce offices. The brochure was designed as a marketing tool to inform, educate, and engage public awareness of our chapter and reach women who may be interested in being a part of the DAR.



Charter group: Taken at the state convention: L to R, standing: Marty Hansen, Associate member; Ellen Post, member; Valerie Pecinovsky; member; and seated: Peggy Harvey, Regent; and Wendy Novak, Registrar.

5. Hannah Lee Regent, Peggy Harvey announced the awards presented to the Hannah Lee Chapter and to individual members at the 2023 State Conference. Awards: Most America Flags Presented; Chapter Achievement - Gold Award; Appreciation for Literacy Promotion; Appreciation for Historic Preservation; Completion of the Members Course with a graduation certificate and Blue Cord to Peggy Harvey; Appreciation for Literacy Promotion to Angie Reynolds; Appreciation for Literacy Promotion to Jill Amdahl; Eugenia Washington Traveling Gold Tray for Most Service Points per Member; and the DAR Genealogy Records Outstanding Support to Peggy Harvey. Certificates of appreciation were handed out to members who had volunteer service hours recorded for 'Service to America' in 2022.



6. Regent Peggy Harvey and several other members participated in the April 22, 2023, Earth Day Cleanup activity in Decorah, IA, despite inclement weather and snow showers.

7. Regent Peggy Harvey received the blue cord and graduation certificate for completion of the Members Course.

Earth Day Clean-Up Participants: Pictured from L to R: Julie Vogel, Secretary; Jill Amdahl, Treasurer; Peggy Harvey, Regent; and Carol Hasvold, member.

Member's blue cord: This is a picture of Regent Peggy Harvey receiving the blue cord and graduation certificate for completion of the Members Course.





## Across the State Pilot Rock

Submitted by Peggy Corrington

Pilot Rock Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution presented a Gold ROTC medal to Cadet Emma Hueper at Buena Vista University. The DAR Gold ROTC Medal is awarded to a graduating college or university student being commissioned in one of the U.S. Armed Services.

The recipient must have demonstrated loyalty and patriotism and earned a record of military and scholastic achievement during their participation in an

ROTC program. The Student must be in the upper 25% of their classes in ROTC and in academic subjects. He or She must have shown qualities of dependability and good character, adherence to military discipline, leadership ability, and a fundamental and patriotic understanding of the importance of ROTC training.

Cadet Emma Hueper graduated from Blue Earth Area High School in 2019 with a 3-year national ROTC scholarship to Buena Vista University. During her time at BVU she has studied Criminology and will graduate on May 6th with her bachelor's degree. Upon graduation, she and her husband will return home to Fairmont, MN where Emma will be serving as a transportation officer with the 34th ECAB (expeditionary combat aviation battalion) based in St Paul, MN. She also plans to work for the Minnesota Department of Human Services. Upon completion of BOLC in early 2024, Emma is hoping to pursue classes to become a Minnesota Peace Officer.



L to R. Major Brendan Lind , Cadet Emma Hueper, Peggy Corrington, Sue Nielsen

**Across the State**  
**Anna Maria Lane**

We are excited the Historian General has granted us the privilege to place another bronze patriot marker on the grave of George Adam Woltz, who is buried in River View Cemetery, Williamsport, MD. Please join us if you are able.



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# Across the State

## Elizabeth Ross

Submitted by Sharon Greenlee

Elizabeth Ross started off the year having a moment of silence for those members who recently passed away: **Martha Meier and Delilah "Berniece" Butler.**



*Missing Man Table*

### Recognizing our Veterans

For **Vietnam Veterans Day** on March 29, 2023, Elizabeth Ross honored Veterans by displaying Missing Man Tables at a local restaurant. The Missing Man Table has become a tradition for Elizabeth Ross Chapter.

The chapter also **visits the local Veteran's Administration Clinic and local nursing homes** with cards and gift bags several times to thank all the Veterans for their service.



*Nursing Home Veteran Gift Bags*

### State Conference

Elizabeth Ross was honored to be recognized at the State Conference this year. We are so grateful to our members and the ladies at the State Level for the help we receive.



*State Conference*

### Community Youth

The chapter was fortunate to participate by collecting items for the **American Home Finding Association Emergency Youth Shelter**. This program started in Agency, Iowa in 1979. Residents are school age to 18 years of age.



*Women's history month with Laure Reminick*

### Mother's Day

The chapter celebrated **Women's History Month** by each member giving a short story about a woman that impacted her life. The stories were so inspiring and fascinating.

### Donating Books

The chapter has donated books to the DAR Library, Missouri Historical Society, and the Chatham NC Community Library.



*Donated Books*

### New Members

We are so excited that our Chapter continues to grow. We welcomed a new member, Cynthia Yockey. Cynthia came into the chapter through her patriot David Palmer who served as a Private in Vermont.



*Ohara, Terri sworn in with Treasurer Sampson*



*Yockey, Cynthia sworn in with Chaplain Bradfield and Treasurer Sampson*

Elizabeth Ross Chapter hopes all of our DAR sisters' summer is safe and blessed with family and friends.

## Across the State

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



The 2023 Cyclone Battalion Dine Out was held Friday, 24 March at the Gateway Conference Center sponsored by the Army ROTC Battalion at Iowa State University.

Sun Dial-Solomon Dean Chapter member Glenda Eccles presented the gold medal and certificate to an outstanding cadet, Megan Coherly. Megan is a senior and is planning to attend the College of Veterinary Science.

The Iowa State Air Force ROTC Dining-Out event was held on 22 April at the Gateway Conference Center.

It was sponsored by Detachment 250 of the Air Force. Carter Wachholtz was the recipient of the Sun Dial-Solomon Dean outstanding gold ROTC cadet award. Pictured are Glenda Eccles, Carter Wachholtz and Jackie Peters.



## Across the State

### Mason City

Submitted by Diane Murphy

Following our winter break the Mason City Chapter is back in session. At our April meeting we celebrated our 118th anniversary with a look back through pictures and stories about our early years and the changes that have been seen in 118 years. In May we traveled to the Carrie Chapman Catt girlhood home near Charles City, Iowa. It was a gorgeous spring day to tour the home and museum. Many of us would like to return to spend more time looking at the museum displays. The home today is listed in the National Register of Historic Places and has been restored at the direction of the National 19th Amendment Society, a non-profit organization based out of Charles City. If you would like more information about the home and museum, please click this link <https://catt.org>

In March we had 2 new members join our chapter. Kimberly Baldwin and her daughter Christine Spradling were approved by national on March 5. Their mother/grandmother Caryl Lawler is also a member of the chapter. This is the third 3 generation family we have in our chapter.



Catt House

Back Row: Anne Cooper; Tammy Orte; Patty Oelberg  
Middle row: Kim Peters; Lyn Johnson; Diane Murphy  
Front row: Nancy Marsh; Pat Schlader; Val Edison



Catt House: Left to right  
Anne Cooper, Tammy Orte, Kim Peters and Linda Hughes our guide.

## Grinnell Chapter DAR Good Citizen winners

DAR Good Citizen Awards were presented to three area high school seniors at the Grinnell Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution meeting on Saturday, May 13, at the Centre for Arts & Artists in Newton, Iowa.

First place winner was Mia Boulton from Montezuma High School. Mia is the daughter of Buddy and Marie Boulton. She is an athlete in cross country track, basketball and dance. She is very active in FFA, National Honor Society, Phi Theta Kappa, Student Council, Spanish Club, Drama, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and band. She has given back to her community as a library volunteer and local photographer. Mia plans to attend the University of Iowa and major in Journalism and Mass Communications. Mia received a \$250 award and a DAR Good Citizens pin.

Runners-up were Carley Underwood, Colfax-Mingo High School, and Emily Wermager, Newton High School. Carley and Emily each received \$50 awards and Good Citizens pins.

Carley is the daughter of Mike and Shannon Underwood. Carley is President of the Student Council, an athlete in track, softball, basketball, volleyball, golf, dance and is in 4-H, band and National Honor Society as well. She has given back to her community by helping with youth sport camps, and the annual Christmas celebration. Carley plans to attend Central College and major in biology.

Emily Wermager is the daughter of Josh and Teresa Wermager. Emily is an athlete in volleyball and basketball and participates in drama, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Student Council, National Honor Society, Student Athletic Advisory Council, and other student organizations. She has given back to her community through Operation Christmas Child and Central Iowa Teens Encounter Christ, among other things. Emily plans to major in Biology at Iowa State University, specializing in genetics.



*First place winner of the Grinnell Chapter DAR Good Citizen's award, Mia Boulton from Montezuma High School*



*DAR Good Citizens winners Carley Underwood, left, and Emily Wermager, right, with Grinnell Chapter DAR Good Citizens chair, Barbara Lease*

# Across the State

## Jean Espy

Submitted by Cyndie Reppert



On June 27, 1923, a tombstone for Kalawequois was placed by Jean Espy Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. A princess of the Sac and Fox Indian tribe, she died of consumption in 1837. Her death was documented in *The Western Adventurer*, published in Montrose at that time, as well as in the diaries of several early Montrose settlers.

Although Kalawequois was buried on the “mound farm,” the exact location of her grave is not known. Therefore, the memorial tombstone was placed at the entrance of two farm fields on the edge of “mound farm.” Years later, when River Road going north out of Montrose was regraded, the stone was moved the short distance to the intersection of River Road and 290th Street. Fourteen years ago, the crumbling concrete base of the stone was replaced, thanks to the initiative of Vic Riddle.

At that time, Montrose Riverfront, Inc., volunteers started planting flowers around the stone. The flowers were chosen in keeping with the Native American Circle of Life. Yellow flowers, representing integrity, are planted on the left; red flowers representing honor, go in front of the stone; white flowers are on the right side, representing purity, the spirit walk symbolizing death is represented by

the planting of dark flowers behind the stone to the west, towards the setting sun.

Several years ago, members of the Jean Espy Chapter began helping local efforts by paying for the flowers planted. Montrose volunteers have continued to see that the flowers are planted, weeded, watered, and that the grass is kept neatly mowed.

Now, for the second year, Chapter members are taking responsibility for the complete care of the flowers, while a Montrose Riverfront, Inc., volunteer will continue to water them. The 100th anniversary of the dedication of the stone is quickly coming up. How nice to see it now being taken care of by current members of the same group responsible for it being placed back in 1923. Kalawequois, and the stone, hold a unique place in the history of Montrose.



This article was written by Mary Sue Chapman for a local paper. Mary Sue is a longtime member of our chapter and the garden keeper until recent years. We do have a weeding schedule for several members.



# Across the State

## Nathaniel Fellows

Submitted by Kaye Miller

March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Several members of the Nathaniel Fellows Chapter in Iowa City, IA met together to hand write out get well cards for local VA Hospital patients. Included with the get-well cards were \$10 Hy-Vee gift cards.

They had a lovely time working together, and were able to get 35 cards finished and ready to deliver to the Iowa City VA Hospital. Thank you, Joyce Mandel Chapter Chaplain, and VAVS Representative for arranging this service project.





### Henry Knox Experiments with Themed meetings

February was the literacy themed meeting. Local author T. Waldman-Williams was recognized with a Literacy Champion Award for her book about former State Regent & designer of the Iowa Flag, Dixie Gebhardt. Honorary State Regent/chapter registrar Marla Suter, chapter recording secretary Barb Anderson and chapter librarian Sandie Jaarsma all received Literacy Champion awards as well for research for Waldman-Williams' book, distribution of the book, and book donations to a school in Kentucky. Fifth grade student Hank Huff read his award winning essay on the flag, and the roll call question was what is your favorite genre of book. The program was by Connie Van Polen, titled The History of Buxton, Iowa.

March had a dual theme of Vietnam Veterans Day and Iowa flag day with their celebration days one day apart. Members' Service in Seconds was donations of men's socks to be distributed to veterans. Ninety-eight pairs of socks were donated. The roll call question was; Do you have a Vietnam Veteran in your family who has not received the lapel pin/surviving spouse pin? The program was by Sandie Jaarsma, Sugar House Prisons on the Revolutionary War.



The April 25th meeting was National Library Worker Day, which was the meeting theme. The Service in Seconds project was bringing individual snack cakes, candies, teas, trail mix, as well as gift cards, and bath bombs for two thank-you baskets for the staff of the Public Library where this chapter holds all regular meetings. The staff was also invited to partake in refreshments. Certificates of Appreciation were presented to three for volunteer work in genealogy rooms in two public libraries. Chapter Vice-Regent, Bev Jones, and corresponding secretary, Nancy Toll as well as Amy Thurston received certificates. Two school library workers for the Southeast Warren School district also received certificates earlier in the day. In honor of National Children's book week, the roll call question was: What was your favorite children's book? The evening program by Nancy Toll was the history of libraries.



### Abigail Adams Chapter Awards: Literacy Champion Award

Abigail Adams Chapter awarded West Des Moines Valley Southwoods Freshman High School Language Arts teacher Kelly Hingl the DAR Literacy Champion Award for contributing to her community in an outstanding manner by promoting literacy.

The award was presented by educators Regent Luanne Baker and past Regent Ann Mack who offered these comments in praise of the honoree:

"Kelly is an example of what a truly dedicated educator looks like. She leads her colleagues and students by always sharing thoughtful, relevant, and engaging ideas. She seeks to share her love of reading by bringing characters to life, modeling how to evaluate and think critically, and choosing texts that help her students build knowledge about themselves, and the world around them. Through books and storytelling via written and verbal expression she has given her estimated 4,000+ students the learning opportunities to practice their skills and find their voices.

Her current passion is to build a diversified classroom library to honor student choice and build reading stamina."

In addition to the certificate, A monetary gift was also presented to be used to build the library.



L-R Ann Mack, Kelly Hingl, Luanne Baker

### Abigail Adams Sponsors ISDAR Scholarship Winner, 2023



(L-R) Chapter Regent Luanne Baker, Phil Van Waus, Honoree Nolan Van Waus & Kelli Van Waus

Every year ISDAR awards a \$1,000 scholarship to a worthy high school senior in the state of Iowa. Eligibility for this award includes: plans to attend a U.S. Department of Education accredited school of post-secondary education; minimum 3.0 on a 4.0 or equivalent grading scale; proven merit and financial need. Judging criteria used includes demonstration of: strong academic ability; financial need or extraordinary circumstances; leadership skills and/or family values and/or a spirit of volunteerism; the likelihood to make a positive contribution to our society in the future.

Last fall on behalf of our Chapter, we shared the scholarship entry information with the counseling department at West Des Moines Valley High School. We were proud to learn that Valley senior, Nolan Van Waus, was selected by the state committee to receive the scholarship! Both Abigail Adams and Jean Marie Cardinell Chapters welcomed Nolan and his parents to the Friday evening banquet at State Conference where he officially received his award. Here are Nolan's comments upon being made aware of his choice to be the scholarship recipient:

"It is a great honor to receive your generous Iowa Society Daughters of the American Revolution ISDAR Scholarship that will help fund the expenses of my education at Iowa State University. I am most grateful for your belief and support, and I would like to thank you for choosing me.

My ideals align well with those of DAR in supporting charitable volunteer efforts in the community and appreciating the value of education. Receiving this scholarship will help enable my education in Mechanical Engineering at Iowa State University. Your organization's earnest investment in my future goals will not be forgotten. Thank you again for your generous and thoughtful gift."

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***Melissa Eaton Burkart & Diane Murphy, Co-Chairs***

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**August 25<sup>th</sup>**

**November 25<sup>th</sup>**

**February 25<sup>th</sup>**

**May 25<sup>th</sup>**

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