



SPRING 2015

Mrs. Sharon A. Braden
Iowa State Regent 2014-2016

Promoting Education to Encourage Lifelong Learning

"An intelligent heart acquires knowledge,
and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge"
Proverbs: 18:15

Dear Iowa Daughters,

This State Officer returned from the February 2015 National Board of Management meeting with exciting news to share with all of you.



Celebrate 125!

Throughout 2015, our National Society is celebrating 125 years of service to America! The NSDAR members' web site has a section devoted to this special year. There are logo graphics to download, suggestions on how our Iowa chapters can join in observing this yearlong celebration, news release templates, commemorative products, and much more. This year will include many special events including a National DAR Day of Service on October 11, 2015, special features on the website and in American Spirit and a commemorative membership certificate for those who join DAR this year. Information on how our chapters can "Celebrate 125!" is found on the homepage of the National member's website. Encourage your chapter to explore, share, and learn about our 125 years of service to America. If there are supporting documents associated with an application and are available to the public, they can now be purchased by download. The term "documentation" refers to the supporting materials that came with an application or supplemental application. The older the application there is a greater likelihood that no documentation now survives. In the years before easy access to photocopy machines (roughly the 1960s), many members requested that their documentation be returned to them. The DAR honored these requests until about 1984. As a result, prior to 1984, a major percentage of applications and supplemental do not have supporting documentation. After that date, all documentation should be present with some exceptions. The DAR does not guarantee that documentation within these files will meet today's genealogical standards and will be acceptable for current or future DAR applications or supplemental applications. All files are in an Adobe Acrobat Portable Document Format (PDF) and you will need Adobe Reader to view them. There is a link provided to download the latest version of Adobe Reader. My suggestion is to purchase the application for \$10.00 to look at what documentation was presented before buying the supporting documentation for \$20.00.

Chapters have elected their new officers and these officers must be reported to National by April 1st. State Conference is just around the corner. Chapter Regents and State Chairmen please remember that no report given at State Conference is to be over two minutes. There will be wonderful information to share in a limited time frame. It is important for all to keep their report within the time limit allowed. Chapter Credentials for State Conference need to be sent to Vice Regent Cindi Carter by March 27th. Only delegate names received on the credentials form can vote at State Conference. The Call for State Conference is also included in this newsletter. Please share it with your chapter members. Encourage new members to attend.

In closing, I would like to leave you with the following. It serves as a reminder that we are all pupils of education. At the Tenth Iowa State Conference held in Sioux City, Iowa in October, 1909, Bertha Lincoln Heustis (Dubuque Chapter Regent), Chairman Committee Patriotic Education said in her report: "Many of us at first thought associated patriotic education merely with children and school routine. This is a great mistake. Every meeting that we hold—every time our Chapters celebrate the various fete-feast or memorial days of our country—we are engaged in patriotic education although the pupils may perchance be only ourselves. Thus all patriotic efforts become educational."

Please join us in Ames to celebrate 125 years of service to God, Home, and Country!

Share the joy of lifelong learning,
Sharon A. Braden, Iowa State Regent



WELCOME NEW IOWA MEMBERS!

Abigail Adams Chapter

Nancy Mitchell
Paige Nieland *
Peggy Nieland

Council Bluffs Chapter

Clarissa King
Jane Lytten
Sharon Nipper

Elizabeth Ross Chapter

Keanna Belau *

James Harlan Chapter

Barbara Lampe

Jean Espy Chapter

Marilyn Marshall

Jean Marie Cardinell Chapter

Rochelle Nelson
Kellie Phelps

Ladies of the Lake Chapter

Marjorie Sievers

Sun Dial Chapter

Cathleen Rimathe

*Indicates Junior Member

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Members attending this service are invited to wear hats in remembrance of our Iowa Daughters who have passed in the last year. Hats will not be required to attend this service, but those who wish to wear a hat to the Memorial Service are encouraged to do so.



IN MEMORIAM

BUENA VISTA CHAPTER

Ruth Elaine Lathrop Anderson

HANNAH CALDWELL CHAPTER

Dorothy O'Haver Anderson
Betty Gay Carroll Bicknell

HANNAH LEE CHAPTER

Pollyanna Bergman Lerstrom

JAMES HARLAN CHAPTER

Martha Ann Hayes

LAWRENCE VAN HOOK CHAPTER

Wilma Sanders Harder

MARTHA WASHINGTON CHAPTER

Mina Williamson Bard
Margaret Opal Pierce Spies

MASON CITY CHAPTER

Ruth Johnson Carlson

OPEN PRAIRIE CHAPTER

Vesta Crispin Kern

PILGRIM CHAPTER

Lois Sabine Weihe
S. Ann Baker Hunter

REVOLUTIONARY DAMES CHAPTER

Lois Slinger Hedden



Support the Iowa State Regent's Project

and show your support for Kate Duncan Smith School with the purchase of this pin at the 116th annual Iowa State DAR Conference.



ATTENTION!!!

Please contact Cindi Carter, State Vice Regent for table display space at the 116th annual Iowa State Conference.



THE IOWA ROOM: OUR CORNER IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

A recent Washington Post article caught my eye. It began, "The weather had been unusually cold that winter..." (Sound familiar?) It seems two workers rearranging paintings in an unheated gallery at the Smithsonian Institution had installed a temporary stove to keep warm on a frigid January day in 1865. The workers ran a stove pipe to what they thought was an exhaust flue, but in fact, was a hole that emptied behind the wall. The walls of the gallery were crammed floor to ceiling with "hundreds of majestic portraits of Native Americans painted 40 years before".

Long story short, a few days later on January 24, 1865 the Smithsonian erupted in flames. It was the most destructive fire in Smithsonian history. A treasure trove of pre-Civil War Indian imagery was destroyed along with much of the work of two prominent portrait painters, Charles Bird King and John Mix Stanley. King had been hired by the government to paint portraits of scores of Indian leaders who came to the capital to negotiate treaties, settle grievances or meet the President.

In the article, the name of Tshusick, an Ojibwa/Chippewa Indian woman jumped off the page. King's original portrait of her was among those devoured by flames. Fortunately, many of the paintings had been lithographed and hand-colored before the fire. Hers was among those. In one of these original early 19th century hand-colored lithographs, Tshusick holds court in the Iowa Room.

Holds court, indeed! Tshusick's story is fascinating--too long for this writing. Suffice it to say, she was an accomplished con woman, completely charming and deluding everyone, including First Lady Louisa Adams, who entertained her at the White House. Fluent in French, attractive and a name dropper who knew which names to drop, she was found to have worked her trickery all the way to the Canadian border. However, before being found out, she was showered with a stagecoach full of gifts from the First Lady and others; and enjoyed the well-wishes of a crowd as she exited Washington, D.C. This historic lithograph was purchased in 1994 with funds contributed by an Iowa Daughter.



Sara Jane Harwood, Iowa Room Chairman

Time keeps on slippin', slippin', slippin'... into the future...

All reports from State Officers, Chapter Regents and State Chairmen are due on April 1, 2015. In these reports, celebrate your Chapter's accomplishments and activities for the past year and share any struggles you might have had. State Chairmen, think of this report as an educational piece for your committee, or a place to brag about the amazing things Iowa Daughters do for a particular committee. After all, this report is a permanent summary of 2014 as it will become part of State Regent Sharon Braden's proceedings book.

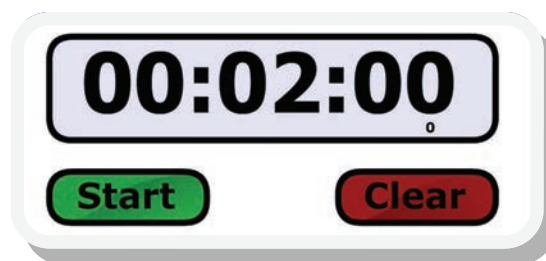
This report is limited to 200 words, and will be the report that you give at State Conference during the reports from chapters in your particular district. Please note, your oral report is limited to two minutes at State Conference, so please practice reading your report to ensure that you so not exceed the time allotted to you... and if you are like me, you may have problems holding to the two minute maximum., but please, do adhere... we have a limited amount of time, and want to make sure everyone has the same amount of time to share their chapter successes!

Please ensure your report is sent to both myself, and Sharon Braden no later than April 1..... no foolin'!

A quick final note-- Chapter Regents, please remember to complete your Chapter Cash Contributions and Credits Worksheet and send this to both State Regent Sharon Braden and me.

If you have questions on preparing your report, please let me know. I'm happy to help!!!

**Jodi Freet
ISDAR Recording Secretary**



American Indians Committee

As the State Chairman of the American Indian Committee I would like to thank the Iowa DAR chapters for your support of this committee this past year. The numbers were higher this year for the number of American Indians Programs given . Monetary collections after an Indian Minute or an American Indian Program for Indian Projects were reported. This was most pleasing to this chairman!

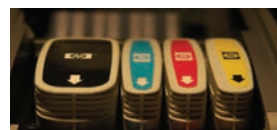
Art related items donated to the two American Indian Schools are so appreciated. The soup labels brought to Iowa State Conference or sent directly from chapters were in the hundreds. I will continue to provide chapters with current information about our NSDAR supported American Indian Schools Chemawa and Bacone that I hope will be shared with your chapter members. A needs list of each school was placed in your Chapter Regents file at BOM.

My wish for the next year as chairman is that more chapters will report that they recognized our two American Indian Schools with a program, an Indian Minute or a donation. I am looking forward to greeting you at ISDAR State Conference at my American Indian display table.

Suzanne Kisner
ISDAR American Indians Committee Chairman

LEARN MORE AT:
<http://www.dar.org/>
(Click on Member Link)

Help Iowa Juniors support our DAR schools by bringing your used ink jet cartridges, Box Tops for Education, and Labels for Education! Please be sure to label your donations for proper chapter credit. Don't forget to check dates too.



DAR Official Insignia

Our emblem is a gold wheel
Banded with deepest blue
Each shining spoke tipped with a star
The distaff shining through;
The only jewel in the world
That money cannot buy
Without such proof of ancestry
As no one can deny.

THE HUB: Each loyal Daughter's heart

EACH SPOKE: A thought of those from whom we part;

THE TIE: A noble life well rounded out;

EACH STAR: A deed of kindness as we go about

EACH FLAXEN THREAD: A cord of love to bind us closer day by day;

THE DISTAFF: A rod of love to guide us all the way.

The official insignia was unanimously adopted by the National Board of Management on May 26, 1891, and patented September 22, 1891. The golden wheel of the insignia represents a spinning wheel; the platinum or white gold distaff represents flax; the blue rim and the distaff carry the colors of the society; and the stars represent the original thirteen colonies.

The insignia is the property of the National Society and may not be used for commercial purposes or as an ornament. A ruling by the national board limits the use of the insignia by states and chapters to yearbooks, stationery, programs and, when necessary, to the work of the society. The insignia should appear in either top center or upper left hand corner, with no words written or printed above it, except on an official DAR Banner where the insignia may be placed in the center with designation of National Society, state society, or chapter by name above, below, or around the insignia.

Stationery bearing the insignia of the National Society may be used only for official purposes in connection with the society, unless otherwise authorized by the National Society. On official state stationery, the name of the State Regent must appear first.

Theresa Bahniuk





Nancy McKay Harsh Chapter

Each year the Nancy McKay Harsh Chapter has a Christmas luncheon in conjunction with their meeting. The meeting was held on December 11 at the Pizza Ranch. Bonnie Riepe gave an interesting program on "Christmas" in the White House". She explained how Christmas was celebrated by the different U.S Presidents.

Ladies of the Lake Chapter



Ladies of the Lake tree at the Spirit Lake Mall.

Decorations contributed by Mary Thunhorst's class room at Okoboji Middle School.

Iowa C.A.R. is growing!

In 2014 eight new members (Patrick Henry – 5, Little Night – 2, and Benjamin Bell -1) were admitted, with others still pending.

We are so proud of our own Betsy Ehmke , who is serving as National C.A.R. President. Betsy has been very busy and travelled many miles to attend C.A.R. activities while maintaining her college studies. The Iowa C.A.R. held their packet meeting in July at the Boone and Scenic Valley Railroad Museum at Boone. Ethan Ragner, Iowa C.A.R. President chose this museum as his state project to help preserve records and documents of railroad history. Thank You to all the Iowa DAR members who attended and showed their support for Iowa C.A.R. We look forward to the Iowa Society C.A.R. State Conference which will be held March 21, 2015 at the State Historical Building in Des Moines.

Ways YOU can help:

Be a Senior Leader.....

Be a Volunteer: Offer to give a program or help chaperone an event.....

Invite your local C.A.R. Society members to a program of interest at your D.A.R. meeting.

Become a PROMOTER: (Includes N.S.C.A.R. Magazine to keep up on what is happening.)

National... (annual).....\$25

Life... (one time fee).....\$100

Iowa C.A.R. Booster: (includes The Hawkeye News Letter by email).....\$15

Iowa C.A.R. Booster: (includes The Hawkeye News Letter (by regular US mail).....\$25

All funds should be sent to:

**Iowa Society C.A.R. Senior Treasurer
Amy Crow Sunleaf
1431 S. Grandview Ave.
Dubuque, IA 52003**

Be sure to check out items at the C.A.R. table at each D.A.R. event and see how you can help!

Nancy R. Nichols
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SUMMER 2015 ISDAR NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS.....JUNE 2, 2015





**STATE
REGENT'S
PROJECT**





**Iowa Society DAR State Conference
116th Annual State Conference
April 23–25, 2015
Quality Inn & Suites, 2601 East 13th Street, Ames, IA
Celebrate 125!**

Thursday, April 23:

- 1:00 p.m. — Executive Committee Meeting for State Officers, *Board Room*
- 6:30 p.m. — State Officers Club Dinner (Registration info to be sent by Club Secretary), *Banquet Room C*
Display Tables may be set up as soon as the space is ready
- 9:00 p.m. — Informal Social following State Officers Club Dinner, *Pool Side*
Action 5 Committee members will be available to help Chapter Registrars & Members with problem applications following the State officers Club Dinner, *Banquet Room A & B*

Friday, April 24:

- 8:30 a.m. — State Conference Registration Opens, (\$20.00) - *Lobby*
Page Instruction Meeting, *Conference Room*
- 9:30 a.m. — ISDAR State Conference Opens — *Banquet Rooms A & B*
Guest Introductions, State Officer Reports, Recommendations
- 10:30 a.m. — SE District Director & Chapter Regent Reports, Chapter Achievement Awards
- 11:15 a.m. — SW District Director & Chapter Regent Reports, Chapter Achievement Awards
Reports of State Chairman
- 12:00 p.m. — Luncheon (23.00)- *Banquet Room C*,
“Celebrate Historic Preservation!”
Luncheon Speaker Martha A. Hartzog, National Chair for Historic Preservation NSDAR
- 1:15 p.m. — Conference Resumes, *Banquet Rooms A & B*
- 2:00 p.m. — NE District Director & Chapter Regent Reports, Chapter Achievement Awards,
Reports of State Chairmen
- 2:45 p.m. — NW District Director & Chapter Regent Reports, Chapter Achievement Awards,
Reports of State Chairmen
- 5:45 p.m. — Pictures (Pages, State Officers, District Directors, Chapter Regents, Honoraries, & Guests)
Lobby
- 6:00 p.m. — Guest Registration
- 6:30 p.m. — Banquet / Chapter Regents' Night (32.00) - *Banquet Rooms C & D*
“Celebrate Patriotism!”
Banquet Speaker, Michael R Gutttau
Honoring Award Winners
(Outstanding American History Teacher, DAR Good Citizens, & ISDAR Scholarship Awards)
- 9:30 p.m. — Informal Reception following Banquet, *Pool Side*
Please come and visit with our Guests!

Saturday, April 25:

- 9:00 a.m. — Memorial Service, *Banquet Rooms A & B / Members are encouraged to wear hats to service*
- 10:00 a.m. — Conference Resumes, *Banquet Rooms A & B*
Unfinished Business, Reports of State Chairmen
- 12:00 p.m. — Luncheon (23.00), *Banquet Room C*
“Celebrate Education!”
Honoring Award Winners (American History Essay & Christopher Columbus Essay & JAC)
- 1:30 p.m. — Conference Resumes, *Banquet Rooms A & B*
Resolutions, Reports of State Chairmen

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IOWA SOCIETY DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

116TH Annual ISDAR State Conference

April 23-25, 2015

**Quality Inn & Suites
Starlite Village Conference Center
2601 East 13th Street, Ames Iowa
(I-35 Exit 113 & 2 blocks west)**

**Reservations must be made by April 1, 2015.
Please mention ISDAR when making your reservation,
to be assured of the group rate. Reservation requests
made after April 1, 2015 will be considered on a space
available and rate available basis.**

Hotel Reservations: (515)232-9260 or 800-903-0009

Double or King \$92.00 (plus 12% taxes) — includes up to four people in a room King Suites \$99.00 (plus 12% taxes)
*(Includes complimentary hot breakfast, available 6–9 a.m. in the courtyard featuring: make-your-own-waffles, biscuits/sausage gravy, pastries,
hard boiled eggs, bagels, toast, fresh fruits, yogurt, cereals, coffee, tea, milk & juice.)*

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)

		Check To Select			Check to Select	Special Dietary Needs
Registration	\$20.00					-----
Friday Luncheon / Salad with Grilled Chicken	\$23.00					
Friday Evening Banquet / New York Strip Steak	\$32.00		Maple Glazed Grilled Chicken	\$32.00		
Saturday Luncheon / Soup & Sandwich	\$23.00					
TOTAL ENCLOSED:						

- Please check ALL that apply:
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| <input type="checkbox"/> National Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> HODAR |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Honorary State Regent | <input type="checkbox"/> District Director |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter Regent | <input type="checkbox"/> Page |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter Vice Regent | <input type="checkbox"/> Junior |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> Guest |
| _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> SAR |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First Time Attendee | <input type="checkbox"/> C.A.R. Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 50+ Year DAR
Membership | |

National Chairman _____

National Vice Chairman _____

State Chairman _____

State Vice Chairman _____

Make checks payable to “Iowa Society DAR” (reference State Conference on your check)

Mail checks along with your registration (one form per attendee) to:

**Cindi Carter, State Vice Regent
PO Box 645**

Monroe, IA 50170

Phone: 641-259-3191

Email: ginger51charlie@windstream.net





Martha Ann Hartzog, National Chair Historic Preservation

Martha Ann Hartzog is currently serving as National Chair for Historic Preservation under the Young Administration. Previously, she served as National Chair for American History under the Calvin Administration, as National Division Vice Chair for the South Central Division, for Historic Preservation under the Wright Administration, and as National Vice Chair for the Christopher Columbus Essay Contest under the Wagoner Administration. In her home state of Texas, she just completing service as Chair of Historic Preservation under the Wright Administration. She served on the Texas Society Executive Board as State Recording Secretary (2009-2013) and State Historian (2006-2009). Prior to becoming State Historian she was Vice Chair of the Committee to prepare the History of the Texas DAR 1975-2000. She joined NSDAR in 1997 and is a member of Austin Colony Chapter.

2015 HONORED GUESTS



Catherine Lane, Montana NSDAR State Regent

I was born in Oneonta, New York, and lived in New York State until I was 11 years old. Then in January of 1955 because of some health problems, my Dad moved our family to El Paso, Texas where he had a job as chief photographer for one of the El Paso newspapers. Culture shock does not come close to describing what I went through for the rest of that school year, and probably longer. I did adjust

finally and called El Paso home for almost 30 years. My husband and I moved to Kalispell, Montana in 1982.

I have 5 children, 14 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren, no cats or dogs! For 20 years, Jim and I spent four to six months each year doing volunteer work for our church, working in almost every Central and South American country.

I was accepted in DAR in October 2000, a member of Chief Ignace Chapter in Kalispell. I have served my chapter as Regent, Vice-Regent, Treasurer, and Chaplain, and Montana as State Vice-Regent, Historian, and a short time as Librarian. I enjoy doing research, I am passionate about DAR Project Patriot, and I'm getting very involved as Volunteer Geneologist in my spare time (if there is any).



Captain Michael 'Mick' K. Guttau, U S Army Air Cavalry

Mick Guttau, Chairman of TS Bank, served as a Cobra Attack helicopter pilot in the Vietnam War with the US Army's 7/1 Air Cavalry Squadron as an Aircraft Commander and an Air Mission Commander in Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos. Additionally, he was the commander of the first

aircraft into the objective of Tchepone, Laos, the final objective, during the invasion into Laos called Operation LamSon 719 for which he received one of his Distinguished Flying Cross Medals. He felt fortunate to come back home alive. His intention was to farm. With young children now in their life and the opportunity to farm not becoming a reality, Mick and his wife, Judy, were given the rare opportunity to buy TS Bank. In 1978, with the help of Mick's family, they used the family farm as collateral to buy TS Bank and turn it into the community prosperity engine it is today.

Guttau began his military career as an Army ROTC student at Iowa State University. Upon graduation in 1969 he was awarded the Iowa Governor's Cup Award as the outstanding military cadet as well as a Distinguished Military Graduate. Including Reserve Officer Training Corps, Active Duty and National Guard, Mick's military involvement spanned 15 years. Guttau is currently the Chairman of the Iowa Bankers Association, Mercy Hospital Foundation, Deaf Missions, and Director of Iowa State University Alumni Association and Alumni Association, and board member of Good News Jail and Prison Ministry. Guttau and his wife, Judy, reside in Treynor, IA, and have two adult children and seven grandchildren.



Ann Schaeffer, State Regent District of Columbia

Ann joined DAR as a junior in 1970. A member of the Richard Arnold Chapter, she has served DCDAR as State Recording Secretary and State Vice Regent and National as Chairman of the Children of the American Revolution Committee, and Vice Chairman of the Transportation and Safety and DAR Scholarship Committees, and named the 1986 National

First Runner Up Outstanding Junior Member. Ann is an Honorary Senior National President, N.S.C.A.R. Her husband Ron and son Andrew are both members of the District of Columbia Society SAR.



Ladies of the Lake Chapter

Chapter member Mary Thunhorst doing a Celebrate America project, building a home for Habitat for Humanity.

How can I use a record copy and supporting documentation?

A record copy can be used as a genealogical research tool and may be used as documentation for a new application. As long as there is no reason to believe that the lineage or service is incorrect on an older application paper, it may be used as genealogical proof documentation.

Supporting documents may also be used as research tools; however, not all documents found within our files will meet today's genealogical standards and may not be acceptable as proof for current DAR applications or supplemental applications.

Copies of previously verified DAR membership applications (record copies) can be ordered and downloaded for \$10 each. The cost for supporting documentation is \$20 for each download. Supporting documents are arranged by National Number and Ancestor Number. Each download will consist of available documents associated with a specific application or supplemental application. (Please note this information may not conform to current DAR proof standards)

Lawrence Van Hook Chapter

Lawrence Van Hook DAR Chapter Maquoketa and their DAR Good Citizen candidates. Pictured at right: Ellie Senne, DAR Good Citizens Northeast District Vice-Chair and Denyse Hughes, Lawrence Van Hook Good Citizens Chair.



Hannah Lee Chapter

This Veterans Day Hannah Lee Chapter as a Commemorative Partner with The 50th Anniversary of the War in Vietnam Commemoration did display windows in Decorah, Waukon and Lansing and a library display in West Union. The Decorah display



included several items loaned by John "Jack" Wenthe including among other medals his Purple Heart; photos of men and women who served during the Vietnam era if not in Vietnam; and the unauthorized but very beautiful jackets and uniforms of those who served in Vietnam.





Nathaniel Fellows Chapter Celebrates 75!

Nathaniel Fellows Chapter celebrated their 75th Chapter anniversary on November 8 2014. Special guests were members of Pilgrim Chapter, Iowa City and Iowa Honorary State Regent Linda Van Niewaal & Iowa State Historian Peg Wilkinson.

Pictured at left (L to R):

Front Row: Chapter Members Stephanie Miller, Rosemary Clark, Myrene Hoover, Marsha Hucke & Anna May Miller;

Back row: Chapter Members Jan Dendinger; Carole Moore; Ardath Johnson; Betty Hall; Roberta Parks; Maxine Miller; HRS Christie Noble; Carly Ambrisco; Cleota Studt (associate member) and Margaret Morgan.

Jean Marie Cardinell Chapter



Saturday, February 7th, the Jean Marie Cardinell Chapter of the NSDAR gathered at the IGS building for their monthly meeting and then stayed to put blankets together for homeless Veterans. Over 39 members and guests completed 23 blankets. Judy McNamara, the Chapter's VA representative, had a car ready for delivery.

CHRISTMAS DAY DAR STYLE with Judy McNamara!

How did you spend Christmas Day? Probably surrounded by family, friends and food. Well, for many hospitalized Veterans it is a quiet day without anyone to make the day different from any other. Not in Des Moines. Judy McNamara, our Veterans Representative, makes sure of that!

Christmas Day, Judy's daughter had the flu & couldn't be there and her son-in-law had a new hip, so Judy called another volunteer from the Knights of Columbus and he helped her pass out 33 presents to the patients on CLC 2 floor (the palliative care unit and hospice unit at the VA Hospital). Judy sang when she entered the room "We wish you a Merry Christmas", gave them a "God Bless You", yelled "Merry Christmas" and went to the next room. This seemed to make them happy. This has been an annual project of Judy's for a number of years.



RACHEL ALBRIGHT DAY

April 18, 2015
10:30 AM to 3:00 PM
Fort Madison, Iowa

Rachel Wilson Albright was a resident of Fort Madison from 1841 until her death on April 18, 1905. She helped sew flags while growing up in the home of her grandmother **Betsy Ross**, who is widely credited with making the 1st American flag for George Washington. In later years, **Rachel** made replica flags to raise funds for the restoration of the historic **Betsy Ross** House in Philadelphia and to celebrate special occasions. **Rachel** and her daughter were members of Jean Espy Chapter.

Don't miss these activities held in her honor!

- **Fort Madison City Cemetery** - 1400 block of Avenue H
(across from Hardee's on Old Hwy 61)
Members of Jean Espy Chapter will guide visitors to **Rachel Albright's** gravesite.
Rachel Albright will be portrayed by Judy Bartachek at 11 AM, 1 PM and 2 PM.
- **St Luke's Episcopal Church** - 605 Avenue E
Full size replica of **Betsy Ross** flag, made by **Rachel Albright** will be on display.
- **Home of Rachel Albright** - 716-718 Avenue F
Owners Rob and Carol Davis will greet visitors with pictorial displays and information.
- **North Lee Co Historical Society Museum** - 814 10th St
(inside the Santa Fe Railroad Office & Depot)
Special exhibit featuring period dress, books and **Rachel Albright** memorabilia.
- **Fort Madison Public Library** - 1920 Avenue E
Rachel Albright flags, books and paintings of early Fort Madison on display.



Sponsored by:
Jean Espy Chapter
Fort Madison IA



In celebration of the 125th Anniversary of the founding of DAR, everyone who becomes a member in 2015 will be issued special membership certificates! Even more incentive for your friends and family to join DAR and help increase Iowa membership!



Council Bluffs Chapter Tea

On February 21st the Council Bluffs Chapter held their annual recognition Tea with 35 guest including family and teachers, along with 13 members. Our American History chapter chairman Kristin Riggle presented her awards to a fifth grader from College View and a Sixth grader from Saint Alberts. Mary Ann Ervin the chairman of this years Good Citizens had six schools participate with 4 students present. Council Bluffs Chapter also installed their newest member Mrs. Clarissa King at the young age of 92!



Pilot Rock Chapter Awards

History Essay Winners
L to R: Nancy Hier (Chrmn); Kristina Goth, Makenzie Meyer, Emily Dreckman, Brennan Rolfes, Rebecca Jochims, Tyler Rueter, Peggy Corrington (Chapter Regent)

The 5th Grade Essay winner was Makenzie Meyer. Tyler Rueter was the 6th Grade first place winner. Makenzie and Tyler's Essays will sent on to the next level of competition.



Community Service Awards

L to R: Linda Burkhart(Chrmn), Bernice McIntosh, Karen Thomsen, and Peggy Corrington (Chapter Regent)



Good Citizen Awards

L to R: Peggy Corrington, Chapter Regent, Kaya Hantsbarger, Marcus-Meriden-Cleghorn, Katelynn DeRoos, Alta-Aurelia, Katie Reinking, River Valley; and Kaitlyn Parrott, Cherokee.

Katelynn DeRoos's essay and application was selected to represent the Pilot Rock Chapter at the district level competition.



IOWA CHAPTER NEWSLETTER CONTEST!

Let your Chapter Pride Shine

Newsletters are a great way to promote communication with your fellow chapter members and serves as a prime platform to better educate your chapter members about their Chapter and about DAR! Posting news about fellow members, upcoming meeting events, follow up pictures and articles regarding prior months chapter activities and programs, and updates at the National level, creates a link between members who due to work conflicts, family obligations, and home-bound members are not able to attend chapter events on a regular basis. Missing just one meeting can lead to additional missed meetings if a good chapter communication chain is not maintained and if information is not relayed to members via multiple channels. By emailing newsletters to all on-line members, a chapter can verify a member's email contact is correct, save postage, and can make some Conservation points on the Master Report too!

In celebration of 125 years of DAR, we want you to celebrate and share your Chapter accomplishments at our 116th annual Iowa State Conference. Some Iowa chapters already are utilizing newsletters to increase contact with members....does your Chapter? If not, is it because there wasn't an incentive to do so? Well there is now! Enter the Chapter Newsletter Contest!

CONTEST RULES:

- 1. HAVE FUN AND BE CREATIVE**
- 2. PRINT 3 COPIES OF YOUR NEWSLETTER**
- 3. BE SURE TO CREDIT YOUR NEWSLETTER AUTHOR / EDITOR / COMPUTER GURU ON ALL COPIES**
- 4. NEWSLETTER ENTRIES ARE DUE TO IOWA NEWSLETTER CHAIRMAN, JULIE DAVIS
BEFORE 9 PM, THURSDAY, APRIL 23RD.**
- 5. ENTRIES MAY BE MAILED OR DELIVERED AT STATE CONFERENCE BEFORE THE CUT OFF DEADLINE.**
- 6. THE TOP 5 ENTRIES WILL BE JUDGED BY OUR IOWA STATE CONFERENCE GUESTS FOR OUR TOP WINNER.**
- 7. A PRIZE WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE WINNING CHAPTER!**

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Upcoming NSDAR Webinar!

March 19, 2015 7:00 PM (EST)

Topic:
“Finding Balance, Life, Work, and DAR”

Presented by:
**Susan Metzger
National Chair DAR Leadership
Training Committee**

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