



# *Be a Beacon of Light in Service Through DAR*

*Quarterly Newsletter*

*Iowa Society Daughters of the  
American Revolution*

*“And serve each other according to the gift each person has received, as good managers of God’s diverse gifts.” (Common English Bible 1 Peter 4:10)*

ISDAR Spring 2020 Newsletter

## *Message from State Regent Marsha Hucke*

Hello to all!

Spring is just around the corner and with that it means 121<sup>st</sup> State Conference will be here soon April 23-25.

I hope you have had a good winter and am thankful at least up to this point it certainly has been better than the winter of 2019 as far as travel and overall morale.

**I want you to check out all the exciting information contained in this newsletter. Especially take note of the proposed by-law changes that are submitted for your review prior to voting on them at state conference. Please delegates bring a copy with you to save on printing costs. The conference registration form/agenda is enclosed, there is a firm deadline for rooms & registrations April 1.**



As noted previously we have *changed venues from Ames to West Des Moines* at the Sheraton 1800 50<sup>th</sup> St West Des Moines- it is off I-80/I-35. As of mid-January, the allotted rooms were all spoken for. So, we were able to arrange a partnership with the Courtyard Marriott on 1520 NW 114<sup>th</sup> St. in Clive, they will offer a free shuttle to and from the Sheraton. They do still have 13 rooms left for Thursday evening and 12 rooms left for Friday evening. \$129.00 King suite with a pull-out sofa bed. Please use this link to make the reservations deadline is fast approaching. We will relinquish the rooms back to the hotel for those that are not booked by Iowa members.

[Book your group rate for ISDAR Room Block](#)

You will find the information for your online reservation link below. If you have questions or need help with the link, please do not hesitate to ask. We appreciate your business and look forward to a successful event.

**Event Summary:****ISDAR Room Block****Start Date: Thursday, April 23, 2020****End Date: Saturday, April 25, 2020****Last Day to Book: Thursday, April 2, 2020****Hotel(s) offering your special group rate:****Courtyard Des Moines West/Clive for 129 USD per night**

I have two speakers, that I am sure will share interesting insights into their diverse topics, Adrienne Abiodun, the National Vice Chair of the DNA project will be our speaker at lunch on Friday. She is traveling from Florida, so I do hope you will greet and visit with her during her stay with us. My other guest speaker that I have been giving you little teaser clues the past 2-3 newsletter is none other than Mr. Ben Franklin himself. – well not exactly but is portrayed by Barry Stevens who impersonates him and from all that I have read, it is an excellent rendition. So, I hope that you will take time to visit with him as well during his stay with us. I have also invited two State Regents from Arizona and our neighbor to the west Nebraska. Marilou Fellman & Suzanne Jarman. They are enthusiastic and I have enjoyed their companionship the past two years at our National Board meetings and other events we have enjoyed together. I know you will greet them with the Iowa hospitality we share with everyone.

**There will be a receiving line on Friday night. My apologies I missed this on the agenda. My error, will keep it as brief as possible.**

Also, at State Conference we will have election of new officers for the 2020-2022 term. I thank each and every one of them and their chapters for their willingness to serve the Iowa Society in this way. We know how challenging it is to have officers serve at the chapter level, it is no different at the state level and because they are only able to serve in one office at a time, it can be an extra burden on the chapter. So, I personally want to thank everyone for stepping forward at both chapter and state level. You will enjoy the journey.

A brief update on the NBM at end of January/February. We had two wonderful workshops, an update on the DAR Insignia process. It is an exciting time and I think they are on track to be open during CC. We also had a wonderful tour of Pres Woodrow Wilson's house that he resided in after leaving the White House; A really fun night and meal at the Florida Embassy house (only state to have such accommodations); A tour of the Clara Barton home in Glen Echo MD and a delicious meal at an Irish Inn. Clara Barton had a very fascinating life. Everyone should read more about her as she did more than just found the American Red Cross and nurse the wounded during the Civil War. We also found museum dedicated to her post Civil War efforts located near the Grand Hyatt hotel. Check it out next time you are in DC fascinating!!!

See you all soon, continue to be a beacon of light in service through DAR and to share your gifts and talents with others.

In DAR Friendship,

Marsha Hucke

Regent, ISDAR



### *Message from State Vice Regent Marla Suter*

As I'm sure most all of you know by now, we have a new venue for the upcoming 121st ISDAR State Conference. After 15 years in Ames, we will be meeting this year at the Sheraton West Des Moines Hotel, April 23-25, 2020. We are very excited about this new venue and we hope everyone who attends will enjoy their experience.

We quickly sold out of rooms in the DAR block at the hotel for our event, however, we were able to book an overflow block at the Clive Courtyard Marriott at the same rate. There is a convenient shuttle between the two hotels. If you still need a room, PLEASE make your reservation as soon as possible. We will be turning in any excess rooms in the Clive Courtyard Marriott block by March 10th so we won't be charged for unreserved rooms.

Here are a couple of dates to remember as we head into State conference season:

- March 20th, 2020 State Conference Credentials form deadline. This form can be snail mailed or emailed.
- April 1st, 2020 State Conference Registration form deadline. This deadline is a RECEIVED by deadline not a postmarked by deadline. The registration form and agenda are in this newsletter and also on the ISDAR members only website.

If you need display table space for State Conference, please email me so I may get it reserved.

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Marla Suter

Iowa Society State Vice Regent



### Coming Soon State Conference



#### **Guest Speaker Lunch – Friday**

Adrienne Abiodun is a professional genealogist based outside of Tampa, Florida who holds a Certificate in Genealogical Research from Boston University. She has conducted family research for the past nineteen years and has utilized DNA in her research for the last thirteen years. She is a member of the Sara De Soto NSDAR located in Sarasota, Florida as well as a member of Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Sons and Daughters of the United States Middle Passage, Florida Genealogical Society and an active participant in a local Children of the American Revolution Society. Believing that genealogy should be accessible and easily understood by all, Adrienne has secured grant funding to make available youth and community genealogy initiatives in Sarasota and as far west as Mississippi where many of her ancestors come from. Her two favorite DNA matches are her two children ages 8 and 5.

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### Friday Night Entertainment

**Barry Stevens** has been presenting **Benjamin Franklin** since 2005. He was tending campfire while participating as a member of the First Virginia Regiment (a company of Revolutionary War re-enactors). Visitors to the campfire would address him as “Ben” with such frequency and certainty that he outfitted himself as this special 18<sup>th</sup> C. gentleman and actually began answering their questions! His education of Dr. Franklin has led him to read and study extensively on the life and times of this American personality. That study is ongoing and without end. It has taken him to locations throughout the Colonies known to Dr. Franklin and even to Le Propcope restaurant in Paris, France. On a recent trip he visited the Bakken Museum in Minneapolis, MN to gain insight into the electrical experiments conducted by Dr. Franklin. This experience is constantly being referenced as he presents Benjamin Franklin to eager and responsive audiences.



**Suzanne Todd Jarman** was born in Phoenix, Arizona. As a Navy daughter Suzanne moved to Hawaii then to Pensacola where her father was a Navy pilot and instructor. Through the Navy years Suzanne and her parents continued moving including two years in Newfoundland. Finally settling in Brunswick, Georgia Suzanne entered nursing school and she obtained her RN. She met and married Ken Jarman. After returning from Vietnam Ken and Suzanne began their 29-year journey with the Army. Ken and Suzanne have three children and three grandchildren, and just celebrated 50 years of marriage. The Army took them all over, including Alaska and Germany. They now reside in Omaha, Nebraska. Suzanne became a member of DAR in 2006. She served as chapter registrar and was chapter regent for four years. She was State Registrar, Vice Regent, and is the current State Regent of Nebraska. She has held numerous committee chairs. She is an active VAVS representative, and serves on various boards with Colonial Dames 17<sup>th</sup> Century, Daughters of 1812, Daughters of Colonial Wars, Daughters of American Colonists, Daughters of the Republic of Texas.

Suzanne is an active member of St. Charles Borromeo Church. Suzanne is an associate member of Polly Ogden Chapter, KS, Lady Jane Long Chapter, TX, Sasebo Chapter, Japan, and Pax Romano Chapter in Italy.

Arizona State Regent **Marilou Beaver Fellman** is an Arizona native who joined Camelback Chapter in Phoenix in October 1991 to honor her grandmother who had been a chapter Regent in Kansas. She served her chapter as Recording Secretary, Chaplain, Vice Regent and Regent. Marilou’s first state committee chair position was DAR Service for Veterans which she held during the administration of her sister Jo Beaver Andress. She went on to serve as State Chair Project Patriot, member of the State Finance Committee, New Horizons Coordinator, State Registrar, State Chaplain, State Vice Regent and now State Regent. **The motto of her administration is “Let It Shine”,** and the symbol is the sunflower within a sun in honor of her home state and her grandmother’s home of Kansas. She chose the symbol because it represents life, strength, energy, faith, focus, and friendship all essential to the success of DAR. Her selected scripture is Matthew 5:16 **“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.”** Her State Regent’s project is comprised three initiatives. Arizona DAR has contributed \$10,000 to a Phoenix music academy that offers over 19,000 free music lessons annually to underserved children in the Phoenix area. An additional \$5,000 was secured for the academy through a Special Project Grant. This enabled the school to purchase 49 instruments and other equipment. Her project to place historical marker near a former steamboat and ferry landing on the Colorado River near her hometown of Parker was completed February 8, 2020. Her final project to send as many Arizona Veterans as possible on Honor Flight is well underway and over 25 veterans will benefit from it this spring. Marilou’s professional career was in the Financial Services industry in Phoenix where she was employed with American Express for 36 years. In her spare time, she loves genealogy and reading.



# Coming Soon State Conference!



## IOWA SOCIETY DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION 121st ISDAR State Conference April 23-25, 2020

Sheraton West Des Moines Hotel  
1800 50<sup>th</sup> Street  
West Des Moines, IA 50266

Hotel Reservations: (515) 223-1800 Sheraton West Des Moines  
Double \$129 plus 12% tax - up to 4 per room  
Overflow Booking: (515) 225-1222 Courtyard Marriott  
King \$129 plus 12% tax - up to 3 per room

**Make Reservations directly with hotel by April 2, 2020 – NO EXCEPTION**  
**REGISTRATION FORM**

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

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

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

**Friday Lunch** (REG) Club Croissant and Caesar Salad

*(Special) Chef's selection accommodates Vegetarian, Vegan & Gluten Free*

**Friday Banquet** (REG) Roasted Pork Loin with Dijon mustard sauce, salad, vegetable, Chef's choice of starch, bread, and dessert

*(Special) Chef's selection accommodates Vegetarian, Vegan & Gluten Free*

**Saturday Lunch** (REG) Turkey Rachel Sandwich Smoked turkey, swiss cheese, creamy green apple coleslaw, on multi-grain bread

*(Special) Chef's selection accommodates Vegetarian, Vegan & Gluten Free*

*\*Place check mark in box to select*

*\*\*Enter REG or SPEC for type of meal*

		*Check To Select	**Choose REG or SPEC
Registration	\$ 22.00		
Friday Luncheon	\$ 27.00		
Friday Banquet	\$ 33.00		
Saturday Luncheon	\$ 32.00		
<b>TOTAL ENCLOSED</b>			

EXAMPLE	*Check To Select	**Choose REG or SPEC
\$ 22.00	X	
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\$ 33.00	X	SPEC
\$ 32.00	X	REG
\$ 114.00		

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

**Registration Deadline is April 1, 2020**

Mail registration form and payment to:  
Marla Suter, State Vice Regent  
302 West Montgomery Street  
Knoxville, IA 50138-2432  
Email: [mlsuter@iowatelecom.net](mailto:mlsuter@iowatelecom.net)

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



Please check ALL that apply:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Honorary State Regent | <input type="checkbox"/> District Director | <input type="checkbox"/> National Chairman                 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter Vice Regent   | <input type="checkbox"/> Junior            | <input type="checkbox"/> State Chairman                    |
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## Coming Soon State Conference!

Iowa Society Daughters of the American Revolution  
121st Annual State Conference  
April 23-25, 2020  
Sheraton West Des Moines Hotel, 1800 50<sup>th</sup> Street, West Des Moines, Iowa

### Thursday April 23

- 12:30 p.m. - Executive Committee Meeting for State Officers - *Plaza Room*
- 6:00 p.m. - State Officers Club Dinner (Registration Information sent separately) *Dallas Room*  
Display tables may be set up as soon as the space is ready
- 9:00 p.m. - Informal Social- following State Officers Club Dinner - *Salon A*

### Friday April 24

- 8:00 a.m. - State Conference Registration Opens (\$22.00)- *Lobby*
- 9:00 a.m. - ISDAR 121st State Conference Opens - *Benton Room*  
Guest Introductions, State Officer Reports, Recommendations
- 10:00 a.m. - NW District Director & Chapter Regent Reports, Chapter Achievement Awards
- 10:45 a.m. - SW District Director & Chapter Regent Reports, Chapter Achievement Awards
- 12:00 p.m. - Luncheon (\$27.00) *Hancock/Shelby/Woodbury*  
Adrienne Abiodun, National Vice Chair DAR DNA Network Facebook
- 1:15 p.m. - Conference Resumes *Benton Room*
- 1:15 p.m. - NE District Director, Chapter Regents Reports, Chapter Achievement Awards
- 1:45 p.m. - SE District Director, Chapter Regent Reports, Chapter Achievement Awards
- 2:15 p.m. - Nomination/Election of State Officers
- 2:30 p.m. - Reports of State Chairman
- 3:00 p.m. - Conference Recess (Chorus Practice for Friday Banquet)
- 5:30 p.m. - Pictures (Pages, State Officers, District Directors, Chapter Regents, Honoraries, Guests, State Chairman) Location to be announced
- 5:45 p.m. - Guest Registration
- 6:30 p.m. - Banquet (\$33.00) Guest Speaker- Benjamin Franklin - Barry Stevens *Hancock/Shelby/Woodbury*  
ISDAR Chorus Carolyn Delay - Director  
Honoring Award Winners - Outstanding American History Teacher; DAR Good Citizens; ISDAR Scholarship; DAR Medal of Honor
- 9:30 p.m. - Informal Reception following Banquet - *Salon A*  
Please come and visit with our Guests

### Saturday April 25

- 8:45 a.m. - Memorial Service - *Benton Room*
- 10:00 a.m. - Conference Resumes *Benton Room*  
Unfinished Business, Reports of State Chairman
- 12:00 p.m. - Luncheon (\$32.00) *Hancock/Shelby/Woodbury*  
American History Essay Contest Winners Gr 5-8; Christopher Columbus Winner; JAC Winner  
Graduation Ceremony for Member Education Courses - Sylvia Blaesing
- 1:30 p.m. - Conference Resumes - *Benton Room*  
Installation of Officers - *Benton Room*

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# Proposed Bylaw Amendments

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### ARTICLE VI – DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

#### Section 2. State Vice Regent

(c) She shall assist in planning the District Meetings under the supervision of the State Regent.

Amend: Change (District to State Board of Management)

Proposed amendment would then read:

(c) She shall assist in planning the **State Board of Management** Meetings under the supervision of the State Regent.

Rationale: The District meeting is being eliminated.

Proposed by Marsha Hucke and Marla Suter.

### ARTICLE VIII – STATE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

- Section 4. The State Board of Management shall meet during the summer, the date to be set by the State Regent. A registration fee determined by the Executive committee may be charged to help defray the expenses of the meeting. Special meetings shall be called by the State Regent, or upon written request of five members of the Board, or upon the written request of ten chapters. At least five days notice of the time and place of meeting shall be given at all meetings of the Board.

Amend: change (summer to fall) and add ( or dates)

Proposed amendment would then read:

Section 4. The State Board of Management shall meet during the **fall**, the date **or dates** to be set by the State Regent. A registration fee determined by the Executive committee may be charged to help defray the expenses of the meeting. Special meetings shall be called by the State Regent, or upon written request of five members of the Board, or upon the written request of ten chapters. At least five days notice of the time and place of meeting shall be given at all meetings of the Board.

Rationale: Meeting will now be held in the fall.

Proposed by Marsha Hucke and Marla Suter

## Proposed Bylaw Amendments

### Article IX Districts

Section 3,4,6a,6d,6e,7.

Section 3. District Meetings shall be held annually in the fall of the year under the supervision of the State Regent for the purpose of instructions and any pertinent district business.

Section 4. A registration fee determined by the hostess Chapter or Chapters and subject to the approval of the State Regent may be charged to cover the cost of the meeting.

Section 6. The District Director's duties shall be

(a) To assist the State Regent and State Vice Regent in planning for the District

(d) She shall notify the Chapters in the district no later than forty-five (45) days prior to the District Meeting of the place, date and hour. Notices shall also be sent to all State Officers, and all Honorary State Regents, National Chairmen, National Vice Chairman and State Chairmen, whose membership is within the district.

(e) She shall preside at the District Meeting and appoint a recording secretary and timekeeper.

Section 7. Director shall see that a typewritten copy of the minutes of the meeting are sent to the State Regent and to the State Recording Secretary immediately following the District Meeting. The edited minutes shall be printed in the Iowa Official Record.

Amend: Delete these sections and renumber.

Amendment would then read:

### Article IX Districts

Section 1. The State of Iowa shall be divided into not more than eight and not less than four districts. Future redistricting shall be directed by the State Board of Management.

Section 2. A Director for each District shall be appointed by the State Regent.

Section 3. Each District shall rotate as hostess to the State Conference.

Section 4. The District Director's duties shall be

(a) To visit the Chapters in her district whenever she may assist them.

(b) To assist the Organizing Secretary in the promotion of new Chapters

(c). To assist the State Chaplain with the Memorial Service at State Conference.

Section 5. She shall coordinate the activities of the Chapters in her district in the preparation for the hosting of the State Conference working under the direction of the State Regent and the Conference Chairman.

Rationale: District Meetings will no longer meet and these duties are no longer necessary.

Proposed by Marsha Hucke and Marla Suter



## Proposed Bylaw Amendments

### ARTICLE XIV - OFFICIAL PUBLICATIONS

#### Section 1. Official Record

(b) This Official Record shall include the full reports of the State Conference, and the minutes of the Board of Management Meetings and District Meetings, the names of all State Officers and District Directors, all State Chairmen and each Chapter Regent. It shall also include such other information as shall be deemed necessary by the immediate past State Regent to ensure a complete report of the administration.

Amend: Delete (and District Meetings)

Proposed amendment would then read:

(b) This Official Record shall include the full reports of the State Conference, and the minutes of the State Board of Management Meetings, the names of all State Officers and District Directors, all State Chairmen and each Chapter Regent. It shall also include such other information as shall be deemed necessary by the immediate past State Regent to ensure a complete report of the administration.

Rationale: To modify the current District Meeting Model.

Proposed by Marsha Hucke and Marla Suter.

### ARTICLE XIV – OFFICIAL PUBLICATIONS

#### Section 3. State Handbook

(b) The State Handbook shall contain: a job description pertinent to the office/committee, ISDAR Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, General Information pertinent to the State, District Meeting information, copies of the most current State and National Packets, and any other materials as deemed appropriate by the State Regent. The contents shall be reviewed at least once during each administration.

Amend: Delete (District Meeting information)

Proposed amendment would then read:

(b) The State Handbook shall contain: a job description pertinent to the office/committee, ISDAR Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, General Information pertinent to the State, copies of the most current State and National Packets, and any other materials as deemed appropriate by the State Regent. The contents shall be reviewed at least once during each administration.

Rationale: District Meeting information is not needed.

Proposed by Marsha Hucke and Marla Suter.

## Proposed Bylaw Amendments

### ARTICLE XV – EXPENSES

Section 1. Five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) shall be appropriated from the State General Fund each year to be used by the State Regent toward defraying the traveling expenses of her office. One-half of this amount may be drawn one month after the close of Continental Congress and the remainder after December 1.

Amend: Change ( \$5,000.00 to \$6,000.00)

Proposed amendment would then read:

Section 1. **Six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00)** shall be appropriated from the State General Fund each year to be used by the State Regent toward defraying the traveling expenses of her office. One-half of this amount may be drawn one month after the close of Continental Congress and the remainder after December 1.

Proposed by the Executive Board.

## Across the State

**Abigail Adams** Chapter delivered our first batch of 11 fidget blankets to the VA Hospital right after the New Year. Members were then thrilled on Jan. 14 by this mention from Service to America National Chair Mary Tedesco on her committee Facebook page:

“Veterans with dementia or Alzheimer’s often suffer from anxiety, restlessness and insomnia. Many of these patients feel more calm if they keep their hands busy. The Abigail Adams Chapter, NSDAR's Service for Veterans Committee recently introduced the Fidget Blanket Project to address this need. Blankets made of different textures of fabric as well as buttons, zippers and other familiar objects, give patients focus and stimulation. Free Fidget Blanket kits are available to members at all chapter meetings. The kits contain everything needed to create a blanket, including a Veterans Affairs (VA) approved pattern, fabric, batting, buttons, zippers or other notions and a “Made with love by...” sew-in label with chapter name, DAR and the creator’s initials. Chapter members donate used jeans, fabric scraps and notions. Additional items are purchased using the Wreaths Across America rebate program. These made with love Fidget Blankets are donated to the Des Moines Veteran Hospital’s Dementia /Alzheimers unit. “This is a winning project, giving many of our ladies, unable to physically participate in activities like Stand Down or Wreaths Across America, the opportunity to contribute their creativity and sewing skills to benefit our nation’s veterans,” said Terry Roll Lauritsen, Chairman, Service for Veterans Committee, Abigail Adams Chapter, NSDAR. Thank you, Terry for shining a light on this terrific service.”



FB comments included “G\*R\*E\*A\*T!” from PG Denise Doring VanBuren. The State Regent of Utah asked for specifics. A DAR member in Falls Church, Virginia, whose mom who was a seamstress, offered to mail a donation of zippers and thread. And there are many requests for the pattern.

This will be an ongoing project. At our February meeting, it was named in honor of the mothers of two organizers: **The Mildred & Edith Project**. It’s something a lot of people can sign onto. Prospective members - even friends of members - are pitching in with sewing! There isn’t much that can be done for an Alzheimers /dementia patient, but this is one gift that can make their lives more comfortable.

### *Could you sew?*

After media coverage, Abigail Adams’ Service for Veterans committee received donations of fabric and notions for the **Mildred and Edith Project**. Several tubs of materials await ladies who sew. To make best use of this abundance, committee members are making up kits to offer any Iowa members interested in helping sew fidget blankets. Each ziplock bag will contain pre-cut fabric, batting/stabilizer, accessories, and instructions, along with an ISDAR “made with love” label. Kits will be offered at no cost at State Conference. Look for the table! Take a kit (or 2) to sew at home. You may return the finished blanket to us at Board of Management, for donation to the Des Moines VA Hospital. As an alternative, if you like, you are welcome to bring it to a VA close to you, or gift it to a veteran in your community that needs it. It’s about sharing the love.

## Across the State

Wreaths Across America has been a service project of the **Jean Marie Cardinell** Chapter from the very beginning over 12 years ago. This year, we sponsored 10 wreaths to support this event. Then we learned that the Daughters of the American Revolution chose to be a Wreaths Across America corporate sponsor,

specifically supporting the Wreaths Across America Mobile Education Exhibit as it travels across the country to various pop-up events, fairs, and schools. The partnership between DAR and Wreaths Across America helps to ensure communities across the United States learn the indelible mark our veterans have on our country and the value of honoring their sacrifices.



Saturday, December 14th, the following members of our chapter

were at the Iowa Veterans Cemetery in Van Meter: Evelyn Morgan, Regent Debbie Jorgenson, Carol Bowers, Linda Harris, Edee Brunia and Jennifer Ewing. It was wicked cold day but we got the job done.



The time to honor is a time to say their name and let them know they are not forgotten when placing the wreath. For some, this is a personal time to honor. Dianna Baker Hoye and Nancy Nichols placed a wreath in remembrance of her husband, Edward Nichols.

Dawn Baldwin represented the Chapter at the Woodland Cemetery and again at the Linwood Park Cemetery in Boone as a member of the Mackenzie Highlanders Pipes and Drums of Iowa.

On Feb. 23, the **Marion-Linn** Chapter honored six area students as Good Citizens at our annual George Washington Tea. The following students were honored: Lyndsay Gienapp from Anamosa High School (pictured, left) Kelly Kirchmann from Springville High School (pictured, center) Carter Cruise from Monticello High School (pictured, right) Maddie DeJong from Linn-Mar High School Summer Brand from Mount Vernon High School Samantha Bennett from Lisbon High School. The students who attended the tea were asked to say a little about themselves and their future plans and then read an excerpt from their essay.



## Across the State

The winter months are often a time of less activity for our **Council Bluffs** DAR Chapter but our members found ways to remain active, even on the chilliest of days. On the cold morning of December 14, several Chapter members attended “Wreaths Across America.” at 2 different locations. One of our newest members, Sarah Hoenig provided photos.



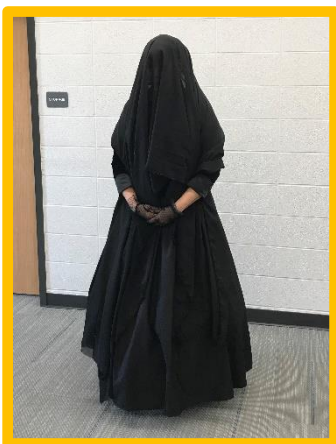
In February, our chapter was fortunate to receive a wonderful presentation from Bob Schuelzky, Jr., the son of one of the soldiers who was present at the raising of the flag at Iwo Jima during World War II. The program was especially poignant, as the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this event fell on the following week.



Council Bluffs Chapter has two continuing projects. The first, the Kinsman Restoration Project consists of restoration of the gravesites of Civil War Soldiers in Council Bluffs’ Fairview Cemetery. Plans are being made for the next phase of this project, which will consist of cleaning the stones that were raised in the fall and setting the last of the stones. Member Lisa Varnes-Rex made an appearance on our local TV news explaining the project to the community.

Our second ongoing project is the “Pillowcase Project.” In addition to the donations by our own members, we have received donations of pillowcases from other DAR chapters, and are currently working with 9 schools that have volunteered to make pillowcases for deployed soldiers. Many of these students are also writing letters to the soldiers, and including their email addresses so the receiving soldier can email his thanks! The teachers tell us that the students who are participating are feeling a new sense of patriotism as they participate in this project – an unexpected – but wonderful result of the project.

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After hibernating during January (we don’t meet due to Iowa’s winter weather), **Martha Washington** Chapter members were excited to get back together again in February. Gretchen Gondek, our speaker, gave a program on Victorian Mourning customs and rituals. She even came dressed for the occasion in full mourning attire! She brought along a framed memorial made of hair. After the business meeting, we gathered at local cafe Madonna Rose for fellowship. We have found that reinstating the custom of lunching together gives us a valuable chance to connect in a relaxed, informal atmosphere.



We really enjoy eating together. We celebrated December with a Christmas potluck brunch at the home of member Amy McDonald. We enjoyed some Christmas trivia and the winner went home with a door prize, thanks to Amy’s generosity. We would have submitted a photo, but we were having so much fun, we forgot to take one!

## Across the State

The **DeShon** Chapter had a busy fall!

- Constitution week with mayor of Boone John Slight.
- Veterans Day at West Haven.
- DAR day of service members went to Vegars Cemetery (where Patriot Benjamin Bell is buried).
- Members cleaned up the overgrown greenery and bushes around the old headstones.
- Proudly wore our sashes to support women voters.
- Collected items for the VA Hospital.



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Val Cedar of Cherokee was honored as **Pilot Rock**'s Community Service Award winner on Sunday, Feb. 2, 2020. She has volunteered tirelessly on the Cherokee Rodeo board and the Cherokee County Fair Board as well as working with many youth in the 4-H program.

**Pilot Rock** DAR met on the first Saturday in December with a special goal in mind...making Christmas stockings to deliver to the veterans in our area nursing homes. The stockings were filled several goodies the veterans would enjoy. Linda Craig was the go-to-person for this activity.

## Across the State

**Abigail Adams** Chapter applauded the volunteers of the Des Moines Historical Society at the DMHS annual meeting Saturday, January 25, 2020.

Chapter Regent Ann Mack presented the DAR Community Service Award certificate to DMHS President David Barzen. Mack said, “For 10 years the Des Moines Historical Society has met the criteria, through educating the community and preserving our local history through outstanding programs, projects and activities.”

The Des Moines Historical Society was established in 2009. The nomination was made in recognition of 10 years of excellent service to the community by sharing our culture throughout the city’s history.



Through its monthly programs, DMHS has covered a spectrum of topics from coal mining in Polk County, and Des Moines’ Public Library, to conservationist Ding Darling and entrepreneur Jerry Jewett. Members include lifelong residents who can expound on “their” special perspective; professional educators and passionate researchers; aficionados of architecture and private enterprise; genealogy enthusiasts, and residents who put down new roots in the City on Two Rivers.

Last year, DMHS has also handled fundraising for historic projects – restoration of an 1843 Cabin and placement of a grave monument for a Des Moines policeman killed in action in 1917. The group has a collection of Des Moines artifacts which they want to share with the public. At least two restaurateurs are considering displays in their businesses.



**Pilot Rock** held their annual awards day on February 2, 2020, at the Sanford Museum and Planetarium. Our Community Service recipient was Val Cedar from Cherokee. Other certificates were presented to the Aurelia Historical Society, Stacie Huszinski and Carrie Stoelting, Diane Rochleau, and Phyllis Rapagnani.

Good Citizen Awards were presented to Jimena Medoza, Faith Olson, Carissa Burnham, and Megan Kellen. Each recipient was awarded a \$200 check along with the Good Citizen certificate and pin.

Our chapter was especially pleased to present Jeannine Anderson and Lorene Mugge with 50 year membership certificates. What a joy these ladies have been!

## Across the State

**February 14, 2020** was a big day for celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the US Constitution. A day-long celebratory “kick-off” took place at Iowa State University and hundreds of people listened to fantastic presenters, attended workshops, watched the premier of the Carrie Chapman Catt documentary and enjoyed free food! A number of DAR members from across the state were there including: members from Jean Marie Cardinell, Grinnell, Mason City and Abigail Adams, and probably more. State Regent Marsha Hucke and State Vice Regent Marla Suter were there as well. There will be many more special events to come in 2020, so be on the lookout! Here are some photos from an eventful and educational day.



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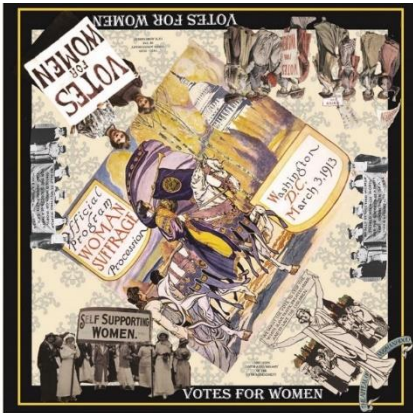
The **Jean Marie Cardinell** Chapter Regent assigned Commemoration Co-Chair positions to promote the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Karla Wright and Diana Baker Hoye took on this role and have coordinated monthly events since the summer of 2019 and have planned events for 2020 for members and friends to learn, enjoy and commemorate this important milestone in women’s right to vote history. They unveiled the history and event calendar at their February 1 meeting. More than a calendar, it also tells the stories of early Iowa suffrage pioneers and their important role in history. The calendar also lists upcoming events in 2020 and records the events already enjoyed by Jean Marie Cardinell members in 2019.





## Across the State

Jean Marie Cardinell Chapter members commemorated the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment by watching the



movie "Iron Jawed Angels" together (again!) on February 9<sup>th</sup>. This movie is a dramatic and enlightening story of the sacrifices made, and battles won by the early suffrage leaders. We were honored to have our State Vice Regent, Marla Suter, in attendance. The Chapter continues to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 19<sup>th</sup>

Amendment to the U.S. Constitution under the Co-Chairs Karla Wright and Dianna Baker Hoye. Liz Gorsche won the door prize - an absolutely exquisite designer scarf.



Front row [l-r]--Linda Wilson, Marla Suter (State Vice Regent), Sharleen Newton (PM), Hazel Anderson

Back row [l-r]--Carol Bowers, Karla Wright, Liz Gorsche, Dianna Baker Hoye, Marty Hansen

On February 8, 2020, our the **Hannah Caldwell** Chapter of Davenport, Iowa was visited by Mary Todd Lincoln (as portrayed by Dr. Marrietta Castle). Dressed in "widow's" attire, Dr. Castle portrayed Mary as she might have appeared in 1875, ten years after President Lincoln's assassination, and just after



Mary Todd Lincoln

she left the sanitarium where she had been committed by her son Robert. Mary told of her childhood upbringing, her meeting and marrying Abraham Lincoln, and, of course her sons, Robert, Edward, Tad and Willie. Her story began by acknowledging her "sanity" trial in which her son Robert testified against her, and the fact that she was leaving the institution to which she had been assigned. How she railed against the fact that her own son Robert set in motion her assignment to an institution. She wrote letters to her sister, Lizzie, and on the day she spoke to us, she was writing her farewell letter to her fellow residents at the sanitarium in Batavia, Illinois. She was ready to travel to her sister Lizzie's home in Springfield, Illinois. Mary Todd Lincoln reading us her farewell letter, one of three letters discovered by historians in Vermont in 2005.



Mrs. Lincoln (Dr. Marrietta Castle) with Chapter Vice Regent, Bernadine McGuire

## Across the State

On December 14, 2019, the **Hannah Caldwell** Chapter NSDAR Davenport, Iowa members participated in the national “Wreaths Across America” event. The Chapter sponsored five wreaths through the national organization to be placed on veterans’ graves at the Rock Island National Cemetery, Rock Island, Illinois. In addition, members locally purchased green wreaths, red ribbons, and U.S. Flags to be placed on graves at the

Veterans section of Davenport Memorial Park, Davenport, Iowa. Five woman Veterans were selected to be honored with a wreath. They were: Violet A. Muston, U.S. Navy, World War II; Mary K. Doty, U.S. Navy, World War II, Rolene E. Riceman, U.S. Navy, World War II, Marian



V. Connard, U.S. Coast Guard, World War II and Harriet C. Dias, U.S. Navy, World War II. Pictured are Recording Secretary Marilyn Owen, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Regent Bernadine McGuire, and Chaplain Mary Downing at the cemetery to place the wreaths. Along with one of the five graves decorated.



The Jean Marie Cardinell Chapter participated in the 2020 Veterans Day at the Capitol on January 22, 2020. Edee Brunia represented the chapter for the Vietnam Commemoration and her beautiful display table attracted Vietnam Veterans to be “pinned” and potential DAR members and DAR from across the state.

Members of the **Jean Marie Cardinell** Chapter were on hand at the VA Hospital in Des Moines for their annual “Salute to Veterans” on February 12, 2020. Rita Witmer is a member of the **De Shon** Chapter and played the piano during the event which added to the celebration. Edee Brunia, Evelyn Morgan and Judy McNamara gave out 300 pieces of fresh fruit to the local Veterans. This is one of the many projects funded through the Chapter from their Prairie Meadows grant.

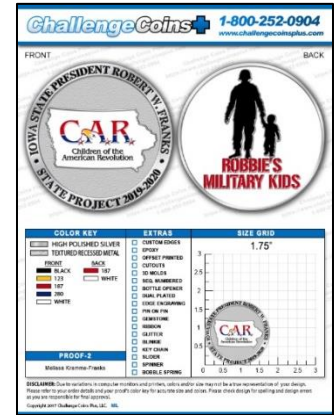


## Special Messages and Announcements

### Thank You!

I want to thank all for their support of State President's Project Robbie's Military Kids. There is still time to help out. \$10.00 and a Challenge Coin, designed by me will help a child of a deployed soldier smile. The Iowa State C.A.R. Conference will be held Saturday March 7th at The Gold Star Museum at Camp Dodge.

President Robert W. Franks I.S.C.A.R.



### State Recording Secretary Longing For Your Reports

If daffodils are poking up in the garden, Spring Conference must be right around the corner. **And I see tips of my white Elvin's Voice daffodils.**



Each Chapter Regent is to present an annual report on the activities and accomplishments of her chapter at State Conference. Chapter Regent Reports are the most accurate method for the State Regent to gather information for her report to Continental Congress on the activities of the Iowa daughters. These reports become permanent records of ISDAR when published in the Proceedings Book printed at the end of a State Regent's administration. This applies just as well to State Committee Chairs, State Officers, and District Directors.

**April 1 is the filing deadline** for this report. And I am very fortunate that everyone has been very cooperative to date. Nine committee reports and four chapter reports have come in at press time. See ISDAR member website for step-by-step instructions, if you want them:

[http://www.isdar.org/members/ISDAR\\_Forms/State\\_Recording\\_Secretary/2018/Chapter\\_Regent\\_Report\\_Form.pdf](http://www.isdar.org/members/ISDAR_Forms/State_Recording_Secretary/2018/Chapter_Regent_Report_Form.pdf)

Email your narrative for 2019 to State Regent (marshahucke@hotmail.com) and Recording Secretary (lauralkozin@gmail.com). Get your chapter on record!

Laura L.B. Kozin  
State Recording Secretary

### Sign Up To Sing

It's not too early to sign up to sing in the Chorus at the State Conference this Spring!!!! We will be doing a medley of songs honoring the various branches of the armed forces. The music will be very simple, with one rehearsal on Friday afternoon, so no need to audition. We would like to have a big choir this year. You can contact me via email or Facebook.

Carolyn DeLay, State Chorus Director



## Special Messages and Announcements

### *President General's Project - The Next Act*

The President General's Project – The Next Act is the most ambitious restoration project undertaken in the Society's history. There are so many opportunities to help with this project.

The "Take a Seat" campaign allows members to sponsor the restoration of a seat in Constitution Hall for a donation of \$300. There are 4000 seats that need restoration, so far Daughters have sponsored nearly 1,900 seats!

*Iowa Daughters can take part in a special restoration project as part of the Next Act, the restoration of the Iowa Box (\$5,000) and of the Iowa Seal (\$2,500). To date Iowa Daughters have donated \$3,300 of the \$7,500 needed to complete these restoration projects. To donate funds for the Iowa Box or Iowa Seal send a check to the State Treasurer made payable to ISDAR. All contributors making donations for the Iowa box and Seal by April 1<sup>st</sup> will receive special recognition at State Conference.*



Contributors of:

\$100 or more are eligible to purchase the President General's Project pin  
\$300 or more are eligible for an inscription on the President General's Project Donor Wall  
\$1,250 (one time) merit a complimentary Benefactor Pin and recognition at Continental Congress.

You can find more information on the DAR website

**<https://www.dar.org/giving/support-special-iniative/dar-constitution-hall-next-act>**

*Be sure to check out the DAR store for some new VanBuren Administration products - Sunshine Post Earrings, the Sun Apron, and the VanBuren Charm. More items will be added for Continental Congress including an evening bag and shawl/wrap!!*



## Special Messages and Announcements

### *Help Please!*

Dear Daughters,

**Please** share your photos for Regent Hucke's memory book!

In the attempt to create a truly memorable memory book (photo album) of Regent Marsha Hucke's term, I am requesting (pleading for) your help! Please look through your photos (phones) and share photos of Regent Hucke's participation with your chapter.

I will be thrilled with some photos and/or clippings to include in the book(s). I will be REALLY THRILLED if you label them too! There will be a box or a basket somewhere in the display area for your generous contribution to Marsha's book! Of course, you may send them to me electronically as well, [jkbeard17@gmail.com](mailto:jkbeard17@gmail.com)

*THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!*

Sincerely, Jackie Beard, Memory Book

### *State Regent's Project*



If you have any items to donate to the State Regent's Project voices table or items for silent auction, please remember to bring them to State Conference and include your chapter name on the items. Everything must go at the end of conference, so bring your checkbooks as well!!

We have a couple of new silent auction items, a quilt from the Van Niewaal Administration has made its way back and a wonderful bicentennial rocker donated by Mary Thunhorst is making its first appearance and it will go quickly.



## Welcome New Members

We are pleased to welcome these new Daughters to the Iowa Society DAR!  
Their applications were approved by NBM in December 2019 , January and February 2020.

### **Abigail Adams**

Maria Farmer  
Gloria Reed  
Rita Ridler  
Jennifer Saffell

### **Artesia**

Cristina Hurley  
Julie McCormick

### **Cedar Falls**

Amythest Warrington  
Jordyn Beranek

### **Council Bluffs**

Marilyn Leggio

### **De Shon**

Judy Stumbo

### **Elizabeth Ross**

Barbara Harrington

### **Glenwood**

Gayleen Chickering

### **Hannah Caldwell**

Pamela Lewandowski  
Katherine Pacovsky

### **Helen Hinman Dwelle**

Lois Lawler  
Lorene Anderson  
Connie Lee  
Katherine Pacovsky

### **Henry Knox**

Genevieve Hartman  
Madeline Mitchell

### **Jean Espy**

Kristyn Eaves  
Barbara Johnston

### **Jean Marie Cardinell**

Carrie Okland

### **Ladies of the Lake**

Susan Clark

### **Lawrence Van Hook**

Michelle Turner

### **Mason City**

Patty Holmgaard-Ott

### **Nathaniel Fellows**

Dyan Anderson  
Sheryl Stallman

### **Open Prairie**

Shannon Walshire

### **Pilot Rock**

Martha Steele

### **Priscilla Alden**

Julie Olson

### **Revolutionary Dames**

Susan Whitson

### **Spinning Wheel**

Mary Thomas

### **Stars & Stripes**

Theresa (Tina) Rios

### **Sun Dial-Solomon Dean**

Elizabeth Balke  
Shelly Balke

## In Memoriam

Frances Reints  
#896317  
Cedar Falls  
passed 4 Jan 2020

Lois Patterson  
#686304  
Council Bluffs  
passed 14 Dec 2019

Ruth Swanstrom  
#731838  
Elizabeth Ross  
passed 21 Dec 2019

Kathy Jones  
#794842  
Grinnell  
passed 14 Dec 2019

Karen Mann  
#795176  
Jean Marie Cardinell  
passed 10 Dec 2019

Myrtle Van Dyke  
#704426  
Jean Marie Cardinell  
passed 30 Dec 2019

Sara Ann Hockmuth  
#647842  
Jean Marie Cardinell  
passed 16 Jan 2020

Mary Stewart  
#544050  
Lawrence Van Hook  
passed 5 Feb 2020

Alice Marks  
#732091  
Marion Linn  
passed 15 Feb 2020

Elaine Carlson  
#795044  
Onawa  
passed 26 Jan 2020

Judith Swanson  
#721186  
Oskaloosa  
passed 12 Dec 2019

Mary Gift  
#419243  
Spinning Wheel  
passed 14 Dec 2019

Ellen Hazen  
#860236  
Spinning Wheel  
passed 9 Jan 2020

Raola Giles  
#739923  
Sun Dial-Solomon Dean  
passed 16 Dec 2019

Marjorie Moore  
#750262  
Standish/Newcastle  
passed 4 Jan 2020



## Committee Chair Messages

### DAR School Videos for Your Chapter Programs

Kate Duncan Smith DAR School - Grant, AL - 1924

This school began as a way to help the families of Gunnar Mountain bring themselves out of poverty through education.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9z63MBDTUKM&feature=youtu.be> (2:40 min. - 2019)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xbYIIYWFYBo&list=PLBREGl8dq7GBjEcWvFRcEcyVnMLX3cAt0> (9:12 min. - 2011)

Tamassee DAR School - Tamassee, SC - 1919

This school was founded to help children who come from difficult environments - stresses with families, economics, support, etc. It is a boarding school to give these children stability and help them find success.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=navMxCsqhQQ&feature=youtu.be> (2.07 min. - 2019)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UWow5FoT33g> (5.00 min. - 2013)

Hindman Settlement School - Hindman, KY - 1902

This video showcases the goal of the school to keep the folkart heritage of the Appalachian Mountain people alive. The school is more than a school, but a community center for the art and music of the region. In addition, it particularly helps students with dyslexia. And today, it has taken up curriculum called Foodways teaching students and their families about growing, preserving and cooking while partnering with local agriculture.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZOth5ky9cQY&feature=youtu.be> (2:05 min. - 2019)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M9aVm9Abd1U> (5.22 min. - 2019)

Crossnore School - Crossnore, NC - 1913

This school is a boarding school for children who have had trauma in their lives, whose homes are not those that support healthy development.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e3vhoe4A1oU&feature=youtu.be> (3:55 min. - 2019)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5tg0tkCf-hc> (2:54 min. - 2016)

Hillside School - Marlborough, MA - 1901

This school is a boarding school for boys from troubled homes.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IvOCPiXpw1E&feature=youtu.be> (3:06 min. - 2019)

Berry College - Mount Berry, GA - 1902

Berry College began as a college for girls but is now open to all students.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z87b8l\\_BCIQ&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z87b8l_BCIQ&feature=youtu.be) (2.56 min. - 2019)

This video showcases how Berry College offers careers in animal science industries.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K6fRv1n\\_lzk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K6fRv1n_lzk) (4:00 min. - 2016)

This is a very uplifting video created by students.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2vpSg-iVG2Q> (2.04 min. - 2019)



## Committee Chair Messages



### DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Initiate a book club or book report around a Revolutionary War figure or event. Review the *Today's DAR Blog 1.23.2020* which announced the DAR Book Club and featured Benjamin Rush by Stephen Fried and Jefferson's Daughters by Catherine Kerrison.

See the Iowa DAR America 250! Committee web page for book list of fiction and non-fiction books about the Revolutionary War as provided by NSDAR. This listing is by age group.

Which community group(s) will your chapter connect with to promote the approaching America 250 celebration by recognizing patriots and war events? Examples of groups are: Scouts (boys and girls), veteran's groups, local school clubs and classes and 4-H clubs.

Don't forget to add a minute each month highlighting a Revolutionary War Patriot or event.

We look forward to receiving descriptions and pictures of your America 250! activities.

We all look forward to celebrating an American milestone birthday!

America 250! State Co-Chairs  
Beth Iseminger bethaiseminger@gmail.com  
Nancy Geiger agngag@msn.com

### **America 250! My Patriot Story Private Henry Baughman – Lancaster County Militia By Carolyn DeLay**

Henry Baughman (Bowman) born in 1742, and wife Catherine Conkle, born in 1745, emigrated from Germany with their parents, the former when four years, the latter when two years old, and settled in the "Blue Ridge" region of Pennsylvania, thirty miles from Lancaster City. Here they were married around 1763 and raised a family of eight children, four sons and four daughters. They moved from the Blue Ridge, and settled in the eastern part of North Huntingdon Township, seven and a half miles from Greensburg, where he purchased six hundred acres of land at twenty shillings per acre. Because the land in Westmoreland County was in the region of Indian territory it suffered deprivation. He was thus exonerated from paying taxes on that land. Their children were Margaret, John, Adam, Barbara, Catharine, Sarah, Peter, and Henry. Henry was killed by the falling of a tree at the age of twenty-two. All the rest were married and, except Peter and Margaret, raised families. He served as a Private in the first Bttm, Lancaster County Militia under the commend of Capt. Edmond Lintner. He served from 1775-1783. He died on May 18, 1814, in North Hunington Twp, Westmoreand County, at the age of 72 and Catherine shortly afterward. He is believed to be buried in the Harrold Zion Luthern Cemetery next to Harrod's Reformed Church in Hemmpfield Township, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, at the rear of the church on the east side marked by an old stone headstone and a Revolutionary marker. Few people visit that old area now, but there are a few people that remember his service. Sixteen people have recognized and claimed him as an ancestor who fought in the Revolutionary War as "their" Patriot. And, he will always be remembered now throughout the DAR as Iowa's representative on the Schuylkill River Trail connecting Philadelphia to Valley Forge on the "Pathway to the Patriots!"

## Committee Chair Messages

### **We are One, We are Many!**

We are one, we are many. We are the **Chapter Revitalization and Development Committee, or the Action 5 Team** here in Iowa. The mission of the CDRC is to coordinate the combined efforts of the Offices of the State Organizing Secretary, and the State Registrar Chairs of the Membership, Lineage Research, Volunteer Genealogists Committee. The goal is to assist chapters and states in attracting new members, retaining current membership and involving all members in DAR activities. We must mentor our members to strengthen their skills and knowledge of DAR. Teamwork and communication is essential to our success. DAR has talent. Your chapter has talent. Unleash that talent and see where your chapter can go.

**Shine! - Show and share your enthusiasm for DAR, leadership is part attitude.**

**Have Fun! - Members should look forward to attending their chapter meetings.**

**Inspire! - Identify and encourage talent in your chapter.**

**Navigate! - Lead by example, steer your chapter to new heights, be positive.**

**Empower! - Don't micro-manage! There is always more than one way to do things.**

Contact a member of the committee if you need some assistance, or questions answered. If they don't have the answer, they will contact the person that does. As our society continues to "Rise and Shine for America", each member of the Chapter Development and Revitalization Commission stands ready to provide guidance and assistance to our chapters and state. Please feel free to contact your state CDRC for assistance. We are one, we are many!

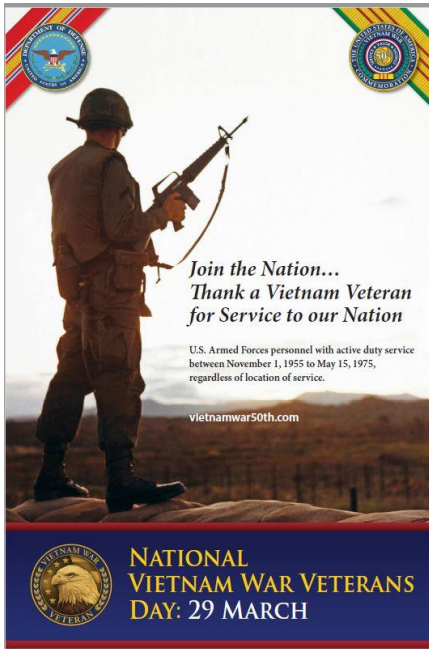
Carolyn DeLay, Co-Chair  
Sylvia Blaesing, Co-Chair

### **Iowa Conservation Committee**

Thank you Iowa Daughters for completing the questions on the Chapter Master Report for Conservation. The Iowa Chapters have accomplished many Conservation projects. We have a new National Conservation Chairman Zia K. Lowe. It is worth your Chapter Conservation Chairman to go to the National website and focus on what suggestions and goals she has for this committee. She states in her article that each year an estimate of **18 billion pounds of plastic waste enters the world's ocean from coastal regions.** That is equal to **five grocery bags of plastic trash** on every foot of coast line on our planet. Her goal is to have us eliminate as much use of plastic as possible. Those figures mentioned just blew my mind away. I know it is hard to completely do away with plastic as just thinking of everyday use in our kitchen that we use. The all convenience use of plastic wrap, so I thought of a few things we can think about or at least change our ways. They are as follows: When buying can goods at the grocery, try buying items in **tin cans, and glass jars.** These can be recycled. Tin cans are reprocessed and used again as well as glass. Use **reusable water bottles** and try so hard **not to buy** bottled water. I have read it is not that good for us. **Do away with the plastic grocery bags** and **carry reusable cloth bags** that are much sturdier in the long run. Challenge your favorite grocery stores to do this practice as well. As her first challenge the "No Plastic Straw" in September I encourage you to continue this initiative and challenge your favorite eateries as well. It also is a great step for our planet. In March Zia K. Lowe will put out a new challenge for April. I encourage you to tune in on this in our national magazine or on the Conservation website. Thank you Iowa Daughters for all your work in Conservation, whatever the area you're interested in.

Diane Hobson, Chairman

## Committee Chair Messages



### 2019 ISSDAR Vietnam Veterans Liaison By Candace Brown, Special Appointment

The National Commemorative Events Committee encourages chapters and communities to “Rise and Shine for America” by honoring our Vietnam Veterans or widows of Vietnam Veterans. The VanBuren administration wants to continue the recognition through 2024. Please contact me for any questions or concerns that you might have. As partners, all supplies are furnished free.

We will continue to use the date of March 29<sup>th</sup> (as of 2017) as a National Day to Recognize Vietnam Veterans – whether one or 100s. Posters are free to download (or contact me) to easily publicize. Because the State of Iowa had used May 7<sup>th</sup> prior to 2017, they will continue to use that date.

Candace Brown  
cabbob70@aol.com or 515-577-2529 (cell/text)

### Service to America Committee

The “Eugenia Washington Traveling Tray Award” will be presented at the April 2020 Iowa Society DAR Conference.

Chapters should start planning a National Day of Service project around October 11, 2020.

The Service to America Award for Outstanding National DAR Day of Service Project will be conducted again in 2020. Visit the Service to America Committee NSDAR website for updates.

**RECORDING TIP:** To facilitate accurate and regular recording of member’s volunteer hours, select a consistent day or event each month to enter your hours.



Rise and Shine in Service to America!

Beth Iseminger, Co-Chair  
Lois Iseminger, Co-Chair



*Service to America – Iowa*  
*“We want a society founded on service” Eugenia Washington, DAR Founder*

## Iowa Daughters Are Learning and Sharing!

### DAR Leadership Training Members Course – Open Enrollment

Open enrollment is available for the Members Course. Open enrollment has different meaning for public schools, health plans, Medicare, and DAR Leadership Training.

DAR's open enrollment for the Members Course has the easiest rules to qualify. Open Enrollment means any member that qualifies may request enrollment, or to start the Course, at any time during the year, by **contacting the State Coordinator**.

Who is eligible: Any member with current dues paid.

How: Contact the State Coordinator, Sylvia Blaesing to register. Additional information will be provided.

Requirements: Working computer with internet access.

Books: None, research information available on the computer website.

Cost: One of the many benefits of DAR – included in member's dues.

When: Members are welcome to request starting the Members Course at any time.

When to complete: Recommended to complete the course within one year of when starting the course.

When is Graduation: After completing the course, Graduation Ceremonies at the next Annual State Conference.

Other: Subscription required to the combined *American Spirit Magazine* and *Daughter's Newsletter*.

Sylvia Blaesing, Iowa State Coordinator, Members Course and New Horizons Course

Ph: (cell): 563-299-6063

Email: calicoacres2@comcast.net



### Madonnas of the Trail Jackie Beard, Regent Henry Knox Members Course Student, Final Project

Madonnas of the Trail, the very name evokes mystery and wonder. Is this part of some great historical story that I have up to now missed? Thanks to my participation in DAR's Members Course, I have discovered some very interesting things about the Madonnas of the Trail.

The Madonnas of the Trail are twelve identical statuts dotted across our great nation from Bethesda, Maryland to Upland, California following what was called the National Old Roads Trail, which is roughly US Hwy 40, created to honor the pioneer women of covered wagon days.

The Madonnas started as the brainstorm of a 1911 NDAR committee created to honor pioneer women. The DAR raised the money and worked with the National Old Roads Trail association to place the monuments.

The statues are about 10 feet tall on a large base which makes the whole monument 18 feet tall, weighing 5 tons. A bonnet-wearing woman is featured, carrying a rifle, holding and infant, with a small boy clutching her skirts. She is to embody the spirit of the women who charged into the unknown frontier while balancing the duties of motherhood. The statues were dedicated in 1928 and 1929.

If you have any road trips planned, the statues can be found in the following locations: Bethesda, MD, Wheeling, WV, Beallsville, PA, Springfield, OH, Richmond, IN, Vandalia, IL, Lexington, MO, Council Grove, KS, Lamar, CO, Albuquerque, NM, Springerville, AZ, and Upland, California.