



Winter 2013

Mrs. Barbara A. Halpin
Iowa State Regent 2012-2014
Hands of Friendship Working
Together to Build Membership

Dear Daughters,

Our dues have been collected and it is time to start the reporting process. The membership count January 1, 2014 will be the official count for your chapter for the President General's Project. Your chapter should pay \$2.00 per member each year for the next three years for a total of \$6.00 per member. 2015 and 2016 payment will be the same as 2014 as that is the official count for all three years of the President General's term.

Dues were to be paid by December 1, 2013 but your chapter members who have not already paid their dues can still pay their dues until the last day of February before being dropped. Members not paying their dues by December 1 lose the privilege of a member in good standing. She may NOT resign nor transfer, may NOT vote for delegates or alternates to meetings of the State or National Society and may NOT represent her chapter at such meetings.

Delegates for State Conference need to be elected in December and State Credentials Form should be mailed in January. One copy needs to be sent to the State Conference Chairman and one copy to the State Regent. State Conference is April 24-26, 2014. Other reports that need to be sent in January include Registrar Report Form and the Necrology Report. The reporting period is January 1 to December 31. All activities within these dates are eligible to be reported on both the State and National CAA Forms. The National CAA form can be completed online. The Master Questionnaire is ready online for chapter regents and chairmen to start reporting. If your chapter has no report for a specific committee, please indicate "NO REPORT". This allows the State Regent and State Chairmen to determine that all chapters have reported.

Celebrate America volunteer public service hours may be reported online at the members' website. The reporting period is from January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013. Help Iowa to reach the goal suggested by national. Each Iowa chapter is encouraged to report volunteer hours.

This officer has been very busy visiting chapters. Eight chapters were visited in November; they include Hannah Caldwell, Solomon Dean, Nathaniel Fellows, Pilgrim, Jean Espy, Lawrence Hook, Julien Dubuque and Mus-Quo-Ta. December visits include Oskaloosa-Mary Marion and Henry Knox. March will be another very busy month for chapter and state conference visits for this officer.

The chapters and members have been very generous with their support of the State Regent's Project and it is greatly appreciated. Thank you very much.

I wish all members a Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday Season!

Barbara Halpin
Iowa State Regent



WELCOME NEW IOWA MEMBERS!!!

"Be ye strong therefore, and let not your hands be weak, for your work shall be rewarded"

2 Chronicles 15:7

Abigail Adams Chapter

Nancy Appel
Virginia Geary
Sandra Harne
Linda Smith
Lori Thelen

Ashley Chapter

Dixie Olmstead
Kelly Souza

Council Bluffs Chapter

Kristin Riggle

De Shon Chapter

Glenda Eccles

Grinnell Chapter

Dewann Sanchez

Hanna Caldwell Chapter

Angela Carpenter
Marie Philibert
Elizabeth Serena

Henry Knox Chapter

Dawn Bruhn **
Cora Van Rheenen
Ashley McGee

Jean Espy Chapter

Meredith Chatfield **
Joan Ealy
Kristen Ealy **

Jean Marie Cardinell Chapter

Rachelle Biggs

Ladies of the Lake Chapter

Bailey Ballison **
Katherine Hall
JoAnn Heerd
Marilynn Smith
Claudia Winchester
Madison Winchester **

Marion-Linn Chapter

Robynn Evans
Heather Wade
Linda Cahalan

Martha Washington Chapter

Nicole Cleveland **

Mayflower Chapter

Kathryn Greenfield **

Nancy McKay Harsh Chapter

Alice Anderson
Cynthia Miller
Jennifer Queener

Oskaloosa-Mary Marion Chapter

Louise Phillips

Pilgrim Chapter

Jean Shaffer

Solomon Dean Chapter

Carol Holstine

*** indicates Junior Member*



Celebrate America! Committee

This committee has been newly formed so that we may honor our heritage as we "Celebrate America!" through our combined **community service** efforts.

The committee will:

- demonstrate to the general public and prospective members as well as to current DAR members the vitality of today's DAR and its service organization mission.
- support the motto of the NSDAR of "God, Home and Country" and promote historic preservation, education and patriotism.
- exhibit the array of positive volunteer opportunities associated with DAR membership.
- further engage members in meaningful service work within the Society's mission areas.
- encourage members to discover the rewards that come from volunteerism and the impact they can make in their communities.

All members should get started now and record their community service hours performed since January 1st this year!

Celebrate America! Iowa State Chairman Briana Johnson
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USING EMAIL

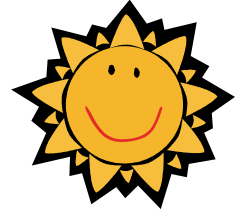
We are definitely in an electronic age where emails are often sent instead of letters, postcards, or phone calls. As a courtesy, please acknowledge that you have received an email even if an answer is not necessary.

Use email wisely when conducting business.

Nola Gottschalk
Protocol Chairman

ACTION FIVE COMMITTEE

The weather outside might be frightful, but spring will be here sooner than you think! Now is a great time to start planning for an Action 5 workshop in your area. The gals love to travel when the sun shines and the flowers are blooming! Contact a member of this committee to schedule a workshop in your area.



THANK YOU !!!

Thank you to the chapters who sent in entries for the Outstanding Teacher Contest and be sure to attend the Iowa State Conference to find out the winner!

Don't forget to notify me when a marker is placed on a DAR member's grave marker and keep sending in the articles and pictures for the Historian's scrapbook.

Pamela Marvin
Iowa State Historian

NSDAR APPLICATION REMINDER...

When signing an application ALWAYS remember to use a BLACK ink pen. Include your middle name or maiden name in addition to your first and last name when signing a NSDAR application.

This applies to EVERYONE signing the application, chapter officers and member endorsements!

Pictures and write-ups about State Regent Visits to chapters are wanted for her Memory Book.

**Send clippings and pictures to Susan Dowell,
3733 Elizabeth Court, Newburgh, Indiana 447630-7930
sah9973@aol.com**

**** Please note the updated email contact listed at left for Iowa State Historian Pamela Marvin & Iowa State Librarian Diane Hobson and Name Change of Candace Kamp to Candace Murray ****

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

Sleuthing pays off!

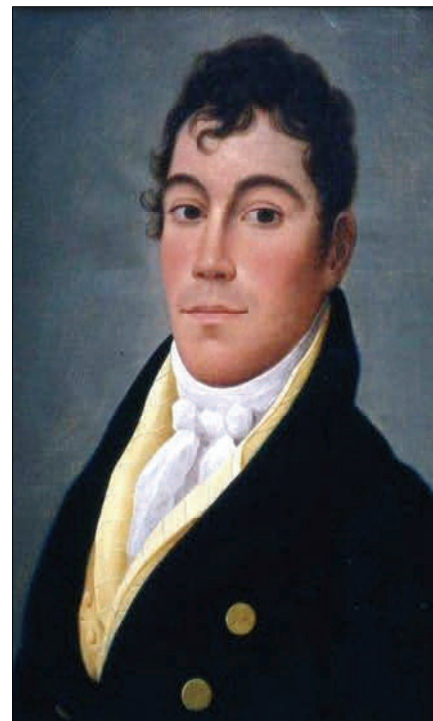
In the July/August issue of the Daughters of the American Revolution Newsletter, Iowa Daughters were delighted to see the Iowa Room's portrait of dashing Captain Oliver Blanchard as DAR Museum Featured Object. This oil on canvas painting was donated to the museum by Abigail Adams Chapter member, Blanche Fincham, in 1962. It had been handed down through the Blanchard family. Fincham's mother was a Blanchard.

Other than brief notes identifying Blanchard by name and stating that he was a maritime captain whose portrait was painted in Leghorn, Italy, he remained a mystery until conservation of the painting was funded by Iowa Society DAR in 2004. At that time, a sketch of sailing vessels was discovered verso. Some years later, as the newsletter article relates, mention of the captain's last voyage was found in maritime history publications. Still, questions remained, as further noted in the article.

Thanks to various resources, this chairman was excited to solve some of the mystique surrounding the handsome Captain Blanchard. His wife was not Susannah Smith, as conjectured in the article, and he was not born in Weymouth, Massachusetts in 1782. Oliver Blanchard was born into a seafaring family in Dresden, Maine on October 24, in either 1797 or 1799 (the preferred year of birth according to reports of his death). His father was Captain Soloman Blanchard and his mother, Ardray Robinson. According to published naval histories, Captain Blanchard, master of the Marmion, was taken ill and died while on a voyage to Cochinchina (now Vietnam). He was buried at sea on August 31, 1833. Blanchard's widow, Amanda Carney, also from a seafaring family, lived with her father until her death in 1839. The couple was childless.

One can write a poignant love story by reading between the lines of this old-yet all too current-tale of man and wife separated by many miles. The scenario has been played out in far too many lives from time immemorial and never ceases to touch us deeply.

Sara Jane Harwood
Iowa Room Chairman



A message from your State Treasurer---

Thank you to all the chapters that sent their Cash Contributions and dues early to give me time to get them recorded before my deadline to send the Contributions on to National.

Be sure to send your chapter's fiscal report at the end of your fiscal year. I also need for you to mark the box at the bottom of the form to tell me whether your chapter is filing the 990-N e-postcard or other tax form or if you want the state treasurer to file it for you and send you a copy for your chapter's records. If your chapter files their tax report, please remember to send or email a copy of it to me.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the ISDAR State Conference in April!

Linda Hopkins

EARLY Spring Submission Deadline — FEBRUARY 15, 2014

Send your email submissions to:

iowadarnews@alpinecom.net and BAH922@aol.com

**Send your postal submission to: Julie Davis, ISDAR Editor
34132 Buck Creek Road
Garnavillo, IA 52049-8228**

National Defense Committee DAR Distinguished Citizens Medal *(available January 1, 2014)*

The DAR Distinguished Citizens Medal was established by the NSDAR Executive Board to recognize worthy citizens for extraordinary service in the defense, promotion, and/or preservation of our American heritage of freedom. It can be presented to an individual, 18 years of age and older, who fulfills the qualities of honor, service, courage, leadership, and patriotism. The medal may be presented to emergency first responders; active duty military, and veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces, and citizens who have contributed to the defense and/or security, and the freedom of the community, state, or nation in an exceptional manner.

The award will be administered by the ISDAR National Defense Chairman. A chapter may present 2 awards per calendar year. Information and nominating forms are available on the NSDAR members' web site. This state chairman is responsible as administrator of the medal program in Iowa and all nominations are to be sent to her to be forwarded to NSDAR. The gold medal costs \$10 and features a federal eagle on the front symbolizing strength, power, and freedom, and the eagle's wings symbolize protection. The olive branch is an emblem of peace and victory, the torch on the reverse represents enlightenment and hope.

This is a wonderful opportunity for your chapter to recognize and honor an outstanding citizen in your community!

Velma Reese
ISDAR National Defense Chairman

**Would you like to learn more about the many volunteer opportunities available within
DAR committees?**

Go online to members.dar.org and click on the Committees link to learn more!

Revolutionary Dames Chapter observes Constitution Week

Revolutionary Dames Chapter took an active part in Constitution Week, September 17-23, 2013.

At left: Regent Marie Whitley is shown with Waverly Mayor, Bob Brunckhorst after he signed the proclamation declaring the celebration of Constitution Week.

At right: Chapter members Karen Brandt and Rita Ruth pose in front of the Revolutionary Dames Constitution Week display at the Waverly public library.



Abigail Adams Chapter celebrates 120 years since DAR charter

Planning that began with brainstorming over an Executive Board lunch in August 2012, culminated in the 120th anniversary celebration of the Abigail Adams Chapter on Saturday, October 12, 2013. The historic Chamberlain Mansion on Grand Avenue in Des Moines, was the location. Chandeliers glowed in the wood-paneled rooms. With some chapter members dressed in period attire, it was easy to imagine life in the 1890s in this elegant setting. Other members dressed in Revolutionary-era gowns, and attendees enjoyed the presence of an SAR re-enactor. Many pictures were taken. Trays of food were offered, as well as beverages and flag-decorated petits fours.

Guests circulated to view the Chapter's scrapbooks, documenting decades of activism. The display included portraits, normally stored away, of several founding members. It has been interesting to see the faces of those strong-minded, make-it-happen women. They worked to start something completely new in Iowa, which had no actual role in the Revolution but became the home to some of its veterans and many, many descendants.

We shared our special occasion with some 80 guests. We very much appreciated the state board members and leaders from other chapters who came. It was hard-earned recognition of our hundreds of predecessors who kept this train on the rails. For present day members, it is a very happy memory



Virginia Geary, Sandra Durby, and Sara Jane Harwood enjoy some time together. Virginia is a freshly-approved new member. Sandy is a past, 3-term Regent, and third generation of her family in DAR. Sara Jane is a highly-esteemed mentor and counselor.

Lawrence Van Hook Chapter



Members of the Lawrence Van Hook Chapter recently met with the State Regent, Barbara Halpin.

Pictured: Helen Stewart, State Regent Barbara Halpin, LVH Regent Patty Haakenson, Mary McAndrew, Alda Kendell, Karen Bradway, Denyse Hughes, Carolyn Wilslef, Lucy Zeimet, Darlene Block

DAR Project Patriot Committee

Deployments to Afghanistan are ending. We want to hear your thoughts as to where we go from here. Ms. Minus, National Chairman, states, "There are 7,800 'support the troops' organizations." How does the NSDAR fit into this group? Should we align our organization with treatment facilities for the wounded? Another Navy Ship? A military base? We want to know what your thoughts are on these important questions. The recommendations from chapters will be compiled and summarized and sent to Washington. Let your Chapter Chairman know what your recommendations are for the future of this committee.

DAR Project Patriot Chapter Chairman
Please contact me. I would like to be able to send out information as it is received. Please include Project Patriot in the subject line when you email. Kathy Pezley at katt0813@yahoo.com
My phone is 563-505-3920. Texting is okay too.



Spinning Wheel Chapter awards Community Service

The Spinning Wheel Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution made its first Community Service Award to Julie Jontz Lang of Marshalltown at the Historical Society of Marshall County museum Saturday November 2, 2013 at 2:00 PM

Julie Jontz Lang was a natural choice for this award as she has given so freely of her time and talents. Julie volunteered at Living History Farms for years, she volunteered at the Historical Museum and Susie Sower House, and she has served on the Historical Society Board for a number of years. Julie developed the program "History on Third Thursdays" to promote interest in local and State history beginning in 2009 and continuing currently. Julie contacted the speakers, set up places for their presentation and arranged for refreshments to be served at each presentation. Julie has made a lot of lemonade and baked a lot of cookies over the last four years!

Julie's real love is Taylor #4 School (the Wetherbee School House) built in 1912 and donated to the Historical Society of Marshall County. Julie has been responsible for the upkeep and care of the school and she has written and received grants totaling \$35,000.00 and raised \$27,000.00 locally for its renovation.

Julie and her volunteers present thirty re-enactments each year to every 4th grade class in Marshall County including home schooled and Christian School children. Since beginning this program, over 4700 children in Marshall County have spent one day learning from lessons taught using the original textbooks. Julie supplies tubs of period appropriate clothing for the children to wear and tin pails for them to pack their lunch. The children all love this learning experience.

Julie has generously shared her love of history and teaching with this community for many years and Spinning Wheel Chapter is privileged and proud to sponsor Julie Jontz Lang for this Award.



James Harlan Chapter awards service ...

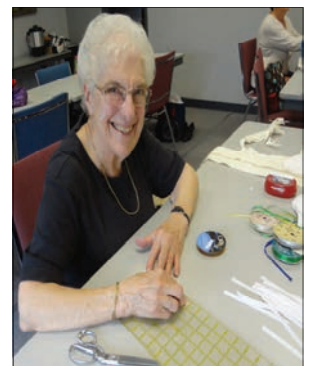
The James Harlan Chapter, Mt. Pleasant met at the Log Village, on the Old Thresher grounds in Mt. Pleasant. The members and guests gathered in Oak Ridge School, recently completed to replicate the Half-Breed School, built in the late 1830's and stood in northern Lee County. Chapter member Martha Hayes was presented the DAR Community Service Award by Martha Allen and Pat White. Ms. Hayes is front row and center.



Hannah Lee Chapter Supports and Creates!

Hannah Lee Chapter members gathered to create Christmas stockings for the military

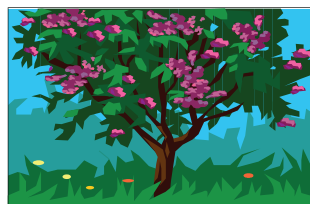
wounded at Walter Reed Medical Center. At bottom left: members display some of the Christmas stockings made for military wounded at Walter Reed Medical Center.



Ladies of the Lake Chapter dedicate...

The Garner Cabin is the only surviving structure of the Indian massacre, and has been designated a historical place in "A National Register of Historic Places" April 1973. The Iowa State Historical Society reconstructed the cabin and dedicated it August 4, 1975. The Rowland Gardners, nine members in all, came by covered wagon on July 16, 1856. The entire family, except Abbie 13 and her sister, Eliza, died in and about the cabin on March 8, 1857. The Garner Cabin Museum is at 74 Monument Drive, Arnolds Park, Iowa. For more information go to www.iowahistory.org or the Ladies of the Lake web site.

The Ladies of the Lake DAR Chapter dedicated a tree at this location on Sept. 10, 2013. The tree is in memory of Doris Hemphill who helped establish this park. She was instrumental in getting the State of Iowa to buy the land and make it into a State Park. A lilac tree was planted here and the Middle School Okoboji class of Mary Thunhorst, DAR member, assisted in planting the tree with Cottage gardens staff-Roger De Vries. Bobbie Bauer, on the right- Chaplain, led the dedication ceremony on Sept. 10, 2013.



Ladies of the Lake Chapter

Mari Stewart, member of the Ladies of the Lake presents a picture she painted of the Garner cabin and monuments to Mike Koppert, museum director.



Chapters recognize Constitution Week Ashley/Mayflower/Marion-Linn



Pictured L>R Cedar Rapids Mayor, Ron Corbett; Mayflower Chapter Regent, Karen Parker reading the proclamation; Ashley Chapter Regent, Linda Van Niewaal, and member Donna Koch; and Peg Wilkinson, Marion-Linn Chapter.

Marion-Linn DAR Constitution Week

Members of the Ashley, Marion-Linn and the Mayflower Chapters marched in the Swamp Fox Parade in Marion carrying signs and had a nice announcement from the Reviewing Stand about our organization. Pat Otis, Marge Spencer, Linda Van Niewal, Peg Wilkinson and Nancy Brown participated.

Constitution Week Report: Pat Otis reported that Oskaloosa, Springville, Marion and Cedar Rapids all had Proclamations from the mayors. A Constitution Week Display was exhibited in the Marion Library. A front page article was in the Marion Times from reporter Nancy Grimes, one of the DAR members. The child's book the Patriot was donated to the Marion Library. Books are also being donated to other libraries



SWAMP FOX PARADE 2013

District Tour by Mindy Beekman





SW District Trip begins.....

DISTRICT TOUR 2013

The Nancy McKay Harsh chapter hosted the first stop of the ISDAR State Officers District Meeting on September 17. The Iowa State officers arrived the afternoon before for a planning meeting. Officers of the local chapter planned a tour of Mt Pisgah and the evening meal for them. Mt Pisgah was the stopping off point for around 3000 Mormons as they traveled westward in the mid 1840's. It was the first settlement of white people in Union County. It was formed for the benefit of the poor or unable for the want of teams to proceed further west. The group that first arrived commenced building houses, ploughing and planting. An immense quantity of labor was performed in a few days. The site of Mt Pisgah is now marked by a 9 acre Mt Pisgah Cemetery preserve which contains historical markers, and a reconstructed log cabin. Bob Brown, owner of the land that once was the home of the Mormans, gave the ladies a trip through the area on his tractor pulled shuttle and explained the many sites. He had "Witching Rods" for everyone and showed how to use them to find the foundations of the building and graves. This proved one of the highlights of the tour evening as each lady tried her skill at witching .



NE District Meeting



SE District Meeting



NW District Meeting

During each Iowa Society's State Regent's term, our State Regent chooses a project that unites each of the Iowa Daughters together towards a purpose reflected in our National Society's objectives of Historic Preservation, Education, and Patriotism. State Regent Barbara Halpin has chosen as her project, with the consent of the Iowa Daughters at our August BOM meeting, to contribute to the restoration of ½ of a Lay Light located in ceiling of the NSDAR Library, and the restoration of twelve sconces located in the NSDAR Genealogy Room.

Our chapters and members can contribute to the State Regent's project by sending donations through your chapter (checks payable to ISDAR) and donating towards voices for the items on the State Regent's tables. I wanted to share with you the items that will be on our State Regent's special table:

A wonderful two story furnished Doll House (including the US Flag hanging from the front porch) made by our very own State Regent Barbara Halpin and her daughter.

Honorary State Regent Yvonne Boone donated a needle point Christmas Stocking she has made for the State Regent's table. You will say "wow" when you see the detail in this project.

There is a life-like, ceramic doll sitting in an antique rocker. Check out the fun expression the little girl will show you when you stop by.

A machine quilted quilt that fits a queen size bed or double bed. The materials in the quilt historically reflects fabrics from 1846. It is made from United Nation's Moda Fabric and is 86 x 88 in size.

Alice Wiles has donated a beautiful, framed patriotic needle-point that she personally made.

Please stop by the State Regent's tables on District Tour to see these items in person or by display. We appreciate your support of her project by donations and voices. You can learn more about the important Lay Light restoration project at the following web site: http://www.dar.org/giving_site/lay_lights_webinar.cfm

STATE REGENT PROJECT



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REGISTRARS...don't forget

Beginning in January, NSDAR applications for membership will be verified EACH month and announced on the 5th of each month.

Please make note of this change!

Hannah Lee Chapter Welcomes New Member



Hannah Lee Chapter Regent Mona Day of Lansing above attaching the DAR pin in welcome on new Chapter member Valerie Pecinovsky of Calmar.

Support the Iowa State Regent's Project!

Proudly display YOUR Hands of Friendship Working Together to Build Membership!

For purchase details contact Iowa Corresponding Sec'y, Melinda Beekman or State Regent, Barbara Halpin.



District Tour Landscape / Photo by Mindy Beekman

IN MEMORIAM

Buena Vista Chapter
Mary Margaret Mortensen

Cedar Falls Chapter
Lorraine Almeda Wood

James Harlan Chapter
Rosalie Marcella Gregg

Jean Espy Chapter
Naomi Ruth Rube
Betty Louise Howard

Jean Marie Cardinell Chapter
Susan Kay Heiland

Ladies of the Lake Chapter
Dorothy Scott Sprinkle

Lawrence Van Hook Chapter
Jacqueline Thatcher Herburger

Nancy McKay Harsh Chapter
Betty Burnett Swarthout

Pilot Rock Chapter
Lucille C. Nelson

Shenandoah Chapter
Margery Driftmier Strom



Iowa Society DAR Clothing still available

Please send your name, chapter name, address, e-mail address, shirt style, shirt size and your check made payable to Susan Harris and send to 5206 Valley Road, Ames, IA 50014-9365 by March 1, 2014. Your order will be delivered to you at State Conference. If you are unable to attend State Conference you can have a chapter member pick up your order or make arrangements to have the order mailed to you (mailing is not included in pricing). To get the pricing below we need to order a minimum of 48 shirts (any size combinations). Let everyone know you are a ISDAR!

Men's sizes unless otherwise noted	Short Sleeve T-Shirt	Long Sleeve T-shirt	¾ Sleeve T-shirt (women's sizes only)	Crew neck Sweatshirt	Hooded Sweatshirt
S-XL	\$11.00	\$16.00	\$17.00 *	\$16.00	\$21.00
2 XL	\$14.50	\$18.50	\$19.50 *	\$19.00	\$25.50
3 XL	\$14.50	\$18.50	Not Available	\$19.00	\$26.00
4 XL	\$14.50	\$19.00	Not Available	\$19.50	\$27.50

Lawrence Van Hook Chapter DAR
 Julien Dubuque Chapter DAR
 Capt Thomas Overton Society C.A.R.



Members of DAR, CAR and SAR gathered in Bellevue to celebrate the 4th of July. Eliza Sunleaf, Denyse Hughes, Clara Burchett, Lucy Ann Zeimet, Annika Sunleaf, Maja Sunleaf and Steven Jacobson

Merry Christmas to YOU,
 Iowa Society Daughters of
 the American Revolution-
 from the
 Iowa Society C.A.R. members!

Thank YOU for your
 support of Iowa C.A.R.!!

HAVE you logged your
 Celebrate America
 Committee hours ???

LEARN MORE AT:
<http://members.dar.org>
 (National Members Only Website)