

Iowa Daughters

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Quarterly Newsletter from the Iowa Society Daughters of the American Revolution



Dear Iowa Daughters,

I hope that you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends.

This fall has been a whirlwind. District tour was amazing!!! Sioux City, Clarinda, Washington and Cedar Falls. All of the Chapters involved went over and above to make sure that everyone in attendance had a great time and allowed some time for fun.

In October, your State Regent attended the National Board meeting in DC. The State Regents and National Board toured the Anderson House, which is the Headquarters for the Society of the Cincinnati, which is the oldest lineage society in the United States. Very impressive!!

We ate one evening at the Gatsby Tavern in Alexandria and one evening at Fort Meyer in Arlington. Fort Meyer is home to the 3rd U. S. Infantry Regiment (the Old Guard), the United States Army Band “Pershing’s Own” and Headquarters of the U.S. Army Garrison.

After the NBOM meeting we boarded buses for the DAR School Tour. It was a chance to make new friends and visit our schools. I hope you plan on attending State Conference, there will be programs both Friday and Saturday on our DAR Schools.

Please plan on attending State Conference, April 28-29, in Ames. The guests will be Ginger Trader, Historian General; Beverly Montcrief, State Regent of California; and Donna Weaver, State Regent of Wyoming.

The “Call” and registration form will appear in the Spring, 2017 newsletter. Chapters should be electing State Conference delegates and alternates in the weeks ahead, so you can file your Credentials before the March deadline.

For now, I wish all of you a very Blessed Holiday Season.

In DAR Love,
Cindi Carter
Iowa State Regent
2016-2018



“If we do not lay out ourselves in the service of mankind, whom shall we serve?” Abigail Adams



District tours...

Martha Washington Chapter Hosts Northwest District Tour in Sioux City



The Northwest District meeting was held in Sioux City, at the Hampton Inn. Martha Washington was the hosting chapter.

District Director Missy Kramme-Franks led the meeting. Helpers for putting on the event were: Secretary- Andrea Perry; Time keepers- Fran Myhre and Donna Goehring; Registration- Amy MacDonald and Vivian Adams; Music- Marta Nelson; Decorations- Marta Nelson and Elizabeth Rosenbaum. The color guard was the Junior ROTC.

The day the board got into town, the meeting room was set up for their board meeting. Following the board meeting we traveled to 4 Brothers, for a HUGE and delicious meal. A few of us helped to keep the economy going in the Sioux City area!!

The Northwest District being the first in the tour and it went off wonderfully. The Director was nervous, she doesn't like surprises, she wanted to do her duty. We had over 30 in attendance. Lunch was also sooooo yummy!! Door prizes were handed out through out the meeting. Cupcakes were handed out in honor of the District Director, who was the "Cupcake Fairy". Members shopped the DAR tables and supported Iowa C.A.R. A lot of good DAR knowledge was shared!!

The only sad part of the day was the end. Clean up and loading the up the board members vehicles! They haul a lot of stuff. I was very glad and proud to serve as the Northwest District Director, nerves and all! I want to again thank the Martha Washington Chapter for all of their hard work to plan, set up and host this event. You ladies are amazing!!!

— Melissa "Missy" Kramme-Franks
Northwest District Director, ISDAR
Iowa Senior State President, ISCAR

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Waubonsie Chapter Hosts Southwest District Meeting in Clarinda

The 2016 Southwest District meeting was held Wednesday, September 21, at the Nodaway Valley Historical Museum in Clarinda. Regent Eleanor Cabbage and the Waubonsie Chapter hosted the event. Six chapter regents and 30 members attended, as reported by the Registration Committee.

Mary Foutch, SW District Director, called the meeting to order. Music for the processional was provided by Carolyn Delay, Council Bluffs Chapter; colorbearer was Kathryn Smith, Abigail Adams Chapter.



Trish Okamoto, a member of Waubonsie Chapter and active member of the Nodaway Valley Historical Museum, gave a presentation on the history of Clarinda, information on the museum, history of the chapter, and what the Clarinda chapter is doing currently with youth. There are now 18 youth working on preservation and adopt-a-grave, with 9 qualified in the CAR Chapter. Everyone was invited to tour the museum.

During officer reports, Regent Cindi Carter noted that Waubonsie had 'set the bar' for chapter meet-and-greet sessions. She has received an afghan donated for the State Regent Project, in memory of Barbara Hartman, of Waubonsie Chapter.

Vice Regent Marsha Hucke announced that State Conference is April 27th. She also spoke on the Regent's Project, the Daughters Helping Daughters Fund.

Six other officers gave updates in their respective areas, as well as several committee chairmen.

After lunch, there a question-and-answer period included the topics of place DAR markers on gravestones, the ISDAR website, and pages.

Invitation was extended to the 2017 SW District meeting. It will be on the last day of the tour, hosted by Abigail Adams Chapter. Location is not yet determined.

After the meeting, many members enjoyed a tour of the museum.

...District tours



Washington Chapter Hosts SE Stop on District Tour

The SE District meeting was held Thursday, Sept. 22 at the United Presbyterian Church in Washington, Iowa. The Washington Chapter hosted to a group of 54 daughters. The night before we had dinner at Dodici's Italian Restaurant which was enjoyed by the State Officers and Washington Chapter committee members.

The Washington Chapter had flowers in the motel rooms for the officers, which was such a lovely welcome after they had traveled 4 hours from Clarinda.

The meeting was informative for all of the chapters that were able to attend. After the meeting Marjoire Lins led a tour of the log home that was built in 1840 by Alexander Young in Washington County. The home was given to the Chapter in 1912 and was placed on the National Register of Historic places in 1973. The Washington Chapter has a jewelry sale in December to raise funds for its upkeep.

A big thank you to the Washington Chapter for doing a fabulous job in hosting the meeting. Next year, the meeting will be hosted by Oskaloosa, Mary Marion Chapter.

— Candace Murray
SE District Director

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60 Attend Northeast District Meeting

September 23, 2016 is a day that many will remember as the day of the flood; but for these 60 intrepid DAR ladies of NE Iowa it was District Meeting. We certainly understand why those who didn't come made that decision.

Thursday evening the State Officers gathered to set up their tables and then were treated to a homemade ham and potato soup, fresh baked bread and apple crisp a la mode supper prepared by Sue Soenen. Sue was also the creator of the Patriotic baskets given to the State Officers.



The ladies of the Cedar Falls Chapter had chosen a beautiful venue in the Presbyterian Church. Coffee and home-made muffins greeted everyone upon arrival. The morning session ended with Jodi's Member Education Program; I do need to check that out!



Lasagna was the main course for lunch with more home-made bars for dessert! The afternoon question and answer session (which could have fallen asleep after all that food) was lively and covered a wide range of topics; solving or explaining many issues. Shortly after 2:00 pm Chaplain Judy McNamara gave the Benediction and District Director Becky McCabe adjourned the meeting so everyone was able to get home before dark.

—Becky McCabe
NE District Director



To Iowa Daughters:

This sign was left at the meeting room at BOM in August. It traveled with us on District tour and I was hoping the owner would venture forth. I will be happy to return/deliver this and will make what ever arrangements are needed but I don't know who you are.

Please contact me.
—Marsha Hucke State Vice Regent
marshahucke@hotmail.com

Ladies, take a bow!

Hannah Lee Chapter Holds 2nd 2016 Vietnam Veterans Event

Fayette County Fair Grounds Pavilion was the site for a September 17th event organized by Hannah Lee Chapter Daughters to honor Vietnam War veterans. This event in West Union was the second such appreciation staged by the Chapter this year.



The event began with presentation of colors by Jake Blitzsch and

Richard H. Witt, members of Ross Reid American Legion Post #9 of Oelwein. DAR member Valerie Pecinovsky of Protovan led the Pledge of Allegiance. The invocation was given by Rev. Terry Lee Landsgaard. Opening ceremonies were followed by a luncheon.

The presentation of certificates began with the families of two Fayette County members of the armed forces who gave their lives in the conflict. Ron Ward of Fayette accepted the certificate in remembrance of his brother Eugene Ambrose Ward, Private First Class, US Army from Maynard. Accepting the award in memory of David William Michael, Specialist 4th Class, US Army of Oelwein were his siblings, Rita Basquin of Hiawatha and Roger Michael of West Union. Upon presentation of these awards, the attendees rose for a standing ovation in memory of these who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

Hannah Lee Chapter Regent Rebecca McCabe, of Cresco, began the presentation of certificates to those veterans assembled. Each veteran was called forward and presented with a certificate of appreciation, pinned with a 50th anniversary commemoration pin, and given additional commemoration materials. McCabe was assisted by members, Jill Amdahl of Decorah and Valerie Pecinovsky.

As part of this commemoration, Navy Seabee veteran Ed Blume of Elkader, who is the president of the Northeast Iowa Vietnam Veterans Association, was introduced. Blume reported briefly on the great success of the Moving Wall display and associated activities which were sponsored by his organization and held recently at National, Iowa.

The keynote speaker was Luther College associate professor Dr. John Moeller. This past January, Dr. Moeller led a Luther College student group on a three-week travel study to Vietnam. The theme of his presentation centered on the challenges and opportunities Vietnam faces as it struggles to enter fully into the modern world. He included a series of slides in his presentation.

The program also included a presentation by Marilyn Holland, DAR member from Decorah. The presentation was titled "The Significance of the Missing Man Table".

Posted near the table was the official POW/MIA flag. It was noted that the third Friday of September is observed annually as National POW/MIA Recognition Day. In this case, that happened to be the day prior to this event.

The Vietnam War Commemoration Flag was on display in the pavilion. DAR member Virginia Larimer of Oelwein gave a description of the significance of the various features of the flag. She was assisted by Marilyn Holland. After the end of the program, several individual veterans and groups came forward to have pictures taken with the commemorative flag.

Photo: Being pinned with the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War Commemoration Pin is Todd Hammond (Navy) of Oelwein.

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Real Daughter Marker Rededication

Susan Ensign's DAR marker, at Oak Hill Cemetery in New Hartford, was originally placed by the Revolutionary Dames España Chapter DAR. It commemorates her as a Real Daughter; that is, a woman whose father was a Revolutionary Patriot and who was a member of NSDAR.

Members of the New Hartford community, State Officers, DAR chapter members, and members of the cemetery board attended the rededication organized by Revolutionary Dames Chapter. This was held after the Northeast District Tour meeting, enabling some state officers to attend. Pictured are State Corresponding Secretary Ellie Senne, State Regent Cindi Carter, and State Chaplain Judy McNamara at the ceremony. State Registrar Jodi Freet also attended.



Revolutionary Dames Chapter Regent Ellie Hilbert and Chapter Treasurer Karen Brandt presided at the dedication. In addition, Bob Dickson, member of the cemetery board, received a certificate appreciation for his service in Vietnam.

Ladies, take a bow!



Past Regent Laura Kozin and Chapter Historian Pat Barry also attended the event, where the checks were presented. City officials said the final group of stones should be placed in April or May, 2017.

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Thousands View the Wall That Heals at Living History Farms



\$27,000 Awarded to the Abigail Adams Chapter

On October 3, Gov. Terry Branstad announced that the Abigail Adams Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution would be the 5th award recipient of private funds used to promote historical projects around Iowa. Kristine Bartley, Regent of the Abigail Adams Chapter, DAR, joined Gov. Branstad in the announcement.

To date, the Iowa History Fund has provided funds to:

- restore Gov. Samuel Merrill's mausoleum in Woodland Cemetery in Des Moines;
- construct a monument honoring the six Littleton brothers near Wapello;
- assemble the Hugh Sidey Collection in Greenfield;
- repair gravesites at the 160 year old St. Wenceslaus Church Cemetery in Spillville.

This 5th Iowa History Fund award, in the amount of \$10,000, was granted to finalize the fundraising effort to install marker stones on baby graves in historic Woodland Cemetery in Des Moines. The Iowa History Fund contribution was matched by other private contributions from Kurt Rasmussen, Suku Radia and Prairie Meadows to meet the DAR Chapter's need of raising just under \$27,000.

In 2006, Gerald A. LaBlanc initiated a campaign to complete a headstone marker for each grave. LaBlanc, now almost 90 years old, has been an educator, advocate, tour guide, fundraiser and spark plug for preservation, restoration and appreciation of the historic site. He secured the funds for 196 of 501 headstones but was unable to complete the project alone. Stepping up in service, the Abigail Adams Chapter DAR took the initiative to complete the project in December, 2014. Some \$12,000.00 was raised and 92 tiny stones placed. Now just 213 graves remain to be marked.

"I'm pleased that the Iowa History Fund board members approved \$10,000 to the Abigail Adams Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution," said Branstad. "I want to thank our other private contributors for completing the overall goal to ensure babies from our early Iowa pioneer ancestors have permanent grave markers."

The Jean Marie Cardinell Chapter was invited to be a member of the Team Welcome Home Iowa. This committee was instrumental in bringing The Wall That Heals to Living History Farms September 29th – October 2nd.

The Wall That Heals exhibition features a half-scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. and a museum. As Vietnam Veteran Chair, Candy Brown became an instrumental part of the committee not only handling the 50th Commemoration but also the volunteers. The one stumbling point was that October 1st was also the Chapter's 75th anniversary. A call went out for help and Jackie Peters of DeShon Chapter managed the tent for the day until Jean Marie Cardinell members arrived. Also helping was Susie McCravy of Abigail Adams.

We could not have done it without the help of the Des Moines Central Campus JROTC Red Bull Battalion 3rd Brigade. It was so wonderful to see them in their uniforms and the conversations back and forth between them and the Vietnam Veterans.

The Wall was escorted from Newton to Living History Farms by over 140 riders. It was impressive to see all the flags surrounding the open space – approximately 185 installed by local scouts. It is estimated that over 8,000 visitors attended the event and we pinned commemorative lapel pins on 1,028! These activities also gave us exposure which led to more pinning ceremony opportunities and even some leads for DAR.

Across the state...

ISDAR Ladies @ Work

Iowa Daughters Parade in Marion

Members from three Iowa DAR chapters participated in an entry in the City of Marion 27th annual Swamp Fox Festival Parade. The parade was September 24 in downtown Marion. The mission of the DAR was announced from the Reviewing Stand.

The parade was an element of the Swamp Fox Festival. Activities centered around City Square Park also included a pancake breakfast, a 5K run, and the annual Fall Marion Market.

Marion is one of several U.S. cities named in honor Francis Marion, a military officer who served in the American Revolutionary War. Acting with the Continental Army and South Carolina militia commissions, he was a persistent adversary of the British in their occupation of South Carolina. Due to his irregular methods of warfare, he was known as "The Swamp Fox".



Daughters who participated (from left): Pat Otis, Marion- Linn; Kathy Shelton, Ashley Chapter; Linda Van Niewall, Ashley Chapter; Karen Wilson and Karen Parker, Mayflower Chapter; and Marge Spencer, Marion Linn Chapter.

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Henry Knox Chapter Dedicates DAR Membership Grave Marker In Memory of Ethel Porter Jones

The Henry Knox Chapter, NSDAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) held a DAR membership grave marker dedication ceremony, October 23, 2016, at Greenwood Cemetery in memory of former DAR member Ethel Emmaline Jones Porter, (1893-1984).

Ethel was a DAR member of the Cedar Falls Chapter, NSDAR at the time of her passing. Henry Knox Chapter requested to mark her stone with our DAR insignia at her grave here in Knoxville, Marion County, Iowa as this was her home at birth and death. She was the daughter of George Jehu Jones and Mary Elizabeth Ruckman Jones, early settlers of Marion County. She married first John Donnelly and after his death married Robert Porter. Ethel was also family relation to nine of our Henry Knox chapter members and by marriage to a tenth.

Attending the dedication and pictured here (L - R) are Henry Knox Chapter members; Janet Ritchie (Vice Regent), Marla Suter (ISDAR State Historian and Chapter



Member), Carla Huebler (Chapter Regent/Registrar), Beverly Jones (Chapter Treasurer), Carol Jones (Organizing Member), Pam Marvin (Associate Member) and Alonna Gass (Chapter Secretary)

Henry Knox Chapter would also like to thank the HODARS (Husbands of DAR) in attendance today and for photo taking. Thank you Harry Gass, Dave Ritchie and Ron Marvin. Special thanks to Ray Bertrand and Bertrand Monument for placing our insignia marker.

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Spinning Wheel

The Marshalltown Quilt Guild presented 17 veterans with Quilts of Valor at the Marshalltown Mall on September 24th. Spinning Wheel Chapter Regent, Susan Lawyer, made two of these quilts. One went to David Gray of State Center, an Army Veteran.



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Hannah Caldwell Honors Ruth Murphy Mildt

Hannah Caldwell Chapter (Davenport) honored Ruth Murphy Mildt for 25 years as a member at our June 2016 Flag Day Luncheon. Pictured is Ruth (left) receiving her certificate from Regent Marilyn Owen. Ruth joined the Chapter in 1991 and became a Vice Regent in 1992. She served as Vice Regent for six years, during which time she was the key Chapter officer for setting up the format and publishing the Chapter's Yearbook.



Jean Marie Cardinell Chapter 75th Anniversary

The Jean Marie Cardinell Chapter celebrated its 75th Diamond Jubilee on October 1, 2016. A live ensemble played patriotic music as members and guests gathered. Barb Fors, a member for 64 years, presented the colors.



Then the red carpet was rolled out for the Past Regents and Current Regent who were escorted into the room by SARs Mike and David Rowley. The fans they carried signified their years as Regents. Guests were introduced. Des Moines Mayor Frank Cownie read a

Proclamation asking the citizens of Des Moines to celebrate with the Chapter for their community service. Mary Lee Koziol read the Iowa State proclamation by Governor Terry Brandstad. Four other proclamations, including one from Polk County Board of Supervisors, were received and displayed on the PRIDE table.

Several dignitaries from Iowa State DAR, including State Regent Cindi Carter, attended to share in the celebration.

During the luncheon, Edee Brunia presented a glimpse into our past and some of the changes that had been made to the Chapter. Then each Past Regent gave a short presentation on their greatest achievement, which many said was like choosing a favorite child.

Diamond Jubilee Awards were presented to Barb Fors for her 64 years of membership and to Myrtle Van Dyke for being the Chapter's National winner for DAR Service for Veterans.



Eleven women who had served as Chapter Regents were among those celebrating at the 75th Jubilee.

Pictured are: (front) Gloria Elmore, Barbara Hammer, Judy McNamara, Nancy Nichols, and Marilyn Schmitt. (back) Edee Brunia, Jennifer Ewing, Elizabeth Meinert, Nancy Losenicky, Margaret King, and Donna Ragner.



So Many Ways to Volunteer

When you think of Meals from the Heartland, you think about the major events where groups of volunteers package thousands of meals that help hungry people throughout the world. But there are other activities where volunteers are needed that are behind the scenes. Jean Marie Cardinell Chapter members, Judy McNamara and Tina McCleary, discovered that on Monday, October 24th, when they helped wash dishes. This type of volunteerism is always greatly appreciated.

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News From the Cedar Falls Chapter, NSDAR

Our chapter started the year with hosting the NE District Conference. This was quite an undertaking so we started our planning last January. I'm very proud of the job our chapter did in making this such a huge success! There was a lot to learn and we had fun also.

In October, members met at the Veterans Memorial Hall in Waterloo and toured the building.



The book, Sybil's Courage, given to each chapter by the State Literacy Committee, will be donated to Lincoln Elementary School in Cedar Falls. Colleen Nelson, Library/Media Specialist at the school will accept the book. Our Literacy Committee is headed by Marcia Colwell.



For our November meeting, ten of us met at the Northeast

Iowa Food Bank. This was for our Day of Service and our Service to America. We packed up bags of apples to be distributed to those in need in the community.

— Sue LeQuatte, Chapter Regent

Ladies of the Lake Meet in Estherville



Sharon Kay Wilson Godfrey with speaker from the Estherville Library at the DAR meeting in Estherville on Sept. 27th. The library is doing a genealogy program for 10 children. Ladies of the

Lake helped sponsor one of the ten children.

Estherville library hosted a Vietnam Veterans 50th Anniversary exhibit placed by Ladies of the Lake Chapter. The exhibit, created by Tanna Lair, will be there for one month and then move on to Jackson.



DAR Represented in Sheldon Labor Day Parade

Wesley Peters marching in the Labor Day parade in Sheldon, with the Daughters of the American Revolution car driven by Colleen Lemkuil of the Ladies of the Lake Chapter. 100 flags were given out to children lining the parade route. The parade was on the radio and the local cable station and promoted the Baker School Renovation Project at 1423 Park Street in Sheldon, Iowa. Over 1000 people attended the parade.

Wesley Peters has written a book about the O'Brien County Country School and spoke on Sept. 3rd to people touring the schools and at the Sheldon Retirement Home to an event sponsored by the Ladies of the Lake Chapter. \$225 was collected for the School project and Wesley sold 14 of his books.



30 Years of Service

Carolyn Storm and Mary Potter Thunhorst. Carolyn was honored for her 30 years of membership in Mary Ball Washington Chapter in Sheldon and Ladies of the Lake Chapter.

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**EDITOR'S NOTE: DEADLINE FOR SPRING 2017 IOWA DAUGHTERS IS MARCH 2. PLEASE SEND YOUR NEWS TO:
IowaDaughters@gmail.com**



Council Bluff Daughters Decorate Historically!

Members of the Council Bluffs Chapter are pictured in front of the patriotic Christmas tree they decorated at the Historic General Dodge

House in Council Bluffs. The beautiful Victorian house, built in 1869, is decorated for the season by various organizations in the area.

Lettie Dodge Montgomery, the daughter of General Grenville Dodge and his wife, Ruth Anne (Browne), was one of the earliest members of the Council Bluffs Chapter. The



Chapter's tree is located near the display case where Lettie's DAR pins and ribbons are located.

On December 17, the Council Bluffs Chapter, along with ladies of the Major Isaac Sadler - La Belle Vue Chapter, will participate in a Wreaths Across America ceremony at the new Omaha National Veteran Cemetery.

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Native American Heritage celebrated by DeShon Chapter

November is Native American Heritage Month, so this was the theme for the meeting. Our refreshments highlighted Indian foods: Acorn Bread, Blue Corn Muffins, Indian Carrot Bread, Mayan Hot Chocolate and Peppermint Tea.



We learned about the NSDAR-sponsored Indian Youth of America (IYA), whose headquarters are in

Sioux City, Iowa. Members brought new or gently used items for a silent auction to raise money to send a child to Indian Youth Camp. It was a great success, with \$100 raised! What a great way for us to support our American Indian children!

— Barb MacDougall

Across the state...
ISDAR Ladies @ Work

**Hannah Lee Honors Chapter American
History Teacher of the Year
Followed by a Vietnam Veterans 50th
Anniversary Presentation**



Sarah Nowack, the fifth grade teacher at Decorah Middle School, was chosen by Hannah Lee Chapter as the American History Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Nowack is an exceptional teacher but she was chosen for the work she does during the

summers; she teaches for the eighth grade bus trips to Washington, DC.



Sarah is teaching the whole time the bus is in motion with stories, music, and activities to enhance the students experience. Even the rest stops are at historically significant places!

At Gettysburg the students take both the day and night tours and later discuss their experiences. Once in DC, they make the usual stops and are treated to a meal in a fancy restaurant, a performance at the Kennedy Center followed by a "Prom" dance. The reward for good behavior.

All this time, Sarah is teaching, and on the way back she doesn't let them sleep, they continue to discuss what they learned, saw and experienced. To make the job easier for her fellow teachers, Sarah wrote a 50-page teaching guide for them. Sarah is also Hannah Lee's American History Chairman.

We surprised Mrs. Nowack with her Teacher of the Year certificate during the school's Veterans Day program. Following the presentation, Chapter Regent Becky McCabe presented Sarah's father with a DAR Certificate of Appreciation and his Commemorative Partners Vietnam Veterans 50th anniversary lapel pin, which Sarah pinned on him. Mr. Seaton was a state side Veteran who didn't think he qualified as a Vietnam Veteran. It was an honor to let him know that he also contributed to the cause.

**Four Boxes Sent Overseas
Following a CAA Lesson**

The week before Thanksgiving Hannah Lee Chapter members met and filled three boxes to be sent to a deployed soldier. After reporting on this we received word of a Decorah soldier deployed to Kuwaiti and another box was filled for this young man also.

A lesson on the Chapter Achievement Award lead us to the first name. We never know when or where the chance to help others will appear!

**Chapter
Fundraiser**

You many know that Hannah Lee Chapter has a talent for making Christmas Stockings, usually sending them to troops overseas. This year we decided to put our talents to use in another way, to raise money for the Chapter. We made 126 stockings and sold them at the local Music Boosters 30th Annual Craft Fair. They were "sold" for a \$10 donation thus avoiding the tax issue. We sold 40 stockings! And handed out two DAR information sheets along with our contact information.



The remaining stockings will be given to Veterans in the Nursing Homes of the local area. Pictured are Registrar Wendy Novak, Secretary Carol Hasvold, Regent Becky McCabe and Vice Regent Valerie Pecinovsky.

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Celebrating the Constitution!



Revolutionary Dames
Revolutionary Dames Chapter celebrated Constitution Week by placing a display in the Waverly Public Library. Photo Bottom: Regent Ellie Hilbert, left, and Registrar Sara Spurbeck are seated in front of the display. Photo Top: The chapter also donated two new books to the Waverly Public Library, "George Washington's Secret Six" and a children's book, "Rhythm of the Seasons."



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Celebrating the Constitution!

Open Prairie

Thanks to Pat Bingham of Open Prairie for putting our "window" together for Constitution Week.



Spinning Wheel
Spinning Wheel Chapter members decorated a window at the Marshalltown Mall for Constitution Week.



Glenwood

Pam Manning and Pat Curtis designed the Constitution Week window display for Glenwood Chapter D A R, in Glenwood, IA. You may recognize the uniform from recent parade appearances.



Abigail Adams

Member Valerie Van Horne assembles the Constitution display at the the Urbandale Public Library.



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SAVE THE DATES

Hello to all Iowa Daughters!!

Please keep in mind in the Spring newsletter the **Call letter** to State Conference will be posted. It will be the **ONLY** call letter for the state conference. But for now you can mark your calendars for the following dates:

March 21 deadline for Credentials March 21 2017 – form on website

State Conference dates: April 27-29, 2017 (actual meeting dates 28, 29)

To be held at Quality Inn Starlight Village Conference Center Ames IA

Deadline for reservations for conference April 10th 2017.

No meals will be guaranteed after this date.

Board of Management for 2017: August 6-7 2017

District tour dates: October 8-12th 2017

NE- 9th Maquoketa – Lawrence Van Hook (Ex. Board Meeting Oct 8th)

SE- 10th -Oskaloosa – Oskaloosa-Mary Marion

NW- 11th – Cherokee – Pilot Rock

SW – 12th Des Moines – Abigail Adams

Also reminder: If you have items for the State Regents projects table bring them to state conference and please be sure to mark them with your name & chapter.

I received a small box of items while on district tour and I don't know who donated them if you think it might be 'you' please contact me so that I can mark them for you – I think it might have been at Cedar Falls.

Thank you all for bringing items to help support our State Regent and her project. We will have a lot to share with you at State Conference.

As always please feel free to contact me with any questions.

—Marsha Hucke, State Vice Regent
marshahucke@hotmail.com



ISDAR Committees..

Research Reminders

Much progress has been made in solving the problem areas of documentation on applications this year. Workshops have been given and HWs (“have written”) were Verified. Much is yet to be done. There are still several HWs/AIRs (“additional information requested”) that still need to be Verified.

Remember: On the applications the first three generations require complete dates (day, month, and year) and places for all individuals, along with documentation to verify these facts. It is expected that vital records, such as birth and death will be provided. For other generations beyond the first three, here are some tips for places where one may look.

BIRTH MARRIAGE AND DEATH RECORDS:

Birth date and location evidence. Look for Bibles, church records and tombstones.

Look at Poll Tax and Jury Lists. May be evidence of legal age and if exempt, evidence of advanced age.

Jr. and Sr. may not be related. It could be a younger and an older man in the same area.

Marriage records. Witnesses and bondsman could be related to either party.

Marriage evidence. Look at land records. They may contain information about the spouse and children.

Death records. They may contain the name of the spouse.

Death evidence. Check for wills, guardianship records, letter of administration, probate records or final estate settlements and inventories. Check from the time of death to several years after.

Land records. Use these to separate two persons of the same name in the same community.

These are just a few. Network with your DAR sisters and other genealogists. Share your ideas. Someone else may be able to find that missing link or help you break through that brick wall!

—Carolyn DeLay, Lineage Research Chairman

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DAR wants YOU to volunteer for the DAR Genealogy Preservation Committee

This committee’s objective is to make the vast collection of DAR genealogical records easily accessible.

Currently their project is to categorize and document supporting documents submitted with applications and supplementals according to type, such as birth records, military records, family

records. Once the records are categorized, locating a specific document becomes quicker and easier for those who use these records throughout the application process.

But NSDAR can use your help. You can do it at home at a convenient time for yourself, as long as you have an internet connection. You assign yourself a set of documents and you are asked to complete the set within seven days.

Detailed instructions are provided and support is available daily via e-mail. Sets vary in size but there are generally less than 25 documents per set.

To learn more about this committee or to volunteer, visit the committee’s webpage.

STEPS TO VOLUNTEER FOR THE DAR GENEALOGY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE:

1. Go to e-membership on the NSDAR website.
2. Click on the Committees Tab.
3. Click on “Genealogy Preservation”.
4. In the gray box at right, click on VOLUNTEER.
5. Fill in the form, and SUBMIT.

HAPPY PRESERVING!

— Pam Marvin, Chairperson, Genealogy Preservation Committee
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Chapter Achievement Awards: Getting Your Chapter the Recognition it Deserves!

The 2016 ISDAR Chapter Achievement Award report is posted at [ISDAR_CAAward](#).

The NSDAR 2016 Chapter Achievement Awards (CAA) Report is located in the Chapter Master Report (CMR) on e-Membership, <http://emembership.dar.org>

The Daughters Newsletter, September/October 2016 issue, Committee Corner states, “Remember the deadline for reporting is **BEFORE February 1, 2017.**” It is best to avoid filing the reports on the last day or nearby. By filing on the very last days, etc., there is the potential that the computer system cannot handle the entire nation at the same time. Possibly reports could be considered as being late. It is to your advantage to complete and file the state and national reports several days before the absolute deadline of February 1, 2017.

√ Helpful aids for completing the National **CAA and CMR**:

e-Membership on DAR’s national website: There are excellent webinar videos for the first-time preparer as well as a review for others. On the national DAR website go to: Member’s Section; Webinar series; Webinar Archives; Chapter Leadership and the precise webinar is **e-MQ and e-CAA** dated Sept 2014, <https://youtu.be/LNYBFWdBY54>

Also, there is a wealth of information on the webpage for the committee for Chapter Achievement Awards offering several topics of information. Paper forms have been eliminated – submittals are all online.

√ Reminders for the **2016 ISDAR Chapter Achievement Award** report:

General: Go to the link (above), download the form to your computer. Then, open that copy and you can fill it in on your computer, and save it. As you input information, the form will do the math for you! To submit, when you’re done, just print a hard copy for your records; save as a PDF file then email the completed report to the State Chairman (see below). Note: When emailing the form you can type in the signatures. If the form is mailed, signatures will be needed.

Line item 2. “Score an additional 5 points for each prospective member who has attended a meeting and is working on her papers.” You may count each meeting that each prospective member attends.

Be sure to advise the various Iowa State Committee chairs of activities, reports, etc. your chapter has accomplished. There are reminders on the various forms.

Please contact me if you have any questions or are in need of help.

—Sylvia S. Blaesing,
State Chairman, Chapter Achievement Awards
2216 Oak Valley Dr., Muscatine IA 52761
Email: saba@machlink.com;
Cell phone: 563-299-6063

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Some welcome news on the DAR tour to Continental Congress

We have seats available on a direct flight from Des Moines to Washington, DC leaving Tuesday, June 27, 2017 and returning Monday July 3, 2017.

We plan on taking a bus to the hotel that evening and renting the bus to take us back and forth to the buildings and the DAR hotel. We are looking at staying at the Courtyard Foggy Bottom hotel.

Those of you wanting seats should email me, call, text, or run me down and give me your full name and birth date. We have 23 seats available so do so ASAP.

My email is ealy@gliddenwildblue.com, cell phone is [712 210-4450](tel:7122104450) for text or message.

The complete cost will be coming. It should be about what it was last time we went, which was \$1,700 to \$2,000 per person in a two-person room.

— Mary Ealy, Tour Committee



ISDAR Committees...

Link to Media Guidelines Added for Handy Reference

Thank you to all Iowa Daughters for your diligence in observing the guidelines for activities relating to the Public Relations & Social Media Committee, especially those pertaining to social media. As social media is such a new and fast changing medium, NSDAR has revised both the public relations and the social media guidelines into one concise directive. The information can be found on the ISDAR site. A link for the new guidelines has been added to the website for your convenience http://www.isdar.org/members/2016_NS DAR_Online_Guidelines.pdf.

Please read carefully and apply to all your activities of PR and Social Media. We know our grand State will have an exemplary record of compliance and thank you for your attention.

— Jodi Freet & Dione Norris, State Co-Chairmen
Public Relations & Social Media Committee

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Sybil's Night Ride by Karen Winnick

* ISBN 978-1590787717*

There are several different books about Sybil Ludington. There are at least six that are in print. The one that was handed out for the Chapter Chairs was a 2-6th grade level paperback book. Generally the 5th grade is when students study the American Revolutionary War.

To get the book to the schools, I would get in contact with the head teacher librarian of the district. The district can take designated donations OR help you order a book already in the curriculum that is relevant to the study of the American Revolution.

It does not need to be ordered from National. The book and hand out are just to jump start participation.

Other ways that Chapters can participate is to give DAR pamphlets to high school government classes, Flag etiquette, the pledge in ASL, etc.

Volunteering at a school is also a good way to participate, at the school closest to the member. They can go to the school and see what the vetting process is that they need to go through.

Junior high/middle school age students usually do a Family tree unit. And WE do know how to do that! Maybe go and help with that learning unit?

Don't forget: There are smaller daycare/schools that also welcome help and assistance.

"DAR Community in the Classroom" takes on many forms. Since it's a new Committee, all avenues to promote DAR in schools are open.

Cheers,
— Renee C. Brandow
Community in the Classroom Chairman

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State Organizing Secretary Ready to Get You Answers! Just Ask Her!

CHAPTERS - if you are having problems finding answers to your questions, problems with meeting attendance, or need help recruiting new members, remember as State Organizing Secretary I will help you. If you are having difficulty in negotiating the National or State DAR websites, let me know and I will try to find answers for you.

Cindi Carter, Iowa State Regent, and I would love to meet with you in an informal NO PINS/NO SASHES meeting over coffee and cookies (or better yet Dutch Letters) to hear about your achievements and to discuss if there is any way we can help with problems or projects of your Chapter. Call or email me to set a time to meet with us.

— Marlys M. Ankrum, State Organizing Secretary
E-mail: mmankrum55@gmail.com
Phone: 641-752-0381



ISDAR Committees...

Iowa Member Special Anniversaries for 2016

Twenty-five years as a member of DAR? How about 30 or more years? Iowa's State Membership Chairman invites you to join in congratulating these Iowa Daughters on achieving milestone anniversaries.

Abigail Adams

25 Swartzendruber, Roberta

Algona

25 Morris, Judith
30 Hertz, Grace
50 Bilsborough, Patricia

Ashley

30 Bertling, Caroline
30 Kime, Noreen
30 Reece, Barbara
30 Wilkey, Mary
30 Wilkey, Susan
40 Pennell, Greta

Candle-Stick

25 Petersen, JoAnn

Cedar Falls

25 Hansmeier, Jean
25 Lang, Lisa
30 Iseminger, Beth

Council Bluffs

25 Green, Sharon
25 Harrison, Tanya
25 Welbourne, Joyce
65 Nielsen, Catherine

De Shon

30 McDonald, Margaret

Elizabeth Ross

25 Allison, Stefanie

Fort Dodge

25 Gilg, Cheryl
30 Havlik, Alice
40 Sauter, Dixie

Glenwood

30 Downing, Nancy
40 Smith, D. Eileen

Grinnell

25 Shannon, Jeanette

Hannah Caldwell

25 Anderson, Christine
25 Mildt, Ruth
25 Pruter, Vickie
50 Smith, Beverly

Hannah Lee

40 Baker, Genevieve
50 Carlson, Joann
50 Meyer, Lafonda
50 Yarcho, Diane
65 Brannon, Roberta

James Harlan

30 Gibbons, Waunita

Jean Espy

25 Peevler, Donna
40 Bonta, Karen
40 Kaiser, Elizabeth

Jean Marie Cardinell

25 Losenicky, Nancy
25 McGuire, Mary Louise
25 Sanders, Margaret
30 Van Dyke, Myrtle
40 Beavers, Susan
50 Westerly, La

Julien Dubuque

50 Kunnert, Susan

Ladies Of The Lake

25 Westerman, Laura
30 Zenor, Paula
30 Merrill, Wanda
40 Schwenneker, Evelyn
65 Rosendahl, Anita

Lawrence Van Hook

25 Hughes, Alma
40 Wilslef, Carolyn

Lucy Standish-Newcastle

30 Charlson, Geraldine

Marion Linn

25 Pettig, Paula
25 Spencer, Marjorie
50 Oxley, Jeanne
50 Petrak, T

Martha Washington

25 Farr, Joan

Mason City

25 Kisner, Suzanne
50 Roberts, Barbara
60 Kennedy, Wanda

Mayflower

20 Boots, Janet
25 Brownell, Dona
25 Dundorf, Anne

Nancy Mc Kay Harsh

25 Minnick, Clarice
30 Sestak, Betty
40 Collison, Jeanne
40 Marvin, Pamela

Nathaniel Fellows

30 Garringer, Raygena
30 Johnson, Ardath
40 Hucke, Marsha

Open Fire

30 Van Patter, Garnet
40 Kimberling, Verna

Oskaloosa-Mary Marion

25 Day, JoAnne
50 Rainey, Betty

Pilgrim

30 Evins, Penelope
40 Weber, Ann
40 Woolums, Shirley

Pilot Rock

25 Ehmcke-Murphy, Brenda

Revolutionary Dames

50 Chambers, Agnes

Shenandoah

25 Vislisl, Stephanie
40 Goodrich, Mary
40 Walter, Dorothy
40 Young, Shirley
75 Clark, Alyce

Solomon Dean

25 Giles, Raola
25 Posegate, Wilma

Spinning Wheel

25 Collins, Beverly
25 Gabel, Linda
25 Larsen, Nancy

Stars And Stripes

40 Lerud-Chubb, DiAnne

Sun Dial

25 Thompson, Ruth Hiatt

— Donna Knight, Chairman
Membership Committee



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Report Your Hours in Service to America

Congratulations to all members and chapters for 2016 Annual Day of Service activities. Have you started to plan for the 2017 Annual Day of Service, October 11, 2017? Chapter observance is encouraged anytime during October 7 - 14, 2017.

2016 volunteer / service hours should be included in the Chapter's 2016 Master Chapter Report due January, 2017. The Service to America section lists three items to report.

1. List the total number of hours of community service performed by members of the chapter. (This is an aggregate number. Please include all hours entered in the Online Tally as well as any hours not entered online.)
2. Did your chapter include "Service to America" minutes at regular chapter meetings?
3. If not already shared through the Service to America website, describe in detail how your members provided Service to America within your community through service to others.

(Source: DAR, Members' Section, Forms & Publications, Chapter Master Report (Printed), NSDAR Chapter Master Report 2016, PDF, Page 33 of 37)

Please enter your volunteer / service hours from the Annual Day of Service and for your other activities, e.g. service to the Seniors, Hospital/Health Services, Youth, Veterans, Literacy events, or Historic Preservation projects. Review the NSDAR website, Service to America Committee, "What is Meaningful Community Service?" for specific guidance.

We wish to have the volunteer hours of Iowa DAR ladies recorded. Thank You!

— Lois Iseminger, Beth Iseminger
Co-Chairmen

iaserviceamerica@gmail.com

Iowa Service to America Committee

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Of Special Note...

In Memoriam

Ruth Lucille Anderson

#575759
Priscilla Alden Chapter
Joined 02/01/1973
Passed 08/20/2016

Doris Jean Brewer Carlson

#957383
Mayflower Chapter
Joined 05/05/2016
Passed 10/08/2016

Josephine Marie Hermann Frey

#351063
Jean Marie Cardinell Chapter
Joined 04/19/1945
Passed 08/18/2016

Margaret Irene Genschmer

#489843
Lucy Standish-Newcastle Chapter
Joined 10/18/1962
Passed 10/02/2016

Jeanne Loal Hilton Kalahar

#375550
Mason City Chapter
Joined 04/17/1948
Passed 09/24/2016

Joan Alice Ball Klauss

#692089
Abigail Adams Chapter
Joined 06/11/1985
Passed 09/29/2016

Patricia Ann Bundt McAtee

#846758
Priscilla Alden Chapter
Joined 10/07/2006
Passed 10/04/2016

Marjorie Helene Long Petersen

#792243
Ashley Chapter
Joined 06/05/1999
Passed 10/10/2016

Anita S. Rosendahl

#405159
Ladies of the Lake Chapter
Joined 12/05/1951
Passed 11/10/2016

Florence Irene Knight Turner

#616883
Nancy McKay Harsh Chapter
Joined 04/16/1977
Passed 09/17/2016

Josephine Walter

#602286
Nancy McKay Harsh Chapter
Joined 12/05/1975
Passed 08/30/2016

Linda Jean Williams

#753911
Hannah Caldwell Chapter
Joined 10/14/1993
Passed 10/25/2016

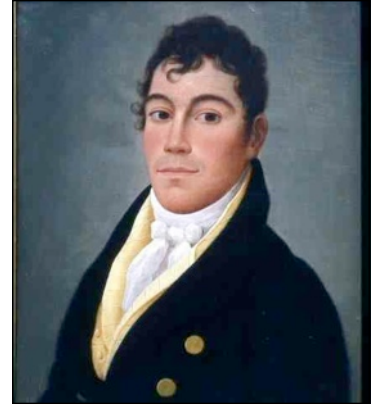
Lois Patricia Hume Windhorst

#389019
Shenandoah Chapter
Joined 12/06/1949
Passed 10/20/2016

The Iowa Room: Our corner in Washington, D.C.

SHANGHAIED!

Three years ago in this newsletter, attention was directed to the Iowa Room's portrait of dashing Captain Oliver Blanchard, which had been the DAR Museum featured object in the July/August 2013 edition of *The Daughters of the American Revolution Newsletter*. The 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 the Iowa Society DAR funded conservation of the painting in 2004. At that time, a sketch of sailing vessels was discovered verso.

Some years later, as the article relates, mention of the captain's last voyage was found in maritime

history publications. Thanks to various resources, this chairman was thrilled to solve some of the mystique surrounding the handsome Captain Blanchard, including information on his parents, birth, marriage, career and death. 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.

One morning early in the fall, an SOS from an Iowa Daughter who holds our room close to her heart alerted me that Captain Blanchard was missing! Not having received the usual courtesy notice of an object's removal from the room (he's been loaned to exhibitions before), I immediately contacted museum curators. "Nice to hear from you," they said. Sure enough, the portrait had been temporarily relocated to the Rhode Island Room for the duration of the current costume exhibition, "An Agreeable Tyrant: Fashion After the Revolution".

Since the main gallery is closed for renovation, the exhibit is staged in some of the period rooms — though not in Iowa's. According to Alden O'Brien, exhibition curator, "I love having the Captain looking like (Jane Austin's) Mr. Darcy midst the 1800-1815 outfits ..."

We are pleased that he is so in demand, as we think he is pretty special ourselves! If you attend Continental Congress in 2017, be assured that by that time, "...home is the sailor, home from the sea...", and thankfully, not shanghaied after all.

— Sara Jane Harwood,
Iowa Room Chairman

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Update on State Historical Society

As of January 4, 2017 the facilities in Iowa City and Des Moines will add an additional day of operation. The **new hours will be Wednesday – Saturday 9:00 am -4:30 pm.**

This was announced in a news release in October. Also in that release it was noted that the inventory and assessment of the collections in Iowa City and Des Moines and other historic sites around the state — over 209 million pieces — is nearing its final phase. It will begin in the near future. The staff of the University of Iowa Libraries will assist with this process. An outside consultant, who is knowledgeable in Iowa history and with archival training, will be looking at the collections and will independently evaluate the SHSI's collection in Iowa City, to identify top historically significant and at-risk objects and make recommendations for large-scale digitization.

If anyone has additional questions or concerns please feel free to contact me.

Our voices have been heard and we need to keep speaking to our state legislators and staff at both facilities. We can't relax on this. We need to keep being the 'squeaky wheel'!

— Marsha Hucke,
State Historical Society Liaison

ET CETERA...

**New Iowa Members
September, October
& November, 2016**

Ashley Chapter
Amanda Halliday

Cedar Falls Chapter
Nancy Kendall
Patricia McCabe
Michele Wetzel

Council Bluffs Chapter
Linda Marek

DeShon Chapter
LaDonna Osborn

Fort Dodge Chapter
Susan Carlson

Grinnell Chapter
Barbara Douglas

Hannah Lee Chapter
Jill Amdahl

James Harlan Chapter
Susan Clark

Ladies of the Lake
Nancy Redheffer

Mason City
Claire Eliason

Mayflower Chapter
Roma Baker
Rubye Stewart
Sandra Stewart

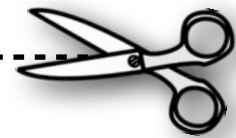
Nancy McKay Harsh Chapter
Kelly Franklin
Renae Beard

Onawa Chapter
Deborah Kostinec

Pilot Rock
Kaitlyn Parrott
Lynette Hyndman

Spinning Wheel
Shirley Zaiger

Sun Dial Chapter
Beatrice Almquist
Ruth Harris
Peri Jacobsen



Iowa DAR Shirt Order will be placed for delivery
at State Conference April 2017
—Place your order by March 1, 2017—

Navy Blue	Ladies S-XL	Ladies XXL	Ladies 3XL	Quantity/Size
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	Men's S-XL	Men's XXL	Men's 3XL	
Short Sleeve T-shirt	\$11.00	\$14.00	\$15.00	
Long Sleeve T-shirt	\$18.00	\$19.00	\$20.00	
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