

Iowa Society

Daughters of the American Revolution ♡

Whatever you do, do your work heartily as for the Lord rather than for men.
Colossians 3:23 NASB



"Serve others with all your Heart."

From the State Regent

Marla Huebler Suter ♡

Iowa Daughters,

We are on the brink of a new year, less than 30 days remain in 2020, and I suspect all of us will be happy to bid it farewell! The new year will come with new challenges and new opportunities and I have no doubt Iowa Daughters will meet them all head on as they go about serving others with all their heart.

I hope you find a way to participate in the Wreaths Across America program on December 19th at a cemetery near you. There are currently 15 locations within the state, but there could be many more. Becoming involved in Wreaths Across America as a location coordinator or a fundraising group is a wonderful way to remember and honor our veterans. I have been a location coordinator for the past several years for a cemetery in Knoxville and it is truly a rewarding experience. It is also a great fundraising opportunity for your chapter. If you would like more information, please go to [Wreaths Across America](#).

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Please start working on the Chapter Master Report (CMR) as soon as you are able. This report is such an important tool for the State Committee Chairman to gather and submit information to the Division Chairman and for the State Regent to use in compiling the annual report to National to illustrate how Iowa Daughters are continuing to Rise and Shine in everything they do! The CMR cut-off date is February 1, 2021.

We are planning to move forward with State Conference, April 22-24, 2021, however, we have not yet determined if it will be an in-person or virtual meeting. I anticipate the executive board will be discussing options in January and as soon as we confirm the plan, we will share that information. In the meantime, please make sure to fill out your chapter credentials form and get it sent in by the March 29, 2021 deadline. It will be extremely important to submit the form this year so that your chapter will have delegates eligible to participate in the Zoom portion of the virtual conference if we have to move online.

I have to say once again, that your team of State Officers and State Committee Chairman stand ready and willing to help you with whatever you need as we move through these times. It has never been more important to stay connected electronically so please keep an eye on the ISDAR members website (<http://www.isdar.org/members/>) for the latest news and information and don't forget to check out the ISDAR Committees tab for updates.

Stay safe, stay well and continue to *Serve others with all you Heart* during this holiday season and into the new year! Thank you for all you do!

Marla Huebler Suter
State Regent, ISDAR

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ready and willing to help you with
whatever you need as we move
through these times.*



From the Vice Regent

Edee Brunia

Greetings for this Holiday Season!

My appreciation goes out to all the ladies that made the Fall Forum a great success. The enthusiasm our ladies have for DAR was certainly on display. As always, sales and donations were tremendous. Our new venue seemed to work well. I trust all of our members voted this year, as it is not only a privilege but also a responsibility to vote in our free secret elections. Not all nations have this right to vote and it was especially momentous as a remembrance of the 100th year of the right for women to vote. I hope you and your families were careful with Thanksgiving and will again be careful for the Christmas Holidays. Our family did not gather but we did zoom everybody and we could not figure out why we had not done it before now. This year has not been all doom and gloom, there are good things we have developed to accommodate our new conditions that will serve us well in the future.

For the projects under my watch, a huge "Thank You" goes out to the ladies who contributed to the State Regent's Project and our State Regent is pleased with the progress of the money raised for the support of the Friends of the DAR Schools to further the DAR mission of fostering education. If anyone would like State Regent's Project items for Christmas presents please contact me by email, phone, or mail and the items can be sent to you.

Iowa ladies are also extremely generous in contributions to the President General's Project as evidenced by the wonderful response to the Team "Iowa Hearts" Selling Starlight campaign on Giving Tuesday.

Thank you to the ladies who contributed to the State Regent's Project!



Edee Brunia, State Vice Regent
"Serve others with all your Heart."

This campaign was to generate funding for the recreation of 972 lay light panels using modern technology. The next time we get to attend Continental Congress it will be spectacular to see the redesigned Constitution Hall. Please contact me if you would like the President General's Project items pictured on the ISDAR website under the PG project committee. They can be sent to you.

If your chapter will be electing your State Conference delegates soon, the form is up and running on the ISDAR website under the forms of the State Regent and State Vice Regent. The deadline for submission of Credentials is March 29th, 2021. There is also an information sheet along with the Credentials form. You will notice that our State Regent has changed our formal letterhead and all the officers are listed on it with their contact information for easy access. The chapters do not have to wait to send in their delegates. No matter if we have an in-person or a virtual meeting in the spring, the Credentials form will be used for the official voting.

I am always happy to help the ladies and chapters that email and call for help with information. Keep up your amazing work, stay safe and Happy New Year, it just has to get better! We Can Do It!

Serve others with all your Heart.

Edee Brunia
State Vice Regent, ISDAR

Fall Forum Service Project Report

Domestic Violence Intervention Project (DVIP), sponsored by Southeast District

On Saturday morning, October 24, approximately 50 Iowa Daughters enthusiastically participated in the Fall Forum Service project. Toiletries collected for the Domestic Violence Intervention Project (DVIP) in Iowa City were sorted and gathered into kits which were then placed into a collection of interesting purses and tote bags.

Ninety-six complete toiletry kits consisting of body wash, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, razor, toothbrush and toothpaste were assembled and placed in purses and tote bags. An additional twenty-five incomplete sets, mostly missing just shampoo and conditioner, were collected. Each kit included a note card indicating that it was a gift from the Iowa Society Daughters of the American Revolution. Each participating daughter received a purple ribbon to show her support of survivors of domestic violence.

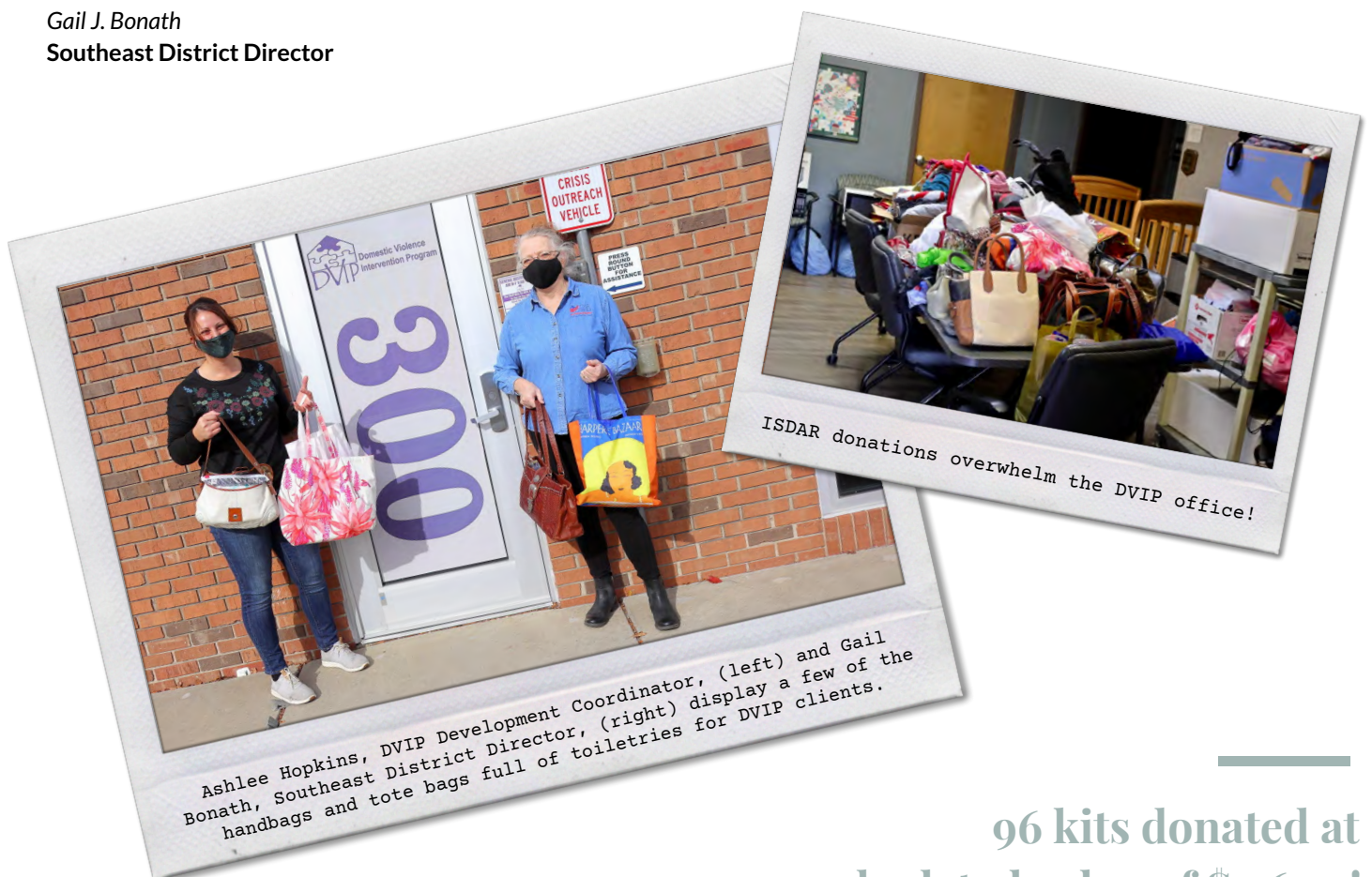
The calculated value of the toiletries was \$3600 and another \$147 for DVIP was collected at the conference.

About 25 Iowa daughters took advantage of the Amazon wish list in order to contribute to the project.

Southeast District Director Gail Bonath joined the conference virtually to provide an introduction to the project. Grinnell Chapter members Jane Cruchelow and Linda Hatch provided hands on organization at the meeting. After the kits were assembled, daughters watched a documentary titled Power and Control: Domestic Violence in America.

On October 28, all toiletries were delivered to DVIP and were received by Ashlee Hopkins, Development Coordinator.

Gail J. Bonath
Southeast District Director



Ashlee Hopkins, DVIP Development Coordinator, (left) and Gail Bonath, Southeast District Director, (right) display a few of the handbags and tote bags full of toiletries for DVIP clients.

**96 kits donated at
a calculated value of \$3,600!**

From the State Registrar

Kathy Pezley

Welcome



Kathy Pezley, State Registrar
"Serve others with all your Heart."

Welcome to our 32 new Iowa Daughters 9/5/2020 – 11/5/2020

Artesia	Janet Gales	Lawrence Van Hook	Kelly Shadle
Cedar Falls	Denise Launderville	Marion Linn	Lori Schoenhard
De Shon	Margaret Evans		Teresa Hanson
	Kira Standfest	Mason City	Lynda Johnson
	Jacque Meis	Mayflower	Joanne Peach
Hannah Caldwell	Suzanna Swisher	Nathaniel Fellows	Jayne McGuire
	Christine Harvey		Mary Kruse
	Rebecca Schroeder	Open Prairie	Emma Russell
Helen Hinman Dwelle	Anastasia LaMoore	Pilgrim	Patricia Peterson
	Shirley Skarlis		Mary Mahaffa
	Janet Lawler		Alycia Lentz
Henry Knox	Sandra Jaarsma	Pilot Rock	Jeralyn Volkert
	Constance Haronik	Sun Dial-Solomon Dean	Connie Buche
Jean Espy	Rebecca Brandenberger		Lori Costello
Jean Marie Cardinell	Shelly Gordon	Washington	Julianna Berg
	Sharleen Newton		
	Ruth Hardin		

Welcome back to these reinstated Daughters 9/5/2020 – 11/5/2020

Anna Maria Lane	Carol Ashby
Council Bluffs	Lauretta (Laurie) Payne
Hannah Caldwell	Mary Joan Morrison
Jean Marie Cardinell	Barbara Fors
Sun Dial-Solomon Dean	Grace Miller

State & National Committees

Chairs Reports

America 250! Committee

*Nancy Geiger & Beth Iseminger,
Co-Chairmen*

The public ISDAR website (isdar.org) has a new webpage housing Patriot Stories! The link Stories of our Patriot Ancestors is found within the top banner. The page is a repository of the experiences of our forebears. These Patriots acted to create and found our country! These Patriot Stories seek to remember and honor the Patriots' contributions (military, civil or patriotic).

Iowa Daughters are encouraged to share the efforts of their Patriots. In this manner we can let others know what it took to affect the Revolution and start a new country. The committee has a goal of 250 posted stories by the end of the Suter administration.

The Patriot Stories Submission Guidelines (found at: www.isdar.org/Story_Guidelines.pdf) inform the writer that their Patriot must meet current NSDAR service standards and the basic format for their submitted story.

Please submit the document electronically, as an email attachment to either bethaiseminger@gmail.com (for Beth) or agngag@msn.com (for Nancy).

American Indians Committee

Sharon Greenlee, Chairman

We honor those who devote themselves to defending our nation, yet many Americans are unaware of the exceptional military service performed by Native Americans.

Native Americans have served in the U.S. Armed Forces since the American Revolution.

The Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian is recognizing their dedication and sacrifice by establishing a National Native American Veterans Memorial on the grounds of the National Mall in Washington, D.C.

The memorial, "Warriors' Circle of Honor" is a stainless steel circle balanced on an intricately carved stone drum. The circle is meant to transcend not only tribal affiliation but time itself.



Native Americans saw the circle in the sun and the moon, in the weather, in the seasons and the cycle of life. The design is simple, powerful, and timeless.

The design incorporates water for sacred ceremonies, benches for gathering and reflection, and four lances where veterans, family members, tribal leaders, and others can tie cloths for prayers, healing, or promises. Whenever the wind blows, it carries that prayer to whom it is dedicated.

The National Native American Veterans Memorial was unveiled on Veterans Day, November 11, 2020. An appropriate time as it was also Native American Month.

Americanism Committee

Denise Yoder, Chairman

As we continue to navigate our lives with Coronavirus, opportunities to participate in Naturalization Ceremonies have changed. We frequently find that due to the limitations placed on physical gatherings it is no longer possible to attend these events. Please be sure to check local and regional guidelines prior to making plans as many ceremonies have been moved or canceled.

Below, please find suggested activities for individuals or chapters as we continue in our attempts to support new citizens:

- Refresh your citizenship knowledge by reading the DAR Manual for Citizenship and take the Citizenship Quiz. Provide a display for a library or community center: <https://www.dar.org/national-society/education/dar-manual-citizenship>
- Present the DAR Medal of Honor or Americanism Medal to a worthy recipient. For information and forms, please visit the Americanism Committee Section of the Members Website: <https://www.dar.org/members/committees>
- Help someone become a Naturalized Citizen by visiting the US Citizenship and Immigration Services website: www.uscis.gov
- Attend a Naturalization Ceremony and provide welcome kits for new citizens (when permitted and safe to do so).
- Naturalized Citizens, see who appears, and share with your chapter.
- Start a chapter book club focused on outstanding Americans.
- Fly and distribute the U.S. Flag: <https://www.usa.gov/flag>
- Wear your U.S. Flag pin and give one to a friend: <https://shop.dar.org/>
- Honor an outstanding American with a flag flown over Constitution Hall. Order form: <https://www.dar.org/sites/default/files/members/committees/flag/pdf/FUSA-WP-1000%20Jul%202019%20%20-W.PDF>
- Distribute patriotic materials to schools, libraries, and civic organizations: <https://www.dar.org/national-society/education>
- Share the American Spirit Magazine with a neighbor, library, or community center: <https://www.dar.org/national-society/american-spirit-magazine/subscribe>



Chapter Development and Revitalization Committee

Carolyn DeLay & Sylvia Blaesing, Co-Chairmen

Feeling frustrated? Apathy in your chapter? Members unable to use technology for meetings? Members unable to get out in the Pandemic? We all have different feelings during these times. How can we help our chapters continue to function as a harmonious unit? Need tips for programs? Ideas for Zoom meetings? Help with technology? Contact the CDRC (Action 5) for ideas to share. We will send you ideas, if you cannot find them on the DAR website. Contact committee members for assistance with workshops, with or without Zoom, research, membership, fun ideas. We are here to help you. Get creative. Be sure to consider the recommendations for meetings when meeting. Here are just a few general things that chapters can do together, as meetings and technology allow. For more specific things, contact the CDRC Committee.

State Resources

- New Members Course-Encourage new members to sign up!
- New Horizons Course-Re-invigorate your love of all things DAR by taking this course
- State Officers have many resources available

Chapter Resources - Have members help that are unable to do a meeting, physically or otherwise, assist.

- Membership Brochure.
- Chapter website
- Press Release
- Public Service Announcements
- Take the Chapter Annual Assessment and see how your chapter is doing. Let members, as well as chapter officers, fill it out anonymously and return it. Get a feel of how others think the chapter and its leaders are doing.

Begin with a chapter brochure. Include a membership contact name, telephone number and e-mail address. Put the brochure in your local library. List your chapter events and meeting times. Update your chapter webpage. Use the website to attract new members. Use the Press release to publicize your chapter meetings and events. Did you know that most public television stations will Air your public service announcements? You can publicize your chapter meeting times or community events.

General Resources

- Online Library Lectures
- Archived Webinars
- Power Point Presentations can be shared during a meeting, Zoom or regular.

"Let your light shine before others that they may see your good deeds."

DAR Leadership Training Committee

Sylvia Blaesing, Chairman

MEMBERS COURSE: Online Study Program

The Members Course in the DAR Leadership Training Program has open enrollment for members to join upon contacting the State Coordinator.

The two major requirements are:

Desire to Learn

Computer with Internet Access

This online computer course is available to all members of ISDAR. All study material is available online. The Members Course is a great way to learn more about our organization. It is beneficial for all years of membership and all ages. Contact Sylvia Blaesing at calicoacres2@comcast.net or by mobile: 563-299-6063



GRADUATION for the Online Study Course

Congratulations to Iowa DAR members completing courses in the DAR Leadership Training Program. Graduations are normally held during the State Conference. Working through the Covid19 restrictions required many changes, so Graduation for 2020 was held at Fall Forum, October 2020.

The VanBuren Administration has set goals for chapters and states to promote leadership training. In addition, for the first time, outstanding members have been recognized for their Independent Projects and/or Capstone Projects. Final decisions were made by North Central Division chairs. See members per asterisk * notation.

New Members Course:

This is the last graduation for participants in New Members. This group is small as it has been phased out. The VanBuren Administration changed the name to the Members Course and moved additional modules into the new course. New Members graduates that wish to continue with New Horizons have additional courses to take, thus making New Members and Members courses equal.

New Members and Members Course graduates complete an Independent Project. That can be accomplished by one's self. The subject is not required to be pre-approved by the State Coordinator and fits into the mission of DAR. It does not have to be a huge project, but something of special interest to the member.

Kristi Hager – Nathaniel Fellows; *Updating ISDAR Page Manual*.

Kathleen Jespersion – Nathaniel Fellows; *Knitting as a War Effort - WWI*.

****Debra Jorgenson** – Jean Marie Cardinell; *My Grandson Will Have Downs Syndrome, What Now?*

Members Course:

Suzanne Adkisson – Nancy McKay Harsh - *Historic Preservation – Iowa Daughters Heirloom Project.*
Jacqueline Beard – Henry Knox – *DAR Display at the Chariton, Iowa Library.*
Edee Brunia – Jean Marie Cardinell – *Field trip to 19th Amendment Mural at the Iowa State Capitol.*
Deborah Crawford – Cedar Falls – *Scanned Volumes of Chapter & Other Documents for Preservation.*
Sharon Greenlee – Elizabeth Ross – *Indexing on NSDAR website DAR genealogical and membership information.*
Diana Kading – Abigail Adams – *Submitted a watercolor to American Heritage contest.*
Laura Kozin – Abigail Adams – *Designed a chapter tee shirt re: Abigail Adams' quote "Remember the Ladies".*
****Barbara MacDougall** – DeShon – *Learning Proper Gravestone Cleaning Techniques.*
Tina McCleary – Jean Marie Cardinell Chapter – *Hand quilting lap quilts while teaching her seven granddaughters to appreciate the tradition and need for their families.*
Fran Myhre – Martha Washington – *Historic Preservation – Iowa Daughters Heirloom Project.*
Pamela Said – Abigail Adam – *Historic Preservation – Iowa Daughters Heirloom Project.*
Cathie Schreiner – James Harlan – *VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars) Friday Night Meal and of course the clean up afterwards.*
Karen Wilson – Mayflower – *Prepared Nomination for literacy Promotion Committee.*

New Horizons Course:

After participants have completed a minimum of 37 modules their course can be completed with a capstone project. This project requires the participant to work with others, chapter or otherwise, to lead and complete a project together.

Edee Brunia – Jean Marie Cardinell – *Event for Des Moines Veterans Hospital – Bingo Night.*
Kathleen Jespersion – Nathaniel Fellows – *1 Million Pillowcase Challenge.*
Diana Kading – Abigail Adams – *Aid to Flooded Victims in Southwest Iowa.*
Barbara MacDougall – DeShone - *NSDAR Commemorative Plaque for the Cole Schoolhouse.*
Jeanette Shannon – Grinnell – *Planning & Collecting for Food Pantries in Jasper & Poweshiek Counties.*
Paula Smith – Abigail Adams – *Plan and Organize Sale of Chapter Owned DAR Pins.*
***Denise Yoder** – Nathaniel Fellows – *Preemie Project Sew-In: Bedding item for Iowa hospitals.*

Members are encouraged to participate in this online study course.
Contact Sylvia Blaesing at calicoacres2@comcast.net or by mobile: 563-299-6063



Genealogical Records Committee

Shelley Wells, Chairman

We invite members to participate in the ongoing Genealogical Records Committee programs. The 10-page challenge and the new children of Patriot Challenge are two ways you can contribute to the DAR library and earn chapter credits. The new children of Patriot Challenge can be done by looking at your own Patriot Ancestor. Did he have a will? If so, are there other children listed within the will that are not a part of the DAR database? If this is the case then you can submit the information to me and I will help you organize the records. Remember one new document might make the difference in a new membership or a new supplemental application or even make the difference in your own brick wall. And every new document makes our NSDAR library better than it already is!



I am pleased to announce that Lena Schrader of the James Harlan chapter is the second quarter winner for her submission to the Genealogical Records Committee. She will be receiving the Boston Tea Party pin in remembrance of the Boston Tea Party protest that occurred on December 16, 1773.

The Grand Prize will be an Insignia holder for the person or chapter who submits the most records prior to the next State Conference in April 2021.

Iowa Room Committee:

Prior furnishings, where are they now?

Marsha Hucke, Chairman

I was going through some items recently from a disbanded chapter and I came across a booklet, "History of the Iowa Society Daughters of the American Revolution 1891-1946" 24 pages. It was published in conjunction with the commemoration of the Iowa Centennial Celebration.

Contained therein (pg.14-15) was an article on the Iowa Banner, created by ISDAR State Regent (1915-1918) Dixie C. Gebhardt. Nine banners were presented to the Iowa National Guard intended to be regimental banners. It was unfurled before the troops in France on New Year's Day, 1918. The article documents what happened to three of the nine and one of interest to us is a flag that had been presented to General H. Allen. It was obtained by Mrs Guy Logan of Des Moines and was placed in the Iowa Room at Memorial Continental Hall. What happened to this flag? Certainly, we know with time if not stored properly they will deteriorate. I did contact the curator of furnishings at headquarters and of course Patrick is working from home and does not have access to all the records. He indicated generally something of this nature would have been returned to the state of Iowa. So, I have proceeded to do a little more digging through the Iowa Room archives and I did find a notation (with no date) indicating the Curator General asked that it be removed from the room.

So that piqued my interest on a couple of other articles that I know are no longer in the room so watch this space for future "Where are they now?" articles.



Dixie Cornell Gebhardt, ca. 1895

source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dixie_Cornell_Gebhardt

Junior Sales Committee

Cyndie Reppert & Jaclyn Kurtz, Co-Chairmen

The Junior Sales Committee is so excited about the donations made to the YB Boutique at the Fall Forum. The Forum was so successful as a safe, productive, and informational meeting.

We are again taking orders for our famous DAR Name Badges. The order form for the badges is on the following page. The price of the pin badge is \$11 and magnetic badge is \$13. We will be taking orders to be delivered at the State Conference. We would appreciate you sharing this message and the order form with your members.

We hope everyone has a great Christmas and a special wish to Yvonne Boone, Honorary Vice President General.



Sample Name Badge

DAR Name Badge Order Form

(Read all Notes at the bottom of the form before placing your order.)

Print Name as it should appear on your Name Badge: _____

DA R Chapter Name: Check the box in front of your chapter

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Algona, Algona Chapter | <input type="checkbox"/> Fort Dodge, Fort Dodge Chapter | <input type="checkbox"/> Oskaloosa, Oskaloosa Chapter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ames, Sun Dial-Solomon Dean Chapter | <input type="checkbox"/> Fort Madison, Jean Espy Chapter | <input type="checkbox"/> Ottumwa, Elizabeth Ross Chapter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Belle Plaine, Artesia Chapter | <input type="checkbox"/> Glenwood, Glenwood Chapter | <input type="checkbox"/> Shenandoah, Shenandoah Chapter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boone, DeShon Chapter | <input type="checkbox"/> Grinnell, Grinnell Chapter | <input type="checkbox"/> Sioux City, Martha Washington Chapter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Burlington, Stars & Stripes Chapter | <input type="checkbox"/> Hampton, Candle-Stick Chapter | <input type="checkbox"/> Spirit Lake, Ladies of the Lake Chapter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carroll, Priscilla Alden Chapter | <input type="checkbox"/> Iowa City, Nathaniel Fellows Chapter | <input type="checkbox"/> Swea City, Anna Maria Lane Chapter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cedar Falls, Cedar Falls Chapter | <input type="checkbox"/> Iowa City, Pilgrim Chapter | <input type="checkbox"/> Tipton, Open Prairie Chapter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cedar Rapids, Ashley Chapter | <input type="checkbox"/> Knoxville, Henry Knox Chapter | <input type="checkbox"/> Washington, Washington Chapter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cedar Rapids, Mayflower Chapter | <input type="checkbox"/> Maquoketa, Lawrence Van Hook Chapter | <input type="checkbox"/> Waverly, Revolutionary Dames Chapter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cherokee, Pilot Rock Chapter | <input type="checkbox"/> Marion, Marion – Linn Chapter | <input type="checkbox"/> West Union, Hannah Lee Chapter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clarion, Lucy Standish/Newcastle Chapter | <input type="checkbox"/> Marshalltown, Spinning Wheel Chapter | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Council Bluffs, Council Bluffs Chapter | <input type="checkbox"/> Mason City, Mason City Chapter | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Creston, Nancy McKay Harsh Chapter | <input type="checkbox"/> Mount Pleasant, James Harlan Chapter | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Davenport, Hannah Caldwell Chapter | <input type="checkbox"/> Muscatine, Mus-Quo-Ta Chapter | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Des Moines, Abigail Adams Chapter | <input type="checkbox"/> Northwood, Helen Hinman Dwell Chapter | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Des Moines, Jean Marie Cardinell Chapter | <input type="checkbox"/> Onawa, Onawa Chapter | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eldora, Open Fire Chapter | <input type="checkbox"/> Osage, Lucretia Deering Chapter | |

Contact Email: _____

Contact phone: _____

Magnet or Pin? Magnet \$13 Pin \$11 **Notes:**

1. Caution, if sensitive to magnets because of a pacemaker, etc.; order a Pin rather than a magnet.
2. Orders will be made to the company when we have at least 20 requests for name badges.
3. Only the chapter name (not the city) will print on the name badge as shown in the sample below.
4. Each name badge is \$ **above**. Please make checks payable to **Cyndie Reppert**
5. Mail Name Badge Order Form to:

Cyndie Reppert
PO Box 333
Ft. Madison IA 52627
319-750-4878

6. Name tags will be delivered at the next state meeting. Those are:
 - Fall Forum
 - State Conference
 - Arrangements for mailing to chapter



Sample Name Badge

Lineage Research Committee

Carolyn DeLay, Chairman

There is that time when we are researching that we come upon a pension record, land deed, or probate record of our patriot or a great-great-grandparent that contains an actual signature, and we feel that excitement at seeing something that old that belonged to someone in our ancestry. But what can we do to preserve these moments in time?

1. Frame a record.

Create simple artwork by printing and framing records that include your ancestor's signature. Display the frame in your home, or gift it to a family member.

2. Overlay a signature on a photo.

Use photo-editing software to place an ancestor's signature over a picture of him. Free websites such as Canva work nicely, as do more sophisticated photo-restoration software like Adobe Lightroom or Photoshop. This creates a meaningful connection between your newly found record and a cherished photograph.

3. Add to a scrapbook or photo album.

Print out a few signatures that you've discovered and paste them alongside photographs, printouts or other memorabilia in a collection.

4. Attach to online family trees.

Like other historical images, signatures make great additions to online family trees and software programs—particularly in lieu of photos of your ancestor himself. They can be shared with all family members in a special private photo album on Facebook, also added to FamilySearch and Ancestry trees so other family members can find and enjoy them.”

5. Create a signature pedigree chart.

Signature pedigree charts can be a great way to combine your research with a gift or family history display. Instead of typing or hand-writing your ancestor's name, place the signature on a family tree. You can order pedigree surname charts free on many sites online.

These can make great gifts for genealogists and non-genealogists alike. These signatures can be used to make projects during this pandemic as birthday, anniversary, Christmas presents. Seeing all these signatures arranged can be emotional and deeply meaningful. Make your research fun during this pandemic time.



Article in "Family Tree"
by Anne Rose Johnson.

Literacy Promotion Committee

Ann Gabel, Chairman

Because of the ongoing COVID crisis, many adults are placed in a position of educating our children and grandchildren. We have not seen challenges such as these in our lifetime. I encourage each of you to record your hours and report them. More of us have had to, “Rise and Shine for America” in ways unthought of a year ago. Please report how you have met these challenges. I am looking forward to learning about the ways we have demonstrated resilience, found successes, and want to share them with you. We all have a story that needs to be told!

The purpose of the Literacy Promotion Committee national contest is to recognize outstanding service by DAR members, chapters, and states in the promotion of literacy. Contest winners will demonstrate outstanding activity in at least one of the three areas of emphasis: Honor our Spirit of Partnership, Focus on Future Readers, or Celebrate the DAR's Commitment to Literacy Promotion. A contest form must be completed and sent to the state chair, Ann Gabel, ann@ghabel.com by the state **deadline of January 15, 2021**.

You will find the entry form on the [NSDAR](#) website under Committees, Literacy Promotion Committee Contest and Forms. It is also on the ISDAR members webpage under [Literacy Promotion Committee](#).

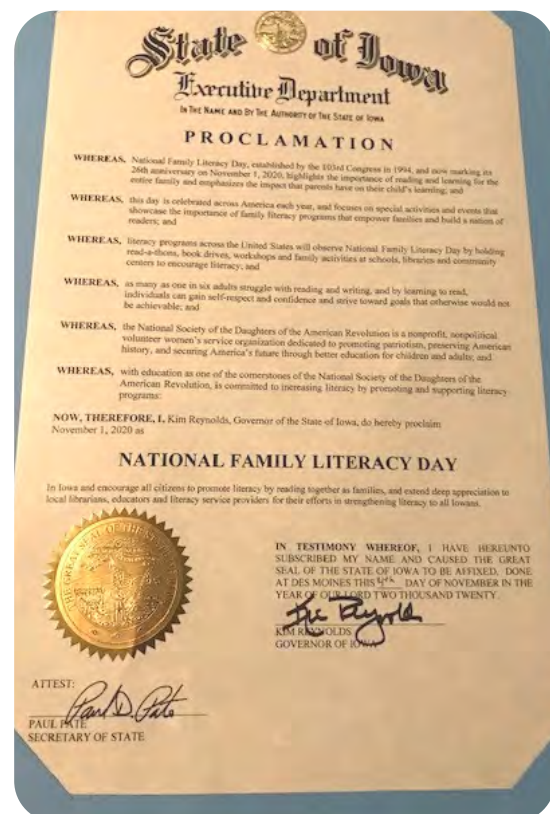


Governor Kim Reynolds, at the request of ISDAR, proclaimed November 1, 2020, to be National Family Literacy Day. Her Proclamation read:

“To underscore the importance of literacy, celebrate the joy of reading, encourage residents to promote literacy by reading together as a family, and to extend deep appreciation to our local librarians, educators, and literacy service providers for their tireless efforts to strengthen the literacy of our children and our community.”

State Regent Marla Suter encourages us to “Serve others with all your Heart.” I want to thank ISDAR members for your ongoing diligence, love, care, and concern to those who need and receive your help.

Best wishes for a lovely holiday season.



We Can Do It!



Membership Committee

Marsha Hucke, Chairman

The results are in for the We Can Do It Membership Challenge.

55% of Iowa chapters participated in the challenge. (Anna Maria Lane, Artesia, Cedar Falls, Council Bluffs, DeShon, Grinnell, Hannah Caldwell, Helen Hinman Dwelle, Henry Knox, Jean Espy, Jean Marie Cardinell, Ladies of the Lake, Lawrence Van Hook, Marion-Linn, Mason City, Mayflower, Nathaniel Fellows, Open Prairie, Pilgrim, Pilot Rock, Shenandoah, Spinning Wheel, Sun Dial-Solomon Dean, Washington)

12 chapters met the guidelines for the membership challenge by adding 2 or more members by new application or reinstatement by the end of the year. (DeShon, Hannah Caldwell, Helen Hinman Dwelle, Henry Knox, Jean Marie Cardinell, Ladies of the Lake, Marion-Linn, Nathaniel Fellows, Pilgrim, Shenandoah, Sun Dial-Solomon Dean, Washington)

3 chapters knocked it out of the park by adding 5 or more new members by application or reinstatement. (Hannah Caldwell, Jean Marie Cardinell, Sun Dial-Solomon Dean)



Service to America Committee

Lois Iseminger and Beth Iseminger, Co-Chairmen



The “DAR Salute to Service” initiative is a collaborative effort of four national committees, DAR Project Patriot, DAR Service for Veterans, National Defense. This Salute spotlights the service of our active duty military, veterans and first responders, i.e. the men and women who protect our way of life!



\The Service to America Award for Outstanding National DAR Day of Service Project continues in 2020. The Award recognizes outstanding meaningful community service projects completed during the month of October in celebration of the National DAR Day of Service. Two (2) National Award winners: one (1) state winner and one (1) chapter winner will be recognized at Continental Congress. Submit your chapter’s activity for consideration.

Your help is needed to exceed our 10 million hour Service to America goal for the VanBuren Administration! Want to know what counts for Service to America? RECORD! RECORD! RECORD!

Informative details are on the NSDAR website: dar.org. Please visit it.



Remember all Iowa chapters are automatically considered a potential recipient of the Eugenia Washington Tray. The higher the number of hours reported per member determines the winner.

Iowa Liaison to the Vietnam Veteran Commemoration

Candy Brown, Liaison

Clearly, COVID-19 remains a significant challenge and concern for America. As such, I encourage you to continue developing creative ways to virtually thank and honor Vietnam veterans and their families, all while safeguarding their well-being.

If you haven't visited the 50th Commemoration website lately, please check it out. They've made some great improvements. You can get copies of what was submitted before the event and after and if you have any outstanding reports. Please check it out:
https://www.vietnamwar50th.com/commemorative_partners/commemorative_partner_program/

Don't forget about the WWII certificates available on the NSDAR website.



Jean Marie Cardinell member, Jacque Welden, presented a framed certificate to Marvin Goodnight of Iowa Falls for his service in World War II. He was delighted. Other certificates were presented to David Parmalee Welden, Neil Martin Baker and to Daniel Lawrence Hoye.

If I can be of further assistance, please contact me at cabbob70@aol.com or 515-577-2529.

Across the State

ISDAR Chapter News

Anna Maria Lane

Chapter

What's In a Name?

The first thing that many of us are given is our name. They are words that identify us, worn on everything from our personalities. Most of all, our name can reflect histories that we want to cherish. This is the reason the chapter in Swea City has chosen the name of Anna Maria Lane to honor.

So who was Anna Maria Lane? Anna Maria Lane had virtually been forgotten for more than a century after her death until the discovery of the Virginia Pension records in 1928 by the editor of the Richmond Magazine, John Archer Carter. He also submitted an article to the DAR Magazine May, 1928 entitled "A Virginian Heroine". In 1978, E.M. Sanches-Saavedra pieced together more information while compiling *A Guide to Virginia Military Organizations in the American Revolution, 1774-1787*. Despite this, most Americans are unaware of Anna Maria Lane and she had been forgotten during the bicentennial years. We hope to highlight Anna Maria Lane's heroism for the upcoming semiquincentennial years.

Most of Anna Maria Lane's history has been lost to time but the affidavit submitted by her husband John Lane, supporting his federal pension application S38129 dated 1819, provides several clues. John was born in 1726 or 1727 and enlisted in Continental army in 1776. His company served in a company commanded by Captain Lucas 4th Regiment, commanded by Colonel Willis in the brigade under General Israel Putnam assigned to the Connecticut line. Lane remained in the Continental Army for three years serving in the battles of White Plains (28 October 1776), Trenton (26 December 1776), Princeton (3 January 1777), Germantown (4 October 1777) and Savannah (9 October 1779). He was severely injured at Savannah and taken prisoner according to his pension affidavit.

Anna Maria Lane with little or no means of support may have just been one of the many camp followers offering services to the army as a cook, nurse, laundress or seamstress. However, she may have also disguised her sex and enlisted in her husband's unit, a deception much like Deborah Sampson. Army life was not easy during the

Revolutionary War, and many poor women chose this life to have refuge from starvation. In August 1777, General George Washington complained bitterly that the camp followers were a "clog upon every movement" and instructed his officers to prohibit all but essential women to remain with the troops.

John and Anna Maria Lane probably joined Washington's army outside Philadelphia in September 1777, accompanying nine hundred reinforcements dispatched by General Putnam to aid the commander in chief. On the night of 3 October 1777, the Lanes along with four converging American units began a sixteen mile march towards Germantown. Although Howe received some intelligence of an impending attack, he did little to prepare in advance. Then around 5:30 in the morning on 4 October, they arrived on the outskirts of Germantown. General John Sullivan's troops surprised Howe's and forced them back towards Germantown. Confusion started as the dense fog from the early morning hours and canon smoke blanketed the battlefield. Approximately 100 British soldiers took refuge in a large stone mansion also known as Cliveden or the Chew House that was owned by a Loyalist family. With victory seemingly in sight, however, the American attack unraveled.

Sullivan's troops were running low on ammunition and came under a volley of friendly fire from Greene's men, who became disoriented in the fog. In addition, the militia columns failed to encircle Howe's flanks. Washington, on the advice of artillery commander Henry Knox, decided to attack the sturdy building rather than isolate it with a small force. For two hours a Continental brigade supported by cannons unsuccessfully tried to storm the mansion and suffered heavy losses. This action diverted troops from Sullivan's main advance and also from Greene's, as some of his soldiers joined the assault. Other American troops retreated when they heard the heavy firing towards the rear, fearing that they were encircled. Such distractions allowed Howe time to organize a counterattack with fresh troops.

Anna Maria Lane performed "extraordinary military services" at Germantown on behalf of the American cause and received a wound that left her lame for life. We do not know if she enlisted in the Continental Line weeks or months before Germantown, or if it was on the eve of the battle to don "soldier's garb." Was Anna Maria Lane one of those who made a valiant charge when others retreated?

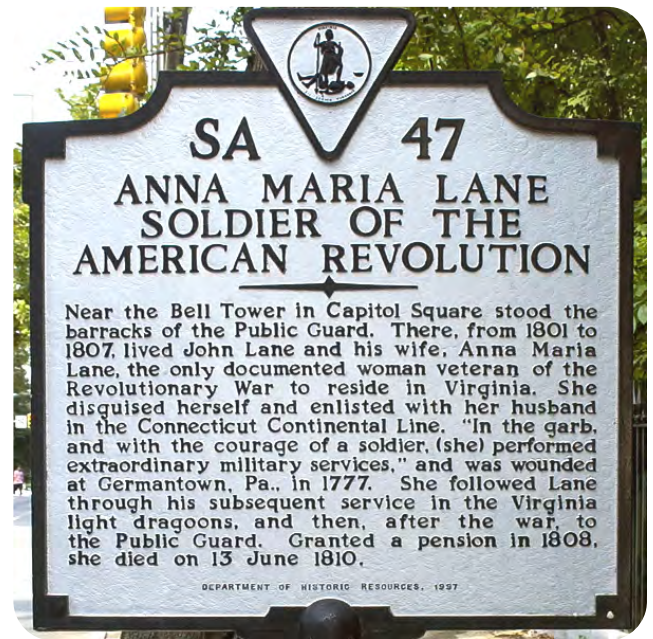
We may never know what extraordinary services she provided because it was never recorded within the Virginia General Assembly petition for pension in 1808.

A year after Germantown, John Lane participated in the battle of Savannah, Georgia on 9 October 1779 where he was severely wounded and captured. According to his pension John was released in an “exchange” and found his way back to Virginia where he re-enlisted for the duration of the war under Major John Nelson’s regiment of the Virginia Light Dragoons. In April of 1781, Major Nelson complained to Governor Thomas Jefferson that his men had not been paid for over a year and that many of them were “without a shirt or breeches”. John Lane remained in service until the end of the war when he was honorably discharged in Hampton, Virginia by Major John Nelson.

On 16 July 1783, John Lane enlisted in the Virginia state guard at Richmond. He must have concealed the fact that he was seven years older than the fifty year age limit. The Lanes must have been desperate for the mere \$6.66 quarterly income. Records prove that Anna Maria and one of their children drew daily rations along with the troops. Then in 1791, when a number of state guardsmen was reduced due to economic measures, John Lane was one of three veterans allowed to remain despite his age.

When the Point of Fork, Virginia guard was disbanded in 1801, the General Assembly of Virginia created a new public guard that consisted of sixty-eight soldiers responsible for protecting all public property in Richmond. John Lane who was now seventy-five enlisted. The Lanes moved to Richmond where John continued to work in the new Public Guard. Richmond historian Samuel Mordecai writes of the old quarters located at the present day Bell Tower in Richmond that, “The grounds immediately around it were bedecked with the shirts of the soldiers and the chemises of their wives, which flaunted on clothes-lines, and pigs, poultry and children enlivened the scene.” One can’t help but think that this picture might resemble life for Anna as a camp follower.

In January 1802, Anna Maria Lane also volunteered to assist the city physicians. It was here a physician by the name of John H. Foushee, petitioned Governor James Monroe asking for a small allowance. Foushee stated, “As the old woman is lame, and has discovered a disposition to assist the sick as far as she is able, I think it would be well to make her some moderate compensation, but not as will establish her as a permanent nurse.” Anna Maria Lane received £1 a month through September 1804, when she apparently ceased working most likely because

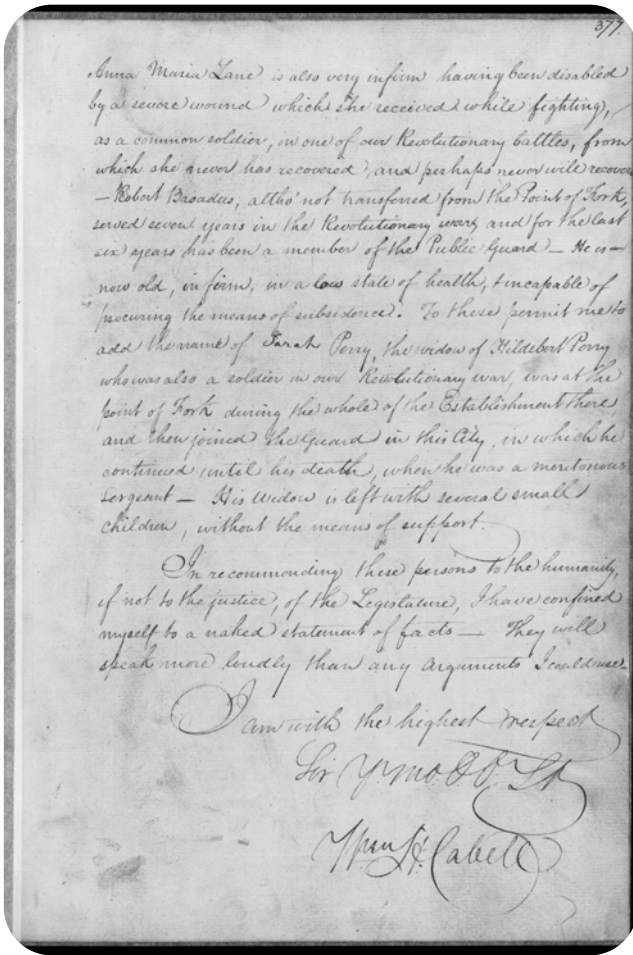


of her own deteriorating health.

John Lane’s physical condition also deteriorated and by March 1807 he became too infirm for guard duty. On January 28, 1808, the Virginia Governor William Cabell sent a letter to the Speaker of the House, Hugh Nelson, that called for granting of pensions to several servicemen and women, one of them being Anna Maria Lane. In Cabell’s letter, he provided a brief explanation of the services of each man and woman, in an attempt to persuade the Speaker to fulfill the request on behalf of several veterans and their families, including the Lanes. Cabell’s letter reads as follows:

“They have been worn out in public service; now without property or money and their age and infirmities rendering them unable to procure, either they must be sent forth to beg or starve, unless the humanity of this Legislature shall interfere – Their names are John Hays, William Hopkins, & John Lane—The wife of the last Anna Maria Lane is also very infirm having been disabled by a severe wound which she received while fighting, as a common soldier, in one of our Revolutionary battles, from which she has never recovered, and perhaps never will recover.”

Shortly after Cabell’s request, both John and Anna received a pension. John received the typical \$40 a year while Anna received \$100 a year, which was 2 ½ times the amount of her male counterparts. One may never know what part Anna Maria Lane truly played but it is known she participated as a soldier, and was wounded during the Battle of Germantown, that left lame. Anna Maria must not have been any ordinary camp follower and her story must have impressed the assembly to be



awarded a pension of this magnitude. This woman surely must have done something heroic to be awarded a pension (pictured on left) that was 2 ½ times the amount of the other pensioners. One may never know the real story.

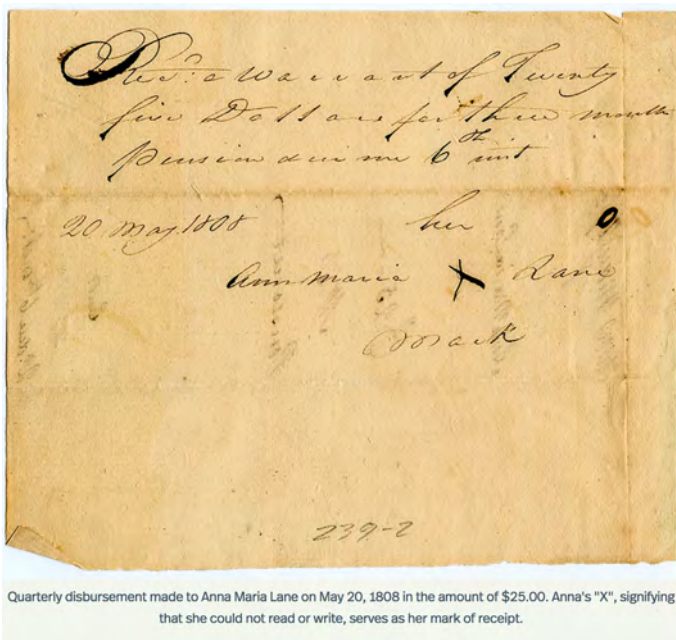
Anna Maria Lane accompanied her husband John to the Capitol in Richmond during the spring and summer of 1808 to collect their pensions, which were dispersed quarterly. Among the pension records that survive is her mark, made in lieu of a signature, found among the records in the auditor's office. This signifies most likely she was uneducated and illiterate. She continued to collect this pension another two years until her death 13 June 1810.

Unable to survive without his wife's pension, John Lane eventually resided in the Richmond City Poorhouse. Records in his pension reveal that he requested a few of his quarterly disbursements to be given to his daughter Sarah. On 5 July 1819 his federal pension application S38129 mentions that he was 93 years old. John Lane survived four more years and he died 14 July 1823.

Little is known about women's military roles in the Revolutionary War, not because they did not participate but rather few documents survive to support their activities or that the evidence has been overlooked. We would like to make Anna Maria Lane a name that is well known for her "extraordinary military services" rendered during the Revolutionary War. Most of all, we would like to pay homage to Anna Maria Lane for the upcoming semi-quincentennial celebration with hopes to locate her descendants.

Submitted by Shelley Wells

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Quarterly disbursement made to Anna Maria Lane on May 20, 1808 in the amount of \$25.00. Anna's "X", signifying that she could not read or write, serves as her mark of receipt.

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**National DAR Day of Service**

Members of the Anna Maria Lane chapter penned over 100 Veteran's cards and goodie bags for the National DAR day of service on October 11, 2020. The cards and bags were then distributed to Veteran's in the area for Veteran's Day.



Cedar Falls Chapter

Welcoming Judy Burfeind

The Cedar Falls Chapter has had a very productive last two months despite the pandemic! At our August meeting we welcomed new member, Judy Burfeind (pictured below). In September, our next new member was Cheryl Everman. We are confident that our new members will bring a lot of energy and new ideas to our chapter. Another prospective member recently had her papers verified. Our Registrar, Jeverna Mulligan has been busy! The membership chairman, Sue LeQuatte is helping them with the Member Courses.



National DAR Day of Service

For our Day of Service Project, the Cedar Falls Chapter of Cedar Falls Iowa, had three work days in October to help a local cemetery, Elmwood. This particular cemetery, which has graves of the first settlers of our county, was vandalized earlier in the summer. After meeting with the Cemetery Board, a plan was made for our historic preservation project.

Member Heidi Warrington and a volunteer cleaning a stone



Left:
Members Barb Gregersen
& Deb Goodenbour being
assisted by a volunteer
to clean a veterans stone

One of our members, Heidi Warrington, is a retired Colonel and serves on the local Black Hawk County Veterans Administration as a Commissioner. They were willing to help us financially by purchasing the products to be used for cleaning the stones. By enlisting the help of the JROTC from two area high schools, our members, and the help of many community volunteers, sixty two veterans headstones were cleaned and military graves identified. We have made great progress and over the winter we will also be digitizing the records for the cemetery.

Submitted by Sue LeQuatte

Council Bluffs Chapter

Newby, First Place National Winner of the 2020 Christopher Columbus essay contest

The Council Bluffs Chapter is pleased to announce that Anna Newby, has been selected as the First Place National Winner of the 2020 Christopher Columbus essay contest. Traditionally, the winner and a parent receives an all expense paid trip to Washington, DC to receive the award at a ceremony held by the National Christopher Columbus Association on Columbus Day but this year the presentation of the checks and certificate was made via the postal service.

Congratulations Anna!



Anna Irene Newby
First Place National Winner
 2020 Christopher Columbus Essay

"Thank you again for this opportunity to write about American History and participate in this contest"

Hello,

My name is Anna Newby and I'm a junior at Abraham Lincoln High School in Council Bluffs, IA. My winning essay was entitled: "A Sailor's Experiences as Part of Christopher Columbus' First Expedition to the Americas". This was the national title and topic that all essays needed to address. I chose to write my essay from the viewpoint of a sailor, Rodrigo de Jerez, that joined the 1492 voyage on the Santa Maria. I had learned in my AP U.S. History class last year that Columbus was very simply after gold, glory, and most importantly, God on his expeditions. I used this theme throughout my essay. I referenced the primary source, "Journal of the First Voyage of Columbus", written by Christopher Columbus, for many of my essay details. Thank you again for this opportunity to write about American History and participate in this contest. I appreciate the certificates and cash awards from the DAR and National Italian American Foundation.

Sincerely,
 Anna

Elizabeth Ross Chapter

Flag Donation

From November 9-18, 2020, the Elizabeth Ross chapter donated 5 truly unique flags in 3 different counties. They went to the Wapello County Director of Veteran Affairs (also gave a donation of money, gift card and phone card), the VFW and the American Legion in Ottumwa, the VFW in Fairfield and the American Legion in Bloomfield.



The Flag is called the "Spirit of America" or "Old Glory's Companion". The Insignia Meaning is as follows:

Spirit of America - Uniting Together

Eagle - Freedom

Red - Bloodshed

Blue - Valor and Bravery

50 Stars - 50 States

8 Stars - 8 men who died in Iran Rescue Attempt

Beirut, Lebanon (241) died in Barracks explosion

WARS – Revolutionary War, War of 1812, U.S. Mexican War, Civil War, Spanish American War, World War I, World War II, Korean War, Cold War, Vietnam War, Lebanon, Grenada, Panama, Persian Gulf War, Somalia (Blackhawk Down), Bosnia, Kosovo, Iraq, Afghanistan.

Red/White/Blue Ribbon between flag staffs (Firefighters 343), (Policemen 23), (Port Authority 37),

Paramedics, EMT's, and Civilians who died. Flight 93 (Shanksburg), PA – Flight 11(North Tower) – Flight 175 (South Tower), Flight 77(Pentagon)

2 Large Stars – Twin Towers

"Tomb of the Unknown Soldier"

Along with the flag we received a poem written by Richard Hemphill, WWII Veteran as follows:

*As we refresh our memories of all the wars gone by
Let each of us be grateful for our "Heroes" you and I
They gave their all that we may live in a country good and free,
Lest We Forget" They did it all for the likes of you and me.
Remember the "Heroes" who fought our wars and kept "Old Glory" flying.
Those who gave their utmost and saved us all from dying.*

This flag was designed by a Vietnam Veteran, that lives, has a foundation and a business in Mishawacka, IN. Profits from his foundation help Veterans all over the United States. Check out his web site there's a lot of interesting things beside flags. His web site is ForgottenherosUSA@gmail.com

Submitted by Deb Arendt

Hannah Caldwell Chapter

Celebrating Constitution Week

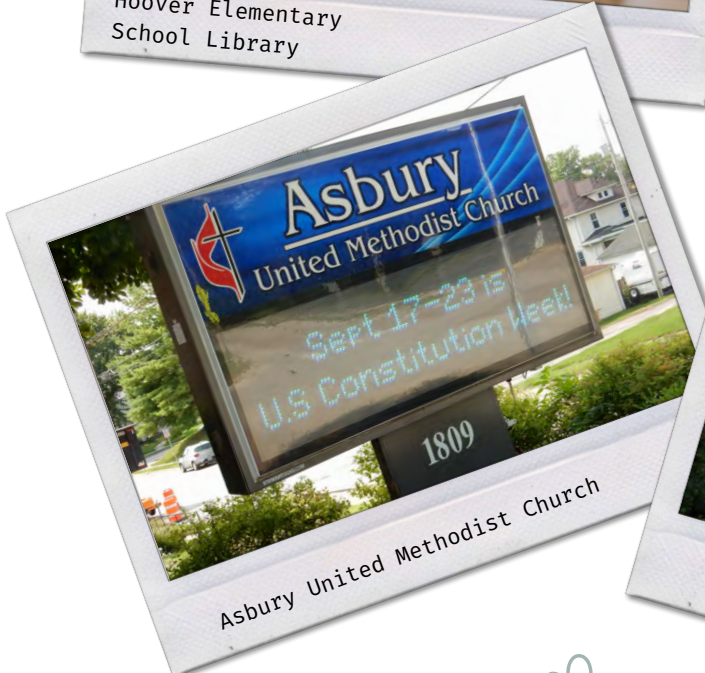
Activities for our Chapter's Constitution Week observance included: Local electronic signs around our Quad Cities area; a display in Hoover Elementary School library, Bettendorf, Iowa, including 2020 NSDAR poster; and a "bell ringing" gathering on September 17th, at 3:00 p.m. (CDT). Constitution Week Representative Ginger France, Chapter Chaplain Marilyn Owen, and Chapter Regent Elise James rang the school bell belonging to Chaplain Owen's great grandmother, displayed the NSDAR poster, and unfurled the Suffragette Flag (pictured on right) commemorating the 100th anniversary of the passing of the 19th Amendment, giving women the right to vote.



Hoover Elementary School Library



Florian Keen Municipal Parking Lot



Asbury United Methodist Church



Holy Cross Lutheran Church





Regent Elise James presents bronze ROTC award to Marine Corps Cadet Angela Moorman

JROTC Presentation

On September 28, 2020, it was a pleasure for Regent Elise James to give the NSDAR National Defense Committee's bronze ROTC award to Marine Corps Cadet Angela Moorman. Usually, there is a very impressive ceremony in May to congratulate and honor all cadet award winners; however, Spring semester 2020 and year-end activities were much different. Regent James visited the ROTC classroom at North High School in Davenport, and in front of the current cadet class presented her award (pictured on left). Ms. Moorman graduated from North High School in the Spring of 2020, and she now attends Columbia College in Chicago. Her study interests include film production and sign language.

GySgt Gregory Livingston leads the Marine Cadet ROTC program that has students from Davenport North, North Scott, Davenport West, Bettendorf, and Pleasant Valley high schools. This program has a large wall of trophies, and Ms. Moorman encouraged all current cadets to "keep going" even when things are difficult and to achieve their personal goals. ♡

National DAR Day of Service

Members of the Chapter shopped for and purchased toiletry items to make up personal kits for distribution to the Domestic Violence Intervention Program in Iowa City. We purchased enough supplies for fifteen kits (tooth brushes, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo/conditioner, body wash, and disposable razors). Gallon ziplock bags, and five backpacks were also purchased. These supplies will be delivered to the ISDAR Fall Forum in Des Moines on October 23, 2020. Chapter Vice Regent Karen Ward and Chapter Treasurer Nancy Eggers pose with items purchased.



Vice Regent Karen Ward and Treasurer Nancy Eggers with their newly purchased kit supplies



Another Day of Service project was performed on Sunday, October 11, 2020. The Chapter's historical marker (pictured on left) commemorating the location of the western abutment of the first railroad bridge (1855) over the Mississippi River (along with 2 other markers) in downtown Davenport was fenced off by construction on the new Family Y building. All spring and summer, the weeds were allowed to grow so tall they covered the markers. Chapter member Barbara Halpin went to the site and cleared the weeds. It is anticipated that in spring 2021, some additional landscape work will be done.

Submitted by Elise James

Hannah Lee Chapter

Constitution Day Parade

Hannah Lee Chapter participated in a Constitution Day Parade on September 17, 2020 in Decorah. Those members participating were Regent Jill Amdahl, Vice Regent Peggy Harvey, Registrar Wendy Novak and Past Regent Becky McCabe. HODAR Dave Amdahl drove the pickup pulling the float. The float was decorated with bunting and many years DAR Constitution Week posters.



Hannah Lee Chapter Members in Decorah's Constitution Day Parade



Nicole Ball of the Fayette City Police Department and Ellen Post, DAR member

National DAR Day of Service

Our DAR Day of Service project honored First Responders in our area. The ladies of Hannah Lee Chapter provided 81 dozen cookies and bars for the police, sheriff and fire departments as well as EMTs and ER nurses in Allamakee, Fayette, Howard and Winneshiek counties. Because of Covid 19 members gathered in small groups to divide and package them before they were distributed by local members.

Stockings 4 Troops

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Submitted by Becky McCabe



Left: Wendy Novak, Project Patriot Chairman, tapes addressed boxes



Right: Peggy Harvey, Vice Regent, and Jill Amdahl, Regent, with the boxes ready to be mailed

Henry Knox Chapter

DeMoss Awarded \$500 Classroom Grant

Mrs. Jill DeMoss, 1st grade teacher at West Elementary School in Knoxville has been awarded the 2020 Helen Pouch Memorial Fund Classroom Grant in the amount of \$500 by the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR).

The Helen Pouch Memorial Fund was established in 1938 in memory of Helen Pouch, 1901-1919, who died from the Spanish Flu. Each year, up to two applicants may be chosen from each of the 50 states to be the recipients of the Helen Pouch Memorial Fund Classroom Grant. The applicants must be sponsored by a DAR chapter. The Henry Knox Chapter of Knoxville sponsored Mrs. DeMoss' grant application. This year, Mrs. DeMoss' application was the only one selected from Iowa.

Mrs. DeMoss applied for this grant in March in order that she may purchase hands-on math tools to assist first graders manipulate and understand numbers. The students will be able to use a board with removable numbers, bead rekenreks, and number bond cards to discover the relationships and gain valuable math skills.

Mrs. DeMoss stated, "Utilizing hands-on materials addresses many students' preferred learning styles. Kinesthetic learners are able to manipulate the active learning approach, visual learners are able to see and understand, and the auditory learners are able to use the manipulative and talk and explain their thinking."

Submitted by Marla Suter



Photo by submitter. Pictured on left, Jill DeMoss, 1st Grade Teacher West Elementary; on right, Marla Suter, State Regent, Iowa Society DAR.



Jean Marie Cardinell Chapter

Finding DAR Markers

The Chapter does not hold meetings during the summer, so our Public Relations Chair, Candy Brown, plans events to help remind our members about DAR. This year's event was finding DAR markers in the 6 surrounding counties: approximately 28 known markers. Our Regent, Karla Wright was awarded the prize. The pictures were posted on the Chapter's Facebook page as they were discovered to keep up the enthusiasm to find these hidden treasures. This also gave those members who were unable to travel a view of our beautiful markers. After the meeting, the 100+ pictures of markers throughout the state were donated to the ISDAR Historian.



Patriot Day

On 9/11 every year since 2001, now known as Patriot Day, it is not only a time to reflect on the events of that day but also a time to thank those currently serving our communities. Candy Brown, Commemorative Chair for the Chapter, stopped in at the Dallas County Ambulance Services in Adel with a tub of goodies. With newspaper coverage, this promoted a potential member.



New Member Pat Redig Installed

The Jean Marie Cardinell Chapter DAR October service project was gifting bird feeders, seed and shepherd hooks to the Beavertdale Estates Retirement Community. A portion of the memorial contributions donated to JMC to honor 33-year member Lois Loveless was used to purchase 4 double hook shepherd hooks and 6 bird feeders. Dianna Baker Hoyer, Vice Regent who coordinated this project, and Karla Wright, Regent, set up the bird feeders in their beautiful courtyard. Dianna gave a presentation outside and residents told bird feeding stories from days gone by.

Pictured on left: Dianna Baker Hoyer, Chapter Vice Regent, and Karla Wright, Chapter Regent, with donated bird feeders

Veterans Care Packages – November 7, 2020

Heidi Holsapple, Jean Marie Cardinell Chapter's Project Patriot Chair, organized the Chapter's involvement with the care boxes for active military in conjunction with members of the Blue Star Mothers of America, Iowa Chapter: <https://m.facebook.com/bluestarmomsiowa/>. Regent Karla Wright and Heidi gathered up all the Chapter's donated goodies and headed to the Gold Star Military Museum right after the regular scheduled Chapter meeting. Here they met up with Blue Star Mothers to assemble the care packages. With all the donations they were able to make 152 care packages. They will be sent off to US service members serving overseas this holiday season to remind them just how much we care about them.



Literacy

Literacy Promotion Chair, Linda Wilson, introduced the book by Joseph Plumb Martin and is a firsthand account of his experiences as a Revolutionary War soldier from 1776 to 1783. He was 15 years old when he began to serve. He wrote the book when he was 70 years old. It is entitled, *A Narrative of a Revolutionary Soldier: Some of the Adventures, Dangers, and Sufferings of Joseph Plumb Martin*.

Here is the link for the free audio book read by Barry Eads:
https://archive.org/details/narrative_revolutionary_soldier_1106_librivox/revolutionarysoldier_01_martin.mp3

Submitted by Candy Brown

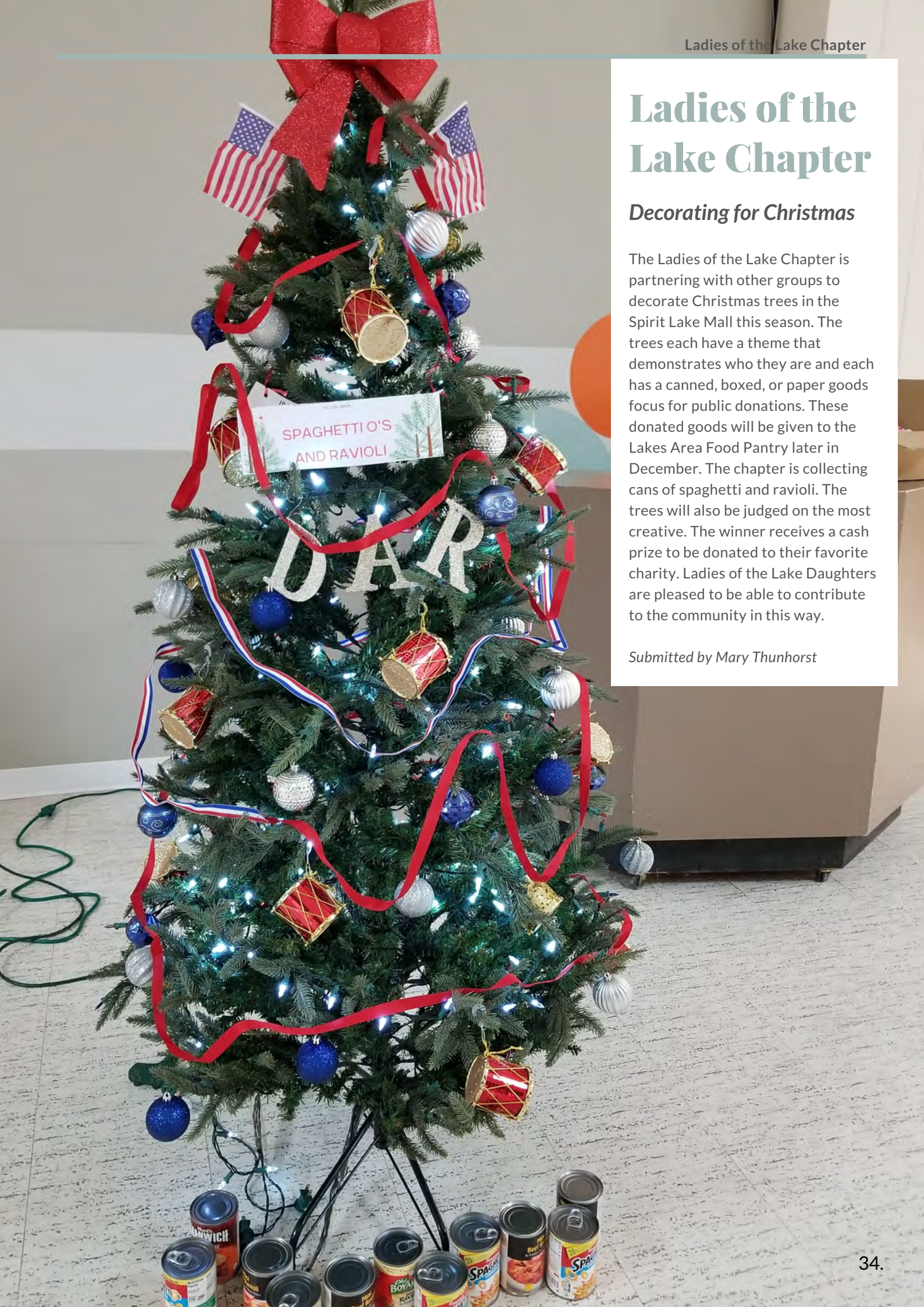


Ladies of the Lake Chapter

Decorating for Christmas

The Ladies of the Lake Chapter is partnering with other groups to decorate Christmas trees in the Spirit Lake Mall this season. The trees each have a theme that demonstrates who they are and each has a canned, boxed, or paper goods focus for public donations. These donated goods will be given to the Lakes Area Food Pantry later in December. The chapter is collecting cans of spaghetti and ravioli. The trees will also be judged on the most creative. The winner receives a cash prize to be donated to their favorite charity. Ladies of the Lake Daughters are pleased to be able to contribute to the community in this way.

Submitted by Mary Thunhorst



Marion-Linn Chapter

Refurbishing the Nathan Brown Monument

On November 11, Veteran’s Day, the Marion Linn Chapter dedicated the refurbished Nathan Brown Monument in Springville Cemetery. A service was held and the Anamosa American Legion presented the flag. There was a speaker, a gun salute and taps were played. Our past regent, Bev Franks, has worked for 6 years on this project, along with the Springville Historical Society, and Ashley and Mayflower chapters.



The base had been deteriorating and it was in danger of toppling over. It was removed on Aug. 10 with a big crane and was taken to have work done.

A new concrete base was poured and an engraved stone was placed on the base. Then the monument was seated on the stone. We are proud that we were able to be a part of this project honoring one of our Revolutionary War veterans.



Revolutionary War soldier remembered



Left: deteriorating base of the Nathan Brown Monument

Right: refurbished monument, featuring a new base and engraved stone

Submitted by Jan Beardsley

Martha Washington Chapter

National DAR Day of Service

During a brainstorming session at our first Zoom meeting, Vice Regent Elizabeth Rosenbaum suggested a worthy project. Her law office staff volunteers with the After School Program at the Sanford Center (a community center), and they reported that the center’s collection of games were in awful shape, with shredded boxes and missing pieces. She suggested that we donate games. Organized elementary teacher Erin Nelson suggested we do the “elementary teacher treatment” and transfer them to durable plastic boxes. The chapter voted “yes” and budgeted chapter funds toward the project. The Nelson family – Secretary Erin Nelson, Regent Marta Nelson and Historian Brooke Redwine - volunteered to be the ad hoc committee to shop and re-package games.

After the meeting the committee shopped economically at 5 stores. We bought 25 games and found a great deal on the larger plastic boxes. We packed each game in its own box, and used pieces of the original cardboard box to glue to the new container for easy identification.



Brooke Redwine and Erin Nelson with 25 games to rebox



Left: This was a low tech operation; Erin Nelson and Marta Nelson using scissors, paper cutter and hot glue gun.

Right: Here are the results – games boxed and ready to deliver!
Erin Nelson, Marta Nelson, and Brooke Redwine



Last Soldier Ceremony with Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War

In early September, Martha Washington Chapter was contacted by North Carolina Daughter Linda Worstell through the National website. Her ancestor William Hoskinson was to be honored by the Nebraska Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War as Dakota County's Last Soldier, and she was hoping that some other DAR could attend the ceremony, as she could not.

The Last Soldier Project honors the last Union veteran to die in each county. The ceremony includes several readings and then the placing of the Last Soldier flag holder or medallion, which both have a QR code reader that takes a cell phone app to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War website. The site has a list of the 93 Last Soldiers in Nebraska (one from each county) and short biography or obituary for each soldier.

Regent Marta Nelson corresponded with several officers of the Sons of the Union Veterans, and they set the time and date of the ceremony around her schedule so that someone from the Martha Washington Chapter could attend. The ceremony was held Wednesday, October 14, at 10:00 am at Omaha Valley Cemetery just south of Homer, NE. It was an honor for the Martha Washington Chapter to represent Linda when she is so far away.

Submitted by Marta Nelson



Regent Marta Nelson flanked by members of Sons of Union Veterans



Last Soldier Medallion with QR code

Pilot Rock Chapter

Civil War Quilt Program, Lenz and Snitzer present

Sanford Museum and Pilot Rock DAR Chapter recently sponsored a Civil War Quilt Program. Presenters were Marian Lenz and Barb Snitzer from Forest City Iowa. Approximately 35 people attended the informative program at the Community Center. The presenters told us about the Underground Railroad and quilts that have the North Star on them encouraging slaves to go north to freedom.

The South raised cotton and the North manufactured it so during the Civil War there wasn't much fabric available. People kept scrap bags of fabric to be used by many generations. The fabric colors were more subdued than today and faded over the years. The fabric showed ombre or the fading of color. There was no black fabric before the war.

Women would make mourning quilts, autograph quilts, flag quilts, quilts for soldiers, hospital quilts, cradle quilts, and doll quilts. Some popular patterns were Log Cabin, Lily, and Flags. People had fundraisers to earn money for things needed during the war. Women often sewed at least 3 hours a week.

When the South surrendered, red and gray quilts were found for the South and blue and gray quilts were found in the North. Freda Smith, from Cherokee shared her family heirloom quilt that was made during the Civil War. Her ancestors were from Germany and came to America and settled in Texas between 1855 and 1858. This full size quilt was the highlight of the afternoon.

Submitted by Peggy Corrington



Pictured above: Freda Smith and her confederate family quilt



Pictured below: Presenters Barb Snitzer and Marion Lenz



New Member Pat Redig Installed

Pilot Rock DAR Chapter recently installed a new member, Pat Redig of Aurelia. Daughters of the American Revolution promote patriotism, education, and historic preservation. DAR members make a difference in their communities.

Pictured on left: Dixie Draper, Chapter Registrar, Pat Redig, and Peggy Corrington, Chapter Regent

In Memoriam

Honoring our fellow Daughters

In Memoriam ...



Sharon Anne Gibson Jukam Lamb

Abigail Adams Chapter

October 6, 2020

~ 7 years of membership ~

Marjorie Merle Skouge Moore

Lucy Standish-Newcastle Chapter

January 4, 2020

~ 28 years of membership ~

Jeanne Elizabeth Oxley

Marion Linn Chapter

March 29, 2020

~ 54 years of membership ~

Genevieve Belknap Baker

Hannah Lee Chapter

April 2, 2020

~ 44 years of membership ~

Mary Arlene King Thompson

Jean Marie Cardinell Chapter

July 28, 2020

~ 24 years of membership ~

Pauline G. Schulz Borton

Spinning Wheel Chapter

September 2, 2020

~ 32 years of membership ~

Barbara Mae Homer Bublitz

Mus-Quo-Ta Chapter

October 8, 2020

~ 43 years of membership ~

Doris Hasty Heslinga

Oskaloosa Chapter

October 16, 2020

~ 66 years of membership ~

Ethel Keller Handley

Nancy McKay Harsh Chapter

October 20, 2020

~ 46 years of membership ~

Peggy Groff

Abigail Adams Chapter

October 22, 2020

~ 30 years of membership ~

Roberta Steele Parks

Nathaniel Fellows Chapter

October 23, 2020

~ 51 years of membership ~

Elizabeth Baxter Kaiser

Jean Espy Chapter

November 5, 2020

~ 44 years of membership ~

Margaret A. Metzgar Jacobs

Mayflower Chapter

November 5, 2020

~ 39 years of membership ~

Frances Edna Wilson

Hannah Caldwell Chapter

November 15, 2020

~ 8 years of membership ~

Nancy Jean Shawhan Hamilton

Abigail Adams Chapter

November 18, 2020

~ 2 years of membership ~

Elizabeth Ann Kibler Stanerson

Ashley Chapter

November 22, 2020

~ 55 years of membership ~

Mary Holloway Canfield

Cedar Falls Chapter

November 23, 2020

~ 72 years of membership ~



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