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Dear Chapter Regents/Commemorative Events Chapter Chair,

Soon your local DAR chapter will begin programs for a new year. As the State Commemorative Events chair, I wanted to reach out to you with some ideas. Last year, I have created table tents to be used at chapter meetings. We now have five series of table tents available for you to use on our Iowa website. Below is more information about the 5 topics and how to use the table tents when you complete your annual report. **A reminder regarding the annual report--chapters can prepare a written report for as many of the commemorative events they want to, not just one. I will remind you of this again but, if you are interested in spending time on more than one event, you will be able to report those details.**

Commemorative Events Table Tents

**A Quick and Easy Way to Promote a Commemorative Event
(Updated July 7, 2023)**

Table Tents

Not every DAR chapter meeting can be about a commemorative event. And there are 12 different events highlighted by NSDAR. That is a lot of celebrating. Raising awareness and interest in the events can be accomplished by an alternative to a in-person presentation. I have created the first series of three table tents that a chapter can print and place on the table prior to a meeting. Just suggest to members that they read the short message and discuss, if they like. The table tents can be TRIMMED and placed in a 5”X7” plastic frame with the appropriate insignia pictures displayed to the back of the frame. Check the Commemorative Events Committee page on the ISDAR website to see the table tents created so far:

- [Native American Month Table Tents](#)
- [50th Anniversary of the NASA Space Shuttle Program](#)
- 125th Anniversary, DAR Hospital Corps formed with Dr. Anita Newcomb McGee as Chair ([#1](#)) ([#2](#)) ([#3](#))
- 125th Anniversary of the premier of John Philip Sousa's march, The Stars and Stripes Forever ([#1](#)) ([#2](#)) ([#3](#))
- 150th Anniversary, Yellowstone National Park ([#1](#)) ([#2](#))

If you are interested in other events and prepare table tents, I would be happy to have them posted on this page to share.

How to Report using Table Tents

I have done some checking with NSDAR Division and National to clarify what is the definition of a program. The annual report form uses the term 'program' for reporting. The definition is foggy, but the words **descriptive**, **detailed**, and **researched** were used. I feel if a chapter displays the table tents, encourages members to discuss and feels they have enriched the members knowledge, then this activity could be a program for the purpose of record keeping. You may also ask the recording secretary to note that the table tents were present and state the topics as well. I do know that I was instructed that posting the table tents on Facebook would not be enough to be a program. I do plan to post the table tents, monthly, on our chapter Facebook page but that will not be considered part of the program.

125th Anniversary of the NSDAR Hospital Corps

The Spanish–American War began on April 25, 1898, and ended on August 12, 1898. While 2,910 Americans died during the war, just 345 were combat deaths. The rest died of disease. The U.S. military barred women from serving in any capacity prior to the war. Although the Army had 791 male nurses; there were too few to provide needed care. Soldiers resisted being transferred from combat units into the nursing corps. Congress quickly authorized the military to hire female nurses—but on contract, not as military personnel. The army reached out specifically to the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), to recruit women nurses. Dr. Anita Newcomb McGee, was asked to lead the DAR's recruitment efforts. We had 10 nurses who were from Iowa. Two were from Des Moines and four were from Clarinda. NSDAR has chosen to recognize nurses, both military and civilian, in communities. You are encouraged to reach out to members and non-member nurses for recognition. There is a printable recognition certificate available as well as a lapel pin for purchase. Visit this NSDAR member site for

details: <https://www.dar.org/sites/default/files/members/committees/events/pdf/2022/125th%20Anniversary%20DAR%20Hospital%20Corp%20Resource%20page%201%20Nov%202022.pdf>

We Want your Tea!

At Fall Forum

Boston Tea Celebration

The year 2023 marks the 250th Anniversary of the Boston Tea Party, a moment that forever changed the course of American history. In honor of this celebration, everyone around the world has a chance to get involved. State Regent Edee Brunia and Shelley Wells are attending the event on December 16, 2023 and will be taking the lowa tea to Boston. You are invited to bring tea to the 2023 Fall Forum and deposit it at the Commemorative Events table. Bring your own tea or collect tea from you chapter.

Please bring tea in loose-leaf form. No bags. If your tea is in a bag please, dump in a baggie for Fall Forum. We will record all of those who add tea to our tea chest for documentation at the ceremony. An informational flyer can be found on this web page.

If you are not attending Fall Forum but still want to participate in this historic event. You can mail your **loose-leaf** tea to:

Boston Tea Party 250th Anniversary
Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum
306 Congress Street
Boston, MA 02210

One Last Thing

NSDAR has great resources for all of the 12 designated Commemorative Events. Check it out here on this member only site: <https://www.dar.org/members/committees/service-committees/commemorative-events/resources-events>

Good Luck with your program year and let me know if I can be of service. If this message is better used by another member in your chapter, feel free to share.

Susan B. Klein

Commemorative Events State Chair