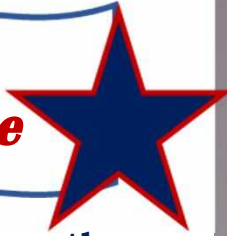


Iowa Society

Daughters of the American Revolution
Issue 1 Fall 2024



From the State Regent *Sarah Steinke*



It is such a privilege to serve as the 67th Iowa State Regent. Thank you for trusting me with this position and I look forward to serving you and the Iowa Society over the next two years.

It has been a whirlwind of activity since installation in June. I want to take an opportunity to thank my chapter for a wonderful reception in early July. These ladies have been my DAR family for as long as I can remember, and I appreciate everything they did to make the event perfect. I attended the final audit of the Brunia administration in July. I was thrilled to represent Iowa at the 77th Annual Cathedral of the Pines event held in Rindge, New Hampshire in August. I enjoyed participating with ISDAR members in the Iowa State Fair Parade.

I was able to attend the Nancy McKay Harsh Chapter meeting in August for my first official chapter visit. I have upcoming visits scheduled for Nathaniel Fellows and Abigail Adams Chapters. Please reach out to me to schedule a visit for one of your chapter meetings over the next two years.

I want to thank those that were able to attend Fall Forum last week. I hope you found the event informative and fun. If you were unable to attend, the State Officers will be traveling to the SW and NE districts this fall; please join us at the SW District Meeting in Avoca on September 14 or at the NE District Meeting in Cedar Falls on November 9. Encourage your chapter members to go. It is especially informative for new officers and chairmen and new members, and it is a great way to get to know others in your district and share ideas. Please mark your calendars for State Conference April 3-5, 2025 and Fall Forum September 5-6, 2025.

"Be a Shining Star"



I want to thank those in attendance at the Fall Forum for approving the 2024-2026 **State Regent's Project**. **This project will be a three-tiered project to support education**; on the **local level**, chapters are encouraged to adopt a classroom at an area school, on the **state level**, provide support for the ISDAR Scholarship Fund with a goal of \$7000, and on the **national level**, provide support for the Friends of Education Fund with a goal of \$3000. Funds will be raised through the sale of ISDAR logo clothing, star logo pins and pashminas. Voices will be sold for a quilt, patriotic table runner and placemats and an eagle cross-stitch. Donations are also accepted. Any member making a donation to the State Regent's project can designate it for the ISDAR Scholarship fund or the national Friends of Education Fund. Donations earmarked for the Friends of Education fund will be eligible for Heritage Club Credit through the Development Office.

Although Iowa will not be sponsoring a bus for Continental Congress in 2025 we have been **invited to join the Illinois Bus**. The trip will be approximately \$1500 for a double or \$2250 for a single. The bus **will depart** from Bloomington, IL at 11:00 am on **June 22**, with an overnight in Lexington and will arrive in Washington, D.C. on Monday afternoon. The bus will depart from Washington after installation and **will arrive back** in Bloomington on Monday **June 30**. If you are interested in more information, please let me know and I will connect you with the bus coordinator from Illinois. They are looking for reservations in the next couple of weeks with final payment due in March.

Each of you is an important member of your chapter and to the Iowa Society. I encourage everyone to consider participating in a manner that suits you as a person but also helps the chapter and local community. **Each and every one of us has special gifts that will be beneficial to your chapter and the Iowa Society**

**We have different gifts, according to the
grace given to each of us...
if it is serving, then serve;
if it is teaching, then teach...
if it is giving, then give generously;
if it is to lead, do it diligently..."**

Sarah Steinke
State Regent - Iowa

Romans 12:6-8 NIV

National Vice Chairman - Children of the American Revolution

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From the State Vice Regent Tiffany Hauptman



Fall Forum 2024

Thank you to everyone who helped make the 2024 ISDAR Fall Forum a success, including all those who attended the event!

Interesting workshops organized by Northeast District Director Diane Murphy included the National Chairman of Women's Issues, Cynthia Pritchard; Mike Rowley inspiring us to make a difference by preserving history, and Rich Tyler's passion for historic barns. The Chapter Development and Revitalization Commission (CDRC) provided valuable insights on recruiting and retaining members. Karen Ward, Southeast District Director, spearheaded our service project, "Pay It Forward – Purses for Purpose" to supply women in need with essential items. Committee chairmen and state officers reported on recent happenings and new committee initiatives. Hospitality hostess, Mary Thunhorst from the Northeast District, made sure the hospitality room was stocked with delicious goodies for everyone! From table decorations to fabulous baskets for the State Regent's Project, Southwest District Director Dianna Baker Hoye had it all under control! It was enjoyable to learn about some of the other lineage societies as representatives attended the banquet as guests of the State Regent. And who can forget the very first book club, coordinated by State Librarian Gail Bonath? **Needless to say, Fall Forum was jam-packed with entertainment and information! It was so nice to meet up with old friends, and to make new ones!**

District Meetings

For those who may have not been able to make it to Fall Forum, District Meetings are back! There will be a meeting in each of the four districts, spread out over the two-year administration. The first District Meeting will be held in the Southwest District, at The Sweet Vale of Avoca Museum in Avoca, Iowa on Saturday, September 14, 2024. Hosted by District Director Dianna Baker Hoye, this will be an opportunity to visit with state officers and committee chairmen and ask those burning questions! We hope many in the Southwest District will be able to attend. Members from other districts are also welcome. The Northeast District Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, November 9, 2024. District Meetings in the Northwest and Southeast Districts will be held in Fall 2025.

State Regent's Project

The State Regent's Project can be supported through a number of ways! Right now, you can go to www.WandOApparel.com/collections/DAR to purchase Iowa Society DAR apparel (please see flyer in this newsletter)! The State Regent also has "Be a Shining Star" pins and pashminas for sale. And you may buy voices for some fabulous items, including a quilt, table runner with placemats, and a framed cross-stitch creation.

Daughters Helping Daughters

Do you have a chapter member who is struggling to pay dues this year? Consider applying for help from Daughters Helping Daughters. The application can be found on the ISDAR Members Website, under *ISDAR Officers >> Vice Regent >> Daughters Helping Daughters*.

Tiffany Hauptman, State Vice Regent
cmorfeet@yahoo.com
319-931-3956

ISDAR Apparel

10% of all sales will support the
State Regent's Project!



DAR Long Sleeve Tee
From \$22.00 USD

Choose options



DAR Short Sleeve Tee
From \$22.00 USD

Choose options



DAR Unisex fleece pullover
From \$38.00 USD

Choose options



DAR Hooded Sweatshirt
From \$36.00 USD

Choose options



DAR Women's polo shirt
\$29.00 USD

Choose options



DAR Women's Columbia
fleece vest
From \$60.00 USD

Choose options



DAR Distressed Hat
\$27.00 USD

Add to cart



DAR Short Sleeve Tee Pocket
Logo
From \$22.00 USD

Choose options



DAR Crewneck Sweatshirt
From \$34.00 USD

Choose options



DAR Canvas Tote Bag
\$18.00 USD

Add to cart



From the State Chaplain
Andrea Perry



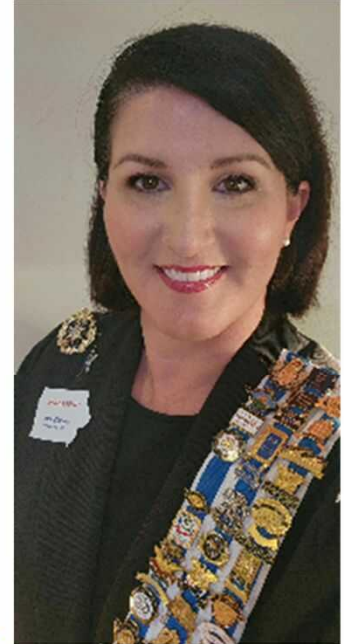
Greetings Iowa Daughters!

I'm so honored to be serving as your State Chaplain during the Steinke Administration.

State Scripture: Mrs. Steinke has selected a portion of the following verses to encourage us throughout her 2024-2026 Administration:

***"We have different gifts,
according to the grace given to each of us...
if it is serving, then serve;
if it is teaching, then teach...
if it is giving, then give generously;
if it is to lead, do it diligently..."***

Romans 12:6-8 NIV



Birthday Greetings: One of the responsibilities of the State Chaplain is to send birthday greetings to members 90 and over. Please notify this officer at least 1 month prior and a birthday greeting will be sent on behalf of the Iowa State Society. Please include the following in your email: Name, Age, Birthdate and Address. If your chapter has a member turning 90, 100, or 100+, please notify the Chaplain General on or before the 10th of the month preceding the birth date using top portion of form CHG-1003 'Chapter Chaplain's Report Form' available on the National Society's member website.

Andrea Perry, State Chaplain
andrea.perry.dar@gmail.com

**In Memory of our
Deceased Daughters**

Leonore Racheal Gangestad Davis, Ashley Chapter
Lucy Osborn Kinney, Council Bluffs Chapter
Rebecca Lynnette Petefish McCabe, Hanna Lee Chapter
Karen Lael Helgason Brie, Hannah Caldwell Chapter
Sarah Elizabeth Wright, Jean Espy Chapter
Nedra Jean Blackford Baker, Jean Marie Cardinell Chapter
Darlene Maxine Come Block, Lawrence Van Hook Chapter
Wanda Wallace Kennedy, Mason City Chapter
Beulah Reynolds Miller, Onawa Chapter
Salley Sue Agre, Priscilla Alden Chapter
Lois Jean Knigge McAtec, Priscilla Alden Chapter
Sharon Rae Jackson Strohm, Sun Dial-Solomon Dean Chapter
Patricia Richardson Renaud, Washington Chapter

From the State Recording Secretary

Jackie Beard



Greetings from your new State Recording Secretary!

I am excited to serve during the Steinke administration by taking the minutes at our state meetings and to assist all of you in preserving the chapter and state's Shining Star Moments in the Proceedings Book of the Steinke Administration!

On the State Recording Secretary page on the Iowa DAR members website, you will find guidelines for those chapter reports that will be filed by March 15th and presented at the spring state conference. State Chairman reports and State Officer reports will be reported, filed, and preserved in much the same way with guidelines coming soon to the state website for those as well.



Thank you for all that you do to be a Shining Star for Iowa DAR!

Jackie Beard
jkbeard17@gmail.com



From the State Corresponding Secretary

Debbie Crawford



Greetings Iowa Daughters!

I was happy to see so many of you at the Fall Forum.

If there are certain chapter supplies that you would like to see at the Corresponding Secretary sales table, please let me know. It is a pleasure to serve you and help your chapters obtain the supplies that you need to carry out your business activities.

The ISDAR State Directory is continually being updated. If there are any changes during the year in your chapter officers, please let me know the contact information so that the directory information can be updated.



From the State Organizing Secretary

Ann Mack



Are you a Glenn Miller, Beatles, Red Hot Chili Peppers or Jay-Z Fan?

I have been reminded, in working on a module for the New Horizons 2 course, that our chapters are always in generational transition. As we work together to achieve our mission and goals, we need to recognize that political and cultural events, along with technological advancements, affect our attitudes and skills which were honed in different decades and continue to dictate how we interact and view our place in our chapter.

Traditional Women were children during WW2. They value chain of command, are patriot, loyal, and disciplined, can do more with less, are keepers of the traditions, are quick to volunteer, and built our chapters.

Baby Boomers born after WW2 are passionate for personal and social improvement, want to make a difference, demonstrate a strong work ethic, are our current leaders and builders of chapters.

Generation Xers are highly educated, self-reliant, independent, and seek balance and diversity, are career professionals trying to keep balance between family, career and organizations, all while working and leading DAR initiatives in all areas.

Millennials (aka Generation Why) need rationale for is happening, desire to affect change and make an impact, have been shaped by computers, are highly tolerant, multi-taskers, tech savvy, and global thinkers.

Inclusion of ALL generations of members takes forethought, input, reflection and, yes, sometimes, change. Remember the website catch phrase, "This is not your mother's DAR!" Is your chapter responsive to the suggestions of younger members? Are you listening to ideas from every generation? Do programs cover a variety and range of topics? Are responsibilities delegated among all ages? Is there open communication and honesty between members? Do you value other's perspectives and ideas? These are all multi-generational bridge-building attributes that help chapters thrive and grow.

With our traditional and baby boomer generations growing older each year, we need to embrace the Generation Xers and Millennials, as they are the future of our chapters. As 21st century volunteers, consider characteristics of our newer generations in accomplishing our mission:

- Wants to be empowered and involved
- Is passionate and wants to be asked for input for the task/mission
- Can't always fit the mold or organizational pattern
- Wants flexibility and a customized job
- Wants to feel they are making a difference
- Tells other of positive experiences with the organization (especially on social media)
- Wants work that matches their schedules and passions
- Is very busy, has many obligations and often volunteers with multiple organizations
- Is tech-savvy
- Does not want to be micromanaged

I encourage all of you to dive into the Leadership Training Courses. This old dog learned some very valuable new tricks!

***From the State Treasurer
Shelley Wells***



Dues renewal season doesn't have to take the sparkle from your sunny days.

The Dues Invoicer Report became available on August 7th. This report will provide the basis for completing the new and improved 2024 Iowa Society Annual Dues and Contributions form.

Chapter treasurers can find the new 2024 Chapter Contributions and other helpful forms on the Treasurer's page located on the Iowa Society Members only website.

Chapter contributions are due by November 20th in order to process for National DAR Magazine/Newsletter to obtain credit on the National & Chapter Achievements.



Remember, National, State, and Chapter dues are due by Dec. 1 (or must be postmarked by then) to ensure chapter representation at the state conference. A timely payment ensures your voice will be heard. **As you collect your dues, remember that the state dues have increased to \$7.50 per member.**

This is the final year to contribute to the President General Project to help restore and conserve Memorial Continental Hall. **Mrs. Wright will be visiting Iowa during our Spring Conference April 3-5, 2025. It is our time to Sparkle with 100% PG chapter contributions.** The amount is \$7.50 per member over 3 years and based on January 1, 2023 membership. **Wouldn't it be wonderful if Iowa had 100% participation?**

If you have any questions about collecting or paying your National/State dues and required donations, please feel free to contact this officer. I am happy to help!



Want to know where your President's General monies are going? This is a picture of the construction on the Hall for those who did not attend Continental Congress to see it in person.

See the following page and also here's the link to the 2024 Iowa Society Annual Dues & Contributions Form.

https://isdar.org/members/ISDAR_Forms/State_Treasurer/2024/Treasurers_Cash_Contributions_2024_2025.pdf

**Iowa Society Daughters of the American Revolution
Chapter Treasurer
2024 Cash Contributions**

(Please Print or Type)

Treasurer _____

Chapter _____

Address _____

Chapter Code _____

City _____

Phone # _____

Mail Before November 20, 2024 (State Bylaws Article XIV, Section 3)
Contributions for Chapter Achievement Award: NCAA-National Award CAA-State Award
Note the Specified minimum contributions.

Reminder: The following will be paid by using e-Membership:

- President General’s Project 100% Participation Certification Program (\$7.50 per member, paid over 3 years)
- Cash Contributions Awards (CAA) section 8 (Historic Preservation, Education, Patriotism, and Membership/Administration) must total at least \$100.00 mailed or via e-membership.
The above must be received in Washington, DC, on or before December 1, 2024.
- **Regents:** This list of Cash Contributions programs/funds gives your chapter the opportunity to select areas of interest and make State level donations, in this easy-to-use format.
- Bold items are required for National Chapter Achievement Award.

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| 1. State Regent’s Project (\$10 minimum) | CAA _____ | 1 |
| 2. DAR Magazine/Newsletter (\$40 minimum) | CAA/NCAA _____ | 2 |
| 3. Iowa DAR Good Citizen Fund (\$1 minimum) | CAA _____ | 3 |
| 4. Iowa DAR Service for Veterans (\$1 minimum) | CAA _____ | 4 |
| 5. Iowa Junior Promotion Fund (\$1 minimum) | CAA _____ | 5 |
| 6. Iowa Junior Member to Continental Congress (\$1 minimum) | CAA _____ | 6 |
| 7. Iowa Promotion Fund (\$1 minimum) | CAA _____ | 7 |
| 8. Iowa State Fair Parade (\$1 minimum) | CAA _____ | 8 |
| 9. Iowa Youth Awards (\$1 minimum) | CAA _____ | 9 |
| 10. Iowa Room Fund (\$1 minimum) | CAA _____ | 10 |
| 11. Iowa Scholarship Fund (\$1 minimum) | CAA _____ | 11 |
| 12. Iowa Mitchell Auditorium Fund – KDS (\$1 minimum) | CAA _____ | 12 |

Check is payable to the "Iowa Society DAR" in the amount of:

TOTAL \$ _____

Mail to the Iowa State Treasurer:

Shelley Wells
306 480th St
Armstrong, IA 50514

Phone: 507-236-0781
Email: isdartreasurer24@gmail.com

Check # _____

From the State Registrar
Donna Knight



May 11, 2024-Aug 30, 2024

Welcome to our New Members by application.

Abigail Adams Chapter: Lynn Aubrey, Cindy Baddeloo, Jeanene Campbell, Ruth Lerg & Wendy Sloss

Council Bluffs Chapter: Terri Ehrman & Sabra Mackey

Grinnell Chapter: Tamera Kriegel

Hannah Lee Chapter: Jennifer Benett

Jean Espy Chapter: Donna Dains & Shirley Sweatt

Jean Marie Cardinell Chapter: Michelle Book, Patricia Hochstetler, Audrey Kobus, Charlie Mineart & Morgan Mineart

Marion Linn Chapter: Shelly Avis

Mayflower Chapter: Jean Jackson & Stefanie Koewler

Pilot Rock Chapter: Erica Bell

Revolutionary Dames Chapter: Linda Close, Cheryl Monaghan, Libby Muchow, Karen Shields, Emily Vering, Heather Vering & Kathleen Vering



Welcome Back:

Lawrence Van Hook Chapter: Eliza Wilson

Nathaniel Fellows Chapter: Maree Sarow

Welcome to Iowa as these ladies join us from Illinois:

Nataniel Fellows Chapter: Cynthia Bertino, Emily Honings & Ashley Smith

Every Member has an opportunity to share her commitment to NSDAR by promoting membership through the Member-for-Member (M4M) program. To be eligible for Member-for-Member credit, a member must identify and invite a prospective member to join a DAR chapter, and her information must be entered correctly on Page 1 of the new member application. ****Once the new member's application is verified and her national number is assigned, the new member's chapter regent or registrar is responsible for applying credit.****

Congratulations to the following Iowa Daughters who have earned **Member-for-Member** credit from Jan 1, 2024-Aug 30, 2024.

Linda Van Niewaal, Kathy Sells, Anne Woodrick, Barbara Halpin, Nancy Losenicky, Elizabeth Mineart, Donna Wenzel, Myrittis Yontz & Judith Bushlack.



***From the State Historian
Barb MacDougall***



Hello Iowa Daughters! Fall is around the corner so it's time to get busy exploring all the exciting possibilities for chapter work through the Office of the Historian General! Here is a brief overview:

Outstanding Teacher of American History Contest - This is to honor a full-time teacher of History, Social Studies, Government or Citizenship, teaching any grades from 5-12. Deadline to submit all required documentation to this officer is November 15th.

DAR History Award Medal - This is to honor an individual or group whose promotion of American history has significantly advanced the understanding of America's past. Nominations for this award are submitted electronically to the Office of the Historian General.

NSDAR Excellence in American History Book Award (for adult literature or children's literature) - This is to recognize an author for distinguished work that significantly preserves American history, specifically the Early Colonial Period (1607) through the Federalist Period (1801). The book can be historical non-fiction, biography or historically-accurate fiction. There are lists for both adult and children's books that are recommended for consideration on the National website. This might be a great way to start a Book Club in your chapter! This nomination is sent directly to the Historian General and the deadline is December 15th.

DAR Historical or Commemorative Marker - Is there an important event, building, person in your community that has not yet been recognized with a DAR marker? Your dossier goes directly to the Office of the Historian General.

America 250! Patriot Marker - This is to commemorate the 250th Anniversary of the United States. Advanced permission is obtained from the Office of the Historian General and a marker must be purchased from an approved vendor.

DAR Insignia Grave Marker - The Chapter Regent verifies the DAR membership and the form is sent to the Historian General. The signed permission form is then sent to an authorized firm to purchase the marker. After the grave is marked, a report form is sent to both the Historian General and the State Historian.

All of the forms for this office can be found by visiting the members site + resources + executive offices + Historian General. They can also be located in the National Information Packet.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions you have.

I hope to hear that every chapter is working on one or more of these initiatives to honor those in our community or in our past to show our love of American History!



***From the State Librarian
Gail Bonath***



Iowa Society DAR has a book club!

Our first book club meeting was during Fall Forum.

We discussed the book: *Eliza Hamilton: the extraordinary life and times of the wife of Alexander Hamilton* by Tilar Mazzeo. We had an interesting and lively discussion!

The next book the book club reads will be chosen by you. I am curious to know if daughters are interested in reading hard core history books or are interested in more social history.

An online survey where you can make a selection is available at:

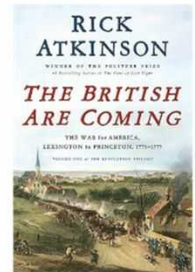
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdpppWelO84GwC311dA1cBT4D3gyZUaPVs4RuYf7QPdFi_cmj/viewform **OR use this shorter link instead** <https://bit.ly/3AsZnQL>

In the survey, I have suggested a few titles (described below) and there is a space for you to make suggestions of your own. You can also scan this QR code to get to the survey. The survey will also solicit suggestions from you. These will be useful in choosing future books. **The deadline for completing the survey is September 30, 2024.** Also, bookmarks with the QR code link to the survey were distributed at Fall Forum.

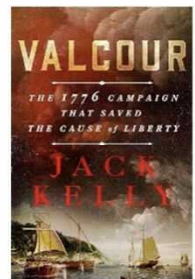


Two of the choices relate back to our Eliza Hamilton book.

The British are Coming by Rick Atkinson is the first volume of a projected 3 volume series titled *The Revolution Trilogy*. It covers the first twenty-one months of the war for independence. This book has already won many prizes and has been a previous selection of the National DAR Library Book Club. The book is 776 pages long, but do not despair! There are 129 pages of notes and bibliographical references, maps, and illustrations.

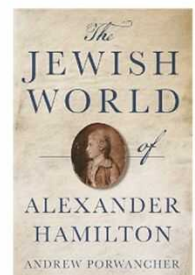


Valcour: The 1776 Campaign That Saved the Cause of Liberty by Jack Kelly is on the list of books under consideration for the NSDAR Excellence in American History Book Award for 2025. It tells the story of one crucial battle of the Revolution which helped preserve the cause of liberty. Philip Schuyler, the father of Eliza Hamilton, plays a prominent role in this book.



The third selection, The Jewish World of Alexander Hamilton by Andrew Porwancher, explores the previously unexplored childhood of Alexander Hamilton in the Caribbean and how that background influenced his relationships with the Jewish community as an adult. This book is also under consideration for the NSDAR Excellence in American History Book Award.

The second meeting of the book club will be a virtual meeting on January 11, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. Our third book club meeting of the year will be held at Spring conference.



ISDAR Southwest District Call



District Director Dianna Baker Hoye

Invites Southwest Iowa Daughters to attend the District Meeting

Saturday, September 14, 2024

1:00-4:00 pm

The Sweet Vale of Avoca Museum

504 N. Elm Street, Avoca, IA

For questions, please contact the District Director:

dbakerhoye.patriotlegacy@gmail.com ; (515) 249-1817

Registration Deadline is Friday, September 7, 2024

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

Mail the below form to:

Dianna Baker Hoye, 942 44th Street, West Des Moines, IA
50265-3030

Or Email to: dbakerhoye.patriotlegacy@gmail.com

DISTRICT MEETING REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ Chapter _____

Address _____ City/Zip _____

There is no registration fee. Light refreshments will be available.

YOUR OFFICE (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> State Regent | <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter Chaplain | <input type="checkbox"/> National Chairman/Vice Chairman |
| <input type="checkbox"/> State Vice Regent | <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter Secretary
(Recording or Corresponding) | <input type="checkbox"/> Junior Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Honorary State Regent | <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter Registrar | <input type="checkbox"/> C.A.R. Member |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter Vice Regent | <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter Chairman | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter Member | | |

ISDAR Northeast District Call



District Director Diane Murphy

Invites Northeast Iowa Daughters to attend the District Meeting

Saturday, November 9, 2024

1:00-4:00 pm

1st United Methodist Church

718 Clay Street, Cedar Falls, IA 50613

For questions, please contact the District Director:

demurphy76@gmail.com; 641-512-5851

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

Registration Deadline is Friday, November 1, 2024

Mail the below form to:

Diane Murphy, 920 11th St. NE, Mason City, IA 50401

Or Email to: demurphy76@gmail.com

DISTRICT MEETING REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ Chapter _____

Address _____

City/Zip _____

There is no registration fee. Light refreshments will be available.

YOUR OFFICE (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> State Regent | <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter Chaplain | <input type="checkbox"/> National Chairman/Vice Chairman |
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(Recording or Corresponding) | <input type="checkbox"/> Junior Member |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter Vice Regent | <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter Chairman | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter Member | | |

Salute to the Stars & Stripes *Chapter Grant Program*

DAR Can Help Your Chapter Replace Worn Flags in Your Community!

- ★ Give a “*Salute to the Stars & Stripes*” in your community by participating in the Flag Replacement Chapter Grant Program!
- ★ Replace a damaged or tattered American flag in your community by submitting a chapter grant application for a free Memorial Continental Hall Flag. **CLICK HERE** for the chapter grant application. **Due Date is December 1, 2024.**
- ★ Help promote dignity and respect for our national symbol. Foster patriotism, community engagement, and provide Flag Code education in your area.
- ★ Hold a flag presentation and raising event.
- ★ Receive recognition on the Flag of the USA Committee DOC (Daughters Online Community) and points on the CMR!

***Grants are limited to one per chapter. 250 chapters will be awarded a grant.
Flags must be presented and installed by December 31, 2024.***

For additional information, check out the Flag of the USA Committee DOC, or contact Marria Blinn, National Chair, The Flag of the United States of America Committee flagoftheusa@nsdar.org or your Flag Committee Division Vice Chair.

NSDAR is a nonprofit, nonpolitical volunteer women's service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history and securing America's future through better education.

Flag Committee Webpage



Flag Community DOC



SALUTE TO THE STARS AND STRIPES FLAG REPLACEMENT CHAPTER GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION

Thank you for celebrating the Stars and Stripes! This committee looks forward to receiving a chapter grant application from your chapter. Please ensure your proposed recipient supports the mission of our national society and does not indicate any political leaning or endorsement of any candidate for political office.

Please send the completed application and a photo of the tattered or worn flag your chapter intends to replace, clearly showing its current location, to flagoftheusa@nsdar.org by **December 1, 2024**. Identify the subject line of your email as "Flag Replacement Chapter Grant Application." Chapter Grants are limited to the first 250 completed applicants. So, do not delay in applying!

Chapters receiving a Flag Replacement Chapter Grant will be asked to post two photos and a caption on the Flag of the USA Committee DOC (Daughter's Online Community), one photo showing the flag being presented to the recipient, and the other the newly installed flag. Include the following in your caption: chapter name, state, recipient's name, a description of the activity, and why you chose the recipient for the Flag Replacement Chapter Grant program. Flags must be presented and installed by **December 31, 2024**.

Check the Box

I have read and agree to the above terms.



PLEASE TYPE ALL INFORMATION ONTO THIS WRITEABLE FORM

<i>Chapter Name:</i>	<i>City and State</i>	<i>Chapter Code</i>
<i>Name of Chapter Regent</i>	<i>Email</i>	<i>Phone</i>
<i>Name of Project Chair – Contact Person</i>	<i>Email</i>	<i>Phone</i>
<i>Mailing Address for Flag Delivery – Street</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>Zip Code</i>
<i>Name of Proposed Recipient - Contact Person</i>	<i>Email</i>	<i>Phone</i>
<i>Street Address</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>Zip Code</i>
		<i>Presentation Date</i>

<i>Signature of Chapter Regent</i>	<i>Date</i>
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America 250
Denise Baker Hamilton, Chair



**Preparing for America's 250th
Birthday Celebrations**

The America 250! Committee offers an opportunity for every member in every chapter to participate in honoring our Patriots and increasing membership as we "Rejoice in Our DAR "Ties of Service and Friendship".



What's NEW! The American Revolution Experience Traveling Exhibit is in full swing. In collaboration with the American Battlefield Trust this exhibition captures the spirit of both our organizations by showcasing lasting connections to the people and places indelibly linked to our war for independence. If you haven't seen the exhibit or photos of the exhibit, it is comprised of 12-panels and kiosks that have videos that visitors can watch. You can also experience the exhibit online.

The spots were taken almost as soon as they were offered, but we do have several chapters on the waiting list, so stay tuned!

Chapters continue to find ways to celebrate the various 250th birthday opportunities. I encourage you to get on the America 250! Committee group on the Daughters' Online Community (DOC) for some great inspiration.

Of course, the FREE \$500 available through the Celebration Grants are still available; however, time is running short. Please, do not leave your chapter's \$500 on the table. There are some very simple projects that you can do that will have an impact in your community. Projects must be completed no later than February 28, 2025. Contact me if you have any questions.

Denise Baker Hamilton, State America 250! Chair



American Heritage

Lisa E. Lang, Chair



American Heritage Contest

American Heritage Theme 2024-2025:

“Memorial Continental Hall: Our Monument to the Patriots of the American Revolution”

Historic Dress Period is 1905: What would you wear to the first Continental Congress in our building?

Some ideas to help you incorporate the theme might be:

- How does Memorial Continental Hall show the nation, DAR’s pride in what our ancestors fought for?
- Are there parts of the building that specifically represent our Patriot ancestors to you?
- Specifically for the jewelry category, you may want to consider types of jewelry that were popular in the early 1900’s.

Your personal, creative interpretation of the theme is an important part of the contest, so be sure to express it in your required narrative.

To enter the contest, please fill out an American Heritage Committee Contest Form Packet (AHE-1004). The forms are PDF fillable and must be completed, signed, and accompany all entries. Your entire entry package must contain the entry form, narrative, and six photos. If you are entering as a group, you will add an additional page printed with the names, national numbers, signatures, and how each member contributed. Never send your artwork. You will be judged exclusively by the photos of your entry. Photos must be of good quality, but not too large to send via email. One photo must show the entire entry, with four showing details and one of item construction. If sending historic dress photos, please use a mannequin or a person showing only from the neck down. For Photography category, only send the photo to be judged. NO photos are needed for literature & drama or music.

American Heritage Contest continues next page

American Heritage Contest continued...

Submit entries by email ONLY for the following contests directly to the appropriate National Vice Chairs:

- **Arts and Sculpture** — Cynthia McBride and Carole Lowe, National Vice Chair, amheritagevcartsculp@nsdar.org
- **Crafts**—Margaret Russo, National Vice Chair, amheritagevccrafts@nsdar.org
- **Fiber Arts**—Send to State Chair, Lisa E. Lang by January 1st, 2025, amheritageiowa@gmail.com
- **Jewelry**—Annalisa Lauer-Hansing, National Vice Chair, amheritagevcjewelry@nsdar.org
- **Photography**—Patrice Hatcher, National Vice Chair, amheritagevcphoto@nsdar.org
- **Literature and Drama**—Pamela Dover, National Vice Chair, amheritagevclitdrama@nsdar.org
- **Music**—Sue Ellen Adams, National Vice Chair, amheritagevcmusic@nsdar.org



2024–2025 American Heritage Committee Theme:

**Memorial Continental Hall:
Our Monument to the Patriots
of the American Revolution**

Historic Dress: 1905

What would you wear to the first Continental Congress in our building?

Reminders

- Complete and sign entry form.
- Do not submit artwork, only photos for your entry. Entries will not be returned.
- Review specific contest entry requirements for each category on website and National Information Packet.
- Entries for these contests will only be accepted between January 2, 2025 and February 15, 2025. Postal entries will NOT be accepted.
- As a courtesy, send a duplicate of your signed, completed contest entry form ONLY to your state chair, Lisa E. Lang at amheritageiowa@gmail.com
- Fiber Arts entries are judged at the state level first. Each fiber arts entry must be emailed to your STATE CHAIR, Lisa E. Lang at amheritageiowa@gmail.com by January 1, 2025.

American History **Karen S. Meurer, Chair**



This American History Chair is excited to kick off the new school year highlighting the American History Contests & Awards.

The three DAR contests are The American History Essay Contest, The Patriots of the American Revolution DAR High School Essay Contest, grades 9 - 12, and NEW this year is The American History Video Contest.

We have two DAR Awards. The Excellence in American History DAR Award and The Women in American History Award.

The 3 American History Contests must only be submitted electronically this year.

The American History Essay Contest's title "Enjoying a new kind of Tea Party!" for grades 5-8, students are to imagine they are one of over 51 women who boldly participated in one of two Tea Parties who refused to buy tea from the British because of their high taxes and laws or burned their tea for the same reasons.

New this year to the contest lineup will be **The Video Contest**, grades 5-12. This contest will have the same title, "Enjoying a new kind of Tea Party!" Length: Up to 3 minutes. Check the ISDAR American History Committees web site, the DAR.org at The American History Committee/Forms, or ask your Regents who will provide to you, a letter she received to share.

The Tea Party theme for both contests is for boys also. They can pretend a family member attended the tea party.

In 2021, NSDAR established a new high school-level essay contest for grades 9-12, **"DAR Patriots of the American Revolution High School Essay Contest"**. This contest focuses on figures of the American Revolution, in preparation for the 250th anniversary of the nation's founding. All contests are open to students in public, private, or parochial schools, or those who are home schooled and conducted without regard to race, religion, sex, or national origin.

Check out and download the contest Instructions, a Step-by-Step Guide for Chapters. Also, I have "How to Write a Competitive Essay" Handout "Student Guidelines to the ___ DAR PATRIOTS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY CONTEST" ___ 9-12. Contact me: karenmeurer6@mac.com

The Excellence in American History DAR Award. (REMINDER THIS IS SEPARATE FROM THE ESSAY CONTESTS!!) There is a certification of award and a bronze medal to be awarded. The Chapter may determine eligibility and criteria for this award for any student in any grade.

Women in American History is a wonderful award. The electronic form is easy to download, save to your computer, fill out, add a 100-word essay, finish, attach the form with a picture to an email and send to me. Choose a woman to honor for this recognition by taking into consideration women who have contributed or made a difference in their communities. She could be a historical entity or currently alive and



American History continues

worthy of recognition. An award winner for example: Jordan Chiles, of Women's Gymnastics was the DAR Women in American History Award recipient. Look for women who are, or have been, intellectual, educational, social, religious, political, scientific, or cultural innovators. You may select more than one woman to honor or as many as one woman per month.

As American History Committee State Chair I would like to challenge each chapter to recognize one Woman in American History before March 2025. Who will answer my call?

I posted on our ISDAR American History Committees page and sent letters to the Chapter Regents the information about the contests, forms and awards. NSDAR was having trouble with their links. The day before our Fall Forum I received the notification that the forms had been renamed. I then sent out a new email forwarding the notice I received. I hope you received my email, and I do apologize for the confusion. The information and the form #'s that are on the website, and the letter to Regents, is correct but not the links themselves. The links may be found on the national website, resources, forms/publications, committees - American History.

It's time now to reach out to the schools. Thank you for all you do for American History!

Sparkle as we Celebrate Stars & Stripes Forever!

“Be a Shining Star”

Karen S. Meurer
ISDAR State Chairman, American History Committee



American Indians
Peggy Harvey, Chair



The NSDAR American Indians

Committee is entrusted to the continuing education of the history and culture of this community as well as the support of the educational and cultural pursuits of its citizens.

Celebrate Stars & Stripes Forever! Members can educate themselves and the general public by promoting cultural activities and providing financial or material assistance to programs supported by the DAR. There are grants available for qualifying Native American projects.

Reach out into the community and participate in **American Heritage Month** (November).

Obtain a proclamation from your community. A writable form is available on the DAR American Indian Committee webpage and in the forms section.

Share information about scholarships available to Native American students with your chapter and in your community. The application process is entirely online through the Academic Works portal which is open November 1 through January 31 annually. American Indian Scholarships benefit Indian youth and are an important part of this committee's work. Chapters have numerous educational opportunities relating to this committee:

November is "Native American Heritage Recognition Month." Suggested activities include: A special chapter or public program on a Native American subject; Have a proclamation signed. A writable proclamation is now available on the Forms page; Submit public service announcements to radio, television, or print media.

Each month present an "American Indian Minute" at your chapter meetings.

Minutes were emailed to every Chapter Regent. If you didn't receive an email, please let me know and I will send you the important information. Please let me know what your chapter has been doing for this committee.

Be creative and have fun!

American Indian Committee Chair
Peggy Harvey
ps_harv214@hotmail.com

Conservation
Karen Bradway, Chair



DNR News Releases

Help stop the spread of invasive species in your community

Invasive species, like emerald ash borer, Asian longhorned beetle, spongy moth and oriental bittersweet threaten Iowa's ecosystem by competing with and destroying native trees and disrupting the natural complex habitat system.

Iowa woodlands, wildlands and waterways draw hundreds of thousands of tourists and recreational users each year. Much of the spread of Invasive species comes from people simply enjoying nature. Uninvited guests can hitch a ride on outdoor gear, shoes and clothes, traveling hundreds of miles in a single day.

Take these easy steps to stop the spread of invasive species in your community.

- Verify that the plants you buy for your yard or garden are not invasive. Many non-native plants can become invasive. Find quick ID photos and common management techniques to control 19 invasive trees, shrubs and plants on the DNR webpage at iowadnr.gov/Conservation/Forestry/Forest-Health/Invasive-Plants
- Look for spongy moth egg masses on all outdoor equipment when traveling from a spongy moth quarantined area.
- Clean your boots before and after you hike in a new area to avoid spreading seeds. This is a common way garlic mustard and other plants are spread.
- Do not buy or sell firewood from outside your county. Firewood can contain emerald ash borer, Sirex woodwasp, Asian longhorned beetle, oak wilt and many more pests. Plenty of firewood is available locally near state and county parks. Make sure to burn all of the firewood at the campsite and not leave it or transport to a new area.
- Work with your private lands district forester for plans to make your forests more resilient to invasive species. Find contact information and forest landowner assistance resources online at iowadnr.gov/Conservation/Forestry/Forestry-Landowner-Assistance.

Learn more about forest invasive species on the DNR website at www.iowadnr.gov/invasives.

DAR Scholarship
Jan Morgan, Chair



DAR Scholarship Committee

The purpose of the DAR Scholarship Committee is to share information about scholarships offered by both the National Society and the Iowa Society with your chapter and with schools in the communities you serve. Scholarship chairs publicize the scholarships by emailing or writing letters to your local school counselors. You can find out who the counselors are by Googling the name of a school system, clicking on the link for the high school and then looking for the names and addresses of the high school counselor.

The ISDAR website contains a sample letter for school counselors and posters advertising both Iowa Society and National Society scholarships. Be sure to edit the posters to include the name of your scholarship chair, contact information, and chapter name.

NSDAR Scholarships

Each year the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) awards multiple scholarships to students showing dedication to the pursuit of higher education in diverse areas of study. DAR's scholarships are awarded and judged without regard to gender, race, color, religion, national origin, or disability. Applicants must be citizens of the United States.

For detailed information, applicants should access the NSDAR website <https://www.dar.org/national-society/scholarships>. All applications are submitted using the online portal <https://dar.academicworks.com> which opens November 1 and closes January 31 each year.

The DAR Scholarship Committee does not process DAR Good Citizens, American Indian, or DAR School scholarships.

ISDAR Scholarships

The Iowa Society Daughters of the American Revolution awards two scholarships for graduating high school students who plan to attend a U.S. Department of Education accredited school of post-secondary education.

The two scholarships awarded by the Iowa Society are the ISDAR Scholarship and the Amelia Jenks Bloomer Scholarship. Each scholarship is \$1000. The criteria and the application process are the same for both scholarships. Your chapter may nominate only one student for each scholarship. You may nominate the same student for both scholarships if you wish.

The scholarship fund is intended to assist worthy young people to complete a higher education. The applicant must be an American citizen, an Iowa resident and be of good character.

Completed applications for Iowa Society scholarships are due to the Scholarship Chair by February 1st.

For additional information see the scholarship page on the ISDAR website:
http://www.isdar.org/members/ISDAR_Committee_Files/2022/DAR_Scholarship.html

Sincerely,
Janelle Morgan
State Scholarship Chair
Phone: 641.745.0144 or email: morganj_5@hotmail.com

Iowa Society Daughters of the American Revolution
Scholarship Application

Check one or both: ___ Amelia Jenks Bloomer Scholarship ___ ISDAR Scholarship

Full Name _____

Permanent address _____

Email address _____ Phone number _____

Name of parents/guardian _____

High school currently attending _____

High school address _____

H.S. graduation year _____ Class rank ___ of ___ G.P.A. ___ on a ___ scale

List other financial aid, grants, and/or scholarships you expect to receive. _____

Attach the following:

- Two letters of personal reference, other than family, and an optional letter from the DAR chapter sponsor
- High school transcript, including courses completed through the 7th semester and ACT or SAT scores
- Paragraph describing your financial need (including tuition cost) or any extraordinary circumstances
- List of jobs, including summer employment held over the past three years and the average number of hours worked during the school year and during the summer
- Brief biographical sketch, not to exceed two typed single-spaced, one-sided pages including:
 - o School activities and honors earned in grades 9-12
 - o Volunteer projects and/or activities
 - o Reasons for the selection of this particular college or university
 - o Your intended course of studies and future career goals
- Do not submit a personal photograph. Scholarships are awarded without regard to race, religion, sex or national origin.

You must be sponsored by a local DAR chapter. A list of chapters can be found at <https://isdar.org/chapters.htm>

Sponsoring Chapter: _____ City: _____

Chapter Scholarship Chair: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Chapter Regent's signature: _____

Completion of this application authorizes the Iowa Society Daughters of the American Revolution (ISDAR) to publish my name and photograph as a recipient of an ISDAR scholarship.

For minors only:

Parent or Guardian name _____ Parent or Guardian signature _____

Completed applications (all in one mailing) must be received by the Scholarship Chair by February 1.

Email to isdarscholarship@gmail.com or via paper mail to: Janelle Morgan • DAR Scholarship Committee Chair •
301 East Iowa St. Greenfield, Iowa 50849 Phone: 641.343.7124 email: morganj_5@hotmail.com

Iowa Society Daughters of the American Revolution Scholarship Application
ISDAR Scholarship Fund Regulations
Recommendation Adopted by the Executive committee, March 21, 2001
Amended April 23, 2022

- I. OBJECT: This Scholarship Fund is intended to assist worthy young men and women to complete a higher education. They must be American citizens of good character and Iowa residents.

- II. ELIGIBILITY:
 - The applicant must be planning to attend a U.S. Department of Education accredited school of postsecondary education.
 - He or she must have a minimum of a 3.0 grade point average based on a 4.0 scale, or equivalent.
 - The scholarship shall be awarded based upon merit and financial need.
 - Each Chapter is entitled to ONE nomination for the Scholarship. The Chapter's nomination advances on to the State level for judging. (Only the ISDAR Scholarship recipients will be notified.)
 - The Chapter Regent must sign the application form of the advancing entry. (The Chapter may include a letter of endorsement with the applicant's entry.)
 - The Chapter's complete entry, including all required enclosures, must be postmarked no later than FEBRUARY 1. Please note, separate mailings will not be considered. No records will be returned.
 - Payment contingent on receipt by the State Scholarship Chairman of first semester transcript from postsecondary institution.
 - Should the scholarship winner fail to provide a first semester transcript within 90 days of completion of said semester, the scholarship shall be withdrawn and awarded to the next best eligible candidate.

Iowa Society Daughters of the American Revolution

Janelle Morgan, ISDAR Scholarship Chair, 301 East Iowa St Greenfield, Iowa, 50849 Phone 641.343.7124 email: morganj_5@hotmail.com

***Historical Preservation
Charlotte Janeczko, Chair***



I have recently been appointed the Historic Preservation State committee chair. This is a new adventure for me and I hope you will all be patient with me as I learn the ropes of this position. I am excited to hear your ideas, inspirations, and plans for the coming year. You can reach me at my email address, janeczko@mtco.com or my phone, 515-314-9638.

Keep in mind that if a project for restoration is identified by a chapter but seems overwhelming for one chapter to complete, help could come from another chapter.

The DAR Historic Preservation Grant program will provide financial support for projects that meet certain criteria. Applications are now being accepted on line at the DAR public website (dar.org/grants) through October 31st.

***Master Reports
Briana Johnson, Chair***



CMR- Find Your Pin!

Log in to eMembership.

Select the Updates button.

Select List All Updates

Select from the list, Chapter Master Report Admin (CMR)

Under My Chapter Summary, you will find the Pin Access Code.

Read through the CMR now to help plan next year's programs.

Share the Pin Access Code with your chapter chairmen so they can record 2024 activities, beginning in September when the newest CMR opens.

If they have the pin, they don't need access to eMembership.

Submit your completed CMR before February 1st!

Members Course Coordinator
Dianne Chadwick, Chair



DAR Leadership Training

It is Back to School time! So don't get left behind!

Whether you are a new member or a 50-year member, there is something for you in the Members, Committee Leaders, and New Horizons Courses! Have fun learning about DAR - its history, its buildings, its service and educational programs, and so much more!

No fees and no tests – just work through online webinars and answer sheets at your own pace. You could inspire your chapter members to work through the course as a group. Participants will learn about the many different opportunities and ways that Daughters support the DAR core mission of service through Historic Preservation, Education, and Patriotism.

New Horizons has been revamped this year into a more streamlined course with new webinars and DAR leadership workbooks that explore the duties and responsibilities of each office. **Ann Mack, Abigail Adams Chapter, is our first Iowa course graduate** from the newly revised New Horizons!

For more information about the Members Course, contact the Iowa state coordinator, Dianne Chadwick, at diannechadwickdar@gmail.com. For more information about the Committee Leaders and New Horizons Course, contact the Iowa state coordinator, Terri Toppler, at darth5mom@aol.com.



Council Bluffs & Glenwood Chapters' ladies - Pam Manning, Shawn Julius, Wilma Kelly, Carolyn Delay, Janice Ehrens and Julie Ryan.

Parliamentarian **Amy Sunleaf**



Parli Point



What is a Parliamentarian's Role and Purpose?

Parliamentarians act as a facilitator for bylaws, a consultant to manage meetings, and a mentor for members on parliamentary procedure.

What are Bylaws?

Bylaws set up the chapter and how it is to be run, as they establish the specific rules of guidance by which the group is to function.

Why are Bylaws Important?

Bylaws not only govern function, but also clearly define the roles and responsibilities of officers, fees and dues, meeting times, etc. Bylaws are a chapter's map, outlining not only its purpose, but also the practical day-to-day details of how it will go about its business. Following bylaws ensures consistent and agreed-upon voting and decision-making procedures.

Knowledge of chapter bylaws is important for all members, and you might consider adding them to your chapter's yearbook. In addition, a Bylaws Committee is an important one as they will periodically meet to revise or amend chapter bylaws to adapt to your chapter's particular needs, and ensure the chapter stays in compliance with State and National updates.

Bylaws can save time trying to work out organizational complications, help define your mission or goals, and keep things running smoothly.

Iowa DAR Bylaws Article XIV, Section 5—Chapters Responsibilities

This section states, "Each Chapter may submit a copy of bylaws to the State Parliamentarian to ascertain if such bylaws comply with the National and State Bylaws." Chapter Regents, please consider sending a copy of your Chapter's most recent bylaws to lvh.dar@gmail.com.

If it's been a while since your chapter's bylaws have been updated, *A Model for Chapter Bylaws* may be found on the national website at:

<https://www.dar.org/system/files/members/darnet/forms/OSG-3000.pdf>

Please feel free to reach out to me with specific bylaws or other parliamentary questions as your chapter year progresses!

Service to America
Lucy Zeimet, Chair



By the time the Fall newsletter is available, Chapter yearbooks are completed, printed and in use. Of course, each Chapter has included the National Day of Service, October 11, which was created to honor the founding of DAR, October 11, 1890.

So many ways ISDAR Chapters can participate in Service to America. Sending cards to active military, cemetery/headstone cleanups, recognizing our first responders, litter pickup and on and on. Be creative in ways to honor America and DAR. The NSDAR site under Committees and Service to America has many ideas for this special day and all year!

Maybe your Chapter has a specific activity already planned? Do remember to send pictures to the ISDAR State Historian, Barb MacDougall.

Join the Daughters Online Community Service to America for more ideas and "follow" DAR Service to America on Facebook.

As always....remember to record your Service to America volunteer hours on the national site.



DAR Service for Veterans **Jeanne McMillan, Chair**



DAR Service for Veterans Committee Projects

Project Shoebox.... “Game Night”. The CRRC-Community Resource and Referral Center located at the Des Moines VA Hospital provides care and assistance to homeless veterans or veterans at-risk of becoming homeless. Our Project would be providing shoeboxes filled with a travel size game, a cool looking notebook, a fun writing pen, a holiday mug or any kind of mug, hot chocolate, tea, snack crackers, nuts, sugar free candy, an ornament, crossword-word search books or any other little fun gifts that would fill a shoebox size box. **Please include a card with your name or your chapter’s name.** I



found travel games at Walmart and Target. The CRRC wanted the Shoeboxes to be “true gifts”, not necessities that they receive all year long. Some of these veterans never receive even one “real” holiday gift!! The CRRC does not want the boxes wrapped, so the plastic, clear shoe boxes found at Dollar Tree for \$1.25 are perfect for this project. So far, we have 20 shoeboxes pledged. We need a total of 50. **This is a fabulous project that you can take back to your Chapter and pledge a few Project Shoeboxes for our homeless veterans for the holidays.**

The cost for each shoebox I have filled has been \$14-\$17. This project has been approved by the Des Moines VA Hospital VAVS Chief and follows the CRRC requests. I can come anywhere to pick the shoeboxes up after Thanksgiving for the homeless veteran’s party on Dec 12th. If you are from another catchment area and would love to do Project Shoebox for the holidays other than the Des Moines VA, you can fill them with so many fun things for veterans. They can be delivered to nursing homes, hospitals, homeless shelters or CBOCs. Please be sure you receive permission from the facility and if they want something special in the gift box. What a wonderful way to serve veterans during the holidays

Please email me, text or call me to let me know if you can pledge some Shoebox “Game Night” boxes. If we could get pledges for 30 from Iowa Chapters that would be amazing.

I will pick them up at any location or meet you at any location after Thanksgiving. Please do not deliver the boxes to the VA yourself. I will collect all of them and deliver them all at the same time. **Thank you so very much for your generous support to veterans.**

Kindness for Veterans Rocks! Think about painting little kindness rocks for veterans. **Gift them to veterans anytime,** but especially Veteran’s Day, Memorial Day, Patriot’s Day or any holiday. The veteran can place their rock by their favorite chair, on the mantle, next to the bed. This is such a simple reminder to a veteran how much we thank them for their service and how much we appreciate them. If you want to take them to nursing homes, CBOCs, or hospitals, please ask for permission.



Missing Man Table! Challenge your Chapter to place a Missing Man Table in 2 restaurants or other eating facilities in your community during Veteran’s Day week, Memorial Day week or Patriot’s Day week. The tables are such a subtle reminder of our MIA/POW, also of the men and women in uniform that we have lost.

Jeanne McMillan, DAR Service for Veterans State Chair,
jeannemcmillan1953@gmail.com, 641-777-8701



Volunteer Genealogist
Carolyn DeLay, Chair



**Got a "first letter" on your supplement to "cite sources" on page 3?
Contact your Volunteer Genealogist!**

**Need a second pair of eyes to double check your applications and
supplementals? Contact your Volunteer Genealogist!**

The Volunteer Genealogy Committee is taking an active role in assisting chapters and/or Registrars that need some assistance in helping to verify applications, both prospective members and supplementals.. We are offering this to all chapters. Let us know whether your chapter would like someone assigned to be your Power Partner: These Power Partners, or Volunteer Genealogists who have completed several of the required DAR Genealogy courses, will be able to even do workshops for your chapters and give some guidance. Openings still available! We know that you will be interested in this opportunity!

Contact your Volunteer Genealogist State Chairman!

Carolyn DeLay,
Iowa State Volunteer Genealogist Chairman



**Introducing our Volunteer
Genealogists:**



Dianne Chadwick – Mason City
Carolyn DeLay – Jean Espy, Sun Dial
Mary Ealy - Onawa
Ann Gabel – Revolutionary Dames
Barb Glasener – Martha Washington
Ann Mack - Helen Hindman Dwelle
Sharleen Newton - Cedar Falls
Lisa Rex – Glenwood
Marla Suter - Ladies of the Lake
Terri Toppler-- Hannah Lee
Linda Van Neiwaal – Algona



**Women's Issues
Marla Suter, Chair**



Women's Issues Committee

This committee was established in April 2001 to educate women about issues such as **health, career and family that are important to today's woman**. The committee is currently focusing on Career, Family, Physical Health, Mental Health, Personal Finance, Senior Advocacy and Women Veterans. The Women's Issues National Theme for the Wright Administration is **Celebrating and Caring for Women**.

As we recently learned at Fall Forum during the fantastic and engaging presentation provided by National Chair Cynthia Pritchard, there is not a woman among us whose life has not been impacted by at least one of these issues. The committee has an annual essay contest which is a wonderful way to share your experience in relation to one of the current focus areas.

Please explore the National website [Women's Issues Committee | Daughters of the American Revolution \(dar.org\)](https://www.dar.org) or the ISDAR members only website https://isdar.org/members/ISDAR_Committee_Files/2024/Womens_Issues.html **for more information on this committee and for essay contest rules and deadlines.**

The essay contest **deadline** for Iowa Daughters is **January 15, 2025**. Do not hesitate to contact me if you need additional information. I am here to help!

Marla Suter
State Chair, Women's Issues Committee
302 W Montgomery St
Knoxville, IA 50138-2432
mlsuter@windstream.net

Financial Literacy Challenge

Each of us can do one-thing

No Spend Week Challenge – No spending on new clothes, eating out, online shopping, entertainment, hair or nail appointments for one week.

Holiday Helper Challenge – Every Monday from July 2nd until November 26th, 2023, place \$20.00 in an envelope. By the end of November, you will have an extra \$420.00 to spend.

Don't Sink Fund Challenge – Every time you receive a \$1.00 bill back in change put it in a jar. This will add up to cover emergencies and unexpected expenses.

Round-up Challenge – There are banks/apps that allow for your everyday spending to be rounded up to the nearest dollar and that change is deposited directly into your savings account.

52-Week Challenge – Start with \$1.00 and increase it every week by an additional \$1.00. On week 52 you will set aside \$52.00 which will bring your one year's savings to \$1,378.00.

Get Involved Challenge – Volunteer to teach financial literacy to K-12. No degree required to inspire a child to save.

Fall Forum Apparel Sale



What a Fall Forum we had!

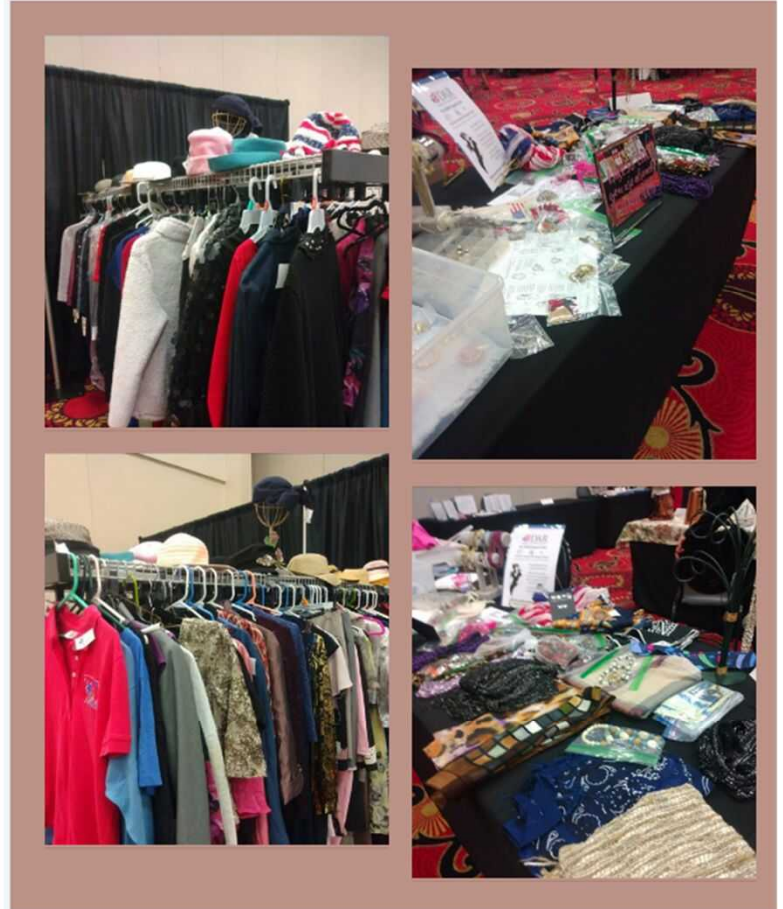
We collected \$420 and I want to thank everyone!

Special thanks to Nancy Geiger and Joyce McDonnell from my chapter Jean Marie Cardinell for their help and back up. Without these two ladies, I would have, truthfully, been stressed and worried about every detail. Nancy especially helped me with the lugging of my totes from my apartment on the third floor to my car and then back! My legs thank you!

Spring Conference is only seven months away – plenty of time to go through your closets and drawers to find that not-wearing-anymore dress or piece of jewelry.

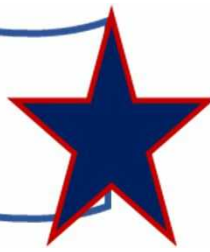
I've changed up the dress sale part of the Apparel Sale and I'm sure you're going to like it! I know it will be much easier to buy something too!

See you in April!



DAR VAVS Representative

Joyce Mandel



SERVING OUR NATION'S VETERANS



There are many ways you and your DAR chapter can volunteer to serve those who served for us!

Veterans receive a wide range of services from the Iowa City Veterans Affairs Health Care System (ICVAHCS) not only at the VA Hospital in Iowa City, but also at the many VA facilities located across Eastern Iowa and in neighboring States. <https://www.va.gov/iowa-city-health-care/locations/>

In Iowa, the DAR has 17 Iowa Chapters within an hour's drive of the Iowa City VA hospital and/or its many clinics within this System. If you are interested learning more about volunteering to help our Veterans, visit this webpage:

<https://www.va.gov/iowa-city-health-care/work-with-us/volunteer-or-donate/>

Although there are currently over 260 active volunteers supporting the Iowa City VA Health Care System, there continues to be urgent volunteer needs including:

- Front entrance Greeters and Escorts are needed at the Iowa City VA Hospital.
- The Compassionate Contact Corps (CCC) Program needs volunteers to make short weekly phone calls to a Veteran who is experiencing loneliness or is socially isolated.
- Administrative help in the afternoons is needed in the Mailroom and Food Voucher Office at the Iowa City VA Hospital.
- A variety of opportunities to serve are also available at your local Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC) VA facility.

Donations Needed

In addition to monetary donations, the following items are also needed:

- Non-perishable food items for food pantries (Cedar Rapids and Davenport locations)
- New clothing and new shoes (preferably slip-ons)
- Reading glasses
- Hygiene items
- Trac phones and prepaid phone cards
- Activities – playing cards, word-search games books, pencils, new magazines

DAR Deputy VAVS Representative opportunity

Please contact me if you are interested in serving with me in a broader role as a DAR Deputy Representative to the ICVAHCS.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Mandel
DAR VAVS Representative
(for the Iowa City VA Health Care System)
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Across the State

Abigail Adams Submitted by Susan B Klein



The **Abigail Adams chapter** had a wonderful day on June 8, 2024, with a day of celebration. Beginning in the morning, the June chapter meeting, the 2024-26 Chapter officers were installed with over 40 members attending. We are so happy to a great mix of experience and new members serving on our board and we look forward to their creative leadership.

Following the installation, the **Commemorative Events committee** held a ceremony to honor nurses for their excellence in nursing. The seven nurses included two veterans, one nurse caring for Veterans for over 30 years, a flight nurse and a nurse educator. The event was in recognition of the 125th anniversary of the establishment of the DAR Nurse Corps at the onset of the Spanish American War.

Chapter members were asked to nominate health care professionals including nurses that they believed were examples of the excellence in their profession. We were proud to have such a talented and diverse group of nurses be recognized. Each nurse is unique in their field.



Ruth Lerg holds a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN). She was an Army Nurse on active duty for 8.5 years. Stationing included San Antonio, TX, Colorado Springs, CO, Fayetteville, NC, Wuerzburg, Germany and a tour in Iraq. Her work in Iraq, was with the 212th MASH-the last MASH unit left in the United States Army. Her civilian work has included many hospital positions in the Des Moines area. Ruth was nominated by her mother, Ellen Roettger, a member of our chapter. A bonus for the day was that Ruth was approved for membership in our chapter and joined the chapter as well.



Paula Smith is a graduate of Iowa Methodist School of Nursing. Her career has found her in medical clinics and hospitals. She finished her career at Broadlawns hospital working in Public Health setting with young mothers and children (WIC). Paula is a member of the Abigail Adams DAR Chapter, serves on the board as Librarian and leads our chapter book club.



Jennifer Dane has a BSN and is a Navy veteran serving for over 5 years. During the Persian Gulf war, she served on a hospital ship in the ICU and the hospital nursery. Post Navy she has worked for Iowa Health Department, Central Iowa VA Hospital, a triage nurse in doctor offices, and an insurance company in the state of Washington.



Jenna DeVries has an Associate degree in Nursing and a BSN. She has been specially trained to work in emergency medicine and has literally worked coast to coast (Florida to California). Now she is a flight nurse for Mercy Hospital.



Carrie England graduated from nursing school and has spent her entire career as a nurse. While she has not served in the military specifically, she has SERVED the military at the Des Moines VA Hospital for 32 years. As a retired nurse she has continued to actively volunteer to nurse paralyzed veterans and their caregivers in support groups.



Rhonda Spaw is a Certified Medical Assistant (CMA). At the age of 42, she returned to school and has worked for 18 years at the Iowa Clinic.

Jeri Jaquis (not pictured) has a BSN from Grandview College (University) and a Masters of Science in Nursing (MSN) from the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston. She has a varied career in hospitals, university, criminal justice and as a nursing professional educator. She is also a DAR member and chapter vice-regent in Texas. She joined via ZOOM.

But there was still time left on June 8th. Chapter members enjoyed box luncheons and then attended the dedication of the Patriot Marker installed at Woodland Cemetery GAR Section between the civil war canons in Des Moines. Prior to the event, the Greater Des Moines Community Band performed patriotic music and to begin the ceremony, the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) color guard dressed in their Revolutionary War uniforms processed with the flags. The color guard was enlisted from several Midwest states. We heard greetings and memories from State Regent Edee Brunia, Polk County Veteran Services and our own Woodland Cemetery expert, Kristine Bartley. The marker was covered by a Valor Quilt created for a Vietnam service veteran until it was time to reveal. **What a beautiful day to begin the celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the United State of America.**



Abigail Adams chapter members following dedication

Across the State

Algona Submitted by Karen Meurer



Algona Chapter is Celebrating 100 years from May 2024 until May 2025!

From April to August The Algona Chapter has been busy. While preparing for their 100th Anniversary, May 11, they celebrated at the 125th ISDAR Conference in April their **Good Citizen Award Winner, Kierra Jungers** who was also the NW District Winner.

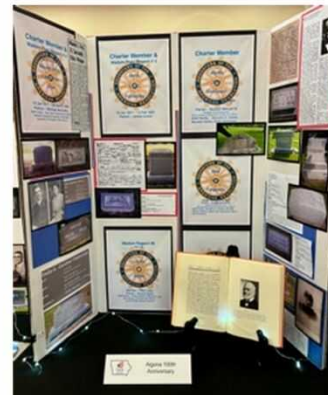


Chapter Regent Teri Miller,
Good Citizens Award Winner Kierra Jungers,
and Chapter Recording Secretary Karen Meurer



Regent Teri Miller, Opening Address.
State Regent Edee Brunia, in foreground

Algona's 100th Anniversary - Celebrating our Organizing Regent, Charter Members, Regents and Members in the 1st Yearbook 1925, from 1924 to 2024 - with 14 Displays.

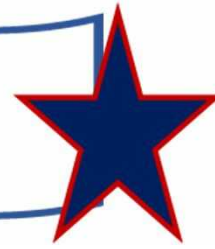


DAR Algona Chapter in the July 27th Fenton, IA, 125th Centennial Parade



Across the State

Ashley Submitted by Linda Van Niewaal



Ashley Chapter, NSDAR, celebrated its 125th Anniversary by remembering a past community contribution. A granite drinking fountain was dedicated to the City of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in October of 1911, after Ashley Chapter members raised \$600 for its purchase. The fountain was originally located on a busy corner in the downtown business district, providing sanitary drinking water for the public. The City of Cedar Rapids contributed a large ice vault to cool the water as the fountain stood in front of the U.S. Post Office.



In 1948, the fountain was moved for a street widening project and stored by the city. Sadly, it was “lost” for many years, until 1987, when members of Ashley Chapter launched a campaign to find the fountain. It was found and moved to The History Center (formerly the Linn County Historical Museum). Inside The History Center, we have a display which includes the original minutes of the meetings in 1899 as well as photos of the regents at the time of the organizing of the chapter.



Current Ashley Chapter members raised almost \$10,000 to make the fountain operational once again, although the water is not potable. The fountain is now in its permanent location near the studio where Grant Wood painted the famous Daughters of Revolution. Ashley Chapter rededicated the fountain at a community celebration at The History Center, on June 8, 2024.



Our usual June Ashley meeting includes “**pie day.**” We did not want to divert from tradition so pie was served to our attending guests! We had city employees; citizens and many other ISDAR chapter members attend our wonderful event. Chapter members organized and worked hard to make this event such a success! The band was hired for the event. One of the band members is a prospective member of the chapter.



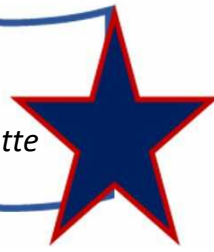
Serving pie were Bonnie Dodge and Sarah Olmstead.

Receiving pie were Debbie Crawford (Cedar Falls Chapter) and her husband.



Across the State

Cedar Falls Submitted by Sue LeQuatte



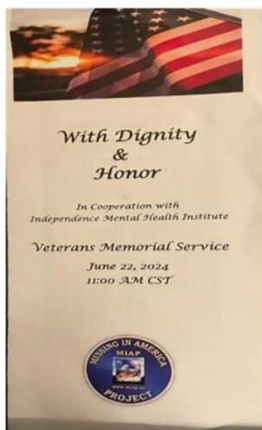
Some of our members were busy this summer in our communities.

An **Honor Flight** returned to Waterloo Regional Airport in June and were there to greet the veterans.



Carla Lown; Lisa Lang, Chapter Regent; Jeverna Mulligan, and Jean Gillpatrick

Another group of members traveled to Independence on June 22 to attend a **Veterans Memorial Service**. This was a ceremony to honor veterans that were buried in the cemetery at the Mental Health Institution.



Lisa Lang, Chapter Regent; Sue LeQuatte, Jeverna Mulligan, Jean Gilpatrick, Isabelle Shock, Carla Lown, Desiree Simpson and future SAR member, Kyren Swanger.

This year's **ISDAR Fall Forum** of the Iowa Society DAR was held at the Airport Holiday Inn on August 23 & 24 in Des Moines.



Carla Lown, Chapter Regent Lisa Lang, Barb Gregersen, Deb Crawford, Jeverna Mulligan, and Sue LeQuatte.



Cedar Falls Chapter is proud of our shining star Deb Crawford, as she takes on the duties of State Corresponding Secretary.

Across the State

**Council Bluffs
Glenwood**

Submitted by Donna Knight &
Pamela Ovaitt



Southwest Iowa Chapters Combine Their NSDAR 250 Grant!

The **Council Bluffs Chapter** and the **Glenwood Chapter** joined together to support the Historic Dodge House Fund during their Community Celebration on July 7th.

Not only were the two Southwest Iowa DAR chapters represented, many wearing historic dresses, but the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War were in attendance in their uniforms and had brought along a cannon. The local VFW also participated and cooked up a wonderful free lunch.

The chapters had an area in front of the Historic Beresheim House, which is located next door to the Dodge House, where we displayed information about joining DAR, Wreaths Across America, Constitution Week, and distributed gift bags for the children filled with treats and patriotic coloring pages.

The **Glenwood Chapter** displayed a Constitution Week Proclamation signed by the Glenwood mayor and handed out pocket Constitutions. Additional posters provided information about Abigail Adams and John Adams. They also displayed some of their chapter's historic yearbooks.

The **Council Bluffs Chapter** had a second display in the basement of the Historic Dodge House. We provided information to the visitors on the chapter's long-standing connection to the Dodges and Beresheims. We also displayed the original applications for Lettie Dodge Montgomery, Clara Teel Beresheim, and Carolyn Dodge and her daughter. Of course, we also proudly showed off the permanent display case our chapter maintains at the Dodge House.



Wilma Kelly and granddaughter



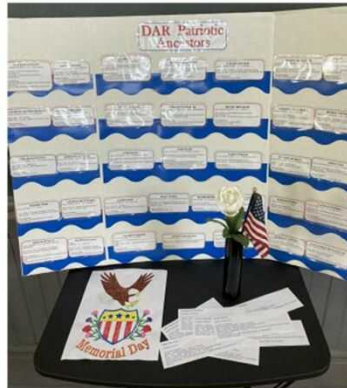
Maryann Ervin and granddaughter

Across the State

DeShon Submitted by Briana Johnson



On Flag Day at their historic one room schoolhouse, DeShon Chapter enjoyed a Patriotic Program with singing and poetry reading by **C.A.R. members** and concluded their meeting with a Patriot Memorial Service.



DeShon chapter held an outdoor meeting at Ledges State Park with guest speaker **Vern Condon**, who shared about his legendary grandfather Carl Fritz Henning, the 1st caretaker of Ledges.



Northwest District Hospitality Room Hostesses at Fall Forum

Across the State

Elizabeth Ross Submitted by Sharon Greenlee

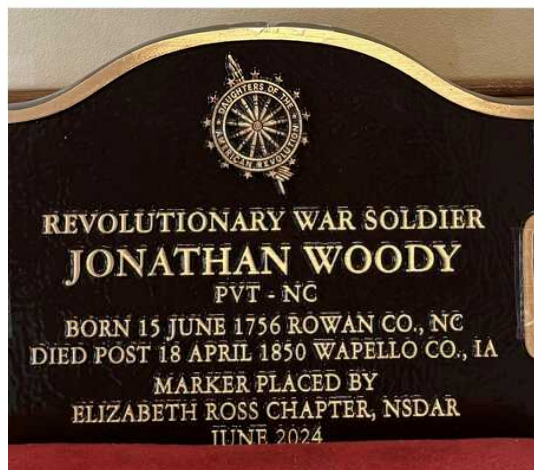


Elizabeth Ross Regent was proud to present a Certificate and medal awarded at Ottumwa High School at an Awards Ceremony May 18, 2024. The awards ceremony was very impressive to see all of these young cadets that have worked so hard all year.



Photo:
Ottumwa Iowa High School
JROTC awards night.

Elizabeth Ross Chapter was honored to have a grave marking and dedication ceremony for Jonathan Woody, Revolutionary War Soldier on June 8, 2024. The event was attended by special guests Ottumwa Mayor Rick Johnson, the American Legion, Iowa Society Vice Regent Tiffany Hauptman, National Vice-Chair DAR Service for Veterans Jeanne McMillian. Taps was played at the end of the ceremony.



Across the State

Grinnell Submitted by Gail Bonath



For their **July meeting, Grinnell Chapter** members enjoyed a presentation by **Sharon Falck of Grinnell**. Falck, a retired home economics teacher, is a member of the local Grinnell quilt guild. For the past 11 years she has had a special relationship with the Lakota people through the Dakota Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).



Falck supports Lakota quilters by donating used sewing machines which she has had serviced and repaired. She has donated 81 sewing machines and 3 sergers in the time she has worked with the Lakota.

To show their appreciation the Lakota have gifted Falck with quilts including a **Morning Star quilt**. The Morning Star is an important figure in Lakota ceremonies and represents the direction from which spirits travel to earth. It is a link between the living and the dead thus symbolizing immortality. During the ceremony in which the quilt is gifted to a person, the quilt is draped over one's shoulders.



Falck discussed the many issues facing Native Americans in our society including stereotypes; the Indian schools which attempted to erase native culture; the numerous missing Native American women; and Bureau of Indian Affairs regulations which are harmful to the Native American population such as a decision which will allow marijuana to be grown on reservations which could be genocide for a population which has addictive personalities.

Falck recommended the book ***The Land Is Not Empty* by Sarah Augustine** to further explore these issues.

In conclusion, Falck recommends that when performing mission work, the needs of the population should be your primary consideration.



From April when Edee visited our chapter

Across the State

Jean Espy Submitted by Cyndie Reppert



Again, the Jean Espy Chapter **tried their hands at raising donations** at the Downtown Street Market in Fort Madison. There is a market in June, July and August. Our first was June 10th.

Not only was there lots of candy, cookies and breads, our Regent, Robin Lachmann presented 50th Anniversary Vietnam War lapel pins and certificates. It was a very windy event so our signs were not useful. It gave us an opportunity to ask those walking through the market if they were entitled to one. It was a great experience. **The funds from this market always go to the Iowa Veterans Home.**



The second market on July 8th was a bit warm but we still had a great opportunity to raise funds through donations for the DAR Schools.

The last market on August 8th is the donations the chapter uses to fund expenses of the chapter. It has been a great summer with residents, other vendors and our DAR sisters.



Across the State

Ladies of the Lake Submitted by Mary Thunhorst



The Ladies of the Lake Chapter, Spirit Lake, visited the Little Sioux Stems farm south of Milford as part of their **August meeting**. The farm is owned and operated by Jennifer and Dakota Kraninger. Jennifer was a very knowledgeable hostess, explaining what types of plants she has and the huge amount of work it takes to provide these beautiful flowers to the community.

After the tour and information session, we were able to eat our picnic lunches and have



Mari Stewart, Margo Sievers,
Mary Thunhorst, Mary Chambers,
Rita Brockshus & a guest

our
meeting
under a
shade



canvas located at the gardens. The Kraningers even have fixed up a metal grain bin as a merchandise and event planning venue.

Across the State

Submitted by
Jean Marie Cardinell Denise Hamilton



On June 1, 2024, JMC installed newly elected officers for the 2024-2026 administration and also conducted a **Welcome Ceremony for four new members including one who is a retired Navy Captain.** Just a couple of weeks later, we once again joined with the **Des Moines area chapters on Flag Day** for a brief ceremony and potluck. We had wonderful food and fellowship at the American Legion Park shelter in West Des Moines. JMC members are always glad to **volunteer their time to work on projects with Iowa Genealogical Society** and got a lot of work done for which IGS was grateful.



JMC members also participated in **welcoming 40 new citizens during a naturalization ceremony** in Des Moines. Each new citizen received a copy of the American's Creed and the Pledge of Allegiance. At the end of June, several of our members attended Continental Congress in Washington D.C., while many of us watched jealously online in the comfort of our living rooms. Note to self – Make plans to go to Continental Congress next year!



The calendar turns to July and we participated in the **Norwalk 4th of July parade!** We had DAR, C.A.R. and SAR members riding or walking the parade route in Norwalk. It was a great time with pretty decent weather (for Iowa).



Another 40 people becoming U.S. citizens on Friday, June 14! Thank you Marilyn Rittell for volunteering to congratulate them!

One of the more exciting things we participated in is the **ISDAR entry for the Iowa State Fair Parade.** Thousands of people line the parade route and it is so fun to see the expressions on the faces of the spectators. Some even take off their hats and put their hands over their hearts. We have a great state parade chair that makes sure everything is “just so”. **We were proud to have an all-female color guard** and, **of course, our own Dawn Baldwin who played the bagpipes!**



August also brought ISDAR Fall Forum, we had a good chapter turn out and the workshops were well received. We raised almost **\$200 for the State Regent's Project with our Silent Auction baskets.** It was great to meet up with our friends from other chapters and catch up.



JMC member Joanne Tinker one of the all-female color guards.

We have a Fall full of all types of wonderful activities. I can't wait to share more events in the next ISDAR newsletter.

Across the State

Lawrence Van Hook Submitted by Linda Harvan



Members of the Lawrence Van Hook chapter stay busy all year round.

In **June** several members and HODARs manned a brat stand at Bender's Foods in Bellevue to raise money for a 30 X 30 bronze America 250 Patriot Marker. Many patrons generously added tips to the tip jar to increase our proceeds.

July brought the **Bellevue Heritage Days 4th of July parade** and a **1st place win for our chapter float**. The prize was \$500 in Bellevue Chamber Bucks which members can exchange for a cash contribution to the Patriot Marker fund.

Our **July meeting** was held at the Sawmill Museum in Clinton, Iowa, which was once known as the Lumber Capital of the World. After the meeting members enjoyed a guided tour where we learned about Clinton's pivotal role in the lumber industry and expansion of the West, and how lumber was processed from living tree to finished product. **Prior to the meeting**, members gathered at the marker placed by the Clinton Chapter NSDAR in 1930, **honoring pioneer Elijah Buell** who built the first log cabin in what is now Clinton County in 1835. Member Becky Campbell also showed us the Jane Bevier Lamb Real Daughter plaque, on loan from the Historical Society. Jane was the daughter of Revolutionary War Patriot David Bevier of New York, and wife of Chancy Lamb, one of Clinton's lumber barons.

Four members of the Lawrence Van Hook Chapter attended the reception for new State Regent Sarah Steinke in Cedar Rapids and the Fall Forum in Des Moines.

Sadly, the chapter lost long-time member Darlene Block at the end of July. **Darlene served as the chapter regent from 1990-92** and also served as the chapter treasurer, chapter corresponding secretary, and chair of several committees.



Brat stand: Amy Sunleaf, Pam Wetzstein, and Linda Harvan.



Michelle Johnson and Lucy Zeimet as Martha and George Washington.



Lucy Zeimet, Amy Sunleaf, Gloria Jorgensen, Denyse Hughes, and Shari Jorgensen.
Back row: Peggy Thoms, Pam Wetzstein, Karen Bradway, Becky Campbell, Linda Harvan, and Michelle Johnson.



Linda Harvan, State Regent Sarah Steinke, Amy Sunleaf, Lucy Zeimet, and Michelle Johnson.



Woodbury County's Prairie Courthouse Behind the Scenes

Martha Washington Chapter is so fortunate that **associate member Leesa McNeil is a volunteer guide** at the Woodbury County Courthouse. She gave us a tour of the historic Woodbury County Courthouse **in June**.

Our courthouse has been on the National Register of Historic Places since 1973 and has been a National Historic Landmark since 1996. William L. Steele is the architect of our courthouse, the largest public building built in the Prairie School style. As a result, architecture enthusiasts travel from all over the world to see this treasure. Completed in 1918, the design was controversial at a time when most Iowa courthouses were more ornately designed in Gothic style. Photo captions will tell you more about our visit.



Our chapter selfie from the Balcony running around the eighth floor at the top of the tower!



We got to see this rare sight - the exterior of the dome.



At the center of the main floor is a beautiful stained-glass dome.



Our chapter donated this display case for the contents of the Time Capsule opened during the Centennial. Associate member Leesa McNeil & Secretary Carolyn Schneider check it out up close.

Summer Get-Togethers with HODARs

New Regent Marion Cain wanted members to get better **acquainted**, and what better way than over food around a table? Although we don't usually meet in July, seven members and one HODAR gathered at a local restaurant on a weeknight. We had so much fun, no one remembered to take a photo!

In August associate member Leesa McNeil hosted a gathering at her country home. Eight members and three HODARs were introduced to Leesa & Jon's virgin prairie nestled in the hills of Plymouth County. We dined on buffalo taverns, then enjoyed a program Leesa presented based on research she has done about their property. **Two important archaeological sites of ancient Native American culture are found nearby**, including 800-year-old Kimball Village located under a large mound near the river. She passed around pottery fragments found on her land and that of her neighbor. Leesa managed to cover Native American history, conservation and historic preservation all in one program! We enjoyed their hospitality and the beautiful prairie-covered hills of northwest Iowa and departed as a spectacular sunset was beginning.



Across the State

Mason City Submitted by Diane Murphy



The Mason City Chapter lost an exceptional woman and member on June 18 with the passing of Wanda Kennedy at 98 years of age. Wanda led an exciting life full of adventures and gave generously of her time and talent to the Clear Lake and north Iowa area. She was very patriotic and looked forward to riding in the July 4th parade each year. She was all set to ride with us again but passed away just before the event. Her family gathered over the 4th to honor Wanda. She will be greatly missed by not only the Mason City Chapter but by her community.



Hero Baskets Delivered

Each July the Mason City Chapter completes Hero Baskets for area first responders. A Hero Basket is full of grab and go snacks that can give a quick boost of energy while our heroes are on the job. Members bring individually wrapped treats and then we fill baskets. This is the 5th year of this project and it is one of our favorites. This year the baskets went to Mason City Fire and Police Departments and the Cerro Gordo County Law Enforcement. All groups

were very appreciative.

DAR Park Rededication

The Mason City Chapter will be rededicating DAR Park and adding a park bench in Clear Lake, Iowa on Saturday, October 16 at 2pm.

This is the project for the chapter's America 250 grant.

In 1925, the Clear Lake Chapter purchased D.A.R. Park - the historic site of the 1876 pavilion where early day Chautauqua meetings were held. Presented by the Chapter in 1960 to the City of Clear Lake, the park is in a wooded residential area and includes playground amenities & picnic tables, however there are no park benches. Families living in the neighborhood surrounding the park have expressed how much they would enjoy having a park bench and the Mason City Chapter is excited to add to this park.



The original marker which is still in the park.

Across the State

Nancy McKay Harsh Submitted by Jane Briley



As part of **American 250** and **Nancy McKay Harsh Chapter's 100th year**, Jan Morgan, Regent, planned decorations, patriotic items, and give away items for the **Adair County Fair** in Greenfield, Iowa, to promote America 250.

Between July 9-13, Jan distributed information about the Daughters of American Revolution Society, especially the Nancy McKay Harsh Chapter. She set up the display and activities in the exhibition building at the Adair County Fair. She distributed information fliers, mini flags, copies of the Preamble to the Constitution, and copies of the Pledge of Allegiance. During all of the heat of the fair she distributed bottle of water to the hot fair goers. Items that were given away for the children included patriotic temporary tattoos, glow sticks, and lots of candy and gum.

Prizes for the adults included Daughters of American Revolution note pads and Nancy McKay Harsh Ink Pens. Jan had a drawing for a regular size American flag. The winner was Patricia Daniels. A special award of a braille flag was given to Dennis Kreis of Greenfield. Dennis has had several trials this summer. He has cancer and then on top of that, he lost his house and many of his belongings.



Adair County Fair Display



Union County Fair Display

After the fair, Jan handed over everything she had left to Jane Briley, Vice Regent. She set up a table in the 4-H building at the Union County Fairgrounds in Afton, Iowa, July 19-22. Jane gave away the patriotic materials to anyone who wished for information. The adults enjoyed the ice-cold water, pens, and notepads. Beside the temporary tattoos, glow sticks, and mass quantities of candies, Briley also furnished popsicles to everyone who wanted an icy treat.



Nancy McKay Harsh Chapter Officers with Sarah Steinke, State Regent

Lynne Schlaht and Jane Briley traveled to Cedar Rapids on Sunday, July 7 to take part in the reception to celebrate with Sarah Steinke her reign as state regent of Iowa. To **continue all of this excite members of the Nancy McKay Harsh Chapter was the first chapter to have the honor of hosting Sarah Steinke at their monthly meeting.**

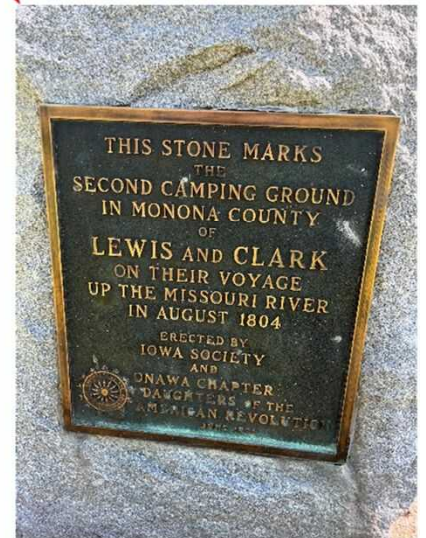
Sarah installed Nancy McKay Harsh's new officers at that monthly meeting. Following the meeting, all members took Sarah Steinke out to eat at a local restaurant.



Lori Bermel, Donna Goslar, Andrea Perry
Peggy Pippitt. Taking photo Jennie McCartney

It's a Grand New Flag!

Last April, the **Onawa Chapter** met to clean the Lewis and Clark Camp Site monument at Lewis and Clark State Park, Onawa, Iowa. It marks the second camping ground in Monona County of Lewis and Clark on their voyage up the Missouri River in August of 1804 and was erected by the Iowa Society and Onawa Chapter in June of 1921.



During the cleaning it was observed that the flagpole had seen better days and was not being used. The monument also had a heavy chain around it that needed painting or removal.

With the permission of the park ranger, chapter member, Jennie McCartney, submitted a grant with the Monona County Community Partners Foundation to replace the flagpole and do some landscaping.



The grant was awarded, and the Chapter had a new flagpole with flag and a solar light kit installed. The light kit allows for continual display of the flag and relieves the park staff from raising it every day. The heavy chain was removed, and landscaping was done around the monument.

The improvements were completed by Memorial Day to welcome the summer visitors. It greatly enhances the appeal of the park as you first drive in and brings attention to the marker. The park ranger and staff were very appreciative!

Across the State

Priscilla Alden Submitted by Mary Ealy



Priscilla Alden Chapter Summer tours

The Priscilla Alden Chapter of DAR traveled to Albia, Iowa in **July** to **tour** and **conduct wreath laying ceremonies** at the **Welcome Home Soldier Monument** and **William Crockett's grave**, a Revolutionary War Patriot.

The **Welcome Home Soldier monument** is located on 7 acres of land on Highway 34 just west of Albia. Memorializing both the living and deceased, active duty, peacetime and wartime, and honorably discharged veterans; this monument showcases their service to their country. 100 American flags fly from poles to the right of the entrance.



William Crockett was born between 1749 and 1759 in Monroe County, Virginia. He enlisted in October 1777 as a private fourth class in the Fourth Battalion of Captain Philip Mathias' Company, a part of the Cumberland County, PA Militia. William came to Monroe County, Iowa Territory in 1844. Around the year 1850, he died and was buried two miles South of Albia. In 1926, Betty Zane DAR Chapter helped find the grave and move his body to Oakview Cemetery in Albia, Monroe County, Iowa.



Picture to the left -
Cammy Brandt, Corinne Bancroft, Marjorie Jurgensen, and Mary Ealy.

Picture below -
Mary Ealy, Corinne Bancroft, Cammy Brandt, and Marjorie Jurgensen.

The **August tour** was to Lake View Iowa to again conduct wreath laying ceremonies at the **Veteran's Memorial** and **the DAR George Washington Forest marker**. The day started with a tour of the Lake View Museum on the shore of Black Hawk Lake. The museum displays a train set with town buildings along with many pictures and stories of early settlers. The ladies then conducted a wreath laying ceremony at the Veteran's monument in Speaker's Park. After lunch a trip was made to Arrowhead Lake to lay a wreath at the DAR George Washington Forest marker. The marker was to be cleaned but a poison ivy plant was guarding the stone.



In 1930 the DAR helped in the development of a DAR forest in 41 states. **The George Washington Memorial Forest located at Lake View was the sixth in the nation and only one in Iowa.** In February of 1932, the ISDAR Regent and other state officers held a program dedicating the forest of 110 acres along the shores of Black Hawk Lake in the memory of George Washington. In April of 1932, 20,000 more trees were added to the forest. The project was completed in August of 1932 when a native boulder was added to mark the location. A bronze plaque was added to remind those passing by of the project.

Across the State Revolutionary Dames



We ended our chapter year strong!

We began the **June** meeting with the **induction** of our newest member, **Heather Nichole Heckman Anderson**.



Members were challenged to bring multi-use shopping bags to the **July** meeting for a PSA promotion which appeared in the local paper in July.

Local Revolutionary Dames of D.A.R. chapter works towards conservation

Jul 15, 2024



Revolutionary Dames of D.A.R. showing the current conservation effort: reducing plastic waste by carrying and using re-usable shopping bags. Back row from left: Karen Brandt, Virginia Ruzicka, Patricia Coffa, Nancy Nilsson, Sandy Miller, Karen Shields, Rita Ruth. Front row from left: Barbara Glasener, Sue Aswegen. Prospective member Mary Beck took the photo.
Mary Beck photo

Also at the July meeting, we finalized plans for the parades and marker re-dedication. **Three more membership applications were signed** and sent to NSDAR. **Seven pending members were approved** and received their national numbers. **And another application is completed and ready to sign** at our August meeting.

Waverly Heritage Day's Parade, July 20th: Saturday morning had rain in the forecast, so we opted for an enclosed "float". But the weather didn't dampen turnout. The entire route was lined with people from Bartels to the Fair Grounds!



July 27th, Janesville Day's: Celebrating 175 Years:

"Glow UP" Parade:

ISDAR Daughters Tiffany Hauptman and Debbie Crawford joined us for the parade. We each carried our Patriot's 250th sign! That's Regent Rita Ruth driving her husband's restored Farmall tractor!



Revolutionary Dames continues...

Fort John DAR Historical Marker Re-dedication Ceremony:

As **Janesville celebrated its 175th birthday**, on July 27th the DAR made its contribution through the **Revolutionary Dames Chapter replacement** of a damaged marker providing a chance to revive the history it represents.

Regent Rita began by introducing the dignitaries in attendance and those involved in the ceremony.



Several **ISDAR leaders lent their support** to our historic preservation effort through their presence Tiffany Hauptman (State Vice Regent); Debbie Crawford (State Corresponding Secretary); Ann Mack (State Organizing Secretary); Barb MacDougall (State Historian); Gail Bonath (State Librarian); Diane Murphy (NE District Director); Susan Klein (State Commemorative Events Chair); Laura Kozin (Abigail Adams) and Pat Barry (Abigail Adams Regent).



Bill Bloker from **American Legion Post #522** provided the color guard; Randy

Lyon (State Vide President) and Larry Hoelscher (Dubuque) from the **Iowa Sons of the American Revolution** provided a Revolutionary period color guard, and Heather and Lena Anderson, in period dress, were the standard bearers of the Revolutionary Dames flag.



Tiffany Hauptman, ISDAR Vice Chair, responded to Rita's introduction, speaking briefly about the DAR and its three service missions: patriotism, education, and historic preservation.



Dr. Terry Lindell, Wartburg College history professor and local historian, shared with the crowd the background of the marker and the history of Fort John.

Rita Ruth and Karen Brandt dedicated the marker. **"Nothing is really ever ended until it is forgotten,"** read Regent Rita Ruth during the re-dedication ceremony on July 27, 2024: **"Whatever is kept in memory still endures...May it help to keep alive an appreciation of our heritage."**

The **city of Janesville's mayor, Dave Beenblossom**, thanked Rita and the chapter for reminding the community of this history and providing the marker which he hopes will prompt sharing that history.



The ceremony concluded with a prayer requesting that we continue to find inspiration and hope in the deeds and actions of our forebearers and their determination to secure a future and that this marker helps us appreciate what brought us to this day and to give praise for our great heritage.

Submission Deadlines & Guidelines

November 25th

February 22nd - Saturday after MLK Jr. day

May 31st - Saturday after Memorial Day

August 16th

Submissions should be "ready to read," only light edits will be made
Word format or text in the body of an email are accepted--no pdf unless it's a form

Send photos .jpg or .png via email attachment--within the email,
please identify the subjects in the attached photos

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