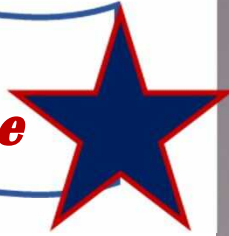


Iowa Society

Daughters of the American Revolution
Issue 3 Spring 2025



From the State Regent
Sarah Steinke



Greetings Iowa Daughters!!

I hope you are all staying warm and healthy as winter and flu season seem to have descended with vengeance this month.

This winter I had the opportunity to attend a potluck with Stars and Stripes and Jean Espy Chapters and participate in a zoom chapter meeting with Abigail Adams Chapter. Unfortunately, I had to reschedule my visits with Cedar Falls, Mayflower and Ashley Chapters due to illness. I have a few more chapter visits scheduled, but I would love to get more meetings scheduled with chapters across the state. Please reach out to me with some possibilities.

Last week, I attended the February National Board of Management meeting. Before our trainings started, we toured the Perry Belmont House – headquarters of the Order of the Eastern Star. This gorgeous home has an incredible architectural layout and was quite opulent. We attended a moving prayer service honoring those affected in the recent disasters. We enjoyed a lovely dinner under the stars on the stage of Constitution Hall. We enjoyed getting silhouette drawings made. The incredible artists created the sketch of us in less than 3 minutes. It was a fun evening of fellowship. The guest speaker at dinner was the president of the Military Women's Memorial. Chapters are being challenged to become members of the Square Foot Society for \$330 (one penny for each of the Memorial's 33,000 sq feet) <https://womensmemorial.org/square-foot-society/>. After the meeting I took the opportunity to check out the Library of Congress. I will definitely be going back to do research in the future.

"Be a Shining Star"



State Vice Regent, Tiffany Hauptman has been working hard to ensure an enjoyable 126th State Conference. We have so many accomplishments to celebrate this year. I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce our conference guests.

President General Pamela Edwards Rouse Wright will be our featured speaker at Friday's Lunch.



Visiting State Regents:

Christina Bannon
Illinois

Anne Harrigan
Rhode Island

Yvonne Liser
District of
Columbia

Carolyn Loeffler
Minnesota



An Insignia Pop-Up Shop will be coming to State Conference. This is a great opportunity to see the beautiful pins in person and save on shipping. Start working on your wish list! If any pins need prior approval, getting that in advance will save time!

Please consider supporting DAR by becoming a Sustaining Supporter. This recurring donation allows you to support your favorite committees or projects with as little as \$5/month. At this time, Iowa is at the bottom of the list of Sustaining Supporters by state. (and yes... there's a pin for that!) Don't forget about our third book club meeting at State Conference. I am looking forward to learning more about Lafayette this time. For our Saturday graduation ceremony, all members who have cords from GEP training or Leadership Development courses are encouraged to bring them with you so we can represent our experience.

If your chapter has a chapter flag you are encouraged to bring that flag, pole, and stand to state conference to proudly display.

I am glad that we will all be gathering together soon.

***From the State Vice Regent
Tiffany Hauptman***



126th ISDAR State Conference

The 126th ISDAR State Conference will be held April 3-5, 2025, at the Holiday Inn Des Moines Airport Conference Center. Our very special guest is President General Pamela Edwards Rouse Wright, who will bring greetings during the luncheon on Friday.



Other highlights of the event include awarding DAR Good Citizens and ISDAR Scholarship recipients, honoring the ISDAR Outstanding History Teacher and Outstanding Veteran Volunteer, recognizing American History Essay Contest Winners and JAC Winners, the ISDAR Book Club, and the DAR Insignia Pop-Up Shop! It is always fun to welcome visiting state regents! This year Mrs. Steinke has invited her counterparts from Illinois, Rhode Island, Minnesota, and Washington, DC to join us! Please see the included tentative agenda in this newsletter.

There will be a breakfast for Heritage Club and Founders Club members prior to the Opening Session Friday morning. If you are a member of one of these donor clubs, please be on the lookout for your invitation to this invitation-only event.

For those who enjoy shopping, you won't be disappointed at this year's State Conference! From the DAR Insignia Pop-Up Shop to the YB Boutique and C.A.R. Sales Table, there will be no shortage of goodies to take home for friends, loved ones, or even yourself!

I always love hearing the reports from the chapters, committees, and officers! The new ideas presented never cease to amaze me! Several committees will have display tables set up with tons of ideas and information to help you and your chapter throughout the year! State committee chairs will be available to answer your questions.

To register for State Conference, please print the Registration Form included in this newsletter and submit with your payment, OR register online at <https://isdar-state-conference-2025-copy.cheddarup.com>. The deadline for registration is March 7.

USS Iowa

The USS Iowa is a fast-attack nuclear powered submarine for the U.S. Navy. ISDAR will be supporting those serving aboard the USS Iowa. The submarine will be commissioned on Saturday, April 5 in Groton, Connecticut. The event is to be livestreamed, and we hope to be able to watch following the Memorial Service at State Conference!



In the meantime, here are some facts I have discovered:
The USS Iowa is the first attack submarine specifically designed and built to provide the privacy and accommodations female crew members require. (Previously, boats were retrofitted.)
The vessel is 377 feet long and weighs 7,800 tons (equivalent to 65 blue whales).
Speed is 25+ knots (28+ miles per hour).
It contains a crew of 15 officers and 117 enlisted personnel.

State Regent's Project

The State Regent's Project is all about EDUCATION! Show your support of education by helping your chapter adopt a local classroom and by donating to the State Regent's Project!

You can also support this project by shopping at the State Regent's Project Table at State Conference!

Purchase a "Be a Shining Star" pin

Purchase a "Be a Shining Star" pashmina

Buy voices for items such as a quilt, quilted table runner and placemats, framed cross-stitch creation, and framed star artwork

The ISDAR Apparel Sale and the Silent Auction return to State Conference for your shopping pleasure!

And don't forget about ISDAR apparel! There is a variety of options available at www.WandOApparel.com/collections/DAR. 10% of proceeds benefits the State Regent's Project!





IOWA SOCIETY DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

126th ISDAR State Conference

April 3-5, 2025

Airport Holiday Inn
6111 Fleur Drive
Des Moines, IA 50321

Hotel Reservations: (515) 287-2400
Double \$109 plus 12% tax - up to 4 per room
Ask for DAR Room Block

Make Reservations directly with hotel by March 13, 2025 – NO EXCEPTION

REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ National Number: _____

Chapter: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

I plan to arrive on _____ a.m./p.m. and depart on _____ a.m./p.m.
(Helps us plan appropriately for attendance and lets us know when you plan to arrive and depart)

- Friday Lunch** Slow Roasted Pulled Pork Marinated in BBQ Sauce on a Brioche Bun, Two Apple Waldorf Salad, Seasoned Potato Wedges, and Fresh Baked Cookie
- Friday Banquet** Parmesan Crusted Chicken with Parmesan Cream Sauce, Garden Greens with Strawberries, Pecans & Raspberry Vinaigrette, Green Beans Almondine, Cheesy Potatoes Au Gratin, Fresh Baked Roll, and Mini Dessert Plate
- Saturday Lunch** Smoked Beef Brisket with Honey Mustard, Monterey Jack Cheese, Sauteed Onions & Peppers on Grilled Wheat Berry Bread, Tri-Colored Rotini Pasta Salad with Fresh Vegetables & Italian Dressing, Seasoned Potato Wedges, and Fresh Baked Cookie

**Place check mark in box to select*

		*Check To Select	ALLERGIES
Registration (All members pay Registration, Guests do not. Registration fee is waived for Pages.)	\$ 15.00		
Friday Luncheon	\$ 34.00		
Friday Banquet	\$ 46.00		
Saturday Luncheon	\$ 34.00		
TOTAL ENCLOSED			

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

Registration Deadline is March 7, 2025

Mail registration form and payment to:

Tiffany Hauptman, State Vice Regent
11288 Danville Rd
Danville, IA 52623
Email: cmorfeet@yahoo.com

Make checks payable to "Iowa Society DAR"

Please check ALL that apply:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> National Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> Past National Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> C.A.R. Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Honorary State Regent | <input type="checkbox"/> National Chairman | <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter Chairman | <input type="checkbox"/> C.A.R. Senior Leader |
| <input type="checkbox"/> State Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> National Vice Chairman | <input type="checkbox"/> Member | <input type="checkbox"/> HODAR |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter Regent | <input type="checkbox"/> State Chairman | <input type="checkbox"/> Guest | <input type="checkbox"/> 50+ Year Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter Vice Regent | <input type="checkbox"/> State Vice Chairman | <input type="checkbox"/> Page | <input type="checkbox"/> First Time Attendee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Delegate | <input type="checkbox"/> District Director | <input type="checkbox"/> Junior | <input type="checkbox"/> Credentialed Medical Professional |

ISDAR 126th State Conference Agenda

Thursday April 3, 2025

- 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. **Budget & Finance Meeting** – Room 396
2:00 p.m. **Executive Board Meeting** – Room 396
4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. State Conference Registration – Ballroom Lobby
4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Display Table setup – North Ballroom
5:45 p.m. State Officer Photographs
6:00 p.m. **State Officers Club** – Room 397
9:00 p.m. **Informal Reception** – Hospitality Room (Room 160)

Friday April 4, 2025

- 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. State Conference Registration – Ballroom Lobby
DAR Insignia Pop-Up – Ballroom Lobby
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. **Heritage Club & Founders Club Event** (Invitation Only) – Room 397
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. **126th State Conference Opening Session**– Central & South Ballrooms
Reports of State Officers
Recommendations of the Executive Committee
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. **DAR Insignia Pop-Up** – Ballroom Lobby
12:00 p.m. **Luncheon** – Central & South Ballrooms
President General Pamela Edwards Rouse Wright
1:30 p.m. **Conference Resumes** – Central & South Ballrooms
Reports of Chapter Regents
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. **ISDAR Book Club** – Central & South Ballrooms
4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. **DAR Insignia Pop-Up** – Ballroom Lobby
5:15 p.m. Official Photographs – Ballroom Lobby
Honorary State Regents, State Officers, District Directors, State Chairmen,
Chapter Regents, Guests, Pages
5:45 p.m. Guest Registration – Ballroom Lobby
6:30 p.m. **Banquet** – Central & South Ballrooms
DAR Good Citizens, ISDAR Scholarship Recipients,
Outstanding American History Teacher, Outstanding Veteran Volunteer
★ ★ ★ **Receiving line immediately following banquet** ★ ★ ★
9:30 p.m. **Informal Reception** – Hospitality Room (Room 160)

Saturday April 5, 2025

- 8:30 a.m. **Memorial Service** – Central & South Ballrooms
9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. **USS Iowa Commissioning** (Livestream) – Central & South Ballrooms
9:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. State Conference Registration – Ballroom Lobby
9:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. **Conference Resumes** – Central & South Ballrooms
Reports of Committee Chairmen
11:30 a.m. Guest Registration – Ballroom Lobby
12:00 p.m. **Luncheon** – Central & South Ballrooms
State President – Children of the American Revolution
American History Essay Contest Winners, Junior American Citizens
1:30 p.m. **Conference Resumes** – Central & South Ballrooms
Unfinished Business
Member Leadership Education Graduation – Central & South Ballrooms
Genealogical Education Program Recognition – Central & South Ballrooms

***From the State Chaplain
Andrea Perry***



I know we are all looking forward to spring! It's an essential time for growth and a good reminder that our spiritual lives need nurturing to thrive. Growing in Christ allows every one of us to live abundantly in our faith. The Bible brings us wisdom about how our faith can spark incredible changes, allowing us to flourish in new life as we grow closer to Jesus.

**“And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord,
you must continue to follow him.
Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him.
Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught,
and you will overflow with thankfulness.”
– Colossians 2:6-7, NLT**

Necrology Reporting

All chapters are responsible for reporting deaths through eMembership. Chapter regents, chapter registrars, or chapter treasures have e-Membership permission to report deaths.

ISDAR Reporting: Required for all deceased members. The State Chaplain maintains a Memorial Book of all members for the State. Please complete form ISDAR Death Report Form found on the ISDAR Officers and Forms>State Chaplain Documents. Please forward the completed form and copies of the obituary, funeral program card and a photo of the member to the State Chaplain.

NSDAR Reporting: Required for current or past members of the National Board of Management. Chapters complete form CHG-1003 Necrology Report and forward to the Chaplain General. Please follow the instructions on CHG-1000 for guidance on completing this NSDAR report.

ISDAR Birthday Greetings

All Iowa members celebrating their 90th and older birthdays. Chapters notify the State Chaplain of members upcoming birthday. Please send ISDAR Birthday Greeting requests (Name and Birthdate) to the State Chaplain at andrea.perry.dar@gmail.com.

NSDAR Birthday Greeting

For members celebrating milestone birthdays of exactly 90 yrs old, 100 yrs old or 100+ yrs old.

Chapters notify the Chaplain General of members celebrating milestone birthdays using form CHG-1003 found on the www.dar.org/members site. Birthday greetings must be requested prior to the tenth (10th) of the month prior to the birthday. Email the form CHG-1003 to the Chaplain General at va@ct3ops.com.

Wishes Concerning DAR Membership and Legacy

What are your plans regarding your DAR membership and legacy of service? Do your family members know what to do with your insignia and DAR chapter items after you have passed? Do you want any DAR markings on your gravestone? What are your future plans for all your genealogy records? The NSDAR has a form (NSDAR-2000) that helps you outline your desired end of life wishes so that your legacy of service can be honored.



National Society Daughters of the American Revolution

FOREVER DAR

These are my wishes concerning my DAR membership and legacy of service:

1. Please continue to support my DAR Chapter by paying my dues, even if I become incapacitated and/or no longer able to participate in chapter activities.
- Chapter Name/City/State _____
Chapter Website/Other Contact _____
2. Please immediately notify my chapter that I have passed on so that my fellow chapter members may have the opportunity to attend my service. If I have left a bequest to the chapter in my will, or if I have any DAR property in my possession, please notify them as well.
3. Please mark my grave with the DAR Insignia, even if I am no longer a member in good standing/paid member, which is permitted. Here are links to information:
Permission from the chapter: <http://www.dar.org/sites/default/files/members/darnet/forms/HG-7001.pdf>
Suppliers: <http://www.dar.org/sites/default/files/members/darnet/forms/HG-1001.pdf>
Images: <https://www.classicbronzeresources.com/daughters-of-the-american-revolution-cljvs>
4. Please have the Chapter Chaplain be present at/after my service at my gravesite to conduct a DAR ritual with the chapter banner placed by my casket.
5. Attached is the information I want included in my obituary, even if I am no longer a member in good standing/paid member:
Example: I was a member of the _____ Chapter, NSDAR.
I held the position(s) of _____.
6. Please do the following with my DAR Insignia, ribbon and pins:
- Display them at my memorial service or visitation on a table along with memorabilia representing my life.
 - I am leaving them to _____, who is eligible to wear them.
 - Please donate them to my ___ chapter, ___ state, or ___ National Society. For donations to the National Society, contact the Office of the Organizing Secretary General at (202) 879-3325.
7. Please do the following with my remaining DAR items (bags, gloves, unofficial pins, hats, scarves, etc.):
- Display them at my memorial service or visitation on a table along with memorabilia representing my life.
 - I am leaving them to _____.
 - Please donate them to my chapter.
8. Please do the following with my genealogy records:
- _____
9. Please encourage my eligible family members to join the DAR, if they haven't already. A copy of my original application can be found in my personal papers or please ask my DAR chapter.
My national member number is _____.

Sincerely,

Name

Date

In Memory of our Deceased Daughters

Sharon Kay Bailey Payne, Abigail Adams Chapter

Marilyn Irene Reid, Candle-Stick Chapter

Sharilyn Elaine Ewing Everhart, Fort Dodge Chapter

Elaine Marie Jones Carlson, Fort Dodge Chapter

Barbara Thrailkill Halpin, Hannah Caldwell Chapter

Bonnie Joan Wilhelm Randolph, Jean Espy Chapter

Cindie Rae Robinette-Anderson, Jean Marie Cardinell Chapter

Grace Viola Swasick Huffman, Jean Marie Cardinell Chapter

Carlita Ann Gillmeister Beltz, Jean Marie Cardinell Chapter

Stella Rose Oxford Bingaman, Jean Marie Cardinell Chapter

Aliene Della Lapora Flewelling, Pilot Rock Chapter

Submitted by Andrea Perry, State Chaplain

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

From the State Recording Secretary

Jackie Beard



Greetings Iowa Daughters!

It is year-end report time! Your challenge is to condense all those great things you have done for a whole year into 200 words! This is the criteria for chapter regents and state committee chairs! This is your time to share the sparkle of our Iowa Shining Stars! You will then be asked to share your report at our April 2025 State Meeting! That report will then become a permanent part of the Administrative Proceedings Book of the Steinke Administration!

Please send an electronic copy to State Regent Sarah Steinke, one to your state recording secretary, and retain one for your chapter records. Please complete this important task by March 15th!

Thank you to those chapter chairs that have already submitted your reports! If you have questions please don't hesitate to reach out. I am best reached by email jkbeard17@gmail.com

Thank you ladies, it is a pleasure to serve you, the Iowa Shining Star Daughters!
Jackie Beard, State Recording Secretary.

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From the State Corresponding Secretary

Debbie Crawford



The 126th Iowa Society Daughters of the American Revolution spring conference will be here soon. I look forward to seeing you at there as we gather to conduct business and renew friendships.

I hope that you plan to visit the State Corresponding Secretary sales table. I will have many items for sale that may help your chapters and you as members conduct DAR business. There will be opportunity to purchase books, note cards, pens, pedigree charts, luggage tags and much more.



During the winter, I have updated the ISDAR Directory when changes were submitted to me. If you have contact information changes for your chapter officers or if any of the State committee chairmen have changes please let me know.

My email address is: dcraw0954@gmail.com

I look forward to seeing you all soon.



From the State Organizing Secretary

Ann Mack



DeAR Member,

One of the Organizing Secretary's duties tasks her with membership recruitment, retention and reinstatement. Our chapters are primarily made up of under 50 members. In fact, 33 of our 43 chapters fall into that category. Adding, keeping and enticing lapsed members to return are all important to our collective vitality.

As I read through each chapter's CMR information on Membership activities, I was pleased with all the initiatives reported to keep our state thriving. You are making your new members feel very welcome with gift bags, pins, yearbooks and subscriptions to American Spirit. Only one chapter reported assigning a mentor to each new member. That made me think about a thread in the Membership DOC in the past month. An initiative developed by Jocelyn Clark for the Tucson Chapter called DeAR for a Year is working well for this chapter.



For this mentorship program Ms. Clark laid out responsibilities for the mentor such as committing to meeting with a new member at least twice a month, which could be a zoom, responding promptly to information requests and questions, listening carefully to her comments, and maintaining the confidentiality of the relationship. The key here is to have fun, get to know the new member as a person with a life and interests and to show appreciation for joining DAR as well as contributions they may make to the chapter.

Being a mentor could mean reminders about meetings, sharing a ride, introducing them to other members, encouraging their questions about DAR and getting them involved in an activity, committee, DAR on line courses or special projects. A mentor needs to get to know the person, their interests and activities, listen actively, build trust, encourage, appreciate and give recognition when appropriate.

We were all new members at some point and can appreciate how quickly one can be overwhelmed with all the new faces, rituals, procedures and information. National Website, how do I get there? And those pins everyone is wearing! What's that all about? Questions abound for a new member and having a specific person that can answer questions and help them during the first year of membership is a definite plus to them renewing their commitment to DAR.

Now that dues season is over, perhaps your chapter could visit the idea of assigning mentors for new members? It's always DeAR season!

Membership Monday!
10 Feb 2025

Mentoring Members Makes a Difference

A mentor is a person who provides guidance, support, and advice to help someone else grow and develop.

Mentoring new members is a great way to help them as they learn about DAR. It fosters a sense of belonging. This positively impacts member engagement and retention.

Look for opportunities to mentor. You will find it rewarding.

Celebrate Our DAR Ties of Service and Friendship!

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



I know chapter treasurers are busy closing the books for the fiscal year.

Just a friendly reminder, in order to maintain federal tax-exempt status please make sure you send me your financial statements and a copy of the 990N that was filed with the IRS. Remember that your chapter's 990N is due no later than 5 months and 15 days after the end of your fiscal year. For example, if your fiscal year ends Dec 31st, then the filing needs to be completed by May 15 or your chapter may risk losing its non-profit status.

On February 8, 2025, the National Board of Management approved two new policies that everyone should be aware of, which can be found on the NSDAR site soon.

First is the Policy for Maintenance of Federal Tax-Exempt Status: "Each DAR organization is required to file three documents annually: reviewed/audited financial statements; a copy of the review/audit letter; and a copy of the applicable Form 990 filed with the IRS. (For 990-N files, proof of receipt by the IRS is sufficient.) The filing is to be made immediately after submitting the applicable Form 990 to the IRS. Chapters must file these three documents with their state treasurer following her instructions. The state treasurer shall retain these reports for seven years."

Second is the Policy on Incorporation: All DAR chapters and state organizations, no matter the size, should incorporate. Incorporation creates a perpetual, recognized legal entity under the law. It permits a DAR organization to commit to contracts and to hold assets, such as financial and bank accounts and real property, in its own right. The liability of incorporated DAR organizations is limited to the assets of the chapter provided the executive board and chapter members have acted consistent with their fiduciary responsibilities and the law. Without incorporation, the personal assets of chapter officers and members may be at risk.

Incorporation is a matter of state law. All DAR chapters and state organizations are expected to adhere to applicable state rules that govern the incorporation process, nonprofit corporations, and required filings. No DAR chapter should incorporate as a limited liability corporation (LLC). An LLC is a complicated legal structure for a nonprofit organization and does not limit liability any more than standard incorporation.

NSDAR recommends that the incorporated name of a chapter be "Chapter Name, Inc., NSDAR" or "Chapter Name, Inc., National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution."

If you or your chapter wants more information on how to incorporate in Iowa, please let me know.

Just a friendly reminder to submit your new and reinstated member state dues to me as soon as possible. A new form is available for use on the ISDAR members-only website under officer forms.

See you all at the Spring Conference!

From the State Registrar
Donna Knight



Helpful tips from the December 2024 Shooting Stars

The grace period for already-started application/supplementals on older formats has ended.

Form RGG-1009, Reviewer Checklist and Confidentiality Acknowledgement

The new two-page writeable form **RGG-1009** is a help-tool for chapter registrars as part of the Application and Supplemental preparation process. The new version of the Application requires two members to review each paper before submission to DAR. One member can be the chapter registrar. The names of the reviewers need to be recorded on the bottom of Page 1 of each Application/Supplemental, but they do not need to be signatures.

RGG-1009 is a guideline for all reviewers to use when looking through each proposed submission. A reviewer's goal is to ensure that each submission is prepared per DAR Genealogy Guidelines before mailing. It is not a reviewer's job to verify the applicant's lineage back to the identified Patriot. The staff genealogist will do that.

The State Registrar page on the Iowa Members site has been recently updated. You can find helpful links that will take you to the NSDAR Members' site under the State Registrar's Letter.

**Application Formatting Reference Sheet for DAR Applications
LINEAGE (Page 2)**

NAMES

For generation 1, please use full birth names only. Do not use married names. Names of spouse(s), dates and places of marriage, divorce, and death are optional for generation 1 only.

Applicant: Marie Jane Doe

For all other generations, please use full birth names only. DO NOT USE: initials, AKA names, or married names.

MALE: Robert John Smith

FEMALE: Mary Jane Doe

DATES

5 May 2004

Aug 1804

c 1892

a 1810

p 1792

MONTH ABBREVIATIONS

Jan

Feb

Mar

Apr

May

Jun

Jul

Aug

Sep

Oct

Nov

Dec

QUALIFIER ABBREVIATIONS

Ante/before a

Post/after p

Circa/about c

Buried bur

Probably prob

Baptized bapt

License lic

Intentions int

Near near

LOCATIONS

(Do not abbreviate North, South, East, or West)

Medicine Twp Livingston Co MO

Sumter Dist SC

New Orleans Orleans Par LA

Berwick York Co ME Dist MA (*prior to 1820*)

Houston Harris Co TX

Manhattan New York Co NY

Woodstock New Brunswick CD

STATE ABBREVIATIONS

Alabama	AL	Idaho	ID	Missouri	MO	Pennsylvania	PA
Alaska	AK	Illinois	IL	Montana	MT	Rhode Island	RI
Arizona	AZ	Indiana	IN	Nebraska	NE	South Carolina	SC
Arkansas	AR	Iowa	IA	Nevada	NV	South Dakota	SD
California	CA	Kansas	KS	New Hampshire	NH	Tennessee	TN
Colorado	CO	Kentucky	KY	New Jersey	NJ	Texas	TX
Connecticut	CT	Louisiana	LA	New Mexico	NM	Utah	UT
Delaware	DE	Maine	ME	New York	NY	Vermont	VT
District of Columbia	DC	Maryland	MD	North Carolina	NC	Virginia	VA
Florida	FL	Massachusetts	MA	North Dakota	ND	Washington	WA
Georgia	GA	Michigan	MI	Ohio	OH	West Virginia	WV
Hawaii	HI	Minnesota	MN	Oklahoma	OK	Wisconsin	WI
		Mississippi	MS	Oregon	OR	Wyoming	WY

For more information, please see the Genealogy Guidelines.

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Analysis	Analysis
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Births, Marriages, Deaths	
Certificates	BC; MC; DC
Certificates Online	IN Birth Certificates, 1907-1940, Ancestry
Registers	BR; MR; DR
Registers Online	MR – MA Town & Vital Recs, 1620-1988 Ancestry
Census	1900C, Huntington Twp, Sebastian Co, AR, Sheet 7A, ED 113, #152
Church Record	Hollenbach, Recs of Lehigh Zion's Lutheran Church, p 8
Court Records	
Adoption	Calhoun Co AL, Circuit Court in Equity, Case #1234
Divorce	Div
Guardian	Essex Co MA, Court Recs, 1900-1945, p 123
DAR Application	Nat'l Num: 123456 Ancestor: A123456 JOHN DOE
DAR Document	Will, NN 123456, A123456, Doc # 1234567 *
DAR Image Access	IA Doc #1234567, Smith Family Bible *
	<i>* "Will" and "Smith Family Bible" are examples of the types of documents found in supporting documentation. An IA citation can only be used once per application or supplemental. If any additional documents are needed, copies must be submitted, and they must be fully cited with the NN, Ancestor #, and Doc #.</i>
DAR Supplemental	Nat'l Num: 123456 Add Volume: 1234 Ancestor: A123456 JOHN DOE
Diary	Emily Broughton's Diary
Driver's License	Drivers Lic
Family Record	Family Rec
Land Record	Russell Co VA, DB 9, pp 151-152, FHL Roll # 33833
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Newspaper Item	New York Times, 22 Jan 1946, p 42
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Probate Record	Bristol Co MA Probate Recs, Vol 7, pp 236-246
Social Security Records	
Application	SS-5
Death Index	SSDI, Ancestry (<i>accepted in very limited circumstances; use with caution</i>)
Apps & Claims Index	SS Apps & Claims Index, 1936-2007, Ancestry
Tax Record	NJ Co Tax Ratables, 1778-1832, Bergen Co, FHL Roll # 411286
Tombstone	
Personal Photo	TS Photo, St. Mary's Cemetery, Trenton, NJ
Findagrave.com	TS Photo, Findagrave Mem #123456789
Town Records	Townsend MA Town Recs, 1734-1792, p 185, FHL Roll # 868717
Voter Registration	Voter Reg
Will	Essex Co NJ, WB D, pp 49-50, FHL Roll # 913283

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2nd Gen: BR; UT Birth Registers, 1892-1944, Ancestry; DC; TS Photo, Findagrave Mem # 123456789

3rd Gen: BC; MC; Div; TS Photo, St. Mary's Cemetery, Trenton, NJ; Essex Co NJ, WB D, pp 49-56, FHL Roll # 913283

Welcome our new members by application.

Dec. 5, 2024 – Feb. 5, 2025

Abigail Adams: Cynthia Kali, Cheryl Siebrass, Suzanne Skadburg, Ginger Stinson

Ashley: H. Anderson, Brenda Sandburg

Camp Dodge: Mandy Gist, Stefanie Wager, Pamela Wall, Courtney Bausch

Council Bluffs: Glenna Plath

Elizabeth Ross: Barbara Dial, Dawn Perdew

Grinnell: Dawn Bollhoefer, Mary Watkins, Grace Van Arkel,

Henry Knox: Dorothy Engelking

Jean Espy: Jessica Durand

Jean Marie Cardinell: Virginia Walters

Martha Washington: Carol Ragan,

Marion Linn: Katherine Vorhies,

Mason City: Diana Black,

Mayflower: Bridget Humphreys,

Open Prairie: Bethany Wethington, Shawn Kleppe

Revolutionary Dames: Katia Allbee

Stars and Stripes: Charissa Elliott

We are thrilled to share the following Iowa chapters that have been able to **welcome back the following Iowa daughters.**

Anna Maria Lane: Shelagh Cofer

Hannah Caldwell: Kassandra McKown

Abigail Adams: Jennifer Dane & Patricia Mongan

Nathaniel Fellows: Suzanne Griffith

Revolutionary Dames: Amy Bender

Washington: Shelly Gordon

Welcome to Iowa, these ladies have joined us from Indiana and Illinois.

Camp Dodge Chapter: Beverly Glascock

Jean Marie Cardinell Chapter: Margaret Torres

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***From the State Historian
Barb Mac Dougall***



Hello Iowa Daughters!

Have you used the *DAR Marker and Grave Location Index*? It can be accessed through the Genealogical Research System (GRS) on both the public and member websites. The information here was collected from several card catalogs housed in the Historian General's office for decades!

These are markers that were placed and graves located by members throughout the years. Records include markers at the graves of Revolutionary War soldiers, other patriots, wives, daughters and Real Daughters. This information was recorded by members, chapters and state societies from the earliest part of the DAR's history in the 1890s through 2005.

It is noted that "the information contained in this index was reported by DAR chapters and state societies before the current marker application processes were implemented circa 1990" so these records have "not been vetted by the National Society." So, don't take what you find as 100% accurate. Still, it is a useful resource for you to find information about early markers placed by your chapter or those chapters near your location that have since disbanded.

As you make plans to place a DAR marker or rededicate one that has previously been placed, be sure you follow all the guidelines for the type of marker, as posted on the Historian General's website. It is a noteworthy accomplishment for you or your chapter to place or rededicate a marker, so plan it with care. Remember that the record of what you do will forever be included in the archives of NSDAR!



From the State Librarian
Gail Bonath



The next meeting of the ISDAR Book Club will be held during Spring Conference, April 3-5, at the Airport Holiday Inn in Des Moines.

Each year the NSDAR Commemorative Events Committee encourages us to celebrate significant events in American history by presenting a program to recognize selected major events. Through our book club readings, we will celebrate the **200TH ANNIVERSARY LAFAYETTE FAREWELL TOUR (1824 – 1825)** From July 1824 to September 1825, the French Marquis de Lafayette, the last surviving major general of the American Revolutionary War, made a tour of the 24 states in the United States. **For this book club meeting please read one of the following books about Lafayette. Thanks to Barbara Glasener for giving me the idea that we don't all need to read the same book!**

Marquis de Lafayette Returns: A Tour of America's National Capitol Region by Elizabeth Reese (160 pages, 4.68 stars on Goodreads)

In August 1824 the Marquis de Lafayette returned to America for the first time in forty years. From then until September 1825, he traveled throughout the United States, welcomed by thousands of admirers at each stop along the way. Although he visited each state in the Union, the majority of his time was spent in Washington, D.C., Virginia, and Maryland. Reese traces Lafayette's route highlighting the locations and people he held closest to his heart.

General and Madam De LaFayette: Partners in Liberty's Cause in the American and French Revolutions by Jason Lane (390 pages, 4.32 stars on Goodreads)

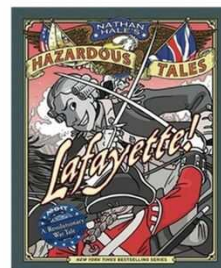
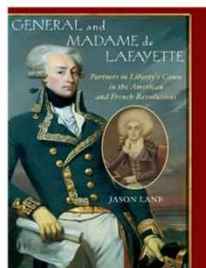
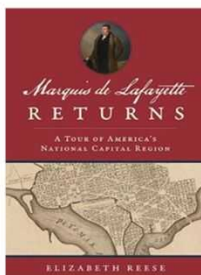
This biography of Lafayette documents how he served in the United States War of Independence, and also his contributions to the causes of social and economic justice in France, Italy, Spain, Greece, and Poland. His wife shared the same beliefs as her husband, supporting and defending him despite ongoing political persecution-including his exile in an Austrian dungeon and her own imprisonment. Lane chronicles and celebrates the couple's relationship while documenting the birth of America, two French Revolutions, and the Napoleonic era.

Lafayette! (Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales Series #8): A Revolutionary War Tale (128 pages, 4.40 stars on Goodreads)

This graphic novel tells the story of the Marquis de Lafayette who at a young age decided he was not satisfied with the comforts of French nobility and longed for adventure! A major general by nineteen, he went overseas when he heard about the American revolution. Lafayette was accepted into the Continental Army when other French officers were not because of his willingness to learn (and because his wealth meant that he didn't require a salary). Lafayette would become a legend on both sides of the Atlantic and a symbol of the enduring friendship between America and France.

The Women of Chateau Lafayette by Stephanie Dray (576 pages, 4.26 stars on Goodreads)

A work of historical fiction, set in three different time periods, traces the lives of three women who lived in Chateau Lafayette beginning with Adrienne Lafayette, the wife of the Marquis de Lafayette. The second time period is World War I and follows a New York socialist who opens an orphanage in the Chateau. The third time period is World War II and is the story of a woman who grew up in the orphanage. Because of the length of this novel, you may only want to read the section on Adrienne.



Donating Books to the DAR Library

One of the duties of the State Librarian is to “collect books and papers which may be of genealogical and historical value for placement in the National Society Daughter of the American Revolution Library or other historical depository deemed suitable.”

In addition to purchasing books from the DAR Library wish list, you can help build the DAR Library by donating the following types of materials:

Genealogies and family histories
State and local histories
Local record abstracts
Records of religious groups or churches
Historical and genealogical periodicals
Histories and genealogy of specific groups (i.e. Irish Americans)
American Indian histories and genealogies
African American histories and genealogies
New histories or records from the Revolutionary War

Each book or record donated must be pre-approved by the DAR Library by submitting Form LG-1002. Please consult your chapter librarian or me for help filling out this form.

I recently received the following request from the DAR Library for a specific series of books.

“We are making a special request for specific books. You, and chapter members and chapter members in your state may be able to help. Weynette Parks Haun was a prolific genealogical writer. We have many of her works in our collection. Her series North Carolina Revolutionary Army Accounts, volumes 1-17 is an invaluable resource in establishing proof of service. The books are used to support DAR Membership and Supplement applications. This series is both out of print and copyright protected. Therefore, they cannot be accessed online. The books do not appear on our DAR Library Wish List because we have not been able to find them through used book sellers. While our guidelines state that we are unable to accept duplicates of books in our collection, we can make an exception for this series.

Please encourage your members to be on the lookout for North Carolina Revolutionary Army Accounts, volumes 1-17 by Weynette Parks Haun.”

If you can help with this request, please contact LibraryAcquisitions@dar.org.

Apparel/Dress Exchange
Marty Hansen, Chair



Spring Conference is just days away!
It will be here before you know it!
Clean out your closets!

Have a “business professional” dress or pants outfit,
hat, purse or jewelry you no longer use or want?

Bring it to the ISDAR Dress Exchange



There are now more items you definitely could use!

All items are donated by daughters.

Proceeds towards State Regent Project.

Looking For Pages for the Spring Conference

It's about time for the spring conference and it will be super exciting to have the President General in attendance this year.

We are needing pages. Door watchers, personal pages, note runners, filers, etc. Can we rename ourselves the "go to girls"?! No? Hey it was worth a shot.

We would need a few people Thursday evening around 3:30 to help set up for the weekend but mostly we need pages for Friday and Saturday.

Friday you would need to be there around 7:30am. Saturday we should be finished around 3:30 pm.

Not one for sitting and need to get up and move around? This is the job for you.

If you are interested or know someone interested please call or text Anna Humeston at 641-820-0694 or email ahumestonevents@gmail.com.

I look forward to hearing from you.



Name Badges

It is getting close to the State Conference and another printing of name badges. If you or any member of your chapter would like to have the Iowa State name badge, please complete the following form and submit it with payment to me by March 20, 2025.

I will pick them up on my way to the conference to have them available to you or your Regent at the conference. If you have any questions, please email cpcms@yahoo.com or call 319-750-4878.

Thank you for your continued support of the YB Boutique and the Iowa Juniors.

Mail Name Badge Order Form to: Cyndie Reppert PO Box 333
Ft. Madison IA 52627 319-750-4878

DAR Name Badge Order Form

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

Print Name as it should appear on your Name Badge:

DAR Chapter Name: Check the box in front of your chapter

- Algona, Algona Chapter
- Ames, Sun Dial-Solomon Dean Chapter
- Ankeny, Camp Dodge Chapter
- Belle Plaine, Artesia Chapter
- Boone, DeShon Chapter
- Burlington, Stars & Stripes Chapter
- Carroll, Priscilla Alden Chapter
- Cedar Falls, Cedar Falls Chapter
- Cedar Rapids, Ashley Chapter
- Cedar Rapids, Mayflower Chapter
- Cherokee, Pilot Rock Chapter
- Clarion, Lucy Standish/Newcastle Chapter
- Council Bluffs, Council Bluffs Chapter
- Creston, Nancy McKay Harsh Chapter
- Davenport, Hannah Caldwell Chapter

- Des Moines, Abigail Adams Chapter
- Des Moines, Jean Marie Cardinell
- Eldora, Open Fire Chapter
- Fort Dodge, Fort Dodge Chapter
- Fort Madison, Jean Espy Chapter
- Glenwood, Glenwood Chapter
- Grinnell, Grinnell Chapter
- Hampton, Candle-Stick Chapter
- Iowa City, Nathaniel Fellows Chapter
- Iowa City, Pilgrim Chapter
- Knoxville, Henry Knox Chapter
- Maquoketa, Lawrence Van Hook Chapter
- Marion, Marion Linn Chapter
- Marshalltown, Spinning Wheel Chapter
- Mason City, Mason City Chapter
- Mount Pleasant, James Harlan Chapter

- Northwood, Helen Hinman Dwell Chapter
- Onawa, Onawa Chapter
- Osage, Lucretia Deering Chapter
- Ottumwa, Elizabeth Ross Chapter
- Shenandoah, Shenandoah Chapter
- Sioux City, Martha Washington Chapter
- Spirit Lake, Ladies of the Lake Chapter
- Swea City, Anna Maria Lane Chapter
- Tipton, Open Prairie Chapter
- Washington, Washington Chapter
- Waverly, Revolutionary Dames Chapter
- West Union, Hannah Lee Chapter

Contact Email: _____**Contact phone:** _____**Magnet or Pin?** Magnet \$14 Pin \$12 **Notes:**

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

5. Mail Name Badge Order Form to: Cyndie Reppert
 PO Box 333
 Ft. Madison IA 52627
 319-750-4878

6. Name tags will be delivered at the next state meeting. Those are:

- Fall Forum
- State Conference
- Arrangements for mailing to chapter



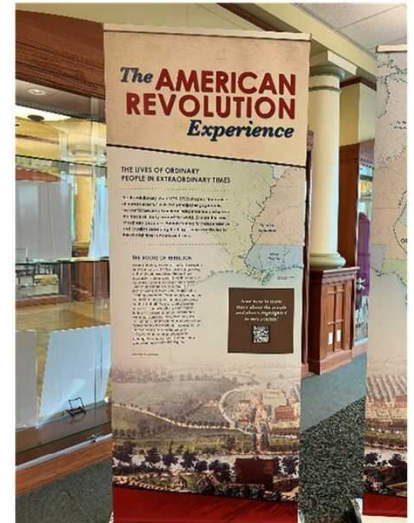
America 250
Denise Baker Hamilton, Chair



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!! As you know, 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. You can access it from the DAR members site under America 250 Committee. It will take you to the American Battlefield Trust website. [The American Revolution Experience](#)



The spots to host the exhibit by individual chapters were taken almost as soon as they were offered. There are currently over 400 chapters still on the wait list to host the exhibit and it is not going to be possible to accommodate all the requests. We are being requested to share the hosting the exhibit with other chapters within a 50-mile radius, if at all possible.

Please let me know if your chapter has been notified of a date specific on which it will be hosting the exhibit or if you

have been placed on the waiting list. If either the Regent or the America 250 Chapter Chair would provide me with this information, I can begin to analyze whether there are opportunities to co-host the exhibit.

Denise Baker Hamilton, State America 250! Chair
denise.baker.hamilton.dar@gmail.com

American Heritage
Lisa E. Lang, Chair



The American Heritage Contest entries are completed for 2025!

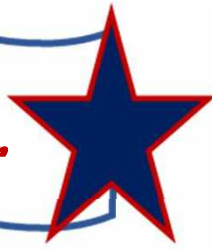
We had several nice entries from Iowa and wish them the best of luck as they await the results of the contest. It was also very interesting to observe on the Chapter Master Reports the various ways that chapters incorporated our rich American heritage of the arts. There were chapters who made and dressed in colonial attire, made baked goods, did plays, learned about quilts, made ornaments and so much more. We have very talented daughters here in Iowa!

As you think about next year and American Heritage programs that you might schedule, please consider joining the American Heritage Daughters Online Community (DOC). There is a wealth of ideas and many good programs that daughters share. You may also search for a program by going to the DAR website under the Member Resources tab. When you click on Resources, it takes you to Members Resource page where you can scroll down to Chapter Programs. When you click on Chapter Programs it takes you to the program categories where you can find American Heritage and others. There are well over 100 American Heritage programs from which to choose. I recommend perusing them to find something your chapter might enjoy.

I hope to see many of you at the Spring Conference, and remember to keep the arts in our hearts!



American History
Karen S. Meurer, Chair



I believe each year more chapters are becoming involved in the DAR American History Committees Contests.

This year we had 12 students enter. It would be great if we could double the number of essays we received in 2024-2025 next school year. Some of us, chapters within the state, struggle to contact the schools, providing information to them. Those schools we do contact, also struggle to take the time for the DAR contests. I wanted to include, in this article, information about the essays and qualifications needed for the students to move forward & congratulating those that should be recognized. Maybe you, our DARlings, might like to know that this is an enjoyable time, seeing the quality students we have from our schools.

Check out the State Winners! You will find both the AHEC & the PAR contests. Our chapters who submitted, Women in American History, that had been posted on the NSDAR Web page in 2024.

Also, I wanted members to understand how easy it is to submit a woman in their area. Keep up the good research as more submissions are need. Concluding this article with the NEW announcement of the DAR Marker & Grave location index that is live now.



“Be A Shining Star”

Thank You, ISDAR Chapters,
for Supporting the American History Committee!”



EXCELLENCE IN AMERICAN HISTORY DAR AWARD



Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

Chapters may choose to recognize a student of American History for those in any grade for outstanding work in American History.

Chapters "Please find a student in your area to recognize this School Year, 2024-25."

The IDSAR American History Committee is proud to announce the State Essay Contest Winners for 2025.

As a DAR Member did you realize what a student must accomplish to be awarded the Chapter / State or North-Central District Essay Winner, before the National judging to win the National Award? Let me explain what the students, with the help of their teacher and our DAR Chapter American History Committee Chairmans, do.

Judges & Score Sheets - Each Essay had a possible of 40 pts X 3 for a total of 120 pts.

Three state judges read and score each essay. Essays were judged on completed title page, word count, sources, historical accuracy, understanding question, responds with details, organization, originality, word choice, holds reader's interest, spelling and grammar, author, title, Primary/Secondary, or web address. The judges are very qualified in their fields plus their love of American History.

AHEC - American History Committee Essay Contests

Grades 5-8 2024-2025 Essay Title: "Enjoying a new kind of Tea Party!" Length 300-1,000 words
Essay Question: In the 1770's there was a movement of protest from the Colonists against the British due to taxes and laws. Along the eastern coast a growing number of patriots held "tea" parties. The Boston Tea Party was on December 16, 1773, and the Charlestown, SC Tea Party and the Chester Town Tea Party followed in 1774. In October 1774, 51 women in Edenton, North Carolina, decided to refuse to buy tea from the British because of their high taxes and laws. In 1775, women in Wilmington, North Carolina, burned their tea for the same reasons. Imagine you are one of these women boldly participating in one of these Tea Parties in North Carolina. Give details of either the Edenton Tea Party or Wilmington Tea Party, describe the tea party, and why you would choose to join them. Then explain if you think it, was a good decision.

+One essay at each grade level (5-8) was selected as the chapter winner then submitted to state.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- Chapters may award a Bronze Medal to the chapter winners in each grade, plus a Chapter Winner Certificate. Chapters may also elect to award all participants a Certificate of Participation.
- States award a Silver Medal to the state winner in each grade, plus a State Winner Certificate.

PAR - Patriots of the American Revolution History Essay Contest

Topic: Select a figure from the era of the American Revolution (1773-1783). Discuss how he or she influenced the course of the American Revolution, who he or she was and his/her contribution to the founding of a new nation. Figures may be any person, whether a well-known figure or an everyday man, woman, or child who supported the American Revolution in ways large or small.

Students are encouraged to use primary sources (i.e., immediate, first-hand accounts such as letters, diaries, speeches, or newspaper reports) for their research. Lesser well-known figures are acceptable, but subjects must have been actual participants, i.e. not fictionalized.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- Chapters select one essay as the chapter winner. Chapters may award a chapter winner the certificate/bronze medal set. Chapters may also use their discretion to honor the chapter winner in other ways.
- At the State level, one Patriots of the American Revolution essay is selected (HS 9-12), and a state level winner certificate/silver medal set is presented. The essay is then submitted on to North Central District where they will be judged (X 3) again before moving forward to be judged at National.

State Winners American History Committee Essay Contests



Patriots of the American Revolution HS Essay Contest- PAR

Nancy Mc Kay Harsh Chapter, Creston, IA - Jane Briley
-Alyssa Rater 12th HS School PAR Award Certificate & Medal



American History Essay Contest - AHEC

Candle-Stick Chapter, Hampton, IA - Linda D. Allan
-Taylor Dillion 8th Grade AHEC Award Certificate & Medal
-Ellie Borcharding 7th Grade AHEC Award Certificate & Medal

Hannah Lee Chapter, West Union, IA - Sarah Nowack
-Camille Rueckert 6th Grade AHEC Award Certificate & Medal
-Charlotte Yu 5th Grade AHEC Award Certificate & Medal

ISDAR American History Committee State Chairmans Honorary Award – (taken from All essays entered and judged.)

De Shon Chapter, Boone, IA - Kelly Grothus
-Nora (Ari) Mundy 10th High School PAR (Certificate Award only)
NOTE: State award only – Is Not forwarded to the North-Central Director Vice Chair - State award only



The emphasis of Women in American History is on the role of women, past and present, in American History. Chapters are encouraged to select a notable woman from their state or community to honor. March is officially “Women’s History Month,” so chapters may wish to use this occasion to acknowledge the outstanding contribution of the woman of their choice. Chapters are encouraged to choose a woman to honor for this recognition by taking into consideration women who have contributed or a difference in their communities. She could be a historical entity or currently alive and worthy of recognition. Look for women who are, or have been, intellectual, educational, social, religious, political, scientific, or cultural innovators. The woman or women being honored may be DAR members, prospective DAR members, or non-members. You may select more than one woman to honor.

ISDAR Chapters Who Submitted Women in American History in 2024 “Congratulations Chapter Sparklers in DAR!”

2024	IA	Priscilla Alden	Jessie Field Shambaugh	June 26, 1881 Shenandoah, Iowa	View
2024	IA	Algona	Patricia Anne Ward Bilsborough	November 20, 1934 - Algona, Iowa	View
2024	IA	Algona	2nd Lieutenant Marjorie Gertrude Morrow	17 May 1916	View
2024	IA	Sun Dial	Winifred Richards Tilden	8 Oct 1880	View
2024	IA	Sun Dial	Myrtle Lynch Van Dyke	29 October 1922 Dunlap, Iowa	View

“So Easy” Final Report Form for Women in American History

Digital Form – Download form, fill it out and email to ISDAR American History Chair.

To find the Final Report for Women in American History please follow:

DAR.org / Members Website / Committees / American History / Forms, AHC-1006



Announcing the Official DAR Marker & Grave Location Index is “Live”!!!

The DAR Marker and Grave Location Index is available through the Genealogical Research System (GRS) on both the DAR public and members websites.

Specifically, the index can be found within the overall Revolutionary War Records section of the GRS

A User Guide for the DAR Marker and Grave Location Index is available.

For any questions, please contact the Historian General’s office at: historian@dar.org



“Be A Shining Star”

“Thank You, ISDAR Chapters, for Supporting the American History Committee!”
State Committee Chair – Karen S. Muerer

Application Task Force ***Lisa Rex, Chair***



Is the cost of genealogy pulling you in several directions from the rising costs of memberships to records? Here is a solution to get your research back up and running at a much lower cost than you have ever paid.

This past year, DAR started a new committee for helping prospective members join our ranks in celebrating their genealogical research by locating a patriot from the Revolutionary War in their family tree. As the chair of this committee, I thought at this time I would take a moment and discuss a great deal that was started on the research site, Ancestry.com.

I believe the majority of us have or still currently use Ancestry for research purposes, whether it be for our direct family research, research for friends, or assisting with an application.

For the longest time, Ancestry had 3 levels of memberships to their records; US, World Records, and All Access. Within the last couple of years, Ancestry has added a family plan. It is called the All Access Family plan. This plan allows 5 people to be on one plan, sharing the cost. As I am sure we have all taken a few steps back since Ancestry has raised their costs of membership packages.

Do you have family members or friends that are all paying ungodly amounts of money to Ancestry for their records? There is a simple solution to save money.

Ancestry All Access Family Plan includes:

5 accounts
1 main account and 4 additional
All accounts get access to
Newspapers.com Publisher Extra
All accounts get access to Fold 3
Military records

You can do semi-annual or annually. By yourself you are going to spend \$480 a year, with the family plan you will spend about \$100 a person. That is quite a savings!



Don't know 4 other researchers to join your plan, reach out to fellow chapter members and see if they would like to share. I mean who doesn't like to save money!!!!

Chapter Achievement Award
Gayleen Chickering, Chair



Chapter Achievement Award

THANK YOU SISTERS!!

I have received your Chapter Achievement Award forms! Sisters you have been BUSY!! Thank you for all of the hard work. I have been brainstorming to come up with ideas to help keep track of our activities throughout the year. As I get “more seasoned” my memory seems to not be what it once was, I like to have a reminder of things I have accomplished to look back over the year. It seems when it comes time to fill out the CMR we forget all of the outstanding activities we have participated in throughout the year.

I have developed a list of committees that you can use at your chapter meetings for a quick “at a glance” resource to track your committee work. Please reach out if you are interested in receiving it.

Thank you for all that you do! I look forward to seeing everyone at State Conference!

Gayleen Chickering,
State Chapter Achievement Award Chair

Good Citizens
Michelle Johnson, Chair



2024-2025 ISDAR Good Citizens Essay & Scholarship

In 1934, when the National Daughters of the American Revolution created the Good Citizens Committee, they believed that the structure of every good citizen was based on four pillars: Dependability, Service, Leadership, and Patriotism.

This year’s student essays and involvement in community continue to honor the thoughts and wishes of the women who formed this Committee. Each school, Good Citizens Chapter Chair, and Good Citizens District Vice Chair that were a part of this process are to be commended in helping keep this Scholarship alive and successful.

The winning student from each of the four Districts will be honored and we will be pleased to present the ISDAR State Good Citizens winner at this year’s Spring Forum on Friday evening, April 4, 2025.

DAR/SAR/S.R. Relations
Donna Rath, Chair



The mission of this committee is to:

Promote a congenial and harmonious working relationship for the betterment of our shared objectives

Render support and assistance in the area of community-centered events and mutual membership growth

Foster shared goals of historic preservation, education and patriotism.

Spread the Sparkle

Refer a husband, son or other relative or friend to a SAR/S.R. chapter for membership.

One of the objectives of the DAR/SAR/S.R. Relations Committee is to promote mutual membership and growth between our organizations. Please consider promoting membership in the SAR in April, while they are reducing application fees. And don't forget to submit a DAR Finder Form! The DAR Finder Form [DAR-Finder-Form.pdf](#) is to be placed on top of the SAR Application for membership.

50%
OFF

APPLICATION FEES

FOR NEW MEMBER AND NEW JR.
MEMBER APPLICATIONS **ONLY**.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED
OR POSTMARKED ON THEIR WAY TO
NATIONAL IN THE MONTH OF APRIL.

SAR.ORG/HOW-TO-APPLY

Family Plan applications beyond the initial app; 1-24 Established Lineage, Memorial, or Supplementals do not qualify for the discount.



*Learn about National Society
Sons of the American
Revolution (SAR) at www.sar.org*

*Learn about Iowa Society Sons
of the American
Revolution (ISSAR) at
www.iassr.org*

*Learn about The General Society
Sons of the Revolution (GSSR)
at www.sr1776.org*

Iowa Community Classroom
Barbara Anderson
& Janet Richie, Co-Chair



What impressive support to community classrooms and schools was represented in the Iowa DAR chapters! There were donations of time, books, money, school supplies, expertise, certificates, flowers, candy, lesson plans, education, and library support with appreciation to teachers, students, and counselors. Subjects covered in music, reading, history, sports, and DAR supported areas in the Constitution and the Revolutionary War. Thank you for your work and outstanding efforts! Thank you to all reporting Chapters for your timely information!

Janet Ritchie and Barb Anderson, Co-Chairs 🍷

Historic Preservation
Charlotte Janeczko, Chair



This Historic Preservation chairman is busy at this time compiling the Chapter Master Reports that have been completed by all of the chapters in the State of Iowa and then sending my report on to the North Central Division Vice Chair for Historic Preservation, Julie Wollar. She will review the reports and recognize deserving chapters and daughters for National awards. I have the honor of selecting chapters and daughters for deserving State awards. The State awards will be presented at the ISDAR conference in Des Moines on April 3rd through the 5th.



And then we start all over again with new projects for historic preservation sites, properties, grants and contests. I'm confident there are daughters in this state that are already getting the creative juices going.

Keep in mind that when your chapter is planning your programs for the coming year, the CMR is a helpful source of activities, projects and programs.

Iowa State Leadership Training
Dianne Chadwick, Coordinator
Terri Toppler, Coordinator
Sharleen Newton, Chair



As of May 2024 to January 2025, the following Iowa Daughters have completed all three DAR Leadership Training courses and will receive the **Iowa Delta Award** during the 2025 ISDAR Spring Conference:
Ann Mack (Abigail Adams), Sharleen Newton (Camp Dodge), and Karla Wright (Camp Dodge).

These Iowa Chapters have achieved the **"Shooting Stars Level"** for the DAR Chapter Leadership Training Award:
Abigail Adams Chapter, Camp Dodge Chapter, and Jean Marie Cardinell Chapter.

The **Nathaniel Fellows Chapter** has achieved the **"Twinkling Level"** for the DAR Chapter Leadership Training Award.

The **ISDAR Executive Board** has achieved the **"Firecrackers Level"** for the DAR State Leadership Training Award.

Congratulations to all!





250th Anniversary of the start of the Revolutionary War

On April 18, 1775, Revere was sent to warn the minutemen in Lexington, Massachusetts that British troops were approaching. Revere was part of a network that spread the alarm, and the British could hear signals as they moved out. "The British are coming", Revere shouted as he rode through town alarming the colonists.

The Battles of Lexington and Concord on 19 April 1775, the famous 'shot heard round the world', marked the start of the American War of Independence (1775-83).

Until this time, the colonies had been allowed to develop with little interference. But now London was attempting to tighten its political control. Many colonists were convinced that their economic prosperity and liberty were at stake. As the dispute continued, they gradually took over the local militias and started arming and drilling. Acting on intelligence that the militia were stockpiling weapons, Gage ordered Lieutenant-Colonel Francis Smith to march to Concord and seize the arms. On 19 April 1775 Smith encountered militiamen at Lexington Green. The latter had been forewarned about British plans and had quickly mobilised.

In 1775 there were about 7,000 British redcoats in America, with around 4,000 in Massachusetts itself. Lieutenant-Colonel Francis Smith (1723-91) commanded the 800-strong force, drawn from several regiments, that was sent to seize the arms. An officer with 12 years' colonial experience, Smith had served in America since 1767. Most of the militiamen were farmers or tradesmen, including the commander of the Lexington militia, John Parker (1729-75). He had fought for the British during the Seven Years War at Louisburg (1758) and Quebec (1759). Non-uniformed, they were armed with a variety of firearms including muskets and fowling pieces.

Lexington was not a serious military defeat, but it was politically disastrous for the British. Smith's expedition managed to seize a few weapons and caused the very fighting it was intended to prevent. The violence turned a colonial revolt against British policy into a fight for political independence. Lexington and Concord led many Americans to support the 'revolution'. For John Adams, these battles were the moment 'the Die was cast, the Rubicon crossed'. They also showed that American citizen soldiers could stand up to redcoats; something previously doubted by many on both sides.

Lexington and Concord started a war that resulted in Britain losing her American colonies. Unsurprisingly, these battles were conveniently forgotten in Britain. However, they soon became vital parts of the foundation story of the United States. For years afterwards they were portrayed as British attacks on innocent freedom-loving Americans. Many of the truths about the battles, such as who fired first and the importance of the militia preparations, were ignored. Their status was elevated in Ralph Waldo Emerson's 'Concord Hymn' (1837). First read at Concord on 4 July 1837, his poem, which includes the famous line 'the shot heard 'round the world', became central to the mythology of the American Revolution.



Parliamentarian

Amy Sunleaf



Meeting Scripts

If you're not already doing so, chapter regents may consider using a script at chapter meetings. The script should be shared with the recording secretary and vice regent a day or so before the meeting.

Why use a script?

A pre-written script can reduce anxiety of what to say and when to say it during a meeting. It also helps regents with the process of handling a motion correctly. If a regent becomes ill or is unavailable to lead a meeting, the vice regent can use the script provided by the regent to effortlessly carry on in her absence. Recording secretaries who have a meeting script find keeping the minutes is much easier, and they feel less stressed about potentially missing an important detail.

What's the difference between an agenda and a script?

The agenda gets sent to all members and is the plan for the meeting. A meeting script is only shared with select officers and includes much more information than the basic outline of the agenda. Scripts help ensure that a meeting is well-run, well-organized, concise and productive.

How do I get started?

I would be happy to send you a template of a script to help you get started. Not sure when to start using a script? Your annual meeting is the perfect time as it is one of your most important meetings of the year. Ask chairmen and officers to send you their reports ahead of the meeting so they can be added in to the script (bonus--if they forget to bring their report to the meeting, you already have it written out in the script!)

Project Patriot
Teri Miller, Chair



Celebrate Stars & Stripes Forever
By Supporting our Nation's Military!

At the 2024 fall conference it was voted to establish a fund to support the sailors on the USS Iowa via the Project Patriot Committee. On behalf of the Iowa State Society, Regent Steinke sent care package items for the crew of the USS Iowa to be provided to the crew on halfway night. Regent Steinke received communications from a mother (DAR member) of one of the sailors thanking us for taking time to support her son and his fellow sailors. The picture to the left is of the USS Iowa as they departed for their alpha sea trial in October. The official ship commissioning will take place at 10:00 a.m. EST on Saturday April 5 in



Connecticut. We will be live streaming the commissioning after the memorial service at State Conference. You can find more information about the USS Iowa on their commissioning page – <https://ssn797.com>.

In support of the USS Iowa, the special service project for the 2025 ISDAR Annual Meeting is to collect items for single sailor boxes. Items can include any type of hygiene products (razors, tooth brushes, paste, floss sticks, bar soap, socks, lotion, lip balm) snacks (candy, mixed nuts, jerky, different types of hot sauce are a favorite, little Debbie cakes/desserts), note books, pens, books, puzzles, cards, and any type of motivational or encouraging notes. Please bring your donations to the Project Patriot table.

With President Jimmy Carter's passing on December 29, 2024, the DAR Project Patriot Committee worked closely with the USO Honor Guard Lounge to support the Honor Guard community including contributing funding to provide meals. The USO needed additional support and requested donations of snack items to help sustain the Honor Guard throughout the event. Several ISDAR chapters accepted the call and provided support via an Amazon Wish List with items that were delivered directly to the USO Honor Guard Lounge. Thank you for your generosity and continued support for Honor Guard members who serve with such dedication.

The DAR Project Patriot Committee supports actively serving military (active-duty, reservists, and National Guard) and their families. It does not support veterans' projects. Information on national projects can be found on the DAR website at <https://www.dar.org/members/committees/service-committees/dar-project-patriot/additional-projects> .

Email me if you have any questions - gtmiller@netins.net

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



Dear Iowa Society Daughters,

Our DAR Service for Veterans Committee holiday project was a wonderful success. Thank you to all Daughters who participated in the Project Shoebox "Game Night". We raised a little over \$1500 in goodies and games for a total of 77 shoeboxes. They were safely delivered and the homeless veterans were so excited and appreciative. Please see the VAVS news article in this edition for the details. I have received the thank you letters from the Central Iowa VA to distribute at State Conference.

Please continue to gift your kindness rocks to veterans. They love them! I saw a veteran at Hyvee while shopping. He came over to me and reminded me that I gave him a kindness rock at the VA. He told me that it was so nice to receive a special thank you and he has it on his coffee table. Winter is a great time to do a project of painting rocks. What a wonderful little surprise in a May Day Basket for a veteran!

March 29th is National Vietnam War Veteran's Day. Visit your local eateries for permission to set a **"Missing Man Table"**. The table I placed at the local Perkin's was so appreciated by the community. It's a beautiful reminder that we will never forget our missing, imprisoned and fallen.

A congratulations to Iowa's Outstanding Veteran Volunteer Award Winner, Francis McAllister of Burlington. The sponsoring chapter is Stars & Strips Chapter, Chapter Regent, DiAnne Lerud-Chubb. Francis is the HODAR of Mary McAllister. Francis is the recipient of three Purple Heart awards and the Silver Star. Francis will be recognized at our 2025 State Conference.

A reminder that our veterans are in need and support all year round. If you would love to give a few hours a week volunteering at your local VA hospital, community hospital, senior citizen center, nursing home, homeless shelter or visit a veteran you know that's still living in their home, please do. You have no idea how comforting it is to them and how much they appreciate the time you take to make them feel special. Plus, it feels so good to give in service to our veterans.

A lovely message below received on December 23rd from our Veterans Rep. at the Iowa Veterans Home in Marshalltown, Diane Hobson. Thank you Diane for your care and service to the veterans at the Marshalltown Veterans Home.

Hi Jeanne,

I'm the representative for the Iowa Veterans Home in Marshalltown. I'm reporting the following for our Spinning Wheel Chapter's contributions. We collected \$182.80 in money donations for 2023 when our dues were paid. I have purchased snacks to be given out during the Veteran's Bingo parties, a bag of tennis balls for the walkers the Veterans use. This year's funds spent was \$138.28. We will add the balance of funds to this year's donations and again purchase snack items, word find books or what is needed. I've attended 8 volunteer meetings. Our President's Day celebration has come to a halt as we don't have the leg work anymore. We used to have entertainment, serve root Beer floats and interact with the Veterans. I so enjoyed the Volunteer luncheon given by the Veterans Home in the spring. It is my pleasure to help out on this committee as much as I can.

In DAR Friendship,

Diane Hobson, Veterans Rep.

Thank you so very much Iowa Daughters for all your compassion, care and service for our Iowa Veterans. We are blessed to live in the beautiful state of Iowa and to have all of you to provide the passion for DAR and for Service for Veterans.

DAR VAVS Representative
Eastern Iowa - Iowa City
Joyce Mandel



Serving VETERANS in Eastern Iowa



The Iowa City VA Health Care System (ICVAHCS) offers a wide range of services for Veterans across eastern Iowa and nearby States. There are many ways DAR members can honor Veterans by serving a local VA facility.

Volunteers Needed

- Front entrance Greeters and Escorts at the Iowa City VA Hospital.
- Compassionate Contact Corps to make phone calls to socially isolated Veterans.
- Medical Support Assistants to make appointment reminder phone calls.

Donations Needed

Although monetary donations and gift cards (Hy-Vee, Casey's, ...) are always welcome, please also consider donating items such as:

- Sleeping bags
- New or gently used cold-weather clothing and outerwear
- Non-perishable food items and can openers for food pantries
- Hairbrushes and hygiene items
- Trac phones and prepaid phone cards
- Activities – playing cards, games books, pencils, new magazines, tennis balls

To learn more about how you can help our Veterans, visit this webpage:

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



National Disabled Veterans Golf Clinic (NDVGC)

The National Disabled Veterans Golf Clinic is an adaptive golf clinic for Veterans with profound disabilities who come to Riverside, Iowa, and the surrounding area each September.

The 2025 Golf Clinic will be held from Sunday, September 7th to Friday, September 12th. This will be the Golf Clinic's 32nd year. It will host over 200 Veterans, which requires more than 400 volunteers to support.

The most needed volunteer role is a golf buddy. A golf buddy functions much like a caddy. Each Veteran participant is supported by a volunteer golf buddy from Monday, September 8th through Thursday, September 11th, 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. each of those three days.

The VA is accepting volunteer applications now through April 4th. Contact me if you are interested in learning more about this unique and inspiring volunteer opportunity.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Mandel
DAR VAVS Representative
Iowa City VA Health Care System
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**DAR VAVS Representative
Central Iowa - Des Moines**

**Joanne Tinker, Representative
Jeanne McMillan, Deputy**



The winter months for our homeless veterans and veterans with families in need here in Central Iowa can be extremely rough and harsh. **During December we were honored to participate in Project Shoebox "Game Night"**. **DAR Chapter members filled 77 shoeboxes** with fun games, snacks, goodies, mugs, crossword puzzles, notepads, pens and other items for our homeless veterans. They were delivered to the VA Community Resource and Referral Center and distributed at the homeless veterans Christmas gathering. The director of the CRRC sent a message saying the veterans were overjoyed with their gifts.

Jeanne,

The gift boxes were such a hit! Veterans were searching through the boxes with child-like joy, discovering all their treasures and showing the others at the table what they received. We took 50 of them to our venue and ended up having 52 attendees. We told the last 2 to come to the office sometime in the coming days to get theirs. Before I could get back to the office, one of the veterans was already there, excited to get his gift box. Please pass along to the group the great appreciation for the care put into creating these gifts. It was perfect! We continue to distribute boxes today and in the incoming days to veterans that are presenting to our location that were not able to attend the party.

Carrie Moreno, Director VA CRRC

These shoeboxes were the only gifts these homeless veterans received. **We will be doing Project Shoebox next year. The theme will be Crafting/Model Building.** There are many small ceramics with paints, small model cars, boats, planes kits or maybe Lego kits to put in a shoebox full of goodies.



Carrie Moreno



We have a year to come up with some great ideas and shop for these items.

Last year the VA had 30 veterans and their families in need at Christmas. This year they had 91 families and individuals. We didn't find out about this until our VAVS meeting at the beginning of December. It was too late to share this information with membership.

Next year we'd like to involve chapters to help with providing Christmas for veterans in need and their families. The rule is no spending more than \$50 per person on a gift. We are provided with the number of members in a family, sex, age and the gift item they wish for. We then sign up to shop for the items and drop off at the VA. We'll keep chapters informed for next year so we will be able to sign up for gift shopping in 2025. It's such a rewarding project.

VA Central Iowa is always looking for volunteers and are always in need of support. Please contact CDCE/Voluntary Services for more information. 515-699-5818

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Volunteer Opportunities:

1. Drivers for Volunteer Transportation Network
2. Parking Lot Shuttle Driver
3. No Veteran Dies Alone/Hospice
4. Refreshment Cart
5. Patient Escorts
6. Laundry
7. Primary Care Information Desk/Refreshment Cart
8. Popcorn poppers/distributors
9. Office Assistant

Pantry Needs:

Apple Sauce	Pasta
Juices	Pasta Sauce
Snack bars/chips	Jelly
Canned Fruit	Soups/easy open
Pudding Cups	Crackers
Peanut butter	Ramen noodles

Support Items Needed:

Backpacks
Large print books
Decaf Coffee
Small simple sports bras
Women's Slip-on shoes (9,9.5,10.5,11)
Men's jackets (Lg, XL)
Men's Slippers (11,12,13,14)

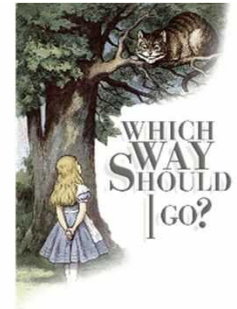
For more information contact:

DAR Representative, Joanne Tinker, djastinker@msn.com

DAR Deputy Representative, Jeanne McMillan, jeannemcmillan1953@gmail.com

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Volunteer Genealogist
Carolyn DeLay, Chair



“Would you tell me, please, which way I ought to go from here?”
“That depends a good deal on where you want to get to,” said the Cat.
“I don’t much care where—” said Alice.
“Then it doesn’t matter which way you go,” said the Cat.
“—so long as I get SOMEWHERE,” Alice added as an explanation.
“Oh, you’re sure to do that,” said the Cat, “if you only walk long enough.”
(Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland, Lewis Carroll, Chapter 6)

Alice seemed unsure of her destination or path, which mirrors the uncertainty necessary in research. In research, unlike Alice's whimsical wanderings, we must have a clear direction and purpose. While Alice wandered with no particular destination in mind, research demands a methodical approach, requiring us to know what we seek and meticulously document our journey. By doing so, we ensure that our efforts are productive and efficient.

It is important to identify what we are looking for and to keep a record of our progress to avoid covering the same ground twice. This involves following a map and maintaining a research log to track where we have already been.

Maintaining a Research Log is essential for several reasons:

- It enables me to review and assess the work I have completed.
- It encourages me to document upcoming tasks, which helps in eliminating the uncertainty of what to focus on next.
- It prevents the repetition of previously conducted searches, thereby avoiding the duplication of research efforts.
- It records details I would otherwise inevitably forget.
- It allows me to understand how I arrived at my conclusions.
- It demonstrates to others that all possible research avenues have been thoroughly explored. This is particularly crucial when conducting research on behalf of others, as it may be necessary to substantiate findings and indicate sources consulted to ensure credibility.
- You can earn one of those nice shiny pins!

You may use any format that suits your needs, such as the Lineage Research Log or one from a genealogy society. Create one if necessary. Record the verified fact, the source where it was found, and the date of discovery. Revisiting sources can provide new information about a family. For common surnames with unrelated families, focus on relevant information only. A new clue may lead to another review of an old source using the research log.

Recommendations: Store all relevant information in a designated file for the specific person or event. Additionally, download a copy of your browser history as a backup to your research log.

Don’t be an ALICE! Don’t go down the rabbit hole!

Women's Issues
Marla Suter, Chair



Thank you to everyone who entered the Women's Issues Essay Contest. One essay from Iowa was sent to the North Central Division Vice Chair. Winning essays in each category from the division will be sent to the coordinating national vice chair for further consideration. National winners will be notified before Continental Congress. Congratulations to:

Judith Meyers of the Cedar Falls Chapter whose essay “*The Forgotten Christmas Present*” is the state first place winner in the Mental Health category.

Does your chapter include a **Women's Issues “Minute”** in its regular agenda? We hope so, and the Women's Issues committee website includes dozens of clear, timely minutes just waiting for your chapter chair to download and share. These Women's Issues topics are coming up for March, April and May.

MARCH: Career/Women's History Month: The first Women's History Day was held February 28, 1909, in New York City, commemorating the one-year anniversary of the garment workers' strikes when 15,000 women marched through lower Manhattan. In 1980, President Jimmy Carter declared the week of March 8 Women's History Week across the country and in March of 1987, Congress declared March Women's History Month. The National Women's History Alliance designates a yearly theme and the 2023 theme is “Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories.” Many resources are available for ideas about how to celebrate, including The National Women's History Alliance website at: www.nationalwomenshistoryalliance.org.

APRIL: Family/Women Veterans-Month of the Military Child: April is designated as Month of the Military Child – a time to honor the sacrifices made by military families worldwide, with an emphasis on the experience of the dependent children of military members serving at home and overseas. According to the US Department of Defense, there are more than 1.6 million military children who face many challenges and unique experiences because of their parents' service. Military families move every two to three years on average, which impacts military children through changing schools and support networks. More information is available at: www.defense.gov/Spotlights/Month-of-the-Military-Child/.

MAY: Mental Health-Mental Health Awareness Month: Every year since 1949, Mental Health Awareness Month has been observed in the United States during the month of May. The purpose of Mental Health Month is to help eliminate the stigma associated with mental illness by raising awareness of mental health conditions and those who have them. In 2023 the campaign will focus on the way our neighborhoods and built environments – our physical surroundings – impact both individual and population mental health. Resources are available at: <https://www.nami.org/Get-Involved/Awareness-Events/Mental-Health-Awareness-Month/>.

Across the State

Algona Submitted by Karen Meurer



Algona DAR Promoted America 250 at an Algona Community Participation Event



The Algona Chapter took part in the Algona, **“Live Greeting Card Windows,”** at Algona’s Winter Celebration, Monday, Dec. 2, 2024. The Ladies were reenacting a tea party of Dec 2, 1773.

This reenactment was Two Hundred Fifty-One years after the Boston Tea Party of December 16, 1773.

A joyous time was held for those participating, drinking tea while doing hand work and for those walking by smiling, waving and taking photos. Our hard work preparing for the event was well received by the community. A Thank You Card was received for our participation from the Algona Chamber of Commerce and Congratulations from Algona Floor & Design, the business whose window we were displayed in.

A joyous time was held



Be A Shining Star Community Participation Event for the Algona DAR.

A table was set up for the Soroptimist’s Soup Cookoff Fundraiser Soup/Chili Cookoff at the VFW Thursday, January 30th, 2025, from 5-7pm in conjunction with the Algona Chamber event Frostbit Olympics.

The Algona Chapter of the Soroptimists sponsored the cook-off.

Teri Miller, Regent decorated her table with Patriotic red, white & blue, with DAR America 250 flags. Profits were designated to benefit women and girls. A feast for all was enjoyed!





At the November meeting of the CFDAR, three UNI ROTC members demonstrated and explained the symbolism and meaning of the flag folding ceremony. Afterwards the students answered questions about ROTC.



At the January meeting we honored our American Essay Contest winner. Carlee Noe, a junior at Independence High School, submitted the winning essay on Betsy Ross. Carlee was presented with the American History essay medal and certificate.



Sue LeQuatte, American History Committee Chair, Carlee Noe, Lisa E. Lang, Regent.

Cedar Falls Chapter at the Christmas Tea Party

In December, the Cedar Falls Chapter celebrated the holiday season by having a festive Christmas tea party. Members were encouraged to dress in an era of their choice or wear Christmas attire. Regent Lisa Lang, with help from members Anne and Gretchen Woodrick, set the tables with vintage teacups, saucers and favors for each attendant. The three-tiered tea trays made by Regent Lang were given away as prizes. Members were asked to bring loose change-we collected nearly \$350-for the elementary music classroom that we adopted in the Cedar Falls School District. With that we filled the local level of State Regent Sarah Steinke's three-tiered project to support education. Members were asked to bring their favorite Christmas ornament & share it's special history. We ended the party with a Christmas sing-a-long



Beautiful ladies enjoying the party. L-R Carolyn Christensen, Judy Williamson, Gretchen Woodrick and Anne Woodrick



Lynette Cline showing her ornament with Sally Wetherell and Lorelei Redfern looking on. In background is Carla Lown in a Roaring Twenties outfit.

Across the State

Hannah Lee Submitted by Peggy Harvey



Hannah Lee Chapter Regent, Joy Bahnemann, presented a Certificate of Appreciation and a Hodar pin to Perry Novak at our Fall meeting. Perry is the husband of Wendy Novak. Perry has donated supplies and helps the chapter with activities and special events.



Peggy Harvey crocheted 30 wreath ornaments for the residents at Eastern Star Nursing home, Decorah, for Christmas. Everyone enjoyed them!



At the December 2024 meeting, Hannah Lee Chapter members celebrated the spirit of the holidays by creating one-of-a-kind Christmas treat bags for Veterans living in nursing homes in Northeast Iowa. Using Christmas stickers, pasted to small white paper bags, and filled with goodies and snacks for 90 veterans in 18 nursing homes and assisted living centers in 4 counties of Northeast Iowa.

Hannah Lee Chapter held the annual Christmas collection of food for the Decorah Food Pantry at our year-end meeting. Our members donated 44 pounds of non-perishable food and collected \$160 in cash for use by the Food Pantry. Chapter Treasurer and Food Pantry volunteer Julie Vogel presented our gifts to Matt Tapscott, Director of the Decorah Food Pantry with our blessings and best wishes.

The Hannah Lee Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution placed a wreath on the Veterans Memorial at Mary Christopher Park in Decorah on Wednesday, December 11th. DAR members are passionate about supporting our active-duty military and veterans. The wreath was placed to honor the men and women of Winneshiek County who served in various wars from 1812 through the present day.

Wendy Novak has made a basket of goodies for the Veterans at the Decorah VFW. She has made baskets for Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, Memorial Day, in the Fall, and for Christmas. Our chapter supports veterans in the local nursing homes of northeast Iowa, participates in projects supporting our troops at home and overseas, and gives annual awards for citizenship and American history to area school students.



Across the State

Henry Knox Submitted by Rhonda Rosado



Wreaths Across America Day was observed at Graceland Cemetery in Knoxville on December 14, 2024. This is the tenth year that the Henry Knox Chapter has been involved in this annual observance. Henry Knox Chapter members, Marla Suter and Coni Haronik, are location coordinators at this cemetery for Wreaths Across America and the chapter is a fundraising group. The area of focus in this cemetery is the veteran's section which contains the graves of 230 veterans of conflicts ranging from the Spanish American War, WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam and the Persian Gulf.

The Knoxville community, the Henry Knox Chapter and the Francis Marion Society, C.A.R., have been very generous in sponsoring wreaths each year and volunteering their time to place and retire the wreaths.

Remember, Honor, and Teach.



Across the State

Jean Espy Submitted by Cyndie Reppert



Early in December, the Jean Espy Chapter felt we needed to make Christmas contributions to the Iowa Veterans Home in Marshalltown. We make a cash donation from our Summer bake sales but we had not made a fun donation for several years.

Looking at the list of items they can use makes this project so fun. Clothing seems as if it can be boring with pocket t-shirts but when you get prison shirts, cigar shirts and car dealer shirts it can add a little edge to it. We had hats donated which were embroidered by a shop and Santa hats. Lots of socks, undies, boots and britches were collected.

Then we go to workbooks, puzzles, paints and frames. We were also able to donate stamps so the veterans and wives could share with friends and family.

We also shared out project with the Stars and Stripes chapter and received an extremely generous donation. It was then the time to approach businesses in Fort Madison. The two groceries donated chips and about 20 lbs. of popcorn. Hats and shirts from a car dealership. A dozen gloves came from a car service. Also checks were collected from those who care.



It is always so touching to go to the home and see those who served their life for our country. It is such an amazing place to provide for these veterans.

We received the most amazing “thank you” from the Veterans Home. Lots of heart went into this letter. Thank you to everyone who helped and gave us this wonderful feeling at Christmas.



Across the State

Jean Marie Cardinell Submitted by Denise Baker Hamilton



Daughters of the chapter were very busy in 2024.

Under the leadership of Service To America Chair Marilyn Rittel, our Daughters recorded **over 8,000 hours of service** – 3,300 hours over the chapter goal! Below are just a few of the highlights of service opportunities in which our Daughters participated in during the last quarter.

Wreaths Across America was another success this year.

The Jean Marie Cardinell Chapter, as a registered sponsorship group, raised sponsorships for 117.5 wreaths for participating cemeteries throughout the country. A number of our members also participated in laying the wreaths at area cemeteries on Wreaths Across American Day in December. Even General Lafayette visited the Iowa Veterans Cemetery and honored our veterans.



In the meantime, our Daughters in the northern part of the state served once again as Location Coordinators for four cemeteries in their community where over 600 veterans are buried. With much support from individuals and local businesses, sponsorships were again sufficient to cover every veteran in all four cemeteries.

Community Service Awards were approved for two individuals, Cris Nagla and Dennis Allen who truly have

servant hearts. This award was for the extraordinary work they do for the nonprofit organization - The Final Salute - an organization with a mission that no veteran goes unclaimed and works to secure a final resting place for cremains of our veterans. Even an unclaimed Civil War veteran was buried at Iowa Veterans Cemetery.

The chapter again participated in Veterans Day at the State Capitol in January. Volunteers Dianna Baker Hoyer, Chelsea Hoyer, and Donna Wenzl honored Vietnam veterans with the 50th anniversary commemorative pin provided to us by the Department of Defense.



This past quarter, the chapter celebrated Lucinda Stine and Donna Wenzl who each completed three GEP courses. Chapter certificates of completion were awarded to each during chapter meetings in December and February.

Jean Marie Cardinell new member, Virginia Walters, was approved in February and will have a formal Welcome Ceremony at our upcoming March meeting. We also welcome transfer, Margaret (Meg) Torres from the Fort Payne Chapter in Illinois. Unfortunately, we lost 4 members in December and January. Stella Bingaman (35-year member); Carlita Beltz (19-year member); Grace Huffman (14-year member); and, Cindie Robinette-Anderson (3-year member).



Across the State

Lawrence Van Hook Submitted by Linda Harvan



Lawrence Van Hook Chapter members planned a **Wreaths Across Counties event** on December 14, 2025, to coincide with the 225th anniversary of George Washington's death but members were disappointed when Mother Nature forced a change in plans and the event was moved to the following afternoon. Five members braved cold temperatures to lay wreaths on the gravesites of five Revolutionary War Patriots buried in four different cemeteries in two counties. First stop was Jackson County at the Andrew Cemetery in Andrew, Iowa where the chapter's namesake, James "Lawrence" Van Hook is buried. Next, the group traveled across the county, to meet family members of Eli Edwards at the Willison Cemetery, aka Butternut Grove Cemetery, for a moving ceremony with family members participating. At Hickory Grove Cemetery, William Sinkey/Sankey and William Potter were honored. Last, the group traveled to Clinton County to honor John Lepper who is buried in the Elmwood Cemetery in DeWitt, Iowa.



The chapter held their January meeting via Zoom both in case of bad weather, and to allow members and associate members who live further away to attend. Chapter Regent Amy Sunleaf presented a program on a topic she is passionate about, Grant Wood, George Washington, and the American Revolution. One interesting thing we learned was that Grant Wood spent two years on a 20 X 24-foot-stained glass project for the Veterans Memorial building in Cedar Rapids. It features a 16-foot central figure said to represent "Republic" and six soldiers at the base representing privates in the Revolutionary War, The War of 1812, The Mexican War, Civil War, Spanish-American War and the First

World War. At our November meeting, Amy gave each member a copy of a section of the stained glass on acetate to color at home with permanent markers.

The Good Citizens Tea was held Saturday, February 22, 2025, at the DeWitt Community Library. Seniors from five high schools in Jackson and Clinton Counties were recognized. After a welcome by Regent Amy Sunleaf, Chapter Secretary Karen Bradway gave a history and overview of the NSDAR Good Citizen competition. Michelle Johnson, Good Citizens Chair, introduced the students and she and Regent Sunleaf presented them with a DAR Good Citizens pin, certificate, and an honor cord to wear at graduation. Each of the four students in attendance read their essay. Dr. Arthur Sunleaf, Vice President of Student Development and Dean of Students at Loras College in Dubuque, gave the DAR Good Citizenship Address. He reminded everyone that the people who make the biggest difference in your life are the people who care about you and not the ones with the most credentials, the most money, or the most awards. Dr. Sunleaf also encouraged the students to lead with kindness throughout their lives. Chapter Regent Amy Sunleaf announced Laura Martens from Central DeWitt High School was the chapter winner and presented a check for \$200. After photos were taken, the students and their families were invited to stay for refreshments.



Regent Amy Sunleaf, Jacob Litterer (Marquette Catholic), Holly Lamp (Northeast), Laura Martens (Central DeWitt), Spencer Martin (Maquoketa), Good Citizens Chair Michelle Johnson

Laura Martens from Central DeWitt High School



Dr. Arthur Sunleaf, Vice President of Student Development and Dean of Students at Loras College in Dubuque



Chapter Secretary Karen Bradway gave a history and overview of the NSDAR Good Citizen competition.



Across the State

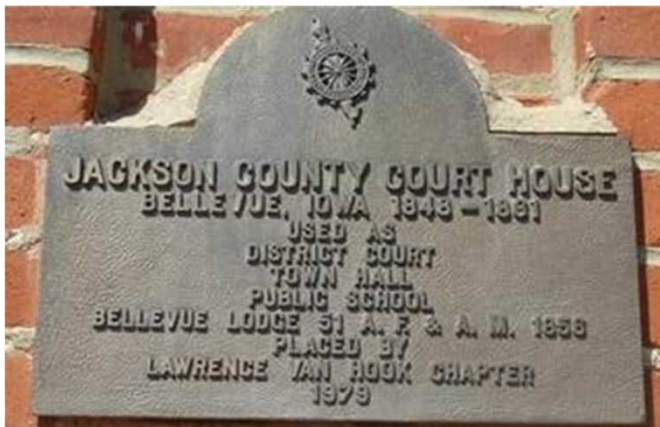
Lawrence Van Hook Submitted by Charlotte Janeczko



These two projects are the work of Lawrence Van Hook Chapter.

Historic Preservation sites in Iowa that have a DAR connection, worthy of a road trip.

This one is in Bellevue, Iowa. It first served as a District Court House from 1848 to 1861. At 1003 3rd Street, it is presently being used as the Bellevue Public Elementary School, the oldest still being used in Iowa.



Think about taking a Sunday drive to Maquoketa, Iowa to view the last narrow-gauge railroad in Iowa. At 116 East Platt Street, the LaMotte train depot on the Clinton Engine Works Campus, this Historic Preservation site received a NSDAR special projects grant.



Across the State

Martha Washington Submitted by Marta Nelson



Annual Christmas Brunch

Martha Washington Chapter holds a potluck Christmas Brunch each year. The only meeting held in a member's home this year's get-together was hosted by Regent Marion Cain. Members bring their choice of dish; we always have a delicious mix of casseroles, rolls, coffee cakes and fruit. One of our members serves mimosas, and coffee lubricates the conversation and sharing of recipes. *This year our Regent gifted members with a right-side ribbon she had sown, with a sparkly patriotic pin provided by Vice Regent Marta Nelson.* We always love our meetings with food!



February Zoom Meeting

February's Saturday meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather. We rescheduled for Sunday afternoon by Zoom. This format allowed us to meet one of our associate members – Lisa Williams from Nashville. We had a chance to hear about the activities of a very large city chapter. The program was given by member Mary Beth Klaur, inspired by a recent online DAR course based on preserving historic cemeteries. She has a lifelong interest in exploring cemeteries. Recently moving back to Iowa from years in California has allowed her to explore the smaller cemeteries in towns all around Sioux City. She presented a PowerPoint of photos she had collected that showed gravestones that were out of the ordinary or told a story of our past. We illustrate this paragraph with two examples from her presentation.



Pictures

Elmwood Cemetery at the site of the former river town of Texas in Dakota Territory. This cemetery is cared for by member Elizabeth Rosenbaum and her husband.

Tombstone of Real Daughter Emily Reed Nettleton Martha Washington Chapter purchased the plot in Logan Park Cemetery in Sioux City and erected her headstone in 1912.



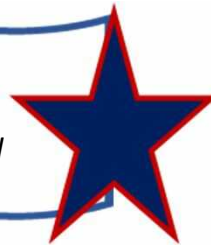
America 250 Patriot Bench

Our America 250 project has been the Installation of a Memorial Bench in our Never Forget Garden in the Siouxland Freedom Park. This will be the first installation in the park honoring Patriots of the American Revolution. Correspondence with the National Committee was helpful in making sure the bench inscription followed National guidelines. The blue steel bench, highlighted by a red graphic and white text, was fabricated by a local company that was also responsible for the new Korean War Memorial across the parking lot from our Never Forget Garden. The bench was installed by the city of South Sioux City, NE where the Siouxland Freedom Park is located. We plan a Dedication Ceremony for the first half of 2025.



Across the State

Onawa Submitted by Lori Bermel



The Onawa Chapter had a busy February meeting.

They collected children's books for the Iowa CAR Presidents project *Reach Out and Read Iowa*. These books will be donated to hospitals and medical clinics throughout Iowa. CAR President Maggie's vision is for a world where every child is read to every day.



The chapter has supported the Iowa State Regent's project by adopting two teachers and their classrooms. A first-year high school history teacher and a second-year 5th grade math and reading teacher. They packed a treat bag for each teacher including the teacher's favorite snacks and items for their classroom. This is the second time the two have received gift bags from the chapter.

Chapter members showed support for their junior member, that is attending college, by gifting her with a care package. Since she is not able to attend all the chapter meetings they wished to let her know that she is missed and support her in her school endeavors.

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Priscilla Alden uses Zoom to connect

Priscilla Alden used zoom technology in January to plan their Good Citizen Award program and finish the Chapter Master Report! It was so good to see everyone even by computer after having to cancel the December meeting because of the weather.



What fun it was to look at our past year and see how much we accomplished. We ended our year in November as we made Christmas gifts for our area nursing home veterans. We also signed lots of cards for veterans. We also put together shoe boxes for homeless veterans. We later heard how veterans appreciated the boxes.



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Spring - February 21st - Saturday after President's day

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