



Iowa Society

Daughters of the American Revolution

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From the State Regent **Edith Harris Brunia**

Thank you, thank you, thank you. Thank you for your donations, thank you for your work, thank you for your service. It is certainly humbling to recognize what the Iowa Daughters have done in the name of God, Home, and Country across Iowa in the past two years.

What a wonderful two years this has been. Exciting, adventurous, rewarding and fulfilling come to mind. Meeting the wonderful Daughters across Iowa who kept our mission alive in so many ways and so many places has been a treat to witness. My hope was that it was as rewarding for all Iowa Daughters as it was for me to join or read about your activities. To the chapters who celebrated milestone anniversaries, may your chapters prosper long into the future. To the chapters who marked Revolutionary War Patriots, special places, and historical objects, thank you for a job well done. To the chapters who worked with schools and veterans, you may never know just how important that work was. Your work is appreciated by so many, whether you were told so or not. We can never do too much in remembering and honoring our wonderful past.

It is hoped that those members who attended our 2024 Spring Conference enjoyed it, a great number of members working together made it happen. All the Honoraria's who didn't attend and a group of other Daughters who usually attend were mailed packs of information to enjoy. 125 years is quite a long time to exist, times really changed in those years, which also means Iowa DAR changed also to achieve our success. Our membership grew just ever so slightly this



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past year, which is a trend that we must continue to thrive into the future. Our chapters need to use that newly acquired GEP training to gain new members, the reimbursement for GEP courses taken will continue into the next administration. Please see that your chapter takes advantage of it. A larger pool of members can solve quite a few problems chapters are having today.

I hope the Iowa Daughters have enjoyed this newsletter. Our editor, Melissa Eaton, has done an excellent job with text and pictures making our quarterly history stories and articles interesting and colorful.

I am particularly proud of the state board members and state committee chairs in my administration and all the accomplishments we achieved together with the Iowa membership. As we begin our next 125 years, I am especially excited for our next administration; you have elected a talented group of women to lead us into a bright future with the Iowa Society Daughters of the American Revolution. Thank you all for a wonderful journey as your Iowa State Regent 2022-2024, it has been most enjoyable. Iowa DAR Daughters are the best!

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From the State Vice Regent **Sarah Steinke**

Greetings after another successful year of the Iowa Society Daughters of the American Revolution. Thank you to all who contributed to making our 125th Annual State Conference a celebration to remember. It was wonderful seeing old friends and making new acquaintances. We definitely had an exciting evening cheering for the Iowa Hawkeye Women's Basketball team.



Continental Congress will be here before we know it. If you are planning to attend, I look forward to seeing everyone. We will have an Iowa Delegation meeting in the State Room at the JW Marriott at 3:00 on Wednesday afternoon. We will take our delegation photo at this meeting. Members are invited to sit in the Iowa Box at all official sessions and box tickets will be distributed at this meeting as well. If you are joining us for Congress Online from the comfort of your home, be sure to tune in to the Friday morning session to hear the report of our State Regent along with the nomination speeches for Vice President General and Honorary Vice President General. Saturday morning will bring the results of the elections.

Dates for upcoming meetings were announced at the 2024 State Conference. Fall Forum will be Friday-Saturday August 23-24, 2024. The schedule will be a little bit different. We will begin with an afternoon session on Friday and will conclude after an afternoon session on Saturday. Look for more information about Fall Forum to be distributed by email and on the state website in the near future. The dates for our 126th Spring Conference will be Thursday – Saturday April 3-5th, 2024. We look forward to hosting our President General, Pamela Wright, at this event. Both meetings will be at the Airport Holiday Inn on Fleur Drive in Des Moines, Iowa.



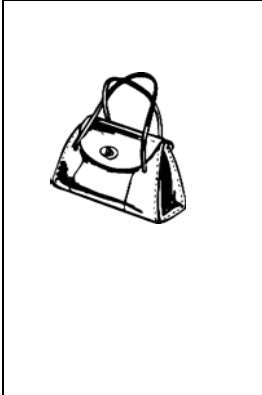
Are you looking for new DAR apparel to wear for your summer events? Please check out the new online store for your latest ISDAR apparel. wandoapparel.com/collections/dar. Proceeds from the sales will benefit the 2024-2026 State Regent's Project



The ISDAR Apparel Sale, with proceeds going toward the State Regent Project, made \$570 at Spring Conference!

Thank you to all of you that visited my tables and purchased items. Some ladies visited more than once – *that was allowed*.

I'm pleased to announce, by a suggestion, Jewelry of all kinds (doesn't have to be a DAR pin!) will be added to the items you can donate to the Fall Forum Apparel Sale!



So, dig through your jewelry boxes and find that pin, ring, bracelet, or necklace you no longer want and donate them to Fall Forum in August. (You could always take the items to your chapter meetings and ask the representative of your chapter to bring them.)

Keep bringing your dresses and hats – those are still gladly accepted!

Thanks again for all of your support that made the newly-renamed Apparel Sale such a success!

Marty Hansen, Jean Marie Cardinell Chapter, Des Moines





Membership Changes February 14th- May 10th, 2024

Welcome New Members!

Camp Dodge Chapter

Tammie Cunningham
Katie Lunning

Cedar Falls Chapter

Gretchen Woodrick

Jean Espy Chapter

Bryn Asbury
Janet Hissem
Sarah Wright

Lawrence Van Hook Chapter

Amy Lawrenz

Marion Linn Chapter

Loa Gorman

Onawa Chapter

Kaylee Goslar

Pilot Rock Chapter

Marcia Poyzer

Revolutionary Dames

Heather Anderson

Spinning Wheel Chapter

Theresa Sulter

Stars and Stripes Chapter

Katy Sturm
Lori Weiss

From Mrs. Parnell, Registrar General: "Shooting Stars", May 2, 2024

DAR Genealogy Update

Starting this week, some members who have pending Supplementals will receive what we're calling "1st contact" letters. These will address the following: incorrect citations; lack of service/residence; and lack of a birth date for new (not established) Patriot ancestors. The status in e-Membership will reflect this with the notation "1st contact." These letters differ from Additional Information Requested (AIR) letters in that the member is given this opportunity to submit corrections before the final review process. Our hope is that by the time the genealogist reviews the lineage (page 2 of the application), the member will have provided the documentation needed for verification.

Other News

New member certificates (verified after Dec. 2023) have been ordered and will be mailed soon! Certificates have been redesigned for the America 250 celebration and have been reformatted to ensure inclusion of all name and Patriot information. Thank you for your patience; the certificates are worth the wait!

Pins!

The word from the Insignia Department is that the GEP Supplementals bar will be available for purchase in late May.

Final Tips

Don't forget to underline important names, dates and places on the documents you submit with your Applications and Supplementals. When printing your Application, be sure to select the correct paper size, which is legal 8.5" x 14". You may need to adjust your printer settings for "Fit" on Macs or "Shrink to Fit" on PCs to maximize the print capabilities on your legal-sized, acid-free paper. **Check your spam/junk folder for possible missing notifications and letters.**

FINALLY.....It has been my privilege to serve the Brunia Administration and chapter registrars for the past two years. The increase in our membership is due to the **SPARKLING** dedication and perseverance for our DAR mission and goals.

From the State Historian Lucy Ann Zeimet

Preserving the history of Iowa DAR....

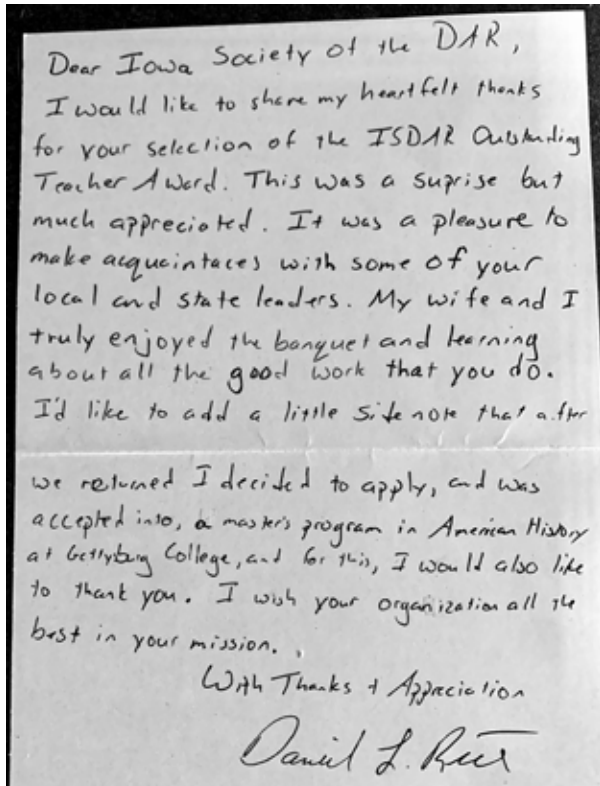
"So much of our future lies in preserving our past" *



Daughters, this will be my last newsletter submission as your State Historian. I have so enjoyed contributing to ISDAR in this way and have appreciated State Regent Edee Brunia and all the ISDAR Board members for

their guidance. The 125th

ISDAR State Conference was amazing. The Outstanding Teacher of American History was awarded to Mr. Daniel Rice. He sent a heartfelt thank you to ISDAR and I am including it here. The way I read... ISDAR has motivated him to continue his journey learning more about American History on a Master's level. Wow! Helen Hindman Dwell Chapter, I'm sure is very proud. Many events will occur this summer. Lawrence Van Hook Chapter is rededicating a plaque, Algona Chapter is turning 100, Abigail Adams is dedicating an American 250! Plaque, Ashley Chapter is rededicating a fountain, Elizabeth Ross Chapter is marking and dedicating a Patriot's grave and Laura Kozin is marking and dedicating her Patriots in the East. I hope I haven't missed something... Our next State Historian is Barb MacDougall. Please keep her informed of your Chapter activities for the ISDAR scrapbook for 2024-2026. Stay safe and continue to be proud you are a DAR!! Sparkle and Shine!



At ISDAR State Conference through the years, many daughters wear pink suits or dresses the last day of the Conference. This officer never really knew why, except wearing pink at Continental Congress was a "thing". Honorary State Regent, Marla Suter, recently discovered the origin of wearing pink in the most recent NSDAR publication, "The Blue Sash", which gives bios of every President General. The story of the wearing of the pink is below, and continues to this day. ISDAR should continue this fun tradition in support and honor of our State Regent's and President General's now and going forward! Pull out your pink suit or dress. Better yet. Go Shopping!!!

Mrs. O'Byrne was not originally slated to run for President General. Grace Colglazier Marshall of South Carolina was running for the office when she suddenly passed away in April 1947. Although she was encouraged by the selected Marshall Associates, Mrs. O'Byrne was reluctant to replace her deceased friend on the ballot. Not sure if she would be successful as a last-minute replacement, Mrs. O'Byrne devised a plan to make herself memorable. Through the entire week of Congress she wore the same pink dress. The "Pink Dress Device," as it came to be known, made Mrs. O'Byrne vividly memorable as she defeated Mrs. Marjorie Anna Reese Manlove of New York. She was installed as President General at the 56th Continental Congress in May 1947.

From the State Chaplain
Briana Johnson



“Ants- they aren’t strong, but they store up food all summer.”
Proverbs 30:25

As you are busy this summer with your chapter activities, we welcome new officers with installation ceremonies and remember dearly our deceased daughters with Memorial services. Please update changes through e-membership. It has been such an honor to serve as State Chaplain during the Brunia administration!

In Memory of our Deceased Daughters

Lillian Winslow, Artesia Chapter

Linda Huebner Roxberg, Jean Espy Chapter

Margaret Lorene Bender King, Jean Marie Cardinell Chapter

Janet James Kyle Markley, Jean Marie Cardinell Chapter

Roberta Lea Travis Holden, Ladies of the Lake Chapter

Mary Golden Huffaker Brockmeyer, Marion Linn Chapter

Donnella Mae Dull, Mason City Chapter

Judith Longsworth Wachter, Nancy McKay Harsh Chapter

Anna May Pauley Miller, Nathaniel Fellows Chapter

Darlene L. Williams, Open Fire Chapter

Mary Adorine-Hitchins Kern, Revolutionary Dames Chapter

From the State Recording Secretary ***Jeri Klein***



Happy Summer to everyone. Memorial Day has been marked by honoring our fallen heroes. Before the national celebration of Independence Day, many of us will be traveling to Washington DC for our annual gathering at our house beautiful headquarters. This will also mark the end of the Brunia Administration for the State of Iowa. My last day as your State Recording Secretary is June 30, 2024.

To say this has been a great experience for me is an understatement. You trusted me to act as your State Recording Secretary for the past two years. Thank you.

I will be completing the final State Directory to reflect the beginning of the Steinke Administration. Hoping it will be ready before Continental Congress.

As of July 1, 2024, the State Directory will be handled by the State Corresponding Secretary.

There are a few items to remember as we get through summer and into fall.

- Chapter Regents: update e-membership chapter members, pending members' progress, chapter officers, etc.
- New chapter yearbooks and programs in July. Each chapter needs to have 12 extra programs/yearbook for distribution to the State Officers, Master Reports Chair and your District Director.
- Several DAR contests will be commencing in September. It's not too early to review them.

Feel free to contact me with any questions as I transfer the responsibilities of this office to the incoming State Recording Secretary.

Thank you all for your support and kindness.

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Check out the

Daughters Online Community

COMMUNITY.DAR.ORG

Log in

Daughters Online
Community



Key Features

- Secure, DAR-only website
- Opportunity to interact with other Daughters
- News feed from your communities
- Personalized member profiles
- Well-organized resource library
- Responsive design (use on your computer, tablet or smartphone)



Add Photos to Discussion Posts

OPTION 1:

- Click the Photo icon (see right) and upload a photo from your device, Facebook, or Instagram.



OPTION 2:

- Copy and paste your photo, just like you would copy and paste a photo into a Word document or text!

Have questions?

Check out our
step-by-step
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ANDROID: Navigate to community.dar.org using Chrome, then tap the three-dot icon in the upper right corner of your screen. Find and select "Add to Home Screen," changing the shortcut's name if you wish, and then tap "Add."

iOS: Navigate to community.dar.org using Safari. Tap the Share button (see right). Scroll down and select "Add to Home Screen." Choose a name for the shortcut, such as "DOC," and click Add.



America 250! Committee

Denise Baker Hamilton, Chair

America 250! Committee

Preparing for America's 250th Birthday Celebration



Celebration Grants



Don't wait until the last minute to apply for your grant. **Projects must be completed no later than February 28, 2025.** Please allow 30 days for the review and 75 days for the grant funds to be disbursed.

Also, if you have already completed your project, don't forget that your After Action report is due 45 days following your event. If you donated your Celebration Grant to ISDAR for the Iowa State Fair Parade, let me know and I will send you a template that has been prepared for the After-Action report that will be due following the August 2024 Iowa State Fair Parade.

Go to the **America250!** Committee page for more information.

[Preparing for America's 250th Birthday Celebrations | Daughters of the American Revolution \(dar.org\)](https://www.dar.org/Preparing-for-America-s-250th-Birthday-Celebrations)

Patriot Yard Signs for America 250!

Are you on the DOC (Daughters Online Community)? If not, you are missing out on some fabulous information as to how daughters across the country are being creative in promoting America 250! Look at this neat idea from the John McKnitt Alexander Chapter, NSDAR in Houston who created yard signs for their patriots.



Denise Baker Hamilton
ISDAR American **250!** Committee Chair
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**Iowa Commemorative Events Shine and Sparkle
Congratulations Anna Marie Lane Chapter**



Anna Marie Lane Chapter was awarded First Place at North Central Region and Third Place at national competition for their special Commemorative Events Independence Day Event. The application is posted on the ISDAR website under Commemorative Events. If you are planning or have planned a special commemorative event in 2024 consider nominating your event. All the details are on the website and I am happy to help you create your nomination.

Susan Klein, Chair
Commemorative Events
2022-2024
Susanklein50@gmail.com



Scholarship Committee

Gail J. Bonath, Chair

The Iowa Society Daughters of the American Revolution offers two state scholarships to worthy young people planning to attend a U.S. Department of Education accredited school of post-secondary education.

Both the ISDAR Scholarship and the Amelia Jenks Bloomer Scholarship are awarded based on merit and financial need and are one-time scholarships of \$1000 each.

Judging criteria includes:

1. Does the applicant demonstrate strong academic ability? A 3.0 grade point average or higher is required.
2. Has the student shown strong leadership skills, family values and/or a spirit for volunteerism?
3. Does the applicant show potential for making a positive contribution to our society in the future?



The winner of the 2024 Amelia Jenks Bloomer Scholarship is Elsa Green from Valley Lutheran School in Cedar Falls sponsored by Cedar Falls Chapter, Deborah Crawford, Regent.

Elsa, who was home-schooled through her sophomore year of high school, has participated in choir, robotics team, and Science Club at Valley Lutheran. She has volunteered for Meals on Wheels, Cedar Bend Humane Society, and the Northeast Iowa Food Bank. Elsa is a member of the Thomas Overton Society of the Children of the American Revolution where she is the public relations chair. She plans to attend the University of Northern Iowa where she will major in biology.

Our 2024 ISDAR Scholarship Award recipient is Addilyn Danley from Murray High School. Addilyn was sponsored by Nancy McKay Harsh Chapter, Jane Briley, Scholarship Chair, and Janelle Morgan, Regent.

Addilyn has been active in volleyball, basketball, Future Health Professionals, Future Business Leaders of America, National Honor Society, and Student Council and has held leadership roles in these groups. She volunteers in the community through the Clarke County Organization of Philanthropic Services, a youth-led philanthropy group. Additionally, she is active in her church. Addilyn plans to attend the University of Iowa majoring in pre-med.

This year eighteen chapters shared information about DAR Scholarships with schools in their area. Twenty four chapters did not. We had four scholarship applications for our two scholarships. It would be nice to have a few more applications. Please consider sharing information with schools in your area next fall.

See the Scholarship Committee webpage at [www.isdar.org/members/ISDAR Committee Files/2022/DAR Scholarship.html](http://www.isdar.org/members/ISDAR_Committee_Files/2022/DAR_Scholarship.html)



Membership Committee

Debbie Jorgenson & Tiffany Hauptman, Co-Chairs

The NSDAR Membership Committee has TWO initiatives in One for 2024! Chapters may choose to do one or the other, or both! The first initiative is *Discover Treasured Gems*. This will be achieved by the chapter bringing in four or more new members by application or reinstatement. Chapters can also *Sparkle More in '24*, by bringing in one more new member by application in 2024 than in 2023.

A few details:

- ★ The count will run for all 2024 board acceptance dates.
- ★ To count as a reinstatement, the member must have been dropped or resigned for at least two years.
- ★ Applications need to be mailed early in order to have enough review time to meet the deadline.
- ★ Understand that applications with issues may not be verified in time.
- ★ All chapters meeting the initiatives will be recognized during the 134th Continental Congress. A certificate to the chapter will be given for each initiative. There will not be an award for competing both.
- ★ All chapters meeting the challenge will be listed on the Membership Committee website and posted in the Daughters' Online Community.

Please contact the Membership Committee Chairs with any questions.

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Tiffany Hauptman (cmorfeet@yahoo.com)

Embark on an adventure: Discover treasured gems and sparkling DAR futures!

Two Membership Initiatives in One

Discover Treasured Gems
Bring in 4 or more new members by application or reinstatement in 2024.

Sparkle More in '24
Bring in 1 more new member by application in 2024 than you did the year before (2023).

You can do one or the other or both.

Reinstatements must be for members inactive for two or more years.

ex. If you had 2 new members by application in 2023, bring in 3. If you had 5 new members, bring in 6.

The count will run for all 2024 board acceptance dates.

Children of the American Revolution

Amy Crow Sunleaf, Chair

Iowa Children of the American Revolution



The 2024-2025 Iowa State President is Maggie P. of the Loess Hills Society. Her theme is *Reading Ignites the Imagination* and her state project is raising funds for Reach Out and Read, a 501(c)3 whose mission is to make reading a part of a child's life; to accomplish this, free books are given to families at their pediatric visits. Maggie also encourages book clubs and keeping track of how many minutes you read. She challenges Iowa DAR to read more minutes than Iowa C.A.R.! Iowa C.A.R. is selling lapel pins, t-shirts, magnets, notebooks, and pens in support of this year's project. (Pictured: 2024-2026 Senior State President Mary Petersen and 2024-2025 State President Maggie P. Caden and Grant manned the C.A.R. Sales Table during the 125th DAR State Conference.)



National Society Children of the American Revolution



This year's National theme is Courage Service Honor. The National project will raise funds for Tunnels to Towers. Since 9/11, this organization has helped America's heroes by providing mortgage-free homes to Gold Star and fallen first responder families with young children and by building specially-adapted smart homes for catastrophically injured veterans and first responders. Members will also learn how the events of 9/11 changed the lives of all Americans (all current members were born after September 11, 2001).

Great Plains | Rocky Mountain Regional meeting

Amy Sunleaf was elected Senior National Vice President of the Great Plains Region at the 2024 N.S.C.A.R. National Conference. This year, Great Plains is teaming up with Rocky Mountain Region. The meeting will be

this June in Overland Park, Kansas. If you'd like more information on the regional or would like to be a meeting patron, please email iowanscar@gmail.com

Iowa C.A.R. is Growing!

The Frances Marion Society held their organizing meeting on March 16 in Des Moines. Members then attended their first State Conference. Thank you to Marla Suter for organizing the society. Andrea Perry was sworn in as the Frances Marion Senior Society President and Paige P. serves as the Society President. Members recently held a wreath laying and cemetery clean up at Iowa Veterans Cemetery.



Above: Members and Seniors of Frances Marion Society being sworn in as Society Officers by Senior State Organizing Secretary Lance Ehmcke during their Organizing meeting on March 16. Left, members of Frances Marion Society had the largest gain in membership and have possession of the traveling membership plaque. Right: members cleaned the DAR marker at the Iowa Veterans Cemetery.



Another Organizing Society in Iowa

At the April Senior National Board of Management meeting, Karla Wright was approved to serve as the Senior Organizing President of a new, soon-to-be named Iowa C.A.R. Society. They will be sponsored by the Camp Dodge Chapter. We are excited to welcome another Society to Iowa!

Children of the American Revolution

Mary Davis Petersen, Iowa Senior State C.A.R. President

The annual C.A.R. state meeting was held March 17 at the Iowa Genealogical Society in Des Moines. It was a great meeting in celebration of Abby J.'s state project, **Veterans Tech Support**. A check for \$1,776.00 was presented to that organization. The organizational meeting of the Francis Marion Society was held, reports were given, and election of officers for the 2024-2025 year were held with Maggie P. elected state president.



We were excited when it was announced that 3 Iowa C.A.R. members were judged state winners in the DAR American History essay contest. Congratulations to Liam H. (Grade 5), Maggie P. (Grade 6), and Olivia H. (Grade 8)!



On April 5 the Iowa Daughters of the American Revolution awarded its **Outstanding Youth Volunteer Award** to Abigail J., President of the State of Iowa C.A.R. Society. The award is presented to a youth in recognition of outstanding care given to veterans. Abby has consistently served as a role model while demonstrating leadership qualities. Bravo to Abby!



At National C.A.R. convention, Eliza S.'s design (Captain Thomas Overton Society) won the National Convention Sticker Contest! Kudos to Lizzie!

At national convention, Grant P. was elected National Corresponding Secretary. Both Grant and incoming State President Maggie P. were installed on April 21 at Mount Vernon home of George Washington, in Alexandria, VA. Congratulations and best wishes! Also attending national convention and installed at Mount Vernon was Mary Petersen, incoming Senior State President; Sarah Steinke, outgoing Senior National Organizing Secretary, and McKenzie Steinke; Dianna Baker Hoye, outgoing First Vice President of the Iowa Society; and Joy Davis.



Other C.A.R. members attending Iowa DAR state meeting were Caden E. and Grant P. and also Rhiannon H., Paige P. and Maggie P. (not shown) who served as Pages.



Francis Marion Society C.A.R. met at the Iowa Veterans Cemetery May 19 for a meeting where they learned about the cemetery. They also cleaned the honorary monuments, and laid a wreath at the DAR monument.



Page Committee

Anna Humeston, Chair

WANTED LADIES IN WHITE

Hi, I am Anna Humeston the new Page Chair taking over from Jackie Beard who is now State Recording Secretary (congratulations Jackie).

It's that time again we are looking for pages at the fall forum. When I went to my first conference it was very interesting and informative, I had a good time but..... I know that I am not one to just sit still so I decided to try paging. That was even more exciting. You get to hear what is going on and participate but you get to get up and move around. I highly encourage you to come be a page with me at the fall forum and be a part of the action. We are looking for pages of any age.

If you are interested please contact me at ahumestonevents@gmail.com. You can also call or text me at 641-820-0694.

Iowa Room

Nancy Geiger, Chair



Is there an *anchor* in the Iowa Room? Do you have an *anchor* in your rooms?

The Iowa Room represents a 1790's parlor in the Federalist style. The room is *anchored* with a stately two-piece corner cupboard! The cupboard's top section has glazed doors and triangle shaped shelves inside. Take notice of the large butterfly hinges on the doors. The lower section has two drawers and two doors.

The cupboard is made with cherry and yellow popular wood and was one of the first pieces of furniture acquired for the Iowa Room. Thanks to the Elizabeth Ross Chapter (1934).

Various china pieces including teacups and saucers, teapots and cream pots, plates and bowls are displayed in the upper section and were donated by Iowa Daughters in the early years of the Iowa Room's long history.

A living room or parlor needs an *anchor* piece of furniture or an accent feature to create or instigate the room's total design. Thus, look around, I suspect we all have *anchors* in our homes!

Leadership Training Coordinator

Sylvia Blaesing

DAR Leadership Training Graduates ISDAR State Conference – April 6, 2024

Members Course

Ranell Bolson, Hannah Lee Chapter
Dianne Chadwick, Jean Marie Cardinell Chapter
Jennifer Ewing, Camp Dodge Chapter
Robin Lachmann, Jean Espy Chapter

Valerie Pecinovsky, Hannah Lee Chapter
Donna Rath, Hannah Caldwell Chapter
Rhonda Rosado, Henry Knox Chapter
Kathy Sells, Camp Dodge Chapter

Committee Leaders Course

Gail Bonath, Grinnell Chapter
Dianne Chadwick, Jean Marie Cardinell Chapter
Deborah Crawford, Cedar Falls Chapter
Tiffany Hauptman, Stars and Stripes Chapter
Kathleen Jespersen, Nathaniel Fellows Chapter
Annabelle Mack, Abigail Adams Chapter
Joyce McDonnell, Jean Marie Cardinell Chapter

Sharleen Newton, Camp Dodge Chapter
Karen Stinson, Camp Dodge Chapter
Amy Sunleaf, Lawrence Van Hook Chapter
Donna Wenzl, Jean Marie Cardinell Chapter
Karen Wilson, Mayflower Chapter
Denise Yoder, Nathaniel Fellows Chapter

New Horizons Course

Jacqueline Beard, Henry Knox Chapter
Dianne Chadwick, Jean Marie Cardinell Chapter
Denise Hamilton, Jean Marie Cardinell Chapter
Lisa Lang, Cedar Falls Chapter

Andrea Perry, Onawa Chapter
Karen Stinson, Camp Dodge Chapter
Karen Ward, Hannah Caldwell Chapter

Delta Star

*Members completing all three courses will receive the Delta Star pin. (The 2024 Certificates have a photo of the pin.) *The 2023 graduate certificates will be re-issued.*

2024 **Jacqueline Beard**, Henry Knox Chapter
Dianne Chadwick, Jean Marie Cardinell Chapter
Denise Hamilton, Jean Marie Cardinell Chapter
Kathleen Jespersen, Nathaniel Fellows Chapter
Lisa Lang, Cedar Falls Chapter
Jean McMillan, Camp Dodge Chapter
Andrea Perry, Onawa Chapter
Karen Stinson, Camp Dodge Chapter
Karen Ward, Hannah Caldwell Chapter
Karen Wilson, Mayflower Chapter
Denise Yoder, Nathaniel Fellows Chapter

***2023** **Sylvia Blaesing**, James Harlan Chapter
Edith Brunia, Jean Marie Cardinell Chapter
Carolyn Delay, Ladies of the Lake Chapter
Mary Ealy, Priscilla Alden Chapter
Debra Jorgenson, Jean Marie Cardinell Chapter
Paula Smith, Abigail Adams Chapter
Sarah Steinke, Ashley Chapter
Terri Toppler, Hannah Caldwell Chapter
Shelley Wells, Anna Maria Lane Chapter

Recognition--Trois in Three

Completion of all three courses within one award year.

2024 **Dianne Chadwick**, Jean Marie Cardinell Chapter

*2023 **Terri Toppler**, Hannah Caldwell Chapter

* NSDAR requested Coordinators to add the 2023 honorees to the current list.

Across the State

Hannah Lee

Submitted by Joy Bahnemann

1. In observance of Earth Day 2024, Hannah Lee Chapter members met in teams on April 20 to collect trash and debris at Phelps Park and the Decorah Prairie Butterfly Garden. We were surprised to fill two bags with a variety of litter items and recyclable cans. Keeping Northeast Iowa clean has become an annual tradition for our Chapter.

2. Hannah Lee Chapter recently celebrated the 100th Anniversary of Kate Duncan Smith School by donating \$1 for each member of our chapter.

3. At the Iowa Society DAR State Conference, members Ranell Bolson and Valerie Pecinovsky received cords and certificates for completing the Members Course. For her graduation project, Valerie Pecinovsky knit two handmade afghans which were auctioned off at the conference netting \$710 for activity supplies at the Marshalltown, IA VA Home. For her project, Ranell Bolson designed, and hand crafted an Apache Stone Tear necklace which will be submitted for the American Heritage Contest next year.



Valerie Pecinovsky receiving her red cord for completion of the Members Course



4. Also, at the Iowa Society DAR State Conference on April 6, 2024, the Hannah Lee Chapter was thrilled to sponsor Isaiah Bonnet from Decorah, IA who was recognized as the Seventh Grade American History Essay Contest winner. Isaiah Bonnet was joined by his mother and grandmother at the Awards Luncheon and stood confidently at the podium to give a brief presentation about writing his history essay. Congratulations, Isaiah!



Isaiah Bonnet, the Seventh-grade winner of the American History Essay contest with Iowa State Regent Edith Harris Brunia

5. At the April 13, 2024, Chapter meeting, we recorded our members reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and sent the audio file to the radio stations of KVIK/KNEI/ The River AM & FM to be aired at their 8 a.m. pledge airtime. Special thanks to these radio stations for inviting Hannah Lee Chapter to air our Pledge recording.

6. The Hannah Lee Chapter was honored to receive several awards at the Iowa DAR State Conference. Regent Peggy Harvey accepted the awards: Chapter Achievement – Gold Award, Flag of the US – Patriotism and Honoring the American Flag. Recognition Awards were received in the following categories: Honoring Chapter Daughters with Grave Markers, Conservation - Great Earth Day Project, and Great Programs, Solar Energy and Climate Solutions; Community Service Awards 2023 and 2024; Most New Junior Members by Application, including the Junior Traveling Silver Tray.

7. Hannah Lee Chapter member, Becky McCabe, donated five copies of the book *I Survived the American Revolution, 1776*, by Lauren Tarshis to the Decorah Middle School.

8. At the May 4, 2024, Chapter meeting, Regent Peggy Harvey presented 10-year Anniversary certificates to Secretary, Julie Vogel and member Jan Wearda. Service to America certificates were given to Ardella Felper and Deena Evans.



Hannah Lee Chapter members who attended the State Conference. L to R is Becky McCabe, Wendy Novak, Valerie Pecinovsky, and Regent Peggy Harvey. Not pictured is Vice Regent, Joy Bahnemann

Across the State

Sun Dial-Solomon Dean Submitted by Susan Harris



2 March 2024 - Cyclone Battalion Dine Out - Army ROTC held at Gateway in Ames. Sun Dial-Solomon Dean certificate and gold medal to Cadet Claire McIntyre by Glenda Eccles.



20 April 2024 - Detachment 250 Dining Out - Air Force ROTC held at the Memorial Union at Iowa State. Sun Dial-Solomon Dean certificate and gold medal to Cadet Reid Coates by Glenda Eccles.

Across the State

Mason City

Submitted by Diane Murphy



The Mason City Chapter lost an exceptional woman and member in March with the passing of Donna Dull. It was wonderful that we were able to present a Community Service Award to Central Gardens, an organization Donna was very passionate about, in November 2023. The Clear Lake 4th of July Parade was a favorite event for Donna as was ringing the bell for Constitution Day. She will be greatly missed by not only the Mason City Chapter but by her community.

Cookies Donated and Delivered

Once again, we were contacted by the Girl Scouts of Greater Iowa with an offer to take some extra cookies off their hands. We gladly took and distributed them to area veterans and military groups. This year we donated cookies to the Cerro Gordo County Veterans Affairs, 1133rd Transportation unit of the National Guard and All Vets Center Post 733. These cookies are always appreciated, and we are glad to help the Girl Scouts donate them.



Cerro Gordo County Veterans Affairs



All Vets Center Post 733



All Vets Center Post 733

New Members Welcomed

At our April meeting we welcomed our 2 newest members: Rochelle Arends and Jean Schilling. Both ladies were pinned by their mothers who are also members. It is exciting to welcome 2 more mother daughter pairs to our chapter.



Jean Schilling and Carol Lawyer



Rochelle Arends and Pat Schlader

Across the State

Pilot Rock

Submitted by Peggy Corrington



Pilot Rock Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution presented a Gold ROTC medal to Cadet Sullivan Bailey at Buena Vista University. The DAR Gold ROTC Medal is awarded to a graduating college or university student being commissioned in one of the U.S. Armed Services.

The recipient must have demonstrated loyalty and patriotism and earned a record of military and scholastic achievement during their participation in an ROTC program. The student must be in the upper 25% of their classes in ROTC and in academic subjects. He or She must have shown qualities of dependability and good character, adherence to military discipline, leadership ability, and a fundamental and patriotic understanding of the importance of ROTC training.

L to R: Cadet Sullivan Baily and Peggy Corrington, Regent Pilot Rock DAR Chapter

After graduating from Buena Vista University in May, Cadet Sullivan Bailey plans to live in Cherokee and work within law enforcement. Cadet Bailey will be a commissioned officer in the United States Army Reserves with the 445th Transportation Company in Waterloo. He is eager to use the knowledge he has gained to serve our country and community.

On Saturday May 4 the Pilot Rock Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution welcomed a new member Marcis Poyzer from Sheldon. officers for the 2024-2026 term were installed at the meeting.



New Officers for 2024-2026

L to R: Nancy Parrott, Regent; Linda Craig, Vice Regent; Lynette Hyndmann, Secretary; Peggy Corrington, Treasurer; Elaine Levitt, Chaplain; and Dixie Draper, Registrar



Installation of New Member. L to R. Peggy Corrington, Regent; Dixie Draper, Registrar; Marcia Poyzer, new member and Elaine Leavitt, Chaplain



Patriot Potluck Salad Luncheon



Patriotic Display by member Jeralyn Volkert, meeting hostess

Across the State

Council Bluffs Submitted by Donna Knight & Pamela Oviatt

The Council Bluffs Chapter held their regular April business meeting at Buck Snort restaurant in Oakland, Iowa, with 12 members and two prospective members in attendance. Our newest prospective member from Atlantic, Iowa, came ready to sign her application. Not only did she sign her completed application, she also got to meet her cousin. These ladies are from Atlantic and Walnut and they share three great grandparents. Just goes to show you that you never know who you will meet when you attend your DAR chapter meeting.

Early May has been busy for our chapter with six of our chapter members attending awards ceremonies to present our chapter's Good Citizens awards. Ladies attend programs at Underwood, St Albert, Logan-Magnolia, Boyer Valley, and Treynor High Schools. Pictured is Sabra Mackey presenting to the student at Logan-Magnolia.

Our chapters Registrar, Lisa Rex, has been serving the Iowa Society as the National Defensive State Chairman. Lisa attended the 125th ISDAR State Conference recently held in Des Moines. Not only did she have an interesting display table, she also dressed as a famous historical figure. Lisa is in the middle with members from Camp Dodge chapter.



Across the State

Camp Dodge

Submitted by Karla Wright

The Camp Dodge Chapter, NSDAR, presented the Community Service Award to JoAnn Adamson. Mrs. Adamson has volunteered at the Ankeny Area Historical Society Museum for many years and currently serves as Co-President.



Community Service Award Recipient, JoAnn Adamson, with her son and husband.



Youth Leadership Award Recipient, Carson Klein, with his parents.

The Youth Citizenship and Leadership Award was presented to Carson Klein. For a young man, his volunteer experiences, citizenship credentials, and youth leadership accomplishments were impressive and exemplary.

Our chapter celebrated two events on March 21. The Camp Dodge Chapter was exactly one year old. We grew over 100% from 15 to 32 members. It was also National Rosie the Riveter Day. We donned the trademark Rosie red with white polka dots head scarves and toured the WW II Des Moines Ordnance Plant exhibit at the AASH Museum in Ankeny. We watched videos of real Rosies and listened to a presentation from members Karen Stinson and Karen Knapp-Danielson about the women who went to work during WW II and helped win the war.



NATIONAL ROSIE THE RIVETER DAY

Left to Right: Chaplain Susan Ohnysty, Gerry Bauman, Vice Regent Kathy Lynn Sells, Janet Blaess, Regent Karla Wright, Karen Knapp-Danielson, Karen Stinson, Karla Kasper. Missing from this photo: Registrar Sharleen Newton.



FIRST All Female, All DAR member Color Guard. Shown here: Camp Dodge Chapter members -- Kathy Sells, Sherrill Roskam, Sharleen Newton, and Jeanne McMillan.

Nine Camp Dodge Chapter members attended the Iowa Society DAR State Conference. We were proud to receive the Chapter Achievement GOLD Award and also proud of our four members who carried the U.S., State, DAR, and America 250! Flags as part of the FIRST All female, All DAR member, color guard!



At our May meeting we took a moment to thank our Associate Member, Edith Brunia, for her dedicated service and to wish her a happy birthday.

At that same meeting we put Mrs. Brunia to work. She and member Sharleen Newton gave a very educational presentation on the safe and effective way to clean and preserve cemetery headstones. We will be cleaning the headstones of the ancestors of General (retired) Charles Horner for Memorial Day.

We will be volunteering at the Iowa Gold Star Military Museum on Memorial Day and during the Vietnam Living History Days, June 1 and 2.

State Regent Edith Brunia was recognized for her service and wished a happy birthday at the Camp Dodge Chapter May meeting.

Registrar Sharleen Newton and Associate Member Edee Brunia educate on proper headstone cleaning.





Cedar Falls Chapter Installs Officers

At the May 18, 2024 meeting, the Cedar Falls Chapter held an Installation Ceremony for the incoming officers for the 2024-2026 term. The following officers were elected: Lisa Lang, Regent; Joyce Stout, Vice Regent (Not pictured); Heidi Warrington, Chaplain; Deb Goodenbour, Treasurer; Celia Simmer, Registrar; Recording Secretary, Jocelyn Green; Corresponding Secretary, Judy Williamson; Sue LeQuatte, Historian; and Jeverna Mulligan, Librarian. Outgoing chapter Regent Debbie Crawford thanked the chapter for their support during the past four years. The incoming officers are enthusiastic about their responsibilities. We look forward to their guidance.

Cedar Falls Chapter ROTC Awards

The Cedar Falls Chapter has presented four ROTC awards this spring. Lorelei Redfern is the National Defense committee chairperson who contacted all of the area schools, agencies and the University of Northern Iowa regarding potential awardees. The chapter Regent Debbie Crawford and National Defense chairperson Lorelei Redfern presented the following awards: Gold ROTC pin and certificate to University of Northern Iowa senior Cadet Ashlynn E. Kalous. Silver Outstanding Cadet Medal to Civil Air Patrol senior Cadet Chief Master Sergeant William DeWall.

Bronze ROTC medals to: East High school JROTC senior Alexys Foley and West High school JROTC senior Salma Sahir- Orozco.



Lawrence Van Hook Chapter held our Annual Meeting in March. During the meeting, we recognized 25-year members, congratulations to Elizabeth B., Karen B., and Linda H.. We also welcomed new members to our Chapter, Charlene F., Peggy T., and Krista O. (Pictured: Krista gets a gold DAR pin as a welcome to our chapter).



March's Program on Family Treasures

Amy S. shared a rose medallion china candle stick that once belonged to American Red Cross founder, Clara Barton. Here she is comparing it to the picture of a luncheon plate that is part of the personal belongings and dishware collection at the Clara Barton National Historic Site in Maryland.

Gloria shared about one of her favorite gifts—a plaque that reads "Life is Good at Grandma's". Gloria is so glad her grandchildren have visited her home!

Karen shared her Royal Doulton pitcher named "Old Charlie". It was her father's milk pitcher as a child, and was handed down to him from his grandfather.

Lacy showed an Iowa Glass piece that says "Be True". Iowa City Glass Works had unique themes patterns ran heavily into animal motifs. Her great, great uncle, Milton Bentley was the company president in 1884.

Linda showed a circa 1800 match safe or Vesta case. The top part of this lacquered papier mache shoe opens to store matches, and the sole once had a rough surface to strike the match on.

Shari shared a book written by a relative in 1978. It details not only the family tree, but her family's long history in the United States and Maquoketa. A copy of this book is in the DAR Library in Washington, DC!

New member **Krista** looks on as prospective member **Amy L.** shares about her treasure—a hand woven linen handkerchief with a crocheted border made by grandmothers and passed down through the years in her family. Amy carried it in her wedding!

Our March program was “Family Treasures.” This Show and Tell style program was a lot of fun both in searching for something to show and in telling about why we chose the object.



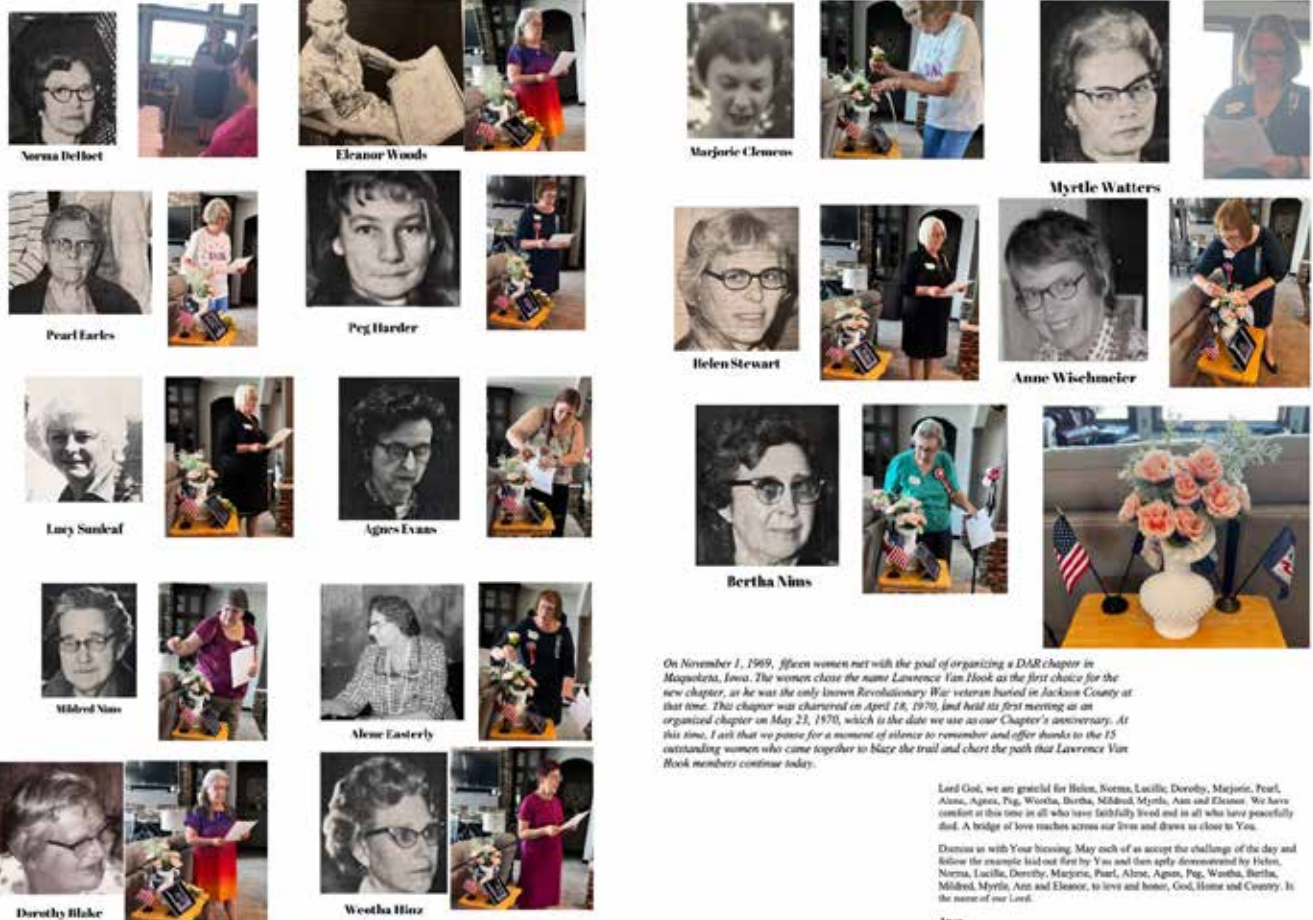
In April, five Lawrence Van Hook members attended the 125th DAR State Conference. Pictured are L-R: Linda, Lucy, Amy, Michelle J., and Karen.

Our May 18th rededication ceremony of the DAR marker on the Old Jackson County Courthouse | Bellevue Elementary School was very special. We heard remarks from Dr. Tom Meyer, Superintendent of Bellevue Community Schools, and a history of Jackson County and the building by HODAR Curt Zeimet. The plaque was unveiled by Art Sunleaf, who also unveiled the plaque at the 1979 dedication. A front page article was run in the Bellevue Herald





Leader before the rededication, and it was also extensively advertised on local radio station KMAQ.



On November 1, 1969, fifteen women met with the goal of organizing a DAR chapter in Magnolia, Iowa. The women chose the name Lawrence Van Hook as the first choice for the new chapter, as he was the only known Revolutionary War veteran buried in Jackson County at that time. This chapter was chartered on April 18, 1970, and held its first meeting as an organized chapter on May 23, 1970, which is the date we use as our Chapter's anniversary. At this time, I call that we pause for a moment of silence to remember and offer thanks to the 15 outstanding women who came together to blaze the trail and chart the path that Lawrence Van Hook members continue today.

Lord God, we are grateful for Helen, Norma, Lucille, Dorothy, Marjorie, Pearl, Anne, Agnes, Peg, Wortha, Bertha, Mildred, Myrtle, Ann and Eleanor. We have comfort at this time in all who have faithfully lived and in all who have peacefully died. A bridge of love reaches across our lives and draws us close to You.

Domine ex audis orationem nostram. May each of us accept the challenge of the day and follow the example laid out first by You and then aptly demonstrated by Helen, Norma, Lucille, Dorothy, Marjorie, Pearl, Alene, Agnes, Peg, Wortha, Bertha, Mildred, Myrtle, Ann and Eleanor, to love and honor, God, Home and Country. In the name of our Lord.

Amen.

May 23 is our Chapter's anniversary. Our May program was very special and interactive. We started with a potluck. Members brought 1970s era foods such as stuffed celery, deviled eggs, pigs in a blanket, ham salad finger sandwiches, Watergate cake, grasshopper pie, and sherbet punch. We then had a remembrance service for our charter members, who are all now deceased. Members read short biographies of the 15 Charter Members in a reader's theater style while a 1970s picture of them was shown on an iPad. After the bio was read, the reader added a rose to a vase in remembrance of that founding member. We ended the program with a prayer of gratefulness.



Members Shari, Michelle T., Pam and Gloria decorated the grave of our Chapter's namesake, Lawrence Van Hook ahead of Memorial Day 2024. This is an annual LVH tradition that we are being more intentional about observing.

Across the State

Martha Washington

Submitted by Marta Nelson

Mary Desha Medal for Youth Award Winner

Martha Washington Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution was thrilled to award Elsie Van Beek the Mary Desha Medal for Youth at an Honors Assembly at her high school in Sioux Center, IA on May 9, 2024. Last August our State National Defense Chair contacted our Regent and suggested that Elsie was certainly deserving of this award, and we appeared to be the closest chapter to her home in Sioux Center. We were happy to submit an application.



Vice Regent Elizabeth Rosenbaum presents the Mary Desha Medal to Elsie Van Beek.

This quote from one of the nomination letters sent to National DAR tells you her story:

"Elsie . . . exemplifies dedication, service, leadership and tenacity in reaching her goals. She comes from a family of service who are involved in the organization "Midwest Honor Flights". This organization raises funds and arranges trips for veterans to our Nation's Capitol to have one last flight – an Honor Flight – to see the monuments dedicated to all veterans. Elsie's older brother, Aaron, is the CEO of the organization and someone that Elsie looks up to. Elsie, at age 13, wanted to be involved as well and set a goal to raise \$50,000. If she was able to reach that goal, her brother told her a flight would be named in her honor. Elsie took that challenge to heart and began a thriving business baking and selling cupcakes. Within two years, she had baked and sold \$50,000 worth of cupcakes. Not satisfied with reaching that

tremendous goal, she set a new goal of \$85,000 which would allow her to independently sponsor 83 veterans on this important trip. Within no time, she had sold the required \$35,000 extra in cupcakes. At age 15, she went on the Flight #15 with those 83 veterans whose trip to Washington, DC was completely covered by her efforts. Elsie demonstrated good business skills and follow-through in reaching her goals."

Elsie Honors Mission 15 took off in May 2023. Her Eagle Scout project involves further fundraising and support of the Honor Flight program. We are all very proud of this deserving young lady!

All About Aprons

Member Carol Schneider delighted our members at the April meeting with a program on aprons. Through a well-done Powerpoint, we learned about the history of aprons, their uses through the ages, and the different styles. Carol brought over 20 aprons to share, and every member brought an apron that was special to them. They modeled their apron and explained its significance. Each story sparked additional memories to add to the fun. What a great bonding experience for us!



Carol Schneider shares vintage aprons during her program.



Amy McDonald is a committed apron wearer & this is her favorite.



Lila Sybesma & her rescue apron



Mary Klauer models her vintage apron with embroidered chickens

Siouxland Freedom Park

Martha Washington met at the Siouxland Freedom Park Interpretive Center in May. We met in their conference room, surrounded by military uniforms displayed in plexiglass cases. The World War I uniform was even one worn by the grandfather of new Regent Marion Cain! We installed our new officers, then toured the exhibits in the Center. One of the displays held photos donated by the father of member Amy McDonald. Our ties to the Freedom Park don't end there – Martha Washington sponsors and helps maintain a Never Forget Garden near the entrance to the Park. This month former Regent Marta Nelson ordered two roses from the Tomb Soldier organization to plant on either side of the Never Forget Memorial. They are named "Because She Served". Although currently small and a bit unimpressive, with all the rain we've had, they should take off any day now!



Accent wall in the Siouxland Freedom Park Interpretive Center



Never Forget Garden Memorial with our new "Because She Served" roses

Across the State

Grinnell

Submitted by Gail J. Bonath

Grinnell Chapter presented DAR Good Citizen Awards to four area high school seniors at their chapter meeting on Saturday, March 9, at the Newton Public Library in Newton, Iowa.

First place winner was Cassidy Smith from Colfax-Mingo High School. Cassidy was also selected as the Southeast District winner. Cassidy is involved in many school activities, including National Honor society, Student Council, Robotics Team, soccer (where she is the captain); concert and pep band, drama, speech and National Society of High School scholars. She has taken flight lessons and is part of the Civil Air Patrol where she was the 2nd Drone Technician in Iowa Wing (and the first female); she was Cadet of the Year for her local squadron and NCO of the Year at the state level. She is training to prepare for qualification in search and rescue. She is active in her community with volunteer activities like the school blood drive, Iowa Speedway parking, Meals From the Heartland; and has made quilts for Veterans and other non-profit organizations. She takes college level courses through DMACC and works part-time at restaurants in her community. Cassidy plans to attend Minnesota State University, Mankato and earn a degree in commercial aviation after which she plans to fly for an airline and/or join the Air National Guard. Cassidy received a \$250 award and a DAR Good Citizens pin.

Runners-up were Camryn McLeod, Newton High School; William Brown, Baxter High School; and Jack Erselius, Montezuma High School. Each received \$50 awards and DAR Good Citizen pins.

Camryn McLeod is an executive board member of her Student Council, a YMCA Board youth representative and is active in organizations such as Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Battle of the Books. She earned a silver cord for performing 100 hours of volunteer work in her community. She is a member of the National Honor Society and was a Kiwanis Student of the Month. Camryn works part time in her community and enjoys reading, spending time with loved ones, listening to music and keeping up with current events. Her future plans include a four year degree

with a major in social work and a minor in psychology. She plans to then get her masters in social work and build a career in correctional social work with an emphasis on incarcerated women.



DAR Good Citizens 2024: DAR Good Citizens chair, Barb Lease; DAR Good Citizen winners, Camryn McLeod, Cassidy Smith, and William Brown. Not pictured: Jack Erselius.

William Brown is a member of his high school choir and sang the national anthem for an Iowa Wild game. He was a member of the state qualifying team of the academic Decathlon and won 3rd place individual honors at the regional competition with individual recognition in art, economics, math, and science. He is a member of the National Honor Society as well as a member of Phi Theta Kappa through DMACC where he takes college level courses. His community service includes his Boy Scout Eagle project, Hoover Uncommon Student Service Project, community theater, and

church youth group. After graduation he plans to attend college and study data science at either Cornell College or Simpson College.

Jack Erselius is a member of the National Honor Society and has participated in five sports for four years of high school: cross country, basketball, track, golf, and baseball, and he has excelled in each. He has participated in pep, concert, and jazz band. He competed on Montezuma High's personal finance competition team where they advanced to state and came in second. He also competed in speech and drama and made it to state with his team. One of his favorite activities is being a part of a unique program called the Football Stat Crew which records statistics in real time during games and enters them into a computer program (created by Jack) which calculates the analytics that are used by the coaches during half time and a more basic version that can be viewed by the fans after the game. He is active in his church, especially youth programs. He works in his community in the lawn care and snow removal business with his father. Jack plans to attend Iowa State University and major in business analytics and hopes to work in sports analytics.

The DAR Good Citizens Program which began in 1934 aims to recognize high school seniors who demonstrate the four qualities of a good citizen, namely dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism. Selected by their teachers and peers, only one student per year may be honored as a school's DAR Good Citizen. The selected student then writes a two hour proctored essay which is judged to determine the chapter award winner.

This year's prompt was: "What are the civic responsibilities of a good citizen and why are these duties, activities and behaviors important to the shaping of the America you hope to experience?"

Across the State

Onawa

Submitted by Lori Bermel



The Onawa Chapter was honored at its April meeting to have their newest member of six days in attendance. Kaylee Goslar, granddaughter of current member Donna Goslar, was present and shared her future plans following her graduation from West Monona High School in May.

The Onawa Chapter is also very proud to announce that member Jennie McCartney has been awarded the Medal of Appreciation by the Sons of the American Revolution for having been instrumental in assisting three men from her family in joining SAR. For Jennie's hard work she was awarded special recognition with a certificate and medal.



During the April meeting the chapter members collected over fifty packets of seeds for the Hindman School Root and Rows project. This program provides education and garden assistance to support community members who want to grow their own food. The daughters also took a monetary collection to be donated to the Kate Duncan Smith School for its 100th Anniversary project.



BOOK CLUB — The most recent Chapter Book Club read was A Girl Named Samson. We had a lively discussion about Deborah Sampson, a female soldier in disguise during the Revolutionary War.

DAR JROTC AWARD TO CADET WEAVER

Regent Dianna Baker Hoye had the honor to award the DAR Bronze JROTC Award to Cadet B Weaver, C/Lt



Corps Commander, during AFJROTC awards ceremonies at Valley High School in West Des Moines.

WELCOME TO NEW CITIZENS

On three separate occasions this spring, members of Jean Marie Cardinell had the pleasure to attend Naturalization



ceremonies in Des Moines. They witnessed new citizens taking their Oaths of Allegiance to the United States.



Participating: Donna W, Donna R, Dianna, Marilyn, Neola and Denise.

BRILLE FLAGS TO SCHOOLS

We donated Braille flags to 14 visually impaired students in the Des Moines Public Schools. Thanks to Nancy Nichols and Bev Neuroth for spearheading this project.



Shown are the teachers who received the flags on behalf of the students.

HEADSTONE CLEANING CLASS

Members met at Glendale Cemetery to learn about and clean a few gravestones, part of the DAR mission to preserve history. We



had a great instructor who shared information about the dreaded lichens that grow and how to properly remove them. Our thanks to Donna Wenzl, Historical Preservation Chairman, for her efforts to arrange the session.

125TH IOWA DAR STATE CONFERENCE—APRIL 2024



Jean Marie Cardinell chapter was well represented at the Iowa DAR State Conference as we celebrated the accomplishments of State Regent Edee Brunia, only the second member of our chapter to hold that office in our 82 year history.

It was a wonderful weekend in many ways as we also celebrated the 125th anniversary of the state society with reports, awards, and so many special touches!



Top photo: Dianne, Donna W, Marty, Joyce and Judy

Bottom photo: Charlotte, Nancy G, Debbie J, Mary Lee, and (seated) Dianna and Denise.



Our chapter DAR American History essay winners were announced as State Winners! Congrats to Liam H. and Olivia H.! Olivia's essay has moved on to Division level!



Madam State Regent Edith Harris Brunia, 2022-2024



State Chm. Susan LaQuatte presented the State Outstanding Newsletter Award to Jean Marie Cardinell Chapter! Nice!



It was lovely to be recognized with a Gold Award for Chapter Achievement for our hard work!



IOWA VIETNAM VETERANS RECOGNITION DAY 2024

Our chapter joined other DAR Daughters from around the state for the 40th annual Vietnam Veterans Recognition Day at the state capitol on May 14. We were honored to read the Roll Call of the 868 fallen Vietnam War heroes from Iowa whose names are etched on the memorial wall.



Vietnam veterans come each year from all over the state for this event. We thank Jeanne McMillan and Kristine Bartley for organizing DAR participation.



Chapter readers: Barb McCloney, Candy Brown, Debbie Jorgenson, Denise Hamilton, Dianna Baker Hoye, Donna Ragner, Donna Wenzl, Edee Brunia, Hazel Anderson, Joyce McDonnell, Marilyn Rittel, Marty Hansen, Nancy Geiger, Ruth Hardin, Sherry Young.

SERVICE TO AMERICA WORK AT THE IOWA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

We've had several good sessions at IGS this spring helping with the vertical file system as part of their ongoing grant program. All throughout, we have a great time AND get some tips on how to organize our own family documents!



Thanks to Dorothy Fippinger for getting us together.

REMINDER
Don't forget to
Log your service hours.

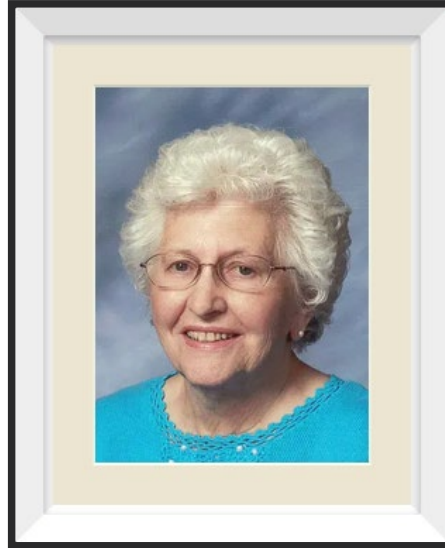
Yes, we logged our volunteer hours!



The spring of 2024 has been a busy time for the Revolutionary Dames Chapter. In April, we said a final farewell to one of our members and we honored our eldest member with a birthday celebration. Afterwards her son shared information on his efforts to get three Bremer County veterans listed on the federal register for Purple Heart recipients and/or the roster of POW/ KIA; we honored him with the DAR America 250! Commendation medal and certificate. We also sent in applications for four more members, representing three generations of women all descending from Josiah Libby of Massachusetts.

Memorial

Mary "Sue" Adorine Hitchins Kern
February 8, 1931 - March 27, 2024



Happy Birthday, Anna

Three generations of Everdings (Carol, Jill, Brandon, Gary, & Anna herself) joined members and prospective members of the Revolutionary Dames DAR Chapter in the celebration of Anna Harriet Mardell B. Everding's 96th birthday with cards, gifts, cake and other treats prior to the start of the April meeting.

Congratulations, Gary

Gary Everding shared information on his efforts to get three Bremer County veterans listed on the federal register for Purple Heart recipients and/or the roster of POW/KIA.

For all of his work with this, S.A.R., and other community service efforts, the Revolutionary Dames presented him with the DAR America 250! Commendation medal and certificate.



Regent Rita Ruth presenting Gary Everding with the America 250! Commendation for his service to his community and our veterans.

Several Daughter shared with him that they believed they had family who received Purple Hearts. Gary recommended:

1. Determine if they are already in the Purple Heart Hall of Honor. (<https://www.thepurpleheart.com/>). Go to the segment at the top of the page "Roll of Honor" and follow the instructions by entering the last name, insert a comma at the end and it may auto populate with first names. If the person has been entered, select it and look at the details, especially if it is a common name.
2. If there is no return, then he will help to you work through the enrollment process with the form provided. When the information required has been completed it will then be submitted for enrollment approval.

Congratulations, Libby Descendants



Signators (left to right): Heather Muchow Vering, Emily Vering, and Libby Jo Libby Muchow; off camera Dennis

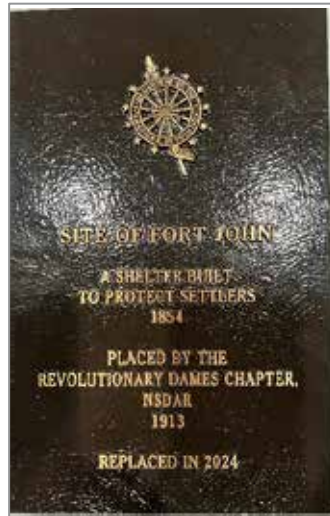
The April meeting concluded with three of the four women in the Libby-Muchow-Vering family signing their applications while the family patriarch Dennis Muchow, who did the genealogical research for them, proudly observed. Sadly, Kathleen Vering was ill but later she signed hers, too; the four applications were submitted together. All four are descendants of JOSIAH LIBBY of Massachusetts.

So, we now have four more members pending! Thirteen prospectives' applications to go; should signing another three in May.

At the May meeting



- We hoisted our new chapter flag for the first time,
 - The replacement historical marker, as approved by NSDAR, arrived! We are planning a re-dedication ceremony for the replacement of the damaged historical marker at the site of Fort John, which will be held during Janesville Days in July.
 - The Waverly Girl Scout Troop #2527 led by Jen DeMuth will help us place the flags on the graves of deceased members of the Revolutionary Dames in Harlington Cemetery on Wednesday, May 22.



- Plus, we will be participating in the local Memorial Day Wreath Ceremony on May 27.
- We witnessed three more applicants sign their applications for membership in the DAR! Also in May, we also learned that a pending member received her National DAR number so we will be inducting her during the June meeting.



Applicant 1: Karen Ohler Shields has been pursuing her lineage for three years! Persistence pays off. Thanks to Carolyn DeLay for finding the final, missing piece of evidence -- the marriage record of the patriot's (John Hoffman, PA) daughter,

Applicants 2 & 3: Cousins Linda Close and Cheri Close Monaghan are joining together as descendants of Elias Hasbrouck, NY.

Congratulations to Our Newest Pending Members



Sheriff Warren Wethington presented the DAR Distinguished Citizen Award.



Sheriff Wethington and his wife, Laura, with the award.

The Open Prairie Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution presented Sheriff Warren Wethington the DAR Distinguished Citizen Medal on April 13, 2024. The ceremony was held at the Cedar County Historical Museum in Tipton with over seventy people in attendance including: Past Vice President General NSDAR and Honorary State Regent ISDAR Susan Harris, Iowa State Senator Kerry Gruenhagen and Iowa State Representative Bobby Kaufman. Pilgrim Chapter rearranged their monthly meeting location and their members attended the award ceremony and then held their meeting after.

The DAR Distinguished Citizen Medal was the first ever presented in the 84 years that the Open Prairie Chapter has existed in Cedar County. Sheriff Wethington was nominated for the award because of his overwhelming honesty and integrity

while holding his department to a higher standard. Sheriff Wethington has fought against hiring law enforcement with Giglio files in Cedar County. If an arresting officer has a Giglio file, it is not something that is disclosed to the public but has to be disclosed in a trial. Giglio files are created when there is an issue with excessive force in an arrest or honesty and integrity with the Officer. In a trial situation, this may cause issues for the case. Sheriff Wethington is protecting integrity of the badge in Cedar County but also the Constitutional rights of those he arrests when he exposes these officers.

The award was presented in conjunction with the America 250! Celebration that will be observed by the organization from 2024-2026. While doing research for this award, it was discovered that the Sheriff has over fourteen Revolutionary War Patriots. Open Prairie Chapter wrote for and were awarded the Celebration grant to help with the framing of the award, the food, and a retractable sign that was used at the event and also will be used for upcoming celebrations in the county where there will be a booth set up.

In doing research for the award, it was also discovered that Sheriff Wethington's wife has a couple patriots in her family tree as well. She and her daughter will be looking at attending our next meeting. Also, with our press release in the newspaper, a prospective member reached out to us about joining. All press is good press!!!



Sheriff Wethington with all the DAR ladies and SAR members that attended.

Across the State

Algona

Submitted by Kathy Schenck

100th Celebration Summary for Daughters of the American Revolution Algona Chapter

Excitement filled the room at The Nature Center on Saturday, May 11, 2024, to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Daughters of the American Revolution Algona Chapter. State Officers and guests from four states joined the festivities. Families descended from Charter Members Letty M. Brace and Julia Eastman Brace travelled to honor their ancestors. State Regent Edee Brunia, State Organizing Secretary Tiffany Hauptman and State Treasurer Shelley Wells were honored guests.

A dozen tribute boards beautifully illustrated the stories of each Charter Member and many of the 35 Regents over the 100 years. State Regent Edee Brunia acknowledged the chapter's resilience and flexibility to reach this Centennial milestone. State Officers complimented our meaningful displays and artfully decorated room with vintage quilts, linens and china.

Patricia Bilsborough was bestowed with our Honorary Regent Award for her 21 years of significant leadership as Chapter Regent, with a medal and certificate. Then the NSDAR Women in American History Award was presented to Patricia for her lifetime achievements in Girl Scouts (70 years), DAR (58 years), education and as a community leader. Patricia's distinctive award summary was presented on the National DAR website. A medal and certificate for this award were presented. To recognize our long-time members, these Sisters were congratulated for their decades of service: Julia Bourne Hayes (69 yrs), Barbara Bourne Haggart (67 yrs) and Alice Thompson Reseland (66 yrs.).

A Member Board held all 226 members of our Algona chapter and their 128 Patriots from the 13 colonies. Guests looked for family relations to learn more about their ancestry. Our Achievement Board listed the non-profits with which chapter members volunteer, plus chapter projects and honors. Our chapter expressed sincere gratitude for the impactful organization partners that support our communities. We serve to honor those Patriots who served on the battlefield. We will never forget.



DAR VAVS Representative

Iowa City VA Healthcare System Submitted by Joyce Mandel

SERVING THOSE WHO SERVED FOR US



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

Veterans receive a wide range of services from the Iowa City Veterans Affairs Health Care System (ICVAHCS) not only at the VA Hospital in Iowa City, but also at the many VA facilities located across Eastern Iowa and in neighboring States.

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

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

Currently, the most urgently needed volunteer opportunities include:

- Patient Escorts are needed at the Iowa City VA Hospital to help patients navigate the hospital.
- Drivers are needed to get patients to their VA medical appointments, especially in the Cedar Rapids, Quad Cities, Waterloo, Fort Madison, Benton and Dubuque communities.
- The Compassionate Contact Corps (CCC) Program needs volunteers to make short weekly phone calls with a Veteran who is experiencing loneliness or is socially isolated.
- Administrative help is needed in the Mailroom and Food Voucher Office

DAR Deputy VAVS Representatives

Opportunities are also available to serve alongside me as a DAR Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) Deputy Representative to the ICVAHCS. If interested, please contact me for more information.

Heroes Among Us

Congratulations to Cedar Falls DAR Chapter member, Army Col. Heidi Warrington, for receiving the 2024 MercyOne 'Jim Mudd Senior Military Heros Among Us Award'! Your lifetime of service to the public, both in and out of the military, is a testament of your selfless values and commitment to help people who are in need.

Respectfully submitted,

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May 13, 2024

Newsletter Committee

Melissa Eaton Burkart & Diane Murphy, Co-Chairs

Thank you!

Thank you for all the wonderful submissions over the past two years. We have loved reading all the great work each chapter is doing and can't wait to see what you do in the future.

Melissa & Diane

Please send future submissions to

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SUBMISSION DEADLINES

August 25th

November 25th

February 25th

May 25th

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