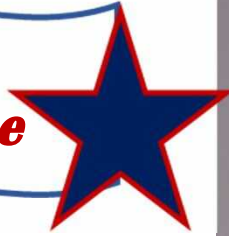


# Iowa Society

Daughters of the American Revolution  
Issue 4 Summer 2025

***From the State Regent***  
***Sarah Steinke***



**Greetings Iowa Daughters!!**

**School's out and summer is here! If only Mother Nature would stay consistent.**



We had a wonderful State Conference in April. Thank you to State Vice Regent Tiffany Hauptman and all of the many women who helped make this event a success. The highlight of the event was having President General Wright join us. I hope you had an opportunity to see the highlights of her visit in the blog post (<https://blog.dar.org/iowa-state-visit>).

The Insignia Store Pop-up and Development Office tables offered great opportunities for Iowa Daughters to earn and purchase some bling. You responded in a big way! We purchased over \$20,000 worth of pins and increased our number of sustaining supporters. It's not too late to become a sustaining supporter. With a minimum of \$5/month you can choose your favorite fund to support. I change my designations every time I earn a new pin!

**"Be a Shining Star"**



Members also enjoyed watching the commissioning ceremony for the USS Iowa. At State Conference the Project Patriot Chairman collected comfort and care donations for the sailors. They should be back in port shortly and I know they appreciated our halfway home care packages.

**I have several chapter visits scheduled this summer.** I'm very excited about seeing members across the state at their chapter meetings. I would love to attend other chapter meetings, so as you are planning your calendar for next year, please extend an invitation.

**Looking ahead, our next big event is Continental Congress.** Please let me know if you are planning to attend. I would like to get a complete list of attendees so we can communicate while we are there. The Iowa Room Open House will be part of the Period Room Showcase on Wednesday June 25 from 10am-12pm. Please join us for the Iowa Delegation Meeting Wednesday at 3:00 at the JW Marriott. We will take our state photo, distribute box tickets, and highlight events for the week. I am looking forward to sharing all of the things Iowa has done this year (in two minutes) during my state report on Saturday Morning. After the close of Congress, we will have a new administration. I am excited to see what changes they will implement for the coming year. Oftentimes this includes new committees. I am looking for members to fill some vacant chairmanships and potential new chairmanships. If you are willing to serve the state society in this manner, please let me know.

During State Conference members voted for the Iowa Society to become Square Foot Society donors of the Military Women's Memorial at Arlington Cemetery in Washington DC. They are also looking for help with cataloging the stories of Women Veterans. More information can be found (<https://womensmemorial.org/adopt-a-woman-veteran-project/>)

I am excited to announce that your Executive Board has been hard at work implementing some new initiatives. The State Chapter Achievement Award is being renamed the Chapter Honor Roll. We hope that this will clear up some confusion between the national award and the state award and the entries required for each. We are also implementing Executive Liaisons for each committee. Hopefully this will give chairmen another resource they can contact with any questions.

State Vice Regent Tiffany Hauptman is busy planning Fall Forum and working with Northwest and Southeast District directors to plan their district meetings. Please mark your calendars for all of the exciting events scheduled for this fall. Please note that we will be moving to a new hotel for Fall Forum and State Conference, the Holiday Inn Des Moines Northwest.

I look forward to seeing you all soon!



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



### **2025 Fall Forum**

It's not even officially summer yet, and we're already talking about Fall Forum??!! That's right! September will be here before we know it! **The 2025 Fall Forum will take place September 5-6 at a new location!**

We will be at the Holiday Inn & Suites Des Moines Northwest. Plans are still underway, but registration is open now.



The fastest and easiest way to register is online!

<https://isdar-fall-forum-2025.cheddarup.com>

**Fall Forum Registration**

**Hotel Registration**



Hotel registration can also be done online, using:

[https://www.holidayinn.com/redirect?path=rates&brandCode=HI&localeCode=en&regionCode=1&hotelCode=DSMDU&checkInDate=04&checkInMonthYear=082025&checkOutDate=07&checkOutMonthYear=082025&\\_PMID=99801505&GPC=DFM&cn=no&viewfullsite=true](https://www.holidayinn.com/redirect?path=rates&brandCode=HI&localeCode=en&regionCode=1&hotelCode=DSMDU&checkInDate=04&checkInMonthYear=082025&checkOutDate=07&checkOutMonthYear=082025&_PMID=99801505&GPC=DFM&cn=no&viewfullsite=true)

For those who would rather mail in your registration form and check, a Registration Form is included in this newsletter.

More details will be available on the ISDAR Members Website and will be sent to Chapter Regents soon!

### **State Regent's Project**

We are only half-way through Mrs. Steinke's term, but your support of her State Regent's Project has been outstanding! Please consider having your chapter adopt a local classroom. Donations to the Friends of Education Fund will count for levels of giving on the National level as well as supporting the State Regent's Project.

Iowa Society DAR logo apparel is available to purchase online! Sweatshirts, T-shirts, totes, and hats with our logo can be ordered and shipped directly to you, with no shipping charge! [www.WandOApparel.com/collections/DAR](http://www.WandOApparel.com/collections/DAR)

***Also, we are starting a new feature – Upcoming Calendar of Events – please look for it somewhere else in this newsletter. If you have anything you want included in the Fall Newsletter, please let Marty know and she'll include it.***



# IOWA SOCIETY DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

## Fall Forum

September 5-6, 2025

Holiday Inn & Suites – Des Moines Northwest  
4800 Merle Hay Road  
Des Moines, IA 50322

Hotel Reservations: (515) 278-4755  
\$104 plus 12% tax - up to 4 per room  
Ask for DAR Fall Meeting Room Block

Or book Hotel Reservation online at:

[https://www.holidayinn.com/redirect?path=rates&brandCode=HI&localeCode=en&regionCode=1&hotelCode=DSMDU&checkInDate=04&checkInMonthYear=082025&checkOutDate=07&checkOutMonthYear=082025&\\_PMID=99801505&GPC=DFM&cn=no&viewfullsite=true](https://www.holidayinn.com/redirect?path=rates&brandCode=HI&localeCode=en&regionCode=1&hotelCode=DSMDU&checkInDate=04&checkInMonthYear=082025&checkOutDate=07&checkOutMonthYear=082025&_PMID=99801505&GPC=DFM&cn=no&viewfullsite=true)

**Make Hotel Reservations directly with the hotel by Thursday, August 14, 2025**

### 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 Dinner** House Salad, Iowa Chop with Maple Demi-Glaze, Roasted Root Vegetables, Seasonal Vegetables, Fresh Baked Rolls, Assorted Cheesecake

**Saturday Lunch** Waldorf Salad (Crisp artisan romaine tossed in house-made Waldorf dressing accented by apples and tart dry cherries topped with grilled airline chicken), Baked Breads

		Check to Select	Special Meal Request
Registration Fee <i>Waived for Pages and Guests</i>	\$ 18.00		Guest / Page
Friday Dinner	\$ 48.00		Vegetarian / Vegan / Gluten-Free
Saturday Lunch	\$ 33.00		Vegetarian / Vegan / Gluten-Free
<b>TOTAL ENCLOSED</b>			

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

**Registration Deadline is Thursday, August 14, 2025**

**Mail registration form and payment to:**

Tiffany Hauptman, State Vice Regent

11288 Danville Rd

Danville, IA 52623-9002

Email: Tiffany.DAR@icloud.com

**Make checks payable to "Iowa Society DAR"**

**Check all that apply:**

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



Iowa Society Daughters of the American Revolution  
Fall Forum 2025 Agenda – *Preliminary*  
September 5-6, 2025

*Holiday Inn & Suites – Des Moines Northwest, 4800 Merle Hay Road, Des Moines*

**Friday, September 5**

- 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Fall Forum Meeting Room set-up  
10:00 a.m. Budget and Finance Meeting – Iowa Board Room  
11:00 a.m. Executive Board Meeting – Iowa Board Room  
1:00 p.m. Page Information Meeting – Heartland Ballroom  
1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Fall Forum Registration Open  
2:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. Workshop #1  
3:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Workshop #2  
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. ISDAR Book Club Meeting  
6:00 p.m. Cash Bar  
6:30 p.m. Dinner – “Cocktail Attire”  
8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Hospitality Reception – Minnesota Room

**Saturday, September 6**

- 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Fall Forum Registration Open  
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Committee Display Tables with Chairmen Present  
Sales Tables Open  
8:00 a.m. Set-up Silent Auction Baskets  
9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. ISDAR Business Meeting  
Introductions, Board of Management Business,  
State Chairman Reports  
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch  
1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. Workshop #3  
2:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. Service Project  
2:45 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Workshop #4  
3:30 p.m. Announcements and Adjournment

**Be a Shining Star!**

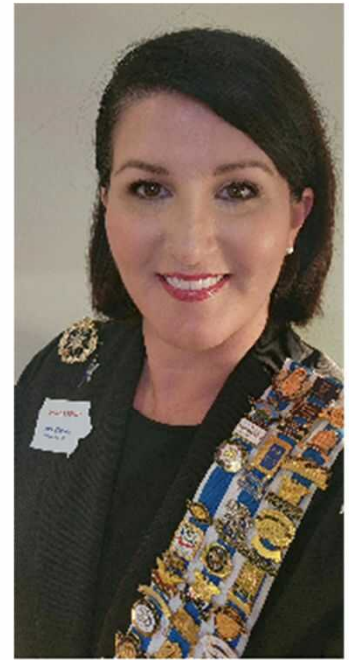


## ***From the State Chaplain Andrea Perry***



The Bible shows us that hard work not only brings reward but also brings honor to God. In Colossians, God encourages us to put our best into everything we do, whether it's at work, in our homes, in our relationships, or in our DAR work. May these verses bless and encourage you this busy summer season as you and your chapter carry out the mission of DAR.

***Whatever you do, work heartily,  
as for the Lord and not for men,  
knowing that from the Lord you will  
receive the inheritance as your reward.  
You are serving the Lord Christ.  
Colossians 3:23-24 ESV***



### **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: Chapter chaplains or chapter regents complete form ISDAR Death Report Form found on the ISDAR Members website>ISDAR Officers and Forms>State Chaplain Documents. Please forward the completed form with copies of the obituary, funeral program card and a photo of the member to the State Chaplain for the Memorial Book.
- 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 90<sup>th</sup> and older birthdays.
- Chapters notify the State Chaplain of members upcoming birthday. Please email ISDAR Birthday Greeting requests (Name and Birthdate) to the State Chaplain at [andrea.perry.dar@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:va@ct3ops.com).

# In Memory of our Deceased Daughters

**Elaine Lorel Campbell Kresse, Hannah Caldwell Chapter**

**Wilma Lois Dallner Lewis, James Harlan Chapter**

**Martha JoAnn Smith Stout, James Harlan Chapter**

**Mary Agnes McAndrew, Lawrence Van Hook Chapter**

**Beverly Bethene Bringoff Lindsey, Nathaniel Fellows Chapter**

*Submitted by Andrea Perry, State Chaplain*

## Steinke Administration Scripture

"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,

February 18th marked the arrival of the first Committee Report for 2024! By the opening day of the 126th State Conference of the ISDAR on April 3rd, I had received 110 reports from Iowa Daughters! Thank you everyone for sharing your Shining Star Stories of 2024! It was really great to connect names and faces as you shared those reports at the conference!



Thank you Iowa Daughters for all the Shining Star things you do for DAR and those in your world! I look forward to seeing you at the Fall Forum!

*For those who are planning on putting information and notices in the mailboxes at the state meetings, things that are the size of postcards are often accidentally left in the bottom of the file.*

***From the State  
Corresponding Secretary  
Debbie Crawford***



The 126th Iowa Society Daughters of the American Revolution spring conference was a huge success! The State Corresponding Secretary sales table was very busy. I am currently taking inventory and will order items soon for our Fall Forum. I will be ordering more small gold DAR pins as well as America 250! small flags. If there are any other specific items that your chapter would like please let me know.



I continue to update 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](mailto:dcraw0954@gmail.com).

Have a wonderful summer and enjoy all of the concerts, ball games and picnics that you attend.

In DAR Friendship  
Debbie Crawford



***From the State  
Organizing Secretary  
Ann Mack***



Debbie Jorgenson and I are Co-Chairs of the Membership Committee. Debbie had done a fantastic job of posting the Membership Monday blurbs from National each week on Facebook. Some of our members do not use Facebook, so not everyone sees the Monday post.

Navigating the C's of Membership has been the theme for a few weeks and the information is worth repeating. First impressions matter, connections create engagement and community retains membership.

First **CONTACT**: Be positive, share your excitement that she is interested in DAR. Reach out quickly, but don't overwhelm her with details, such as all the application documents she may need. Instead share our mission and activities and initiatives the chapter is working on to foster the mission. Capture her interest first.

Make **CONNECTIONS**: Make sure all members and guests are welcomed and all chapter members to their part to engage others. Greet ladies at the door. Help new members find their niche through meaningful conversations that might tell you what activities and committees would benefit from their expertise and talents

Creating a sense of **COMMUNITY**: All members should have a sense of belonging in your chapter. Interactions should be supportive and show care and concern. Social events outside chapter meetings provide time to develop relationships which leads to member retention.

There have been 25 new members verified since January 1st. Looks like **CONTACT** was successful, so now is the time for **CONNECTIONS** and **COMMUNITY**. Use your best **SPARKLE** to keep everyone engaged!

Ann Mack - Organizing Secretary with Debbie Jorgenson - Membership Co-Chair



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



It was great seeing so many faces at our 126th State Conference in April!

Chapters have been diligently working on closing out the fiscal year with reports and completing the 990N. Thank you for getting them to me in a timely fashion.

As you start to prepare for the fall membership renewal phase, please remember that there is a new 2025 Chapter contributions form. The new form was distributed in the chapter mailboxes at State Conference and can be located under the ISDAR members only webpage under officer forms: [https://www.isdar.org/members/ISDAR\\_Forms/State\\_Treasurer/2024/2025\\_Chapter\\_Contribution\\_Remittance\\_Form.pdf](https://www.isdar.org/members/ISDAR_Forms/State_Treasurer/2024/2025_Chapter_Contribution_Remittance_Form.pdf)

All chapters are recommended to mitigate risk by incorporation and or purchasing liability insurance. The liability of an incorporated organization 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 being incorporated, the personal assets of chapter officers and members may be at risk. In Iowa the cost of incorporation is just \$20. (A small price to pay.) The chapter is then required to file a biennial report on odd years.

The following chapters deserve congratulations for their diligent efforts and submission with their Articles of Incorporation to the Iowa Secretary of State since our spring conference.

- \* Grinnell
- \* Jean Marie Cardinell
- \* Mayflower
- \* Revolutionary Dames
- \* Sun Dial

To date, a total of 10 Iowa chapters have become incorporated. [We would like to see your chapter next on the list!](#) Please reach out if you need additional information about the process.



## ***From the State Registrar*** ***Donna Knight***



### **Were you curious about what happened to page 1?**

On April 3, 2025, the GRS was updated in the members' Original Application section. Page 1 of each member's four-page application has been removed and replaced by a cover sheet with member and ancestor name information. Page 2-4 of the original applications remain the same. Chapter officers and those with eMembership access will still be able to view all four application pages via eMembership reports. The change only affects applications viewable via the GRS.

### **Have you submitted an application or supplemental with minimal documentation?**

On April 19, 2025, Mrs. Parnell announced that the Genealogy Department will include remote staff genealogists and additional member volunteer indexers to handle all documentation. The chapters' submission of applications and supplementals with minimal documentation is important for faster review times and higher verification rates.

### **Electronic Application Process Update**

On May 15, 2025, an upgraded eApplication system was announced. This new system will replace the existing one, and it will not be possible to transfer any current in-progress eApplications.

### **Please note the following important dates:**

#### **Saturday, May 31, 2025, 12:00am (midnight) ET – Cut Off for Any New eApp Invitations**

1. After this date, you must submit a paper application or wait until the new upgraded eApp system rolls out.
2. If you do get an eApp returned, please update and resubmit it as soon as possible. Again, they will NOT transfer over to the new system.

#### **Thursday, July 31, 2025, 12:00am (midnight) ET – Cut Off for Any New Submissions**

1. Once an eApp has been created, you have until July 31, 2025, for the eApp to move successfully through Chapter and Mid-Level Reviews. Any eApps in process and not successfully reviewed by Chapters or Mid-Level reviewers by July 31, 2025, will expire. Meaning the application will need to be resubmitted as a paper application or wait until the new upgraded eApp system rolls out.
2. After July 31, the team will work to get all the eApps verified as soon as possible. You may see some of these verified before the paper apps in the office because we do not want them lost when the old system is retired.

### **Next Phase–Down Time Between Cut-Off and Roll Out of the New System**

1. After the cut-off date, and all eApps are verified, an intense testing phase for the upgraded eApp system will begin to make sure everything is running smoothly for you.
2. All eApps in the old system should be verified and completed by September 1, 2025. If any eApps are in the system at that time, because of AIRs or other issues, they will not transfer over to the new system and will disappear.

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE:**

The Electronic Application Process can only be used for Ancestors that are already fully established with the DAR. You may not submit an eApplication for the following:

1. Establishing a New Ancestor (not in the Ancestor Database),
2. Patriot is coded FAMPCS or TRNWAN
3. Using DNA
4. Using an Analysis (compiling indirect evidence to show a relationship)
5. Using a Service Study

The traditional paper application, available on the Members' website, must be used if any of these apply.

**We extend a warm welcome to our new members who have joined by application.**

**March 5, 2025 – May 5, 2025**

**Ashley Chapter:** Madison Krejci

**Camp Dodge Chapter:** Phyllis Rosenberg, Shannon Stuart, Janis Johnson

**Council Bluffs Chapter:** Marjorie Berriman

**Cedar Falls Chapter:** Janet Holden, Danielle Syhiman, Rolyn Gardner

**Henry Knox Chapter:** Sandra Luke

**Jean Marie Cardinell Chapter:** Jennifer Covill, Beth Briney-Pearson, Gwendolyn Johnston & Sophia Whitehead

**Mason City Chapter:** Pamela Grove

**Pilgrim Chapter:** Delsey Curtis

**Pilot Rock Chapter:** Denise Pulido

**Revolutionary Dames Chapter:** Elleri Eike, Emmeline Eike, Jill Eike, Priscilla Blanchard

We are pleased to announce that the following Iowa Chapters have successfully **welcomed back** these esteemed Iowa daughters.

**Abigail Adams Chapter:** Abigail Allard

**De Shon Chapter:** Patricia Cronk

**Helen Hinman Dwelle Chapter:** Diana Withrow

**Henry Knox Chapter:** Kimberley Dixon

**Jean Marie Cardinell Chapter:** Kathryn Elliff

**Martha Washington Chapter:** Beverly Akre, Michele Kuhlmann, Gloria Peterson

**Welcome to Iowa.** These ladies come from Illinois, Minnesota, and North Carolina.

**Camp Dodge Chapter:** Annette Scanlan

**Hannah Caldwell Chapter:** Patricia Deaton

**Pilgrim Chapter:** Laura Dunlap

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



**Hello Iowa Daughters!**

It was such fun seeing so many of you at State Conference and having the time to visit with you! Here is a recap of some important items to remember as your chapter participates in activities that fall under this office.



Member grave markers can be placed by individuals or by the chapter to which the member belonged if the member is deceased. Your Chapter Regent verifies good standing status. Remember that once the marker is placed, a report form is to be sent to the Historian General as well as this office - form HG-1008.

If your chapter is placing a commemorative marker, a patriot gravestone marker, or an American 250! Patriot marker, please send this officer a copy of any invitations, programs and reports. All of these things are vital to keeping a full record of the activities of chapters for the purpose of preservation for the State Society.

If your chapter has received an America 250! Grant, there is a report specifically for that committee. However, if you do not send a copy to this officer, there will be no record of what you have done in the State Historian's records. So, please....any work that your chapter does that includes historic preservation, send this officer the above items.

Summertime brings many opportunities for your chapter and I look forward to attending some of them, and hearing about all of them!

Continue your awesome work in honoring our past by preserving our history!





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



**ISDAR Book Club meeting at Spring Conference, April 4, 2025**

Around twenty daughters attended the spring conference book club meeting where we celebrated the 200th anniversary of Lafayette's Farewell tour (1824 – 1825) by discussing books we had read on General Lafayette and his wife, Adrienne. Many thanks to Jackie Beard and Shelley Wells for facilitating this meeting as I had been unexpectedly called out of town and was only able to participate virtually.



**ISDAR Book Club book for Fall Forum, September 5-6, 2025**

The second volume of Rick Atkinson's Revolutionary War trilogy, *The Fate of the Day*, has been chosen as the book for our book club meeting at Fall Forum 2025.

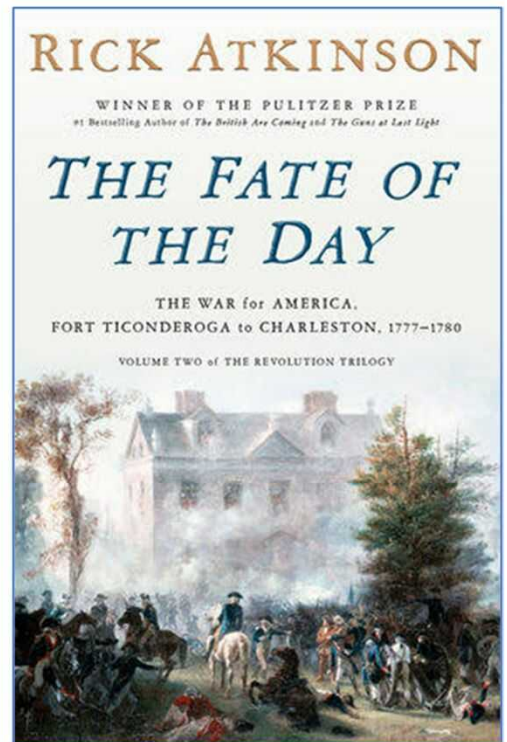
*"Prize-winning historian Rick Atkinson provides a riveting narrative covering the middle years of the Revolution. Stationed in Paris, Benjamin Franklin woos the French; in Pennsylvania, George*

*Washington pleads with Congress to deliver the money, men, and materiel he needs to continue the fight. In New York, General William Howe, the commander of the greatest army the British have ever sent overseas, plans a new campaign against the Americans—even as he is no longer certain that he can win this searing, bloody war. The months and years that follow bring epic battles at Brandywine, Saratoga, Monmouth, and Charleston, a winter of misery at Valley Forge, and yet more appeals for sacrifice by every American committed to the struggle for freedom."* (From the publisher's website.)

It is another long read, just over 600 pages of text, so it is time to start reading now! As we approach our nation's 250th anniversary, we are fortunate to have this new history authored by an esteemed historian.

**Speakers Bureau**

One of the duties of the State Librarian is to maintain a list of Iowa daughters who are willing to provide programs to other chapters. I have a few names and topics from daughters who are willing to give programs, but I need more! Please let me know if you have a program that you would be willing to give to other chapters. Are you willing to present virtually and/or in person? If in person, how far would you be willing to travel? Email me at [gailbonath@gmail.com](mailto:gailbonath@gmail.com).



## Calendar of Upcoming Events



<u>Dates</u>	<u>Happening/Location/Chapter</u>	<u>City</u>
June 22nd-29th	<b>134th Continental Congress</b>	Washington, DC
June 28th thru November 27th	<b>American Revolution Experience Traveling Exhibit</b> see American 250 newsletter page for dates & locations	
August 16th	<b>Deadline for Fall ISDAR Newsletter</b>	
September 5th-6th	<b>ISDAR Fall Forum</b>	Holiday Inn & Suites Northwest (Merle Hay Rd) Des Moines
September 27th	<b>Southeast District Meeting</b>	Steinbeck Conference Hall Ainsworth, IA
November 8th	<b>ISDAR Wreath Laying</b>	Iowa Veterans Cemetery Van Meter, IA
November 15th	<b>Northwest District Meeting</b>	TBD



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## Going to Continental Congress?

The 134th Continental Congress will be offering a PG Project called “Caroline’s Orchids”.

The orchids will be bringing to life a cherished DAR tradition inspired by our Former First Lady of the United States and First President General, Caroline Scott Harrison—an accomplished artist whose skilled paintings beautifully reflected her love of orchids. For generations, members have honored Mrs. Harrison’s legacy by wearing and gifting orchid corsages during Continental Congress.



We are thrilled to announce that this beloved custom will return this year at the 134th Continental Congress in June, and you can be part of it! More information on how to order will be given as it becomes available.

Here is the link for the orchids <https://www.carolinesorchid.com/> Preorder by June 10th.





# ISDAR Southeast District Call



**District Director Karen Ward**

**Invites Southeast Iowa Daughters to attend the District Meeting**

**Saturday, September 27, 2025**

**1:00-4:00 pm**

**Steinbeck Conference Hall, Washington County Conservation Education Center**

**2943 Highway 92, Ainsworth, IA 52201**

For questions, please contact the District Director:

karenward110@gmail.com ; (563) 299-9726

**Registration Deadline is Friday, September 20, 2025**

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

**Mail the below form to:**

**Karen Ward, 2021 Burnside Drive, Muscatine, IA 52761**

**or scan to: karenward110@gmail.com**

## DISTRICT MEETING REGISTRATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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

### **YOUR OFFICE (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> State Regent          | <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter Chaplain  | <input type="checkbox"/> National Chairman/Vice Chairman   |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter Member        | <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter Chairman  |  |

# ***ISDAR Hospitality Suite-Spring Conference*** ***Dianna Baker Hoyer-SW & Karen Ward-SE, Directors***



In planning this year's Hospitality Suite at Iowa's Annual State Conference, we undertook to make it as welcoming as possible. By incorporating State Regent Sarah Steinke's theme, we came up with a DAR Wall of Fame (reminiscent of the Hollywood Walk of Fame), where guests could become "A Shining Star" by signing their name to a Star on the Wall. Ninety-one signatures were added to stars on the wall!

Among other things, home-made Texas Sheet Cake Cookies and Lafayette's Rice Cake were served. The cookies were to honor a special guest, NSDAR President General Pamela Wright who hails from the Lone Star State. How special to have both the President General and our State Regent grace us with their presence!

Both evenings of the hospitality suite were full of laughter and conversation among Iowa Daughters, which is exactly what we hoped for.

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## **TEXAS SHEET CAKE COOKIE**

**Cookie ingredients:** 1 box chocolate cake mix; 2 eggs/whisked; 1/3 cup oil

**Frosting ingredients:** ½ cup butter; 2 Tbsp cocoa; 3 Tbsp milk; 2-½ cups powdered sugar

**Instructions for Cookies:** Preheat oven to 350. Combine ingredients in large bowl and mix until completely incorporated. NOTE: Dough will be thick. Place med-sized cookie scoops of dough onto a parchment-lined cookie sheet. Bake 7-8 minutes; remove from oven and cool on cookie sheet 4-5 minutes before moving to cooling rack. Repeat until all dough is baked.

**Instructions for Frosting:** Combine first 3 ingredients in small saucepan over medium heat; whisk until the mixture has melted; remove from heat. Add powdered sugar and whisk until smooth. Pour frosting over cookies using a knife or spoon to remove excess frosting; make sure that each cookie is completely covered. Let frosting set and it's ready to serve. Keep your Texas Sheet Cake Cookies in an airtight container at room temperature for up to 3 days.

**Note:** For added taste and texture, add chopped pecans to the top of the cookies before the frosting has completely set.





## **America 250** ***Denise Baker Hamilton, Chair***



### **American Revolution Experience Traveling Exhibit**

How were the lives of ordinary people affected by the events of the American Revolutionary War?

From an award-winning website to an in-demand pop-up exhibition, the American Revolution Experience, a collaborative project of the American Battlefield Trust and the Daughters of the American Revolution is beginning a new phase in its quest to connect modern audiences with the fascinating story of our nation's origin. The American Revolution Experience will travel to scores of libraries, historical societies and museums through 2025, introducing visitors to a cast of historical characters with diverse experiences throughout the conflict and the places they visited on their journey.

This innovative pop-up exhibition includes display panels and interactive digital kiosks that use storytelling, illustration, technology and unique artifacts and primary accounts to connect modern audiences with the people and places that shaped the birth of our nation.



A number of Iowa chapters and "border" state chapters have confirmed dates and locations for hosting the traveling exhibit. I have put a partial chart together for quick reference. Grab your children, grandchildren and friends and view an exhibit near you.

Please be sure to check the complete list of dates, locations and times at the following link: [www.battlefields.org/american-revolution-experience-traveling-exhibit-tour#text\\_section\\_with\\_side\\_rail\\_9494](http://www.battlefields.org/american-revolution-experience-traveling-exhibit-tour#text_section_with_side_rail_9494)

June 28 - July 20, 2025  
The Durham Museum  
801 South 10th Street  
Omaha, NE  
Omaha Chapter, NSDAR

July 21 - 30, 2025  
American Legion Post #125  
1549 W Peru Street  
Princeton, IL  
Princeton-Illinois Chapter, NSDAR

August 12 - 26, 2025  
Morton-James Public Library  
923 1st Corso  
Nebraska City, NE  
Otoe Chapter, NSDAR

August 28 - September 12, 2025  
Sanford Museum & Planetarium, West  
Gallery  
117 East Willow Street  
Cherokee, IA  
Pilot Rock Chapter, NSDAR

September 14 - 25, 2025  
Algona Public Library  
210 North Phillips St.  
Algona, IA  
Algona Chapter, NSDAR



September 27 - October 11, 2025  
State Historical Building  
600 East Locust Street  
Des Moines, IA  
Abigail Adams Chapter

October 12 - 26, 2025  
Iowa Gold Star Military Museum  
7105 Northwest 70th Avenue  
Johnston, IA  
Camp Dodge Chapter, NSDAR

October 27 - November 13, 2025  
Veterans Hall  
300 W Monroe St  
Mount Pleasant, IA  
James Harlan Chapter, NSDAR

November 18 - November 27, 2025  
KPAC Knoxville Performing Arts Center  
1811 W. Madison  
Knoxville, IA  
Henry Knox Chapter, NSDAR



## ***American Heritage*** ***Lisa E. Lang, Chair***



### **Congratulations to two Iowa daughters who placed nationally in the American Heritage Contest!**

The theme for 2024-25 was “Memorial Continental Hall: Our Monument to the Patriots of the American Revolution”.

**Nancy Bender from the Grinnell Chapter received 1st place nationally** in the Fiber Arts hand quilted quilt category with her entry entitled, “Grandmother’s Starry Garden”. In her quilt, Nancy reflects upon the beautiful



restoration of Continental Hall and having the same spirit of pride of workmanship. In an excerpt from her narrative she writes, “I cut thousands of paper pieces, using a pattern to cut pieces from magazine insets. All the fabric pieces were basted to the paper, then whipstitched together to form the green stars and flowers and pieced in rows. With the quilting, every piece was stitched three times.” She also writes, “Hundreds of years from now my quilt may still be enjoyed. Isn’t that one of DAR’s missions, to preserve art?

Like the restorations, my flower garden quilt will sparkle into the future.”

**Kaye Miller from Nathaniel Fellows Chapter received 3rd place nationally** in the Arts and Sculpture category for her oil painting entry entitled, “Beaux Art Building Blocks”. In her narrative she explains that she, “chose to celebrate the art and architecture of our “House Beautiful” in a 12x24 inch canvas oil painting.” Painted from an aerial view in the abstract and neo-plasticism style, Kaye chose bold primary colors with a specific number of blocks to represent certain historical facts. She hopes the colors used in her painting, “help to evoke feelings of pride and respect for our Memorial Continental Hall, for all that it has come to represent, and for our Patriots of the American Revolution.”



**Congratulations again to Nancy and Kaye.** You may view their full narrative and see the display of all national winners on the American Heritage Committee page on the NSDAR website after Continental Congress.

Next year’s theme will also be available after Continental Congress. Please contact me with any questions you may have about the American Heritage Contest. I hope many of you choose to showcase your talents this upcoming year by entering the 2025-26 contest!





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



**I'm amazed at the work Iowa Daughters  
accomplish while serving in their  
communities.**



**Please celebrate these  
Essay Contest Student Winners as ISDAR American History Committee  
Daughters sparkle in their community!**

**North Central Division Carol Castellon, National Vice Chairman**, gave permission to announce the North Central Division Winners for the Essay Contests at the ISDAR Spring State Conference.

**American History Essay State Award Winners and NCD winners.**

Patriots of the American Revolution Essay –

Nancy Mc Kay Harsh Chapter, Creston, IA. Chapter Chair Jane Briley.

Student Alyssa Rater **12th grade** HS School PAR Award Certificate, Medal and monetary gift. School - Clarke Community High School.

**2nd Place tie, with a MN student, NCD Winner.**

American History Essay

Candle-Stick Chapter, Hampton, IA. Chapter Chair Linda D. Allan.

Student Taylor Dillion **8th Grade** AHEC Award Certificate, Medal & monetary gift. School - St Paul's Lutheran School, Latimer, IA.,

**2nd Place NCD Winner.**

Student - Ellie Borcharding **7th Grade** AHEC Award Certificate, Medal & monetary gift. School - St. Paul's Lutheran School, Latimer, IA.,

**Ellie was chosen to read her essay at the State Luncheon.**

Hannah Lee Chapter, West Union, IA. Chapter Chair Sarah Nowack

Student - Camille Rueckert **6th Grade** AHEC Award Certificate, Medal & monetary gift. School - Decorah Middle School, Decorah, IA.,

**2nd Place NCD Winner.**

Student - Charlotte Yu **5th Grade** AHEC Award Certificate, Medal & monetary gift.

School - Decorah Middle School, Decorah, IA.,

**2nd Place NCD Winner.**

**Thank You to all the ISDAR Chapters that participated in the American History Contests this year.** When receiving the essays, chapter chairs gave support to the schools, students and parents. You are all very much appreciated for the support that you gave me also.

**ISDAR American History Committee State Chairmans Honorary Award**

De Shon Chapter, Boone, IA. Chapter Chair Kelly Grothus.

Student Nora (Ari) Mundy **10th grade** High School PAR (Certificate Award only)

School - Madrid JR/Sr High School.

Thank You Madam State Regent it's been a great experience serving as State Chair this year. The conference was a great joy!



## ***American Indians*** ***Peggy Harvey, Chair***



### **Spotlight on the Sequoyah National Research Center Grant**

The Sequoyah National Research Center at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock submitted a grant proposal for \$20,000 to bring their library holdings up to date.

The project focuses on purchasing books written by Native Americans.

**The first priority** is to acquire books available from tribally owned and directed presses such as the Chickasaw Press of the Chickasaw nation in Ada, Oklahoma, the Great Oak Press of the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians, Temecula, California, and the Malki Ballena Press of the Morongo Band of Mission Indians, Banning, California.

**A second priority** is to acquire books available from presses that have historically published books by Native writers about Native history and culture, such as the University of Oklahoma Press and the University of Nebraska Press.

**The third priority** is acquiring books from booksellers, using in-house bibliographies of native writers brought up to date by the Center in 2023.

**Finally**, they will search for issues that are missing from Native journals in our library, such as American Indian Culture and Research Journal and Yellow medicine Review.

Donations to a book fund will not only create a first-rate library but will provide them with another means of assisting students at the University. They will ask advisors in the English and History Departments to send the interns who will assist in the process of purchasing books. These interns will help find prices and availability for books listed in bibliographies and will be responsible for writing brief biographical sketches of writers to be used for public relations and other purposes.

***The Sequoyah National Research Center has said it is one of the world's leading repositories of the Native American expression.*** We are hoping that with our assistance, they will become the leader.

The National Society is proud to provide this donation to help them fulfill their mission.



***Chapter Achievement***  
***Gayleen Chickering, Chair***



**Happy Summer Sisters!!**

This is a great time to get those Service to America hours in!

Did you plant a garden? Are you volunteering in your church, community? Did you attend or help with a Memorial Day celebration.

**These are all important things to enter in for the CAA.**

Some Chapters may be taking the summer off but please remember to put in any hours or write down your activities to share when we meet again. The Wright Administration has a goal of 15 million Service to America Hours! We can certainly exceed that goal.

Please remember to log into the NSDAR website to log your hours.



**Have a great summer!**

***Apparel/Dress Exchange***  
***Marty Hansen, Chair***



I absolutely love it! The Dress Exchange at Spring Conference was a great success! Because of your generous donations we added \$435 to the State Regents Project.

I couldn't have done it without my crew – Nancy Geiger & Joanne Tinker! Their help made this one enjoyable for all. Thanks again ladies!

Fall Forum will be here before we know it and we have all Summer to clean out our closets, drawers and storage places. Formal dresses, “business” attire, jewelry, and purses & handbags are always welcomed!

**See you in September!**



## ***Commemorative Events*** ***Susan Klein, Chair***



## **ISDAR Chapters Sparkle with Commemorative Events**

2024 was a year of celebration for our 43 Iowa Chapters with 37 chapters report a celebration of at least one event. At least five chapters used informative table tents at monthly meeting to bring attention to commemorative events. The members find them interesting to read as they sit and mingle at the tables before the meeting starts. New table tents will be prepared for 2025-26 and will be posted on our state website.

On May 14, 2024, Iowa Vietnam Veterans Day, at the Memorial on the Iowa State Capitol grounds, five chapters members participated in reading aloud the Roll Call of Iowa's fallen Vietnam War Heroes in recognition of the 40th Anniversary of the dedication of the Iowa Vietnam War Memorial placed at the Iowa State Capitol in 1984.

While all chapters are dedicated to recognizing Vietnam Veterans in many ways the Jean Marie Cardinal chapter shined. Their 50th Anniversary Vietnam Celebration chair, Candy Brown has dedicated time since 2012 to arrange for almost 21K anniversary pins to be given to Vietnam War veterans. With Candy's leadership, the Chapter recognized 1,628 Vietnam Veterans, 22 Certificates of Honor, during 62 events and presented 83 DAR certificates. The members report the interaction with the Vietnam Veterans to be very heart warming. These activities also put DAR in public events which has helped to recruit new members. Candy has been awarded the Iowa OSM (Outstanding Service Member) Honoring & Thanking Vietnam Veterans certificate.

### **Two Unique Commemorative Events**

Cedar Falls chapter participated in the 40 and 8 historical presentations at Antique Acres which is an original railcar used in France and donated by the French out of gratitude for American support during WWII. This railcar held 40 soldiers or 8 calvary horses and has valuable items of historical significance within the railcar from the French. The presentation was by a military historian and lasted 2 hours and included a tour.

The chapter regent of Lucy Standish-Newcastle had a great uncle who was in the Spanish American War. He died in that war and in celebration of the 125th Anniversary of the war, she shared his story.

### **State Commemorative Events Certificates**

Certificates of Achievement in Commemorative Events for the following six chapters were presented at the 2025 State Conference.

- Abigail Adams- Variety and volume of Commemorative Events celebrated
- Cedar Falls- Variety of Local Commemorative Events celebrated
- Jean Marie Cardinell- Outstanding Vietnam Veteran Recognition
- Lawrence Van Hook- Variety and volume of commemorative Events especially for small chapter
- Marion-Linn- Well planned commemorative events
- Revolutionary Dames- rededication of Ft. John Fort monument

### **Outstanding Commemorative Events Report**

The Abigail Adams chapter celebration of the 125th DAR Hospital Corp event was selected as the first-place award for this event in the North Central Division and was submitted for the National competition.

**Congratulation to all of our chapters and members for a great year celebrating Commemorative Events.**

## ***Conservation***

### ***Karen Bradway, Chair***



**Did you know that every Iowa County has a Conservation Board that manages hundreds of facilities and programs?**

The Iowa County Conservation Law requiring each county to establish a local conservation board. The purpose of the county conservation boards is "to acquire, develop, maintain and make available to the inhabitants of the county public museums, parks, preserves, parkways, playground, recreational centers, county forests, wildlife and other conservation areas, and to promote and preserve the health and general welfare of the people, to encourage the orderly development and conservation the natural resources and cultivate good citizenship by providing adequate programs of public recreation." County Conservation Boards are also the leaders in local outdoor and natural resource conservation education.



**Today, the 99 County Conservation Boards manage and maintain:**

- Over 200,000 acres of camping facilities, wildlife areas, historic sites, nature areas, timber parks, fishing and boating facilities, hunting areas and educational nature centers.

So, what is involved in managing and maintaining these areas? These tasks and much more...

- Monitoring and repairing trails and bridges
- Maintaining docks at water access areas
- Monitoring and ensuring healthy water areas
- Planting hundreds of trees
- Planting crops for overwintering animals
- Managing controlled burns
- Stocking fishing areas
- Cleaning the bathrooms/showers at the camp sites
- Monitoring camping areas to ensure safety of the campers and the property
- Repairing cabins and public areas
- Mowing lots and lots of grass

The naturalists provide on-site classes in subjects like canning, composing, native plant establishment and care, pine needle basketry, establishing prairies. They spend many hours giving school programs and field trips and their summers are full of summer camps for camping, canoeing, hiking, and river cleanup. They lead field trips on wildflower identification, owl spotting, and mushroom hunting,

**Get to know your county's outdoor opportunities now!**





**I am excited to announce that we have selected winners for our ISDAR Scholarship and our Amelia Jenks Bloomer Scholarship.**

One of our two scholarships awarded is the **ISDAR Scholarship** for \$1,000 presented to Dean Pope from Abraham Lincoln/Council Bluffs sponsored by the Council Bluffs Chapter. He will be attending Iowa State University.

The other scholarship is the **Amelia Jenks Bloomer Scholarship** for \$1,000 presented to Karli Roth from Roth Homeschool sponsored by the Abigail Adams Chapter. She plans to attend Lipscomb University. Winners were presented at the State Conference.

I was very pleased with the applications submitted by the chapters. We had 13 applicants submitted by 10 Chapters.

- Abigail Adams submitted Karli Roth from Roth Homeschool.
- Anna Maria Lane submitted Hannah Nielsen from North Union High School.
- Ashley submitted Madison Krejci from Cedar Rapids Xavier.
- Cedar Falls submitted Dece Paw from West High School and Sejla Mehmedovic from Cedar Falls High School.
- Council Bluffs submitted Dean Pope from Abraham Lincoln/Council Bluffs.
- DeShon submitted Mila Grothus from Madrid High School.
- Grinnell submitted Carson Maston from Lynnville-Sully High School.
- Nancy McKay Harsh submitted Kathryn Lillie from SW Valley High School, Corning and Anna Bolinger from Creston Community School District.
- Pilot Rock submitted Estefana Beisswenger from Cherokee Washington High School, and Haylea Tillman from Sioux Central Community School District.
- Revolutionary Dames submitted Ellen Eike from New Hampton High School.

Other chapters that contacted schools with scholarship information were: Algona, Jean Marie Cardinell (they offer their own chapter scholarship), Ladies of the Lake, Martha Washington, Open Prairie, Priscilla Aldon, Starts and Stripes, and Washington.

Thank you to all who worked to make our scholarship program a success.

## ***Historic Preservation*** ***Charlotte Janeczko, Chair***



Chapter regents and chapter Historic Preservation Chairs, please take some time in the coming months to brainstorm with your members ways the chapter can become involved with historic preservation projects in your area. As an example, this past year, 10 chapters in Iowa had members who helped with preservation work at local cemeteries. Even if your chapter is small, this project can be accomplished and serve as a team builder for the chapter.

Perhaps planning a field trip to a DAR sponsored or supported historic site would inspire your chapter to become involved with preservation.

The Washington Chapter has sponsored the Alexander Young Log House since 1912! By appointment, your chapter can visit this house in Sunset Park, Washington, IA.

Cole School, located near Boone, Iowa, is owned and operated by DeShon Chapter DAR and is now a living history museum. It is open for visitors on Sundays, June through August from 1:00-4:00 pm.

On the Western side of the state, visit the George Washington Memorial Forest located along the shores of Black Hawk Lake near Lake View, IA. Back in 1932, the Iowa State DAR was instrumental in planting 18,000 trees. Go see how these trees look now!

One more consideration will take place soon as the Lawrence Van Hook Chapter in Bellevue, Iowa will dedicate a DAR America 250 Patriots Marker on June 14th, 2025 at 1:00 pm at 203 N. Riverview. If your chapter has not had the opportunity to experience this ceremony, here's your chance.

Check each of these destinations at their websites for further information.

Finally, I'm looking for a few good women across the state interested in historic preservation, to serve on this state committee. Just email me at [janeczko@mtco.com](mailto:janeczko@mtco.com) and we'll get started.



## ***The Iowa Room*** ***Nancy Geiger, Chair***



### **The Iowa Room** **Our Corner in Washington D.C.**

Is the Iowa Room the largest Period Room in NSDAR's Memorial Continental Hall? No. But ISDAR's Period Room has its own *miniature*!

Abigail Adams Chapter member Renee Brandow makes miniatures and is completing one of the Iowa Room. Such skill! The picture of Ms. Brandow, President General Pamala Rouse Wright and State Regent Sarah Steinke was taken at the ISDAR State Conference (April 2025) where the *in-progress* miniature was on display.

Check out the draperies and the chair cover. That fabric is some of the actual *former* Iowa Room drapery material. The Bird & Thistle patterned drapes hung from 1993 to 2018. During State Regent Marsha Hucke's administration, new drapes were acquired for the Iowa Room.

I hope all Iowa Daughters who attend the 2025 Continental Congress will stop by ISDAR's Own Corner in Washington D.C.!



**Show your American spirit by  
supporting DAR's *American Spirit*  
Magazine! Subscribe to this award-  
winning publication! Also become a  
Friend of the American Spirit Magazine  
by donating at least \$100  
through the  
Office of Development!**





## ***Iowa State Fair Parade*** ***Kathy Lynn Sells, Coordinator***



### **Living Our Mission: Patriotism on Display**

Speaking of fun—we're thrilled to share that the Iowa Society DAR is once again in the line-up for the Iowa State Fair Parade, set for August 6, 2025!

At the 126th State Conference, President General Pamela Rouse Wright led a thoughtful and engaging moment with members by inviting us to stand and reflect on which pillar of the NSDAR mission speaks most to us: Historic Preservation, Education, or Patriotism. For those who stood for *Patriotism*—and especially for those who find energy and joy in proudly representing DAR through community events—this may be your sign to connect with our **State Fair Parade Committee**.

There's more to celebrate: the **Iowa Society DAR Color Guard** was recently recognized in the national *SAR Colorguardsman* magazine! This prestigious publication highlights Color Guard activities across all 50 states and offers fascinating behind-the-scenes insights. It is always a privilege to present the colors at State Conference.



Iowa Color Guard Commander Mike Rowley attended the 126th State Conference of the Iowa Society of the Daughter of the American Revolution in Des Moines, Iowa on April 4, 2025.

DAR Color Guard members (Left to right) Sharleen Newton, Kathy Sells and Joanne Tinker said they were inspired by the Iowa SAR Color Guard when joining with us in past events. Now in their own uniforms they did an outstanding job of presenting the colors to open the conference. We look forward to many more joint endeavors





# STATE FAIR PARADE

**AUGUST 6, 2025**

Now recruiting experienced  
creative float designers,  
color guard members, and  
enthusiastic volunteers.

**JOIN NOW**



**CONTACT: KATHY SELLS**

Parade Coordinator

515-745-3090

[IowaParadeTeam@gmail.com](mailto:IowaParadeTeam@gmail.com)



***Project Patriot***  
***Teri Miller, Chair***



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

Thank you to all chapters who brought donations for the USS Iowa to Conference in April. It was such a success that Regent Steinke was unable to get them all in her vehicle for the trip home!

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>. In addition to the next page flyer on the short turn-around (by June 10) BBQ project for the Caissons, below are projects that can be supported this summer:

- **Keeping Our Military Cool 2025, Amazon Wish List Link:**  
<https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/2L7RJGNACO1LK>
- **USS Dewey Amazon Wish List Link:**  
<https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/JAJ6EN06MZ8T>
- **Supporting the Honor Guard Communities Amazon Wish List Link:**  
<https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/361HI8PM0HB6D>

In 2024, individuals and chapters supported national, state and chapter projects in the following ways:

- Donated \$2,040,224 in monetary or in-kind items to support the military and their families
- Sent 30,091 care packages including 7,223 to women serving in the military
- Sent 886,782 coupons to military bases in the US and overseas
- Sent 185,225 cards to the military
- The Each State Sparkles Project was completed in 2024 and provided approximately \$357,000 in monetary and in-kind items to support projects for the military, military families in the United States, Guam and Italy.
- In 2024, the national committee was a sponsor for the Armed Forces Day, Rock Island Arsenal, IL; Legacy of Liberty Airshow, Holloman AFB, NM; and the National Sponsor for the Navy Wounded Warrior Month of the Military Caregiver Program.



# DAR Project Patriot Committee

## The U.S. Army Caisson Detachment

The U.S. Army Caisson Detachment requests support for a BBQ to be held on June 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Items should be received before June 10th.**

The detachment will be hosting a few other Army Horse detachments at Fort Myer, during the week of June 9-13 leading up to the Army's birthday on June 14th. They are looking for support to provide BBQ items.

Since this is a very short turn around, we are asking for gift cards to be donated directly to the unit. The need is for 100 people.

**LOCAL CHAPTERS:** If local chapters would like to donate and take items directly to the base, please see the list below. Please reach out to me for the point of contact on base.

**All Other Chapters:** Please send gift cards below directly to SSG Castellanos. His address is below.

### Local Chapters

- Hot Dogs / Buns
- Hamburgers / Buns
- Chicken Wings
- Sauces for Wings - BBQ, Buffalo, Etc...
- Chips - Individual Bags
- Individual Bags
- Cookies
- Sodas / Water

or Gift Cards to:

- Giant Food
- Harris Teeter \*Preferred
- Safeway
- Wegmans

### Gift Cards

- Costco \* Preferred
- Walmart
- Target
- Sam's Club

SSG Carlos Castellanos  
Caisson Operations NCO  
122 Caisson Circle, BLDG 230,  
Fort Myer VA, 22211

**\*Preferred Mailing via Fedex**



If you have any questions, please contact me directly

Peggy Whitcomb, National Chair

DarProjectPatriot@nsdar.org or 330-962-5149

## ***Service to America*** ***Lucy Zeimet, Chair***



As State Chair to Service to America - I want to clarify a few things that I reported at State Conference!

In regards to DAR volunteer work, there is an extensive list on the NSDAR web site that lists appropriate DAR activities that can be recorded on the online volunteer hours tally.

Any preparation for and presenting at a Chapter meeting can be tallied. State and Chapter officers, committee chairs, committee members can tally planning, communication, board meetings and committee meetings. In regards to State Conference, anyone preparing or giving a report can tally those hours. Any DAR member who is also a member of a service organization i.e. Lions, Tigers and Bears teehee, who participates in any way to do service...can tally those hours.

I suggest a look at the NSDAR Service to America web page. The accepted involvement items list is huge and somewhat vague in certain areas. Do your best and **Tally! Tally! Tally!!!**



A wonderful service opportunity to support our active military is **OperationGratitude.com**. This organization is in the middle of their 7<sup>th</sup> annual **Red** Scarf and Hat Challenge. Knitting, sewing, crocheting **Red** scarfs and Hats and be donated thru the web site. **Remember Everyone Deployed**. What really caught my eye, is that this organization is also encouraging the writing of 20 letters of gratitude to thank those deployed far from home. President General Wright is especially encouraging the sending of cards and letters to our military. The number of cards etc. sent can be tallied on the Service to America tally and reported on the CMR.

The Red Scarf and Hat Challenge runs May 8<sup>th</sup> through the June 10<sup>th</sup> so we don't have a lot of time, but I encourage all daughters to check out their web site and plan ahead.



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



**Have you been giving SAR members assistance or referrals?  
Now there is an award for that!**

Iowa Daughters, if you are providing SAR application assistance or a referral for SAR membership, please start a DAR Finder Form and provide it to the applicant for submission with his application.

The DAR Finder Form and instructions can be found on the [www.sar.org](http://www.sar.org) website at [DAR-Finder-Form-Instructions.pdf](#). By submitting the DAR Finder Form, the Iowa Society DAR, your chapter and you will get credit for the referral.

New in 2025, SAR will be providing awards to DAR members for referrals. The Abigail Adams award is for 2 or more referrals in one year, Deborah Sampson award for 5 or more, Lucy Knox award for 8 or more. This is another reason for providing the DAR Finder form to the SAR applicant.

Chapter Regents, the DAR/SAR/S.R. Relations committee has started tracking the Hannah White Arnett (HWA) medals given to SAR compatriots by chapters and states. If your chapter has awarded an HWA medal, please email me at [d.rath@mchsi.com](mailto:d.rath@mchsi.com) to receive the form to collect the information needed.

Thank you!



## ***DAR Service for Veterans***

### ***Jeanne McMillan, Chair***



Dear Iowa Society Daughters,

**What an amazing 2025 State Conference!** It was my honor to share the DAR Service for Veterans display table, highlighting the fun and meaningful projects we're doing across Iowa to serve our Veterans.

Please continue to create beautiful Kindness Rocks to distribute to Veterans wherever you go. Whether it's on their meal trays, bedside tables, front doorsteps, or even placed directly in their hands with a heartfelt "thank you," these small gestures can make a lasting impact.

I also hope your chapters are placing Missing Man Tables in local eateries and businesses. I've found that proprietors deeply appreciate being invited to participate, and they welcome the opportunity to honor Veterans in this way. Veterans Day, Memorial Day, Patriot Day, or any day your chapter feels is appropriate can be a meaningful time to place one of these powerful tributes.

Our Shoebox Project will continue this year with the theme of Craft/Model Building. Ideas include affordable models, LEGOs, ceramics, or other craft kits. **While I understand some members believe the focus should be solely on necessities like toiletries, the Directors of the VA Community Resource and Referral Center emphasized the importance of including a special, fun gift. They select each year's theme and have shared that, for many homeless Veterans, this may be the only gift they receive during the holidays. The Center provides for their basic needs year-round—our shoeboxes are intended to bring a bit of joy and dignity at Christmas!** I've seen excellent, affordable options at Walmart, Target, and Amazon. I sincerely hope your chapter will participate—we're aiming for at least 50 shoeboxes this year!

**At the conference, I had the great privilege of presenting the Outstanding Veteran Volunteer Award to Mr. Frances McAllister, a distinguished and decorated hero.** He is truly deserving of this honor and resides in Burlington. He is also the husband of DAR member Mary McAllister of the Stars and Stripes Chapter.

I look forward to seeing many of you at Continental Congress. Be sure to stop by and visit our DAR Service for Veterans Display Table during Friday's Sparkle Night.

**Let's all continue to "Wear Your Heart on Your Sleeve for Our Veterans."**



Jeanne McMillan  
DAR Service for Veterans State Chair



***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. Contact your local VA facility to ask about ways your DAR chapter can honor and serve Veterans in your community.

Follow this URL to locate a VA facility near you. <https://www.va.gov/iowa-city-health-care/locations/>

**Examples of Current Volunteer Opportunities**

- 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.

**Standard Donations Needed**

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

- New or gently weather-appropriate 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/>

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Mandel  
DAR VAVS Representative  
Iowa City VA Health Care System  
[darvavsic@gmail.com](mailto:darvavsic@gmail.com)

***DAR VAVS Representative  
Central Iowa - Des Moines  
Joanne Tinker, Representative  
Jeanne McMillan, Deputy***



Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service  
VA Central Iowa Medical Center  
Joanne Tinker, Representative  
Jeanne McMillan, Deputy Representative



Dear Daughters,

**A big Thank You goes out to the Henry Knox Chapter and Regent Rhonda Rosado.** The VA needed over 200 cookies for Veterans Appreciation Day on April 28th. Henry Knox Chapter along with the Abigail Adams Chapter donated over 15 dozen cookies. The remaining cookies were donated by other VSO in the area. I, for one, am not a great baker, but I put my full heart into baking 8 dozen chocolate chip cookies which my husband thought delicious. The VA is always in need of volunteers.

There are so many ways to serve at the hospital. Serving in the office, the task room and in the Hospice is truly, truly rewarding. Please contact the CDCE (VAVS) Office for information.

Please know your donations to the VA are always welcomed. The VA is always in need. The items donated need to be new due to infection control.....but..... Used books are so welcome for the bookshelves throughout the hospital. Veterans and their families are welcome to read the books while in the facility or they are welcome to take them home. So, we are always in need of used books in good condition. Mystery, romance, history, westerns, and DIY books are very popular. Please drop them off at the front information desk.

**Your donations are greatly appreciated.**

Thank you very much,  
Jeanne McMillan, Deputy Representative

Volunteering is not only rewarding, it's fun!!!!





## **NEEDS LIST**

**May 2025**

**Department of Veterans Affairs**

**CDCE/Voluntary Service (135)**

**3600 30<sup>th</sup> St.**

**Des Moines, IA 50310**

**(515) 699-5818**

**vhacihvoluntary@va.gov**

Donated funds made by check should be made out to "VACIHCS"

### **VOLUNTEER ASSIGNMENTS:**

1. Patient Escorts
2. Office Assistants
3. Hospital Shuttle

### **ONGOING PROGRAM SUPPORT: ALL ITEMS are an IMMEDIATE NEED**

Light Weight Unisex Jackets (Sizes Lg – XL)

Men's Shoes (Size 10.5-13)

Sweatpants and Sweatshirts (Large and X-Large)

Unisex Slippers

Duffel Bags

BUNN Air Pot Coffee (Amazon)

**\*\*Regular and Decaf Coffee\*\***

Reading Glasses (1.50, 2.25, 3.5-4.0) (Amazon)

Reading Glasses Cases (Amazon)

• K Cups (Variety Pack) 2 Boxes

Belts (All Sizes)

### **SPECIAL REQUESTS/PROJECTS**

Books

Robotic Pets

Knitting Supplies for Domiciliary

Monthly Food Items for Acute Psych Unit

Horses for Heroes – 3517 Checks made payable to VACIHCS

### **NON PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS**

Snack bars/chips

Pasta

Apple sauce

Microwaveable meals

Peanut butter

Oatmeal packets

Soups with easy open tops

Individual bags of chips

Individually wrapped snacks

Canned fruit

Crackers

**No Need for the following: Afghans/blankets/crochet; Jigsaw Puzzles; socks; stocking hats; women's clothing items not noted above; *Due to Infection Control policies, we are unable to accept used clothing/bedding walkers, canes, or crutches at this time.***

**Currently we are unable to accept personal memorabilia and artwork**

The Internal Revenue Service has announced that under the Tax Code, donations to the Department of Veterans Affairs' General Post Fund for exclusively public purposes are deductible from federal income taxes in the manner and to the extent allowable. The announcement reflects the tax law provision, which makes those donations deductible as "donations to the United States". Donations to support any of the Department's programs are deductible, whether the donor directs that the donated funds be used for a specific purpose or allows the Department to decide how the donated funds will be used.

***Volunteer Genealogist***  
***Carolyn DeLay, Chair***



Everybody has a story to tell. Around every corner is a story waiting to be told. And people are longing to hear it. Stories are written to be shared, and it is our responsibility to retell those that we witness — not only for our own sake, but for the benefit of others. Stories change people. They shape entire cultures. We are that story. Genealogy is that story. Everybody has a story. What is your story?

Everybody in the DAR has a story. But we have a responsibility to tell our story, to help others tell their story. That responsibility entails helping with research, helping with the app. That entails helping each other tell the story.

Do you want to tell the story? Become a Power Partner, a Volunteer Genealogist. Opportunities available!!! Everybody has a story.





# **State of Iowa Storage Team**

## **Jeanne McMillan, Campaign Manager**



**Dear Iowa Daughters,**

**It is my honor to be appointed the State of Iowa Campaign Manager for the President General Elect, Mrs. Ginnie Storage and her Administration Team!**

This year at our State Conference a beautiful table was on display introducing Mrs. Storage and her Executive Team. Brochures were available to share information about each of the candidates.

If you are attending Continental Congress, come see me. It is such a privilege for me to be serving on the Continental Congress Committee for the President General's Project. I will be serving in the

Salesroom for both the President General, Mrs. Wright and the Salesroom for President General Elect, Mrs. Storage.

Please come by and look at the lovely items Mrs. Wright will have on discount and the beautiful Items Mrs. Storage will be selling. The hours during Continental Congress will be Tuesday – Saturday, 8:00 – 4:00.

I look forward to serving you and DAR.





## Across the State

**Abigail Adams** Submitted by Susan B. Klein



Abigail Adams was proud to recognize two outstanding young women this spring. Encouraging young women to be leaders in our community is a high priority for our chapter.



**Karli Roth was our ISDAR high school scholarship winner.** She is daughter of Sarah Roth and granddaughter of Joyce Armstrong, both long time members of our chapter. Karli will be attending Lipscomb University in Nashville, TN, with plans to major in music. We are proud we could be a part of her adventure.

On April 30<sup>th</sup> at a special awards ceremony, the Abigail Adams Chapter was pleased to award the **DAR's JROTC Bronze Medal to Alondra Barron-Juarez.** She plans

to attend Iowa State University and study Criminal Justice and Economics this fall.

Alondra is a member of the Air Force Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps program at Valley High School. The JROTC is a federal program sponsored by the United States Armed Forces in High Schools across the United States and at US military bases across the world. The program was originally created as a part of the National Defense Act of 1916 and later expanded under the 1964 ROTC Vitalization Act. The program is designed to instill citizenship, leadership, and civic values in students as it prepares them for life beyond high school.

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution has long awarded the Bronze JROTC medal to either junior or senior level students in a secondary school JROTC program. Medal recipients are selected by the unit or department leadership and the name is provided to the local DAR chapter.

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

Our chapter meetings this spring included a presentation by a nationally Recognized Quilt Judge explaining the skills that are need to be a blue-ribbon quilter. We now have a greater appreciation for the art of quilt making.

We also had three of our members share their patriots' stories about their involvement in the Lexington-Concord Battles in April, 1775. The stories of loss of life and the beginning of the fight for liberty was inspiring.

In June, we will finish our program year with a meeting and tour at Hoyt Sherman Place in Des Moines. In years past our chapter met regularly at the location and we are excited to visit.

Abigail Adams has been actively taking care of our chapter members with member workshops. On May 17<sup>th</sup> we held a new member orientation to introduce the many sides of DAR and we have also three lineage workshops for prospective members so far in 2025.

Our chapter is making plans to host the NSDAR display-- **The Battlefield Trust Traveling American Revolution Exhibit.** The display will be at the Iowa Historical Building in Des Moines from September 27-October 11, 2025. A great way to start your celebration of USA 250th anniversary. Come join us.



**Alondra Barron-Juarez, Bronze JROTC medal w/ Hein T. Nguyen, Lt Col, USAF (Ret), Chapter Regent Pat Barry and Ruth Lerg, chapter member**



## Across the State

**Algona** Submitted by Karen Meurer



### Algona Celebrates

Algona Chapter truly sparkled with pride on May 13, 2025, at our regular monthly meeting, when we presented Julia Ann Bourne Hayes with a 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Certificate. Julie was admitted into the DAR 16 Apr 1955. Julie's sister also attended the meeting on Zoom, to celebrate Julie with the chapter.



**Teri Frazer Miller  
presenting  
certificate to Julie.**

**Julie with sister  
Barbara Bourne  
Haggart on Zoom**



The Algona Chapter is looking forward to hosting the American Revolution Experience Traveling Exhibit, during Constitution Week, with the partnership of the Algona Public Library. Plans are in process for this future event.



**Teri Miller and Karen Meurer attended the 126<sup>th</sup> ISDAR State Conference April 3-5, 2025, as delegates.**

**President General  
Pamela Rouse Wright and  
Karen Meurer**

**Teri Miller,  
State Regent Sarah Steinke  
and Karen Meurer.**



### Good Citizen Award – Linda Erpelding, Chair

The Algona Chapter was excited to announce first-place award winner Gyson Mitchell Lyman from Newell Fonda High School. Gyson has maintained a 3.75 grade point average while participating in football, basketball, track and field, golf, speech, class plays, FAFBLA and National Honor Society. He was also a member of the homecoming court and has received the following awards, Distinguished Academic Achievement Award 2021-2025, Academic Achievement Award Twin Lakes Conference 2021-2025, the IHSSA All District Academic Award 2021-2025. He was active in different community service organizations such as Newell American Legion Youth Clinic, Northwest Iowa Law Enforcement Gala and assisting teachers for pre-K - 8th grade. He feels he is a good role model for those students and helps them understand the importance of respect and good behavior. Gyson plans on attending Buena Vista University to study physical education and coaching. The Algona Chapter also awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> place awards.





## ***Across the State*** ***Camp Dodge***

Submitted by  
Kathy Lynn Sells



### **Children's History Library Dedicated in Ankeny**

The Children's History Library was recently installed and dedicated at the Ankeny Area Historical Society and Museum. When you see the "where's Floppy?" sign, you'll find the library nearby!

The library was created with a simple goal to provide children with books about American history. We hope it inspires curiosity and a love for learning more about the people and events that helped shape America. The library was dedicated in May in the year when Ankeny celebrates its 150th birthday!

The Children's History Library is proudly sponsored by the newly formed ***Captain Peter Ankeny Society, Children of the American Revolution***. The mission of N.S.C.A.R. is to train good citizens, develop leaders, and promote love of the United States of America and its heritage among young people. This mission is carried out through activities that focus on patriotism, service, education and leadership.

We extend heartfelt thanks to the Ankeny Historical Society for its support and to the many volunteers who contributed to the design, construction, and installation of the library. Special thanks also go to the friends and families who will help stock and maintain it. Your time and dedication have created a legacy for children and families in our community.





## Across the State

**Candle-Stick** Submitted by Linda Allan



### Celebrate AMERICA 250!

#### AFTER ACTION REPORT: Candle-Stick Chapter

**Goal:** Use the \$500 Grant to buy books about the patriots and Events of our Nation's Birth for all ages to present to the 6 small-town libraries in Franklin County, Iowa.

**Event:** January 28, 2025, a morning Coffee for the 6 Librarians in appreciation for all they do, and to begin a Celebration of our America of 250 years. We held our Coffee at the GAR Memorial Hall in Hampton. This building is on the National Registry of Historic Places as one of only 4 such Memorial Buildings in the Nation, and the only one West of the Mississippi River. It documents the names of Veterans of the American Civil War with tablets of lists of names and places – nearly all with connections to Franklin County, Iowa. Since some of our founding members were also instrumental in getting this memorial built, it has also served our Chapter as a home for our Archives, and a display about the Revolutionary War period.

Whenever we hold an event in this building, there are always folks who are seeing it for the first time, and such was also the case among these guests. Five (5) of the six (6) libraries were represented by either the Librarian or one of the Board Trustees to enjoy some fellowship with each other and several of our Chapter members. Sturdy denim tote bags made by our Regent and a small triptych display created by our Chapter Treasurer and her family were supplied with each collection of about 6 diverse books for each library to take home. All books also carried a "Celebrate America 250!" bookplate, identifying the source of the book. Since each assortment of books was a bit different, a short game of "High Card Draw" facilitated choices that were most appropriate for each. Small libraries are always on a tight budget, so the addition of these books not only increased their collections but also contributed toward the knowledge and hopefully will generate some interest in learning more about our favorite time in History in each of their communities as we move as a nation into this celebration of our national birth.

**Grant total: \$500**

**Books: \$579.12 purchased**, (plus some books donated by members)

**Bags:** 6 @ \$12 = value: \$72

**Triptych displays:**

3 sheets foamcore + artwork printing = \$15 + \$30 = value: \$45

**Event expenses:**

GAR hall -0-, refreshments provided by members = value: \$25

**Total expense: \$721.12**



**Photo of display in one of the libraries after the event.**



**Photo of the book plate**



## Across the State

**Cedar Falls** Submitted by Lisa Lang



The Cedar Falls Chapter presents four ROTC awards annually. One Gold ROTC medal, one Silver Outstanding Cadet Medal and two Bronze ROTC medals. Anastasia Nguyen is the recipient of the Gold ROTC Medal from the University of Northern Iowa.

L-R: Lorelei Redfern, CFDAR National Defense Chair,  
Anastasia Nguyen, ROTC Gold Medal recipient,  
Lisa Lang, CFDAR Regent,  
Carla Lown, CFDAR National  
Defense Committee member



Members from the Cedar Falls and Revolutionary Dames Chapters attended a naturalization ceremony hosted by the University of Northern Iowa on April 18th. Copies of the Pledge of Allegiance and US Flag lapel pins were handed out to the new citizens. 67 candidates from 25 countries became

citizens of the United States by taking an oath and pledging allegiance to the United States and its constitution. It was a pleasure to attend and represent the DAR and see the joy on the faces of our new citizens.



Cedar Falls Chapter recently collected more than 35 pounds of home-baked and pre-packaged treats to send to local cadets at the

United States Military Academy, the United States Air Force Academy, and the United States Coast Guard Academy. Daughters were so generous with their contributions that we had leftovers to share with our local Public Safety Department, and Cadets had plenty to share with others! This was also our Service in Seconds project for the year.





## Across the State

### Council Bluffs Submitted by Lisa Rex



Council Bluffs Chapter members have been very buzzzy bees this spring, with Spring Conference, Senior Award nights and many other activities to spread around the community. Since our chapter covers three counties, Pottawattamie, Harrison and Cass, we like to spread the love throughout the community for those who would like to be the hostess of a meeting but cannot do the sizes of their houses or living arrangements. We arrange to reserve banquet rooms or tables at local restaurants, libraries, or churches.



In March, we held our meeting at Pizza Ranch in Missouri Valley, IA with a program on National Vietnam War Veteran's Day. Following closely behind our meeting was the Spring Conference with 5 members from our chapter in attendance.



**One of our seniors from Abraham Lincoln High School, Dean Patrick Pope, received the ISDAR Scholarship.** Our chapter is very proud of him and all his hard

work and accomplishments.



In April, the meeting was held at the Buck Snort Restaurant in Oakland, IA on the exact day 250 years from the first shots of the Revolutionary War being heard around the world. Our program was on the Battle of Lexington and Concord.

May has been our busiest so far this year. Our members divided the high schools up and attended Senior Award nights giving out certificates to Good Citizen participants and the Chapter winner with a monetary award.

Our May meeting was held at the Sawmill Hollow Aronia Berry Farm, Missouri Valley, IA which is owned by our chapter member Cindy Pittz. The program was the history of the farm and how it came to be. Cindy also told us about the extensive visits to the farm from classrooms around the area, and the activities in which the kids do while there. Cindy also served us a very yummy lunch, and then we had the new officer induction ceremony.





## ***Across the State***

***Hannah Caldwell*** Submitted by Terri Toppler



**Rivermont Collegiate 5th grade students are enjoying new books, book scanner and shelving units** made possible by the Helen Pouch Memorial Classroom Grant. Our Hannah Caldwell Chapter proudly nominated teacher Amy Carbonneau, who was awarded the grant in April. We're thrilled to see these resources already making a positive impact in the classroom!





## Across the State

**Hannah Lee** Submitted by Peggy Harvey



**For Valentine's Day & St. Patrick's Day, Wendy Novak made a basket of goodies for the Veterans at the Decorah VFW.** Our chapter supports veterans in the local nursing homes of northeast Iowa and participates in projects supporting our troops at home and overseas.

Peggy Harvey donated 71 pounds of canned food to the Decorah Food Pantry for Hannah Lee Chapter.

**Hannah Lee Chapter collected 22,100 pop tabs** for the Ronald McDonald's house in Rochester, Minnesota.

**At the 126th Annual State Convention, Hannah Lee received several awards including the Gold Award, Julie Vogel received the Outstanding Service Award for her work as Treasurer, scanning thousands of documents, and organizing our records. Stacy Gossling received an appreciation award for cleaning gravestones. Ranell Bolson was recognized for her Apache Teardrop Pendant for the Members course.**



Peggy Harvey donated a 3' X 5' United States flag to the Wellington Place nursing home in Decorah to replace their torn and damaged flag.

**Two Decorah Middle School students earned first place in the state for the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) American History Essay Contest in their respective grade levels. Camille Rueckert**, daughter of Matt and Kelli Rueckert, is the sixth-grade state winner, and Charlotte Yu, daughter of Andrew Hageman and **Min Yu**, is the fifth-grade state winner of the essay contest sponsored by the Hannah Lee Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. **Their essays, along with other grade-level winning submissions from across the state, were sent to the North Central Division for the next level of judging. Both Camille's and Charlotte's essays placed second in the region.** The students were recognized during an awards luncheon held April 5 at the Iowa Daughters of the American Revolution State Conference. Each was awarded a state winner certificate and a silver medal.



Peggy Harvey received 3 awards at the conference. She received a certificate and cord for the completion of the Committee Leaders Course and the New Horizons Course. She received a certificate and the Delta Star Award for completing all three courses, Members Course, Committee Leaders Course and the New Horizon Course. Congratulations Peggy!





# Across the State

## Jean Marie Cardinell Submitted by Denise Baker Hamilton



The Jean Marie Cardinell Chapter continues to grow with four new members approved in April and May and three more verified in May for a total of seven new members. Our Registrar and Lineage Committee have been very busy with a number of prospectives working on their papers. The team held its first paper party to assist both prospective members with applications and current members with supplementals. It was helpful to having a number of "helpers" with different knowledge to help break through those brick walls.



Donna Ragner

The ISDAR State Conference was attended by 18 JMC members. Even the Marquis de Lafayette attended and was a hit with the ladies. It was a special treat to have President General Wright in attendance.

This past quarter, we celebrated members who have passed GEP and DAR Leadership courses; presented Community Service Awards; **celebrated the 50th anniversary of dedicated DAR Daughter - Donna Ragner**; and toured the Iowa State Capitol and the Collection Museum Vault at the Iowa State Historical Building.



Collection Museum Vault at the Iowa State Historical Building.

Iowa State Capitol



**May is Military Appreciation month** and the Jean Marie Cardinell chapter took time to honor

our military men and women. On May 13, Chapter Regent Denise Baker Hamilton and National Defense Committee Chapter Chair, Barbara McCloney attended the Des Moines Central Campus Marine Corps JROTC Awards Night where the DAR Bronze Junior ROTC Cadet Medal was awarded to Cadet 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Madison Elg along with a certificate and monetary gift.

On May 14, JMC members attended the Iowa Vietnam Veterans Recognition Day ceremony at the Capitol. During the ceremony, JMC member Candy Brown was given well-deserved recognition for her dedication and service in honoring Vietnam veterans.

On May 15, members joined with other organizations in marking the graves of Civil War veterans at Glendale Cemetery in Des Moines. It had been a century since the deaths of these 15 soldiers of the Union army and it was honor to help place the headstones. Following the headstone placement, Mike Rowley, with Sons of the American Revolution, shared information about each of the soldiers in a dedication ceremony.



Regent Denise Baker Hamilton & Nat'l Def. Chair, Barbara McCloney with Cadet 1st Lt Madison Elg



Glendale Cemetery

Following the headstone placement, Mike Rowley, with S.A.R. sharing information

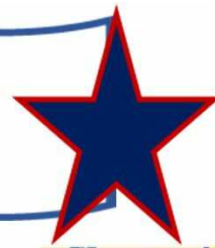




## Across the State

### Lawrence Van Hook

Submitted by Linda Harvan  
and Amy Crow Sunleaf



In April, Chapter Regent Amy Sunleaf presented a ROTC Gold Medal to **Cadet Ellec Armstead** during an awards ceremony held April 17, 2025, at the University of Dubuque. Cadet Armstead is from Waukon, IA and majored in Wellness and Exercise Science and minored in Aviation Management. Following graduation, she was commissioned as a 2LT Active-Duty Ordnance Officer with the Iowa Army National Guard.



**Cadet Conmander  
Ellec Armstead**



**Gloria Jorgensen, Shari Jorgensen, PM Alice D., Lucy Zeimet,  
Denyse Hughes, Amy Sunleaf, Linda Harvan, Michelle Turner,  
Michelle Johnson, Peggy Thomas, guest Edee Brunia**

The **Lawrence Van Hook Chapter 55th anniversary was celebrated at our May meeting.** Member Peggy Thoms was officially welcomed to the chapter and Michelle Turner presented Lucy Zeimet with a certificate for 50 years of membership. Honorary State Regent Edee Brunia was our special guest and speaker. Her program, *The 49 Cars of the Merci Train*, was fascinating and educated us about the warm relationship between France and the United States.

Members of the chapter and HODARs were **privileged to volunteer with Honor Flight of Dubuque and the Tri-States, welcoming home veterans at the Grand River Convention Center on the evenings of May 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.** Our main role was to serve as sentinels, watching over seats reserved for the keepsake flags of veterans who died before they were able to go on the Honor Flight. Their flags were taken to Washington, D.C. and saluted at a ceremony before being brought home and honored again as part of the welcome home ceremony. In addition, Lawrence Van Hook volunteers welcomed family members to the convention center, passed out stars from Stars for Our Troops, and sold raffle tickets.

**Left to right and top to bottom:  
Dave & Michelle Johnson,  
Michelle Johnson, Linda Harvan;  
Tom Harvan, Art and Amy Sunleaf**

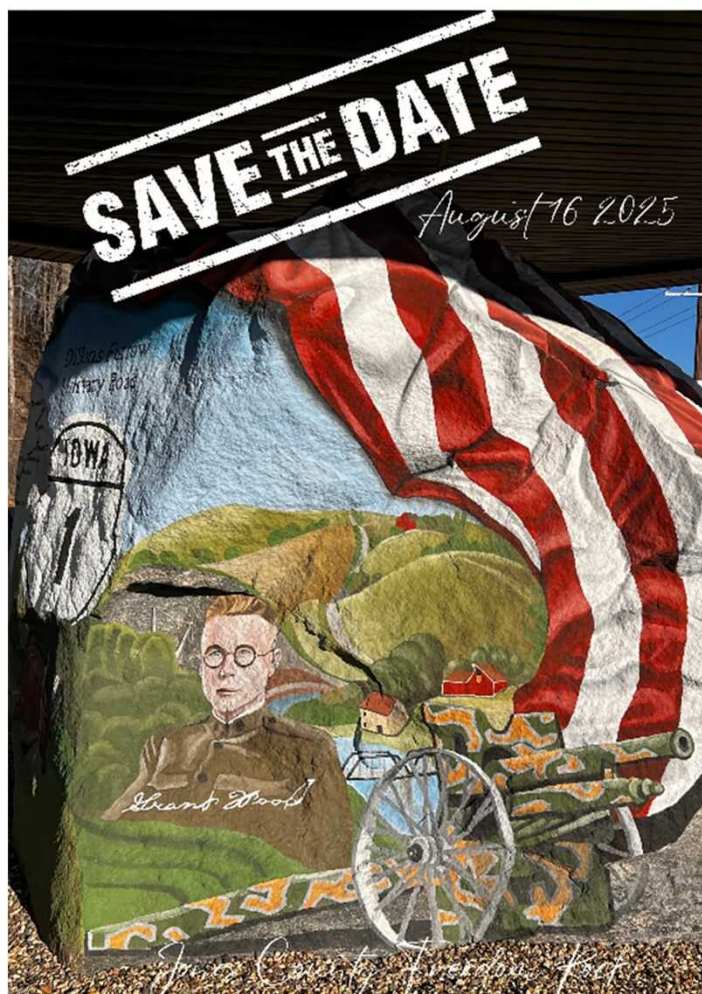


Lawrence Van Hook members welcome all Iowa Daughters to join us at our America250! Patriots Marker Dedication on Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM in Bellevue and for an Eastern Iowa Day Trip on August 16<sup>th</sup>. Please see the invitations for more information.



## Across the State

**Lawrence Van Hook** Submitted by Amy Crow Sunleaf



*"Wood" You Like to  
Join Us for a Themed  
Field Trip?*

**Eastern Iowa Day Trip  
8.16.2025 | Time TBD**

Lawrence Van Hook members learned about Grant Wood and his patriotic artworks during one of our 2025 programs & want to learn more!

Stops will likely include the Cedar Rapids Museum of Art, 5 Turner Alley, Stewart Memorial Library at Coe College & the Veterans Memorial Building in Cedar Rapids, the Jones County Freedom Rock in Stone City, and Riverview Cemetery in Anamosa.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT  
LVH.DAR@GMAIL.COM**





## Across the State

**Martha Washington** Submitted by Marta Nelson



### Historic Preservation

Martha Washington Chapter braved the March ice and snow to meet in one of Sioux City's historic Romanesque Revival buildings – the Evans Block Building. Last year Past Regent Elizabeth Rosenbaum joined the Heidman Law Firm as a partner. Heidman Law invested in



preserving Sioux City's history by restoring the Evans Block Building. Constructed of Black Hills sandstone from the Evans Quarry, the building was constructed in 1891

by Fred T. Evans as the home of the Northwestern National Bank, of which he was the president. Over the years, the building has housed a hotel, a factory, a saloon, and a variety of stores, including a well-known second-hand furniture store – and was the headquarters for a

motorcycle club with a slightly tarnished reputation! After meeting in the impressive Board Room, we had a thorough tour from skylight to basement. In the lobby of Heidman Law Firm – the spiral stairs are inspired by the Law Library in the Iowa State Capitol.



**The Evans Block –  
Romanesque Revival**

### Quilts of Valor

We had an inspiring program by two ladies from Le Mars, IA. They described the story of the 180 quilts that they have sewn and presented to veterans of Plymouth County. They explained how they find their veterans and how the quilts are financed, and told several stories about their experiences. They showed us their latest two projects that will soon go to new homes.



**Quilt Presenters  
Ginny Freyermuth  
and Geri Dreckman**



### Our Newest Members

Regent Marion Cain and Chaplain Brooke Redwine led a Welcoming Ceremony for our two newest members – Mary Beth Klaur, a transfer from California, and Carol Ragan. Mary Beth also was presented with her cord for completing the New Horizon course.



**Chaplain Brooke Redwine,  
Carol Ragan, Regent Marion Cain,  
Mary Beth Klaur**

**Mary Beth Klaur receives  
her New Horizon Cord**



### JROTC Medal

Past Regent Elizabeth Rosenbaum presented the JROTC Medal to an outstanding cadet from the Misty Cadet Corps of Sioux City, IA at their Honors Banquet. We look forward each year to hearing about the talent and commitment of our honoree.

**Past Regent Elizabeth Rosenbaum  
presents JROTC medal to  
Misty Lt Col Ngoc Ha Nguyen**





## Across the State

**Nancy McKay Harsh** Submitted by Jane Briley



Nancy McKay Harsh Chapter had a busy Spring. The chapter took the winter months of January and February off. Even with that, the members continued to be busy with chapter business. Officers met as a group, using streaming technology, "Microsoft Team" to complete the state and national annual reports in January.

With some bad weather and strong winds lately, the chapter was finally able to present a flag to the Greenfield Rehabilitation and Health Care Center in Greenfield, Iowa. Nancy McKay Harsh members were quite excited to help them. The center's flag



Greenfield Care Center

had been damaged during the tornado in May 2024. The center had even lost their flagpole. The flag was received as part of the NSDAR flag replacement grant program, *Salute to the Stars and Stripes!*



On March 8, 2025, Nancy McKay Harsh Chapter member, Deb Molzer, shared her program, **"Lafayette and the American Revolution; Trip to France"**. The members learned of Lafayette's life in France before and after the American Revolution. Then on April 12, 2025, Suzie Thomas presented the program, **"Women**

**Participating in Early American Wars."** Suzie told of the numerous women that were involved in those American Wars. Nancy McKay Harsh Chapter members attend meetings not necessarily in a traditional way. The programs mentioned above were not originated in Iowa. Suzie Thomas and Deb Molzer are members of our chapter and both have homes in Florida. They regularly attend our meetings which are livestreamed in a very interactive way.

On May 10, 2025, the Nancy McKay Harsh Chapter honored the winning senior students in the Good Citizen Contest, Patriot of the American Revolution Essay Contest, and Scholarships. The program was held before our monthly meeting at the First United Methodist Church in Creston. Ava Adamson of Creston High School was the winner of the chapter's Good Citizen Award. The winner of the Patriot of the American Revolution Essay Contest was Alyssa Rater. Alyssa Rater was unable to attend. The seniors who applied these awards came from 8 different school districts in South Central.



The end of the month of May is an important time to remember the deaths in our family but also the deaths of our past DAR members. Nancy McKay Harsh Chapter remembers our past members with flowers.



## Across the State

**Nathaniel Fellows** Submitted by Kaye Miller



On April 26<sup>th</sup>, Nathaniel Fellows Chapter Members Denise Yoder and Candace Murray presented an ROTC Gold Medal and Certificate, at an ROTC Award ceremony to Michael Borchert, AFROTC Cadet, University of Iowa.



At their May Chapter meeting, Nathaniel Fellows Chapter members put together May Baskets full of small office supplies, personal care items, and snacks in appreciation of their meeting host facility.

The baskets were well received, and it made for a fun chapter activity.



## Across the State

**Onawa** Submitted by Lori Bermel



The Onawa Chapter awarded two DAR Good Citizen Awards for the 2025 school year.

Seniors receiving the awards were Tylar Stirtz at West Harrison CSD (red dress) and Mollie Lage (robe) at West Monona CSD. Presenting the awards at the schools' award banquets was chapter member Andrea Perry.

The Good Citizens received a certificate, DAR Good Citizen pin and a red-white-blue graduation cord.



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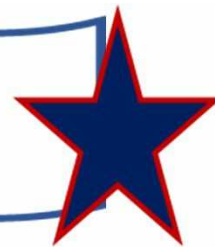
There are so many ways that you can increase the number of magazine subscriptions in your chapter. One chapter decided that they would gift a subscription to every program speaker as the speaker's gift. Another chapter handed out subscription information in December to encourage holiday gifting to offices, hospitals, DAR friends and family members. Other chapters purchase subscriptions to send overseas to deployed servicemembers. Our beloved magazine is a wonderful addition to any coffee table, desk, waiting room, library, school, or care package!

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## Across the State

### **Revolutionary Dames** Submitted by Barbara Glasener



- Added 4 new members (2 Juniors at Join) by application since January. Installed 9 members: new member Lauren Seegers, January; reinstated member, Amy Lindell, February; new members Jill, Emmeline, and Elleri, March; and Kathleeen, Emily, Heather Vering & Priscilla Blanchard, May



- Attended Spring Conference: contributed to Project Patriot support of the USS Iowa; contributed silent auction basket to the State Regent's project; awarded 3 Membership trays in April



- Updated bylaws & standing rules in March
- Witnessed, along with the Cedar Falls Chapter, the Northern Iowa Naturalization Ceremony at UNI in April



- Incorporated chapter in April
- Began work on Project Patriot Circle of Friendship leis and prepared to welcome home veterans on Honor Flight in June by writing thank-you-for-your-service notes (created by Regent Rita Ruth) in May



- Placed flags for deceased DAR members with the assistance of members of Girl Scout Work Unit 625 and their parents. And we laid a wreath as part of the local Memorial Day Services



## **Submission Deadlines & Guidelines**

**Fall - August 16th - before most Back to School dates**

**Winter - November 24th - the Monday before Thanksgiving**

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

**Summer - May 30th - Saturday after Memorial Day**

Submissions should be "ready to read," only light edits will be made  
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Send photos .jpg or .png via email attachment OR within the email

Please identify the subjects in the attached photos

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