

Iowa Society

Daughters of the American Revolution
Issue 6 Winter 2025

From the State Regent
Sarah Steinke



Greetings Iowa Daughters!!
I wish all of you a joyous
holiday season. It is always
such a joy to spend the holiday
season with family and friends.

I want to thank everyone who was able to attend and make our Fall Forum a success. We had an incredible group of workshops and speakers at the event. A highlight was our banquet speaker Major Katie Luning who shared her experiences as a CCATT, RN in Afghanistan in 2021. Thank you to all the District Directors and State Vice Regent Tiffany Hauptman who devoted their time and efforts to ensure a successful event.

I attended the SE District Meeting in Washington in September and the NW District Meeting in Fort Dodge in November. It was wonderful to visit other parts of the state; it was wonderful to renew old friendships and to meet some Iowa Daughters for the first time.

I attended the National Board of Management Legacy in Leadership Week in October. We had some great sessions with our keynote speaker. She really inspired us to think about ways that we can push our DAR story forward. One of the most important things is to be able to share our DAR spark. "What is Your Why?" We participated in a wreath-laying and service project at the American Red Cross Headquarters. We enjoyed tours of the Pope-Leighey House and Woodlawn and enjoyed a delightful evening at the Historic Gadsby's Tavern.



"Be a Shining Star"

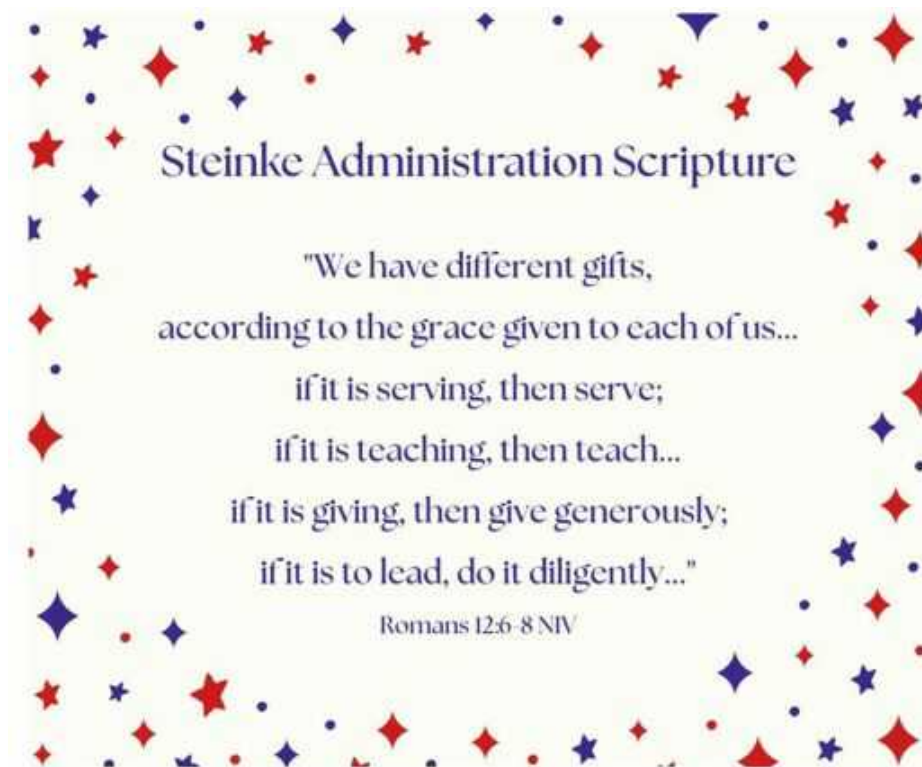


I visited with the Pilot Rock Chapter via zoom in October and attended the Underground Railroad Marker unveiling by Abigail Adams Chapter at Woodlawn Cemetery in Des Moines. I was also able to catch the last day of the American Revolution Experience exhibit at Camp Dodge. It was an incredible exhibit and I'm so proud that Iowa Daughters were able to share this experience with their communities around the state.

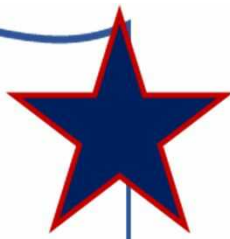
It was an honor to join State Chaplain Andrea Perry at the Veterans Day Wreath Laying at the Iowa Veterans Cemetery earlier this month. We had a great turnout of DAR members, C.A.R. members, and spouses to recognize America's first Veterans despite it being a cold and rainy/snowy day. As we are coming to the end of our calendar year, please make sure your chapter has met their obligations for different committees. I would love to receive many 100% Participation Certificates for the State of Iowa! Service To America Hours must be recorded by December 31, CMR submissions must be completed by January 31.

Please consider supporting DAR by becoming a Sustaining Supporter (and yes... there's a pin for that!). This recurring donation allows you to support your favorite committees or projects with as little as \$5/month. Don't forget about our next book club meeting online in January. I hope you are all enjoying the book "The Founding Gardeners". It's not too late to pick up a copy!

I hope that each and every one of you has a safe and happy holiday season. I look forward to seeing you in the new year.



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



2026 ISDAR State Conference

Please join us for the 127th Annual ISDAR State Conference April 9-11, 2026 at the Holiday Inn & Suites – Des Moines Northwest! Your chapter should be electing your State Conference delegates soon. Delegates shall be elected no later than the February meeting. The Credentials Form is included in this newsletter and is available on the ISDAR Members Website. The preliminary Agenda and Registration Form are included in this newsletter, and are available on the ISDAR Members Website. Registration can also be done online:

(<https://my.cheddarup.com/c/isdar-state-conference-2025-copy-52383/items>).

Due to space restrictions, Committee Displays will be limited to a one-half table rather than a whole table, with few exceptions. Please contact the State Vice Regent to reserve your space.

District Meetings

District Meetings have taken place in all four districts during the Steinke Administration. The Northwest District Meeting, held in Fort Dodge on November 15 was the final meeting, and the Southeast District Meeting took place in Ainsworth on September 27. Many thanks to Karen Ward, Southeast District Director, and Mary Thunhorst, Northwest District Director, for your tireless efforts to make these meetings a success! I am also very grateful to all of the members who traveled within and beyond their district to attend!

State Regent's Project

The State Regent's Project supports education in three main ways: (1) Local chapters are encouraged to adopt a classroom at an area school; (2) Support the ISDAR Scholarship Fund with a goal of \$7000; (3) Support the Friends of Education Fund with a goal of \$3000.

You can help raise \$10,000 to reach these goals by: (1) Purchasing a "Be a Shining Star" pin and pashmina from the State Regent; (2) Purchasing ISDAR apparel online: (<https://wandoapparel.com/collections/DAR>); (3) Buy voices from the State Regent for items such as a quilt, quilted table runner and placemats, framed cross-stitch creation, and framed star artwork; (4) Donation to the State Regent's Project!

President General's Project

The President General's Project Sales Table at State Conference will be pre-order only. Check out the awesome items available on the NSDAR Members Website (<https://www.dar.org/members/committees/special-committees/president-generals-project/president-generals-project>). If you are interested in any President General's merchandise, please contact me at Tiffany.DAR@icloud.com or 319-931-3956.



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STATE CONFERENCE CREDENTIALS

DEADLINE: March 1, 2026

The 2026 ISDAR 127th State Conference is scheduled for April 9-11, 2026.

The Spring 2026 ISDAR newsletter will include highlights, preliminary agenda and the call to the 127th State Conference. You may access the newsletter on the Iowa members only website at <http://isdar.org/members>.

ARTICLE VIII-IOWA STATE CONFERENCE

Section 5. The call for the State Conference shall be issued forty-five (45) days before the convening of said conference. This notice, created by the State Vice Regent, shall be part of the official mailing list utilized by the Iowa Society newsletter. (See Article VII, Section 2(h)).

Section 9. Regents and delegates shall be entitled to an alternate and the Chapter Regent is authorized to fill vacancies in the Chapter delegation from the elected alternates. Delegates and alternates to the State Conference shall be elected each year no later than two months before the month in which State Conference is held. (Since State Conference is held in April then a chapter shall elect delegates no later than the February meeting.) A list of the delegates and alternates, with the date of their election by the Chapter, shall be sent to the State Conference Chairman by the deadline as specified on the State Credentials Form.

If you do not meet in the winter months, please elect delegates and alternates at the last meeting held prior to the break in your calendar.

As stated above, a list of your chapter delegates and alternates, with the date of their election by the Chapter, shall be sent to Tiffany Hauptman, State Conference Chairman by **March 1, 2026.**

If you have questions, please contact State Regent Sarah Steinke or State Vice Regent Tiffany Hauptman.

Be a Shining Star!

**IOWA SOCIETY DAR
127th STATE CONFERENCE CREDENTIALS**

Deadline: March 1, 2026

2026 State Conference Date: April 9-11, 2026

**Mail to: Tiffany Hauptman, State Vice Regent
11288 Danville Rd, Danville, IA 52623-9002**

Please Type or Print

Chapter Name _____ Location _____

Regent _____ Address _____

Vice Regent _____ Address _____

Chapter Membership January 1, 2026 _____

This is to Certify:

That the following named delegates to the 126th State Conference of the Iowa Society Daughters of the American Revolution were elected on the _____ day of _____, 2025/2026. These delegates or, in the case of absence or disability, an alternate, have the full power to act in all matters that may come before the conference.

April 6, 2024 Amended Bylaws

Article VIII – Iowa State Conference

Section 7. Conference Representation. Each Chapter is entitled to representation at the State Conference by its Regent, or in her absence, by the Vice Regent or alternate. The number of additional delegates to which a Chapter is entitled shall be based upon the number of members on the Chapter Roll in good standing in the National Society on January 1 of each year.

Chapter Members	Representatives	Votes
12-49 (Inclusive)	Regent and 2 Delegates	3
50-99 (Inclusive)	Regent and 4 Delegates	5
100-199 (Inclusive)	Regent and 6 Delegates	7
200-299 (Inclusive)	Regent and 8 Delegates	9

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Section 13. Eligibility. A member must have belonged at least one continuous year preceding the Continental Congress to be eligible to represent her chapter at the State Conference or Continental Congress.

Delegate Names

Alternate Names

Regent _____ Vice Regent _____

_____ Yes, Chapter Regent will attend **OR** _____ In her absence, Vice Regent/Alternate will attend.

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| 3. _____ | _____ |
| 4. _____ | _____ |
| 5. _____ | _____ |
| 6. _____ | _____ |
| 7. _____ | _____ |
| 8. _____ | _____ |

Regent _____

Treasurer _____

Signature Required

Signature Required

Iowa Society Daughters of the American Revolution

127th State Conference Agenda

April 9-11, 2026

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

Thursday, April 9

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Budget and Finance Meeting – Iowa Board Room
2:00 p.m.	Executive Board Meeting – Iowa Board Room
4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	State Conference Registration
4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Display Table Setup
6:00 p.m.	State Officers Club – Bennigan's Meeting Room
9:00 p.m.	Hospitality Reception – Minnesota Room

Friday, April 10

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	State Conference Registration
8:00 a.m.	Page Information Meeting – Heartland Ballroom
9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	127 th State Conference Opening Session – Heartland Ballroom Reports of State Officers, Recommendations of the Executive Board
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Luncheon
1:30 p.m.	Conference Resumes Reports of Chapter Regents
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	ISDAR Book Club
5:15 p.m.	Official Photographs Honorary State Regents, State Officers, District Directors, State Chairmen, Chapter Regents, Guests, Pages
5:30 p.m.	Cash Bar
5:45 p.m.	Guest Registration
6:30 p.m.	Banquet DAR Good Citizens, ISDAR Scholarship Recipients, Outstanding American History Teacher, Outstanding Veteran Volunteer

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9:30 p.m.	Hospitality Reception – Minnesota Room
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Saturday, April 11

8:30 a.m.	Memorial Service – Heartland Ballroom
9:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	State Conference Registration
9:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Conference Resumes Reports of Committee Chairmen
11:30 a.m.	Guest Registration
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Luncheon American History Essay Contest Winners, Junior American Citizens
1:30 p.m.	Conference Resumes Unfinished Business Member Leadership Education Graduation Genealogical Education Program Recognition Installation of Newly Elected State Officers



IOWA SOCIETY DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

127th ISDAR State Conference

April 9-11, 2026

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 Spring Meeting-DAR Room Block

Make Hotel Reservations directly with the hotel by Thursday, March 19, 2026

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.)

Friday Lunch Chicken Salad Sandwich, Potato Salad, Fresh Fruit, Cookie

Friday Banquet House Salad, Chicken Parmesan, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables, Fresh Baked Rolls, Assorted Cheesecakes

Saturday Lunch Turkey Waldorf Sandwich, Pasta Salad, Fresh Fruit, Cookie

		Check to Select	Special Meal Request
Registration Fee <i>Waived for Pages and Guests</i>	\$ 35.00		Guest / Page
Friday Lunch	\$ 18.00		Vegetarian / Vegan / Gluten-Free
Friday Banquet	\$ 37.00		Vegetarian / Vegan / Gluten-Free
Saturday Lunch	\$ 19.00		Vegetarian / Vegan / Gluten-Free
TOTAL ENCLOSED			

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

Registration Deadline is Thursday, March 12, 2026

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	

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



Greetings Iowa Daughters!

Psalms 118:24: "This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."

As we begin our preparations for the busy holiday season, I am reminded of this simple verse that helps me refocus and reflect on my daily purpose. I hope it brings you encouragement as well.



Chaplain General, Mernie Sams Crane, webpage has a wealth of resources for chapters.

- Chaplain's Handbook – Published in April 2022, this book provides guidance for officers in preparing the ceremonial rites that are a fundamental part of chapter life. This includes topics: Order of Business for Chapter Meetings, Chapter Meeting Openings, Welcome to New Members and Oath of Membership, Installation of Officers, Memorial Services, Committal Services, Tributes, Chapter Patriot Memorial Services, Dedications and Ceremonies, Prayers, Scriptures and Invocations, Benedictions.

- Where Two or Three are Gathered – Published in May 2022, this resource contains a collection of prayers and poems contributed by past state and chapter chaplains.

- NSDAR Ritual and Missals – Dating back to 1903 to 2011, prior editions of the rituals and missals are available to chapters.

To find these resources on the NSDAR's members site, click on States & Chapters, then select Chapter Resources, and then click on Ceremony Resources. This will take you to the webpage for Chaplain General, Mernie Sams Crane. Near the bottom of her webpage, you'll find these valuable chapter resources.

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

**In Memory of our
Deceased Daughters**

Marcia Jean Lon Colwell, Cedar Falls

Lana Rose Coddington White, Glenwood

Gloria Ann Howard Elmore, Jean Marie Cardinell

Joyce Maries Shalley Ray, Jean Marie Cardinell

Donna Jean Link Goehring, Martha Washington

Marion Darine Tyrrell Koontz, Mayflower

Janice J Samuelson, Sun Dial

Oleta Mae Littschwager Dass, Sun Dial

Submitted by Andrea Perry, State Chaplain

***From the State
Recording Secretary
Jackie Beard***



Greetings Iowa Daughters from State Recording Secretary Jackie Beard

As before, I am going to share just a bit under each of my “pins.”

State Recording Secretary

The 2025 Iowa Fall Forum minutes are in the books! Thanks to those Iowa State Officers who assisted with editing and review of this important, historic document! As chapter leaders and state committee members complete work recording 2025 events and accomplishments, it is not too soon to start thinking about your reports for State Conference 2026!

Reports from chapter regents, state chairs, and state officers all make their way into the proceedings book at the end of this administration. Please remember the two-minute time slot at the meeting and the 200-word format for the written reports.

Written reports should be shared with this officer and State Regent Steinke, your chapter may want a copy as well. Please submit reports by Saturday March 28th in order to give a little time cushion as Easter, and all those family gatherings, fall between then and the 2026 State Conference.

It was my pleasure to attend the Southeast District Meeting in Ainsworth! What a delightful district meeting with amazing chapter representation!

DAR Library Outreach North Central Division Vice Chair

Thank you Iowa Daughters for your donations at Fall Forum, Southeast District Meeting, and the Northwest District Meeting! Your contributions have purchased five books for our national library!

Just last week I attended a National DAR Library Outreach zoom! Please continue to support your local libraries and please share your activities with the State Chair, Jennifer (Joy) Bahnemann. We've been asked to share information for the Library Outreach Newsletter.

Junior American Citizen Chair

Please forward contest entries to this state chair by the last day of December! Contest information available online.

JKBeard17@gmail.com

641 217-1233

Happy Holidays Iowa Daughters! Thank you for being Shining Stars for DAR!

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



I was happy to visit with many of you at the Fall Forum, SE District and NW District meetings this year. Hopefully you were able to find items at the State Corresponding Secretary sales table to help support the work that your chapters do.

If there are any items that you would like to have available at the sales table for the 127th Iowa Society Daughters of the American Revolution spring conference, please let me know. I will be taking inventory and ordering supplies soon.



If you have contact information changes for your chapter officers or if any of the State committee chairmen have changes please let me know. During the winter, I will continue to update the ISDAR Directory as changes are submitted to me. My email address is dcraw0954@gmail.com

I wish you all blessings for upcoming holiday season!

In DAR Friendship,
Debbie Crawford
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dcraw0954@gmail.com

From the State Corresponding Secretary
Debbie Crawford

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



Now that dues season is nearly finished, perhaps it is time to take stock of how your chapter is doing. The Annual Chapter checkup for chapters over 40 members is form CDC1000 and can be found in the National Information Packet. For smaller chapters, form CDRC1001, is a more appropriate indicator of your chapter's health.

Recruiting, revitalizing and retaining members is everyone's task, not just the officers or emembership chair. Communicate, but keep it timely as well as short and to the point. Find ways to engage the long-term members let them know they are valued and appreciated. Recognize and highlight members doing great things, not just DAR things, but perhaps their volunteer work in the community. Life happens and everyone cannot make it to every meeting, but building relationships paves the way to greater participation. Do you recognize members' strengths and skills that might be tapped for an activity or special project?

The Storage Administration has revamped the Membership Committee's information on the webpages. There are wonderful tools, resources and initiatives to help you grow your chapter. Check them out! Subscribe to the Membership Community or the Chapter Development Commission on the DOC, as great ideas and activities to engage all members are posted almost every day. The Cherry Blossom initiative is a great example. Perhaps chapter members subscribing to a DOC that interests them, could report back to the chapter information or fun and inclusive ideas and activities. Personally, the crafter in me loves the Red, White & Glue DOC!

Are you hearing from former members wishing to reinstate? The Organizing General's office sent out, on November 5th, email letters to anyone, inactive since 2007, reaffirming the value of maintaining DAR membership. The \$10 reinstatement fee will be paid by National, so only the current 2025-2026 remittance for your chapter will render them active again. Take advantage of ladies coming back and involve them quickly so they want stay on the roster in the future.

Have you asked your mother, sister, aunt, cousin, friend, neighbor or colleague if DAR might be right for them? Spread the word! Ask the Revolutionary Dames, it works!

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



Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday and a busy time of year for chapters and treasurers.

I was grateful for the opportunity to represent Iowa on October 2, 2025, at the 101st Dedication Day at Kate Duncan Smith DAR school. Iowa donated \$1513 to the school.

The state would like to thank each and every chapter that submitted their chapter contributions for 2025. They were due by November 20th in order to get national credit for the chapter donations to the DAR Magazine fund.

Membership dues are to be paid by December 1. According to our State Bylaws under Article IV Dues & Fees, Section 1c. A chapter whose dues have not been paid by December 1, shall be notified by the state treasurer that the chapter shall not be entitled to representation at the state conference.

I appreciate all the hard work chapters are doing to mitigate risk by implementing incorporation that is strongly advised by National. 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. Currently 12 chapters have been incorporated. We are a few chapters shy of our goal, to make 50% by April. Who will be next? Please reach out if you need further assistance.

This state treasurer is in the process of cleaning out files from 2000-2017. Below is a list of retention guidelines from National.

The following records should be retained for three years:

- Bank statements and bank reconciliations
- Cancelled checks for routine purchases/expenses
- Expired insurance policies
- Miscellaneous internal reports

The following records should be retained for seven years:

- Invoices
- Expense records
- Expired contracts
- Revenue records (dues, sales, etc.)
- Ledgers used to prepare financial statements

The following records should be retained permanently:

- Tax returns
- Annual financial statements
- Insurance records
- Property records
- Important legal correspondence
- Minute books, including Secretary's Minutes which include annual Treasurer's Report
- Audit reports
- Depreciation records
- Cancelled checks for important payments, such as property purchases

Wishing you a Happy Thanksgiving filled with gratitude and a Merry Christmas full of joy and love!

From the State Registrar
Donna Knight



SECOND REVIEWER REMINDER

As specified in the Genealogy Guidelines Part 2, page 47, applicants must have two independent DAR members review and verify that the application was prepared correctly.

Second Review Requirements for Member Applications.

Applicants must have two independent DAR members review and verify that the application was prepared correctly. It's important to note that a member cannot serve as a reviewer for her own application.

1. This does not replace the signatures of regents and registrars for applications.
2. The names of the reviewers need to be recorded on the bottom of page one, but they do not need to be signatures.
3. One of the reviewers should be the chapter registrar or chapter lineage research chair, if available.
4. Reviewers can be chapter members or members of the Lineage Research, Volunteer Genealogists, Application Task Force, or other trusted DAR members.
5. A reviewer's goal is to ensure that each submission is prepared per DAR Genealogy Guidelines before mailing. It is not a reviewer's job to verify the applicant's lineage back to the identified Patriot.



We extend a warm welcome to our new members who have successfully completed the application process and joined us.

September 5, 2025 – November 5, 2025

Abigail Adams Chapter: Lisa Leonard

Ashley Chapter: Lori Menke, Britta Fitzgibbons, Judy Fitzgibbons, Sadie Winkles

Camp Dodge Chapter: Ann Agan, Sara Flesch

De Shon Chapter: Mila Grothus, Virgene Monthei, Catherine Shimp

Elizabeth Ross Chapter: Jo McFarland

Glenwood Chapter: Lynne Freemyer

Hannah Lee Chapter: Breina Burgin

James Harlan Chapter: Ann Bailey, Beverly Benda

Lawrence Van Hook Chapter: Alice Daurelle

Nancy McKay Harsh Chapter: Jasmine Clarke, Sindra Jensen

Pilot Rock Chapter: Judith Schultz

Welcome back! We are pleased to announce that the following Iowa Chapters have officially reinstated these Iowa Daughters.

Abigail Adams Chapter: Kathleen Yocom, Theresa Smith

Grinnell Chapter: Susan Wendel

Marion Linn Chapter: Charlotte Smith

Pilgrim Chapter: Laura Brindle

***Reinstatement Campaign:** 11/5/2025 – 7/5/2026 to celebrate America 250. The first 5000 members to rejoin will not pay the \$10 reinstatement fee the form is under OSG-1003.

Welcome to Iowa:

- Janice Dickey from Arizona joined the Abigail Adams Chapter.
- Sharon Burkhart from Minnesota became a member of the Anna Maria Lane Chapter.
- Lauren Hagan from Pennsylvania joined the Hannah Caldwell Chapter.
- Nancy Dobyns and Susan Dobyns from Arizona, along with Trista Logan from Missouri, became members of the Martha Washington Chapter.



From the State Historian
Barb Mac Dougall



Hello Iowa Daughters! I have plenty of news to pass on to you - straight from a zoom meeting with Cynthia Addison, Historian General!

For DAR Historical or Commemorative Markers - you must have approval to *replace, or even move* a marker *whether or not the marker has the DAR insignia*. If your chapter is planning on applying to place or move a historical marker, it is highly recommended that you allow ample time for approval - 6 months at a minimum. Hopefully it would not take this long, but National is receiving more and more of these requests, so it is hard to say just how many could become back-logged. DO NOT schedule a dedication date until permission is granted for this marker.



Another note about historical markers that is so important - QR codes on markers that are approved by the Office of the Historian General are *forbidden*!

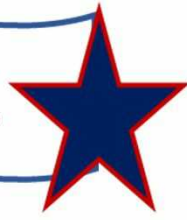
As to DAR Insignia Grave Markers - if you are wishing to honor a past member in this way, know that she does *not* need to have been a member of DAR at the time of her death.

Here is a fun idea for your America 250! Celebration - put the names of your patriots on ornaments and create a Patriot Travelling Tree to use at your events this year. Please, please remember that if you receive a grant from the America 250! Committee and use it for a marker, you need to send this officer information regarding the marker as well as a copy of your reporting to that committee. If this isn't done, we do not have a record of the marker in the State Historian's files.

Continue to think about former women in your chapter who you might nominate as a DAR Dazzling Daughter! It would be exciting to see some Iowa women on this list! The nomination form is HG-1003.

Please contact me if you need any assistance with nominations for the many awards that go through the Office of Historian General.

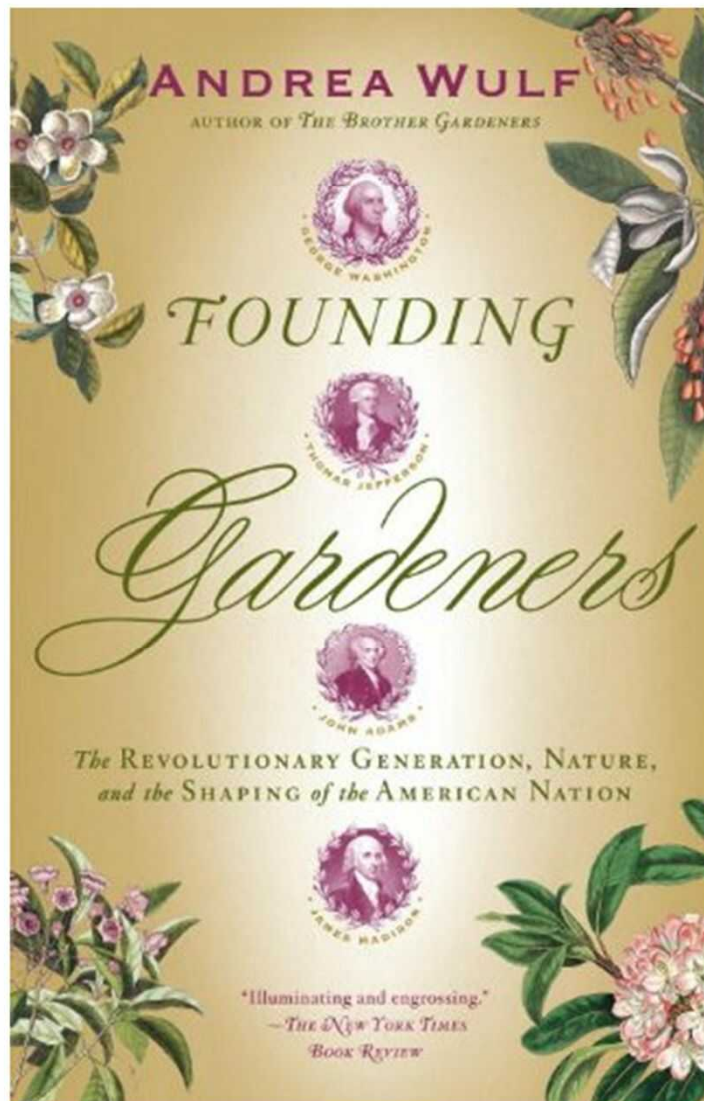
From the State Librarian
Gail Bonath



The ISDAR Book Club will meet virtually on Saturday, January 10, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. to discuss *“Founding Gardeners: The Revolutionary Generation, Nature, and the Shaping of the American Nation”* by Andrea Wulf. The Zoom link will be posted on the ISDAR Facebook page and sent to chapter regents at a later date.



Since August, Iowa daughters have purchased ten books for the DAR Library in Washington, DC. Thanks to Hannah Lee, Jean Marie Cardinell, and Onawa Chapters, and to the attendees of Fall Forum and the Northwest and Southeast District meetings. Your support of the DAR Library is appreciated.



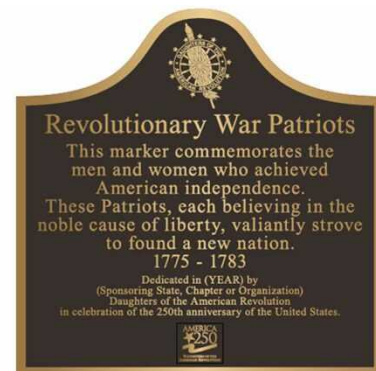
Calendar of Upcoming Events



<u>Dates</u>	<u>Happening</u>	<u>Location</u>
January 10th 11am	Virtual Book Club meeting	“Founding Gardeners” by Andrea Wulf
February 21st	Deadline for Spring ISDAR Newsletter	
April 9th-11th	ISDAR State Conference	Holiday Inn & Suites Northwest (Merle Hay Rd) Des Moines
June 21st-30th	ISDAR Bus Trip to Continental Congress	
Sept. 18th-19th	ISDAR Fall Forum	Holiday Inn & Suites Northwest (Merle Hay Rd) Des Moines

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I have exciting news: An **America 250! Patriot Marker** is coming to the Iowa State Fair grounds.

As you are probably aware, the National Society has launched a new grant opportunity—the **DAR America 250! Patriot Marker Grant**, designed to help DAR State Societies and Chapters purchase and erect this permanent, commemorative marker in their communities.

I'm thrilled to share that, following conversations with ISDAR Leadership and the CEO of the Iowa State Fair, we have secured agreement to place a DAR **America 250! Patriot Marker** at the fairgrounds.

This marker will stand at the beginning of the new **Veterans Memorial Pathway**, a powerful tribute honoring U.S. military service from the Revolutionary War to the present day.

We will fund this post and cap marker, currently priced at \$6,267, through the DAR America 250! Marker Grant program. Chapter Regents and America 250! Chapter have been notified of this program and that chapters are invited to pool unused grant funds with the Iowa Society's allocation to make this vision a reality.

All participating chapters will be recognized on the **ISDAR America 250! Marker Honor Roll**. A number of chapters have already committed their support to this inspiring initiative.

Thank you for your chapter's continued dedication to honoring our nation's founding and its defenders. Your partnership makes this legacy possible.



Chapter Regents and America 250! Chairs, stay tuned. I will be communicating some exciting America 250! Activities that your chapters can consider implementing in your communities.

Denise Baker Hamilton
ISDAR America250! Chair
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American Heritage
Lisa E. Lang, Chair



Now is the perfect time to put the finishing touches on your projects for the **2026 American Heritage Contest!**

This year's theme is ***"The Road to Independence – Acts of Rebellion and Treason."*** The Historic Dress focus era is 1824–1825: The Lafayette Farewell Tour.

Detailed submission guidelines are available on the American Heritage Committee page of the NSDAR Members' Website. Each category has its own specific requirements, so please review them carefully. If you have any questions or would like guidance through the process, I am happy to assist.

Submission Deadlines:

All entries should be emailed to the appropriate National Vice Chair between January 2 and February 15, 2026.

Special Instructions for Fiber Arts Entries:

Remember due to the typically large number of Fiber Arts submissions, these must first be sent to the State Chair for initial judging. Please email your Fiber Arts entries to me by January 1, 2026. Winning entries from each category at the state level will then advance to the National Vice Chair for national judging.

So, get to work and add those final details to your project! Iowa Daughters are incredibly talented, and I encourage each of you to participate and showcase your skills through the American Heritage Contest.



2025-2026 American Heritage Committee Theme:

"The Road to Independence -- Acts of Rebellion and Treason

The American colonists participated in many acts of defiance against the British Crown. Some of these acts were illegal and could have landed them in jail or worse, gotten them hanged. But independence meant so much that they were willing to risk it all.

Which action (or actions) taken by our Patriot ancestors stand out to you on the path of becoming a free and independent nation?"

American Heritage Clothing Contest 2025-2025

"1824-1825 Lafayette Farewell Tour You are attending a ball in honor of the Marquis de Lafayette. What will you or your escort be wearing?"

ILLUMINATE OUR LEGACY

American History

Karen S. Meurer, Chair

Greetings Iowa Daughters,

I'm taking this opportunity, to ask you to join us to "Illuminate Our Legacy" and ignite a love of history by conducting our essay contests. Most chapters have set their essay contest deadlines for November 15, to receive the student's submissions.

For those of you who have received essays or the videos, you are now in the process of having them judged and submitted to me by January 15.

Congratulations for all the hard work that you've done not just this year but, in the past, as you worked with the schools, to get the essays composed, forms filled out and submitted to you.

The NSDAR established the American History Committee to promote American History throughout the year by honoring significant people, places, dates and events.

Get your chapter accomplishments to me that I may add them to my spreadsheet for my report.

For those who haven't thought about the American History Contests yet in your chapter, now is the time to start contacting schools making a rapport with the guidance counselors and history teachers.

We would like for you to help us spread the word about the American Revolution and our American History Contests with your connections to the schools and their students. Everything you need to know about the contests will be found on the NSDAR website committees, American history.

The Video contest for grades 5-8 will follow the Am History Essay theme and grades 9-12 will follow the Patriots of the Am Rev High school essay theme, which is new this year. Next year should be the same.

There you will find the electronic contest submission forms, cover sheet and signature forms, judges scoring sheets, promotional flyer, and instruction information for your chapter and school use.

There are certificates and metals to award the students available for you to purchase from the DAR store. It's exciting to tally the judge's sheets, choose the winners and presenting the certificates.

During The American Revolution Experience Traveling Exhibit's visit to Algona with the Algona DAR the chapter was excited to have District Directors attending, Mary Thunhorst NW and Diane Murphy NE. Mary helped present an American History Committee State Judge her certificate and medal for participating, from the ISDAR.

Educate our students about the history of the American Revolution.

"Be a Shining Star"

"Illuminate Our Legacy"



American Indians
Peggy Harvey, Chair



The Daughters of the American Revolution, both within Iowa and nationally, is dedicated to the illuminating the path of empowerment for the American Indian, Native Alaskan, and First Nations' communities.

I am excited to inform you scholarships are available to American Indian students and hope you will pass this information onto them. Applications will be accepted from November 1, 2025-January 31, 2026. The application process is now entirely online through Academic Works portal. The portal is now closed, but will reopen for the coming year, 2026, on November 1, 2025. No applications will be accepted other than via the online application submission portal.

Available scholarships include the following:

- The American Indian Scholarship for \$4,000.00 (may be more than one awarded each year), which requires a 3.25 GPA and has a deadline of January 31.
- The Frances Crawford Marvin American Indian Scholarship (one awarded per year), with a 3.25 GPA requirement and a variable award sum determined annually by the return on the endowment. It has a deadline of January 31.

Overseen and managed by the College of William and Mary:

- The Anne Trevarthen Memorial Scholarship is a one-time scholarship presented each April to a high school senior who will be attending the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg. The scholarship amount is based on the annual return of the endowment and is administered by the college. For further information, please contact the College of William and Mary Office of Admissions at (757) 221-4223.

Further details on the scholarship qualifications may be found at <https://www.dar.org/national-society/scholarships/american-indian>.

Finally, Throughout the rest of the year, visit the Daughters Online Community (DOC) daily to discover interesting facts committee members have spent the past year uncovering. Feel free to contribute to the list!

I look forward to seeing what the Iowa chapters have been up too which involved the American Indian Committee.

Peggy Harvey
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ISDAR Bus Tour
Shannon Woods, Chair



ISDAR Bus Tour to Continental Congress 2026
June 21 - June 30, 2026
10 days | 9 Nights | 13 Meals
Starting at \$2,499

Are you ready to celebrate America 250 at Continental Congress? The ISDAR Bus Tour is a convenient way to experience all that our beloved conference has to offer with your fellow Iowa Daughters (and HODARs too!).

Deadline to sign up is March 1st, 2026.



Please direct all questions to Shannon Woods, Chairman
319-572-4038 / ShanWoods055@gmail.com



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Chapter Honor Roll

Gayleen Chickering, Chair



As we approach the end of the year, it's a valuable time to reflect on our accomplishments and express our gratitude, while also looking forward to the opportunities of the new year. To help streamline our year-end processes, please take some time to compile your individual accomplishments from the past year.

This information will be instrumental in accurately completing the Chapter Honor Roll form. Providing these details in advance will make the form submission much easier for everyone involved. One more thing we probably should make note is that the Chapter Honor Roll Form has to be postmarked no later than February 1 since it requires the actual paper form to be sent to me.

As we enter this season of thankfulness, I want to personally extend my appreciation to each of you. I am truly grateful for your dedication and the significant contributions you make to your communities and our country. Thank you for everything you do.

I wish you a Blessed Thanksgiving and a Very Merry Christmas.



**It was a chilly rainy morning, but it was
a lovely Veterans Day wreath laying.
Thanks to all who braved the weather!
Saturday, November 8th
Iowa Veterans Cemetery Adel, Iowa**



Commemorative Events


Susan Klein, Chair



Recognizing commemorative events at your chapter meetings or as a special event is a great way to remember all of the events that happened 250 years ago. It is a big part of our 250! Celebration. The national Commemorative Events committee web page is a great resource as well as the 250! Web page.

If your chapter has made a special effort to celebrate a Commemorative Event in 2025, you may want to submit a report summarizing your efforts. All of the information for this report has been updated by the Storage Administration. You can access the forms on our ISDAR committee website. If you have questions or need a little help with the report, please reach out to me.

Outstanding Commemorative Events Contest
Entry Form and Instructions
Download and save to complete this printable entry form
Use cursor to hover over text box to input requested information



Entry must comply with these instructions, or it will not be considered for an award:

- * Submit Entry Form CEC-2002, event report and all attachments in PDF format, in one email transmission
- * Report to contain a detailed description of the event, including how the event was planned and executed using Judging Rubric Form as a planning guide
- * Event report limited to ten (10) single-sided pages, inclusive of all PDF attachments, using 12 point Arial or Times New Roman font
- * Include a caption for each image

Name of Commemorative Event: _____

*For a State Entry: Include name of state

*For a Chapter Entry: Include name of chapter and state

*For multi-state or multi-chapter entries, include names of all states or chapters

State Chair Name: _____

State Regent Name: _____

Name of Contact for Contest Entry: _____

Email: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

*A recipient of a DAR Award must not be recommended for a second award recognizing the same service or achievement. DAR Handbook, 34th Edition, Revised July 8, 2025, page 303.

Entries must be submitted electronically to the State Chair by her deadline. State Chairs shall forward winning First Place entries to the respective National Division Chair by February 15th. National Division Chairs shall forward First Place winning entries to the respective National Event Chair by March 15th. National Event Chairs shall forward First through Third Place winning entries to the National Chair by April 15th. Certificates for Outstanding Reports will be awarded for Division First Place and National First, Second, and Third places. States may award their own certificates for state winning entries at their respective state conference.

CEC-2002 August 2025

JUDGING RUBRIC For Outstanding Commemorative Events Contest

NAME OF COMMEMORATIVE EVENT: _____

STATE EVENT: _____ OR CHAPTER EVENT: _____

Name of State Name of Chapter and State

Entry must comply with these instructions, or it will not be considered for an award:

- * Submit Entry Form CEC-2002, event report and all attachments in PDF format, in one email transmission
- * Report to contain a detailed description of the event, including how the event was planned and executed using Judging Rubric Form CEC-2004 as a planning guide
- * Event report limited to ten (10) single-sided pages, inclusive of all PDF attachments, using 12 point Arial or Times New Roman font
- * Include a caption for each image

Event Criteria	5 Points	4 Points	3 Points	2 Points	1 Point	Points Awarded
* Historical Significance	A DAR event presented for the community, or any gathering featuring a guest speaker planned and executed by 5 or more Daughters	Any gathering featuring a guest speaker, planned and executed by 3 or more Daughters	Any gathering planned and executed by 1 or 2 Daughters	A poster, display, or other similar effort presented by a Daughter	Commemorative observance reported at a member meeting or in a member newsletter	
* Educational Significance	Comprehensive program offering details and perspectives about the observance	Program highlighting key details and resources about the observance	Program providing information about the observance	A poster, display, or similar effort presented by a Daughter	Observance was reported at a member meeting or in a member newsletter	
* Patriotic Impact on Community	Event involved Daughters as well as NSDAR state officers & members of other lineage societies & state/local officials & community	Event involved Daughters as well as NSDAR state officers and members of other lineage societies and the community	Event involved Daughters as well as NSDAR state officer(s) and the community	Event or program involved Daughters who attended physically and/or virtually	A report to Daughters at a member meeting or via a member newsletter	
* Media Impact (social & print media television, radio, newsletters, DAR resources, etc.)	Media coverage from 5 formats, either pre or post event (entry must include documentation of media coverage)	Media coverage from 4 formats, either pre or post event (must include copies of media coverage)	Media coverage from 3 formats, either pre or post event (must include copies of media coverage)	Media coverage from 2 formats, either pre or post event (must include copies of media coverage)	Media coverage from 1 format, either pre or post event (must include copies of media coverage)	
Entry Judged by: _____	Name and position					SCORE: _____

*All consideration should be given where special circumstances, unique opportunities, and extra efforts apply.

CEC-2004 October 2025

Entry Form

Judging Rubric Form

Instructions for the Report are:

- Submit entry Form CEC-2002, events report and all attachments in PDF format, in one email transmission
- Report to contain a detailed description of the event, including how the event was planned and executed using Judging Rubric form CEC-2004 as a planning guide
- Event report limited to ten (10) single-sided pages, inclusive of all PDF attachments, using 12-point Arial or Times New Roman font
- Include a caption for each image

As you start to gather your Chapter Master (CMR) report information, consider selecting one of your commemorative events to nominate for the 2025 Outstanding Commemorative Event.

Reports are due to me by February 5th. My address is susanklein50@gmail.com

Conservation
Karen Bradway, Chair



Flooding, fish, and freshwater are all improving thanks to the collaborative work of Iowa's Nature Conservancy and their partners.

In 2008, days of heavy rain caused the Cedar River to flood, inundating downtown Cedar Rapids and displacing more than 18,000 residents.

No lives were lost in the disaster, but the flood illustrated the vulnerability of the second largest city in Iowa. The river crested at a record 31.12 feet, floodwaters swirled through more than 10 square miles of the city and firefighters used boats to rescue 423 people. An estimated 1,360 people ultimately lost their jobs.

Since that devastating deluge, the City of Cedar Rapids decided to proactively mitigate flood risk. They turned to The Nature Conservancy to help them diversify their protection strategies and make broad, landscape-scale changes to lessen the risk of future floods.

Follow this link to learn about the wonderful work that this partnership has done to reduce flooding and improve the water in and around Cedar Rapids!

<https://www.nature.org/en-us/about-us/where-we-work/united-states/iowa/stories-in-iowa/breathing-room-for-freshwater/>

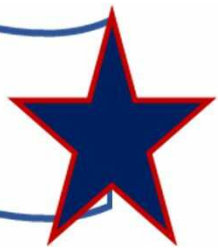
Literacy Promotion
Karen Stinson, Chair



Literacy Promotion National Contest Information

The National Literacy Contest is quickly approaching. The chapter to state chair deadline for any of the three contests is January 5th. If your chapter has done some wonderful work in literacy for your schools or communities, consider submitting the form, photos and documentation to the state chair, Karen Stinson, schoolgrantconsulting@yahoo.com before the January 5th deadline. Our literacy committee will read and evaluate entries and send them on to the Division Vice Chair. More information and forms for the contest can be found for the three categories of contests at our national website link under Literacy Promotion Committee.

DAR Scholarship
Jan Morgan, Chair



Each year the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) awards multiple scholarships to students showing dedication to the pursuit of higher education in diverse areas of study. All applications are submitted using the online portal <https://dar.academicworks.com> which opens November 1 and closes January 31 each year.

The Iowa Society offers 2 two scholarships. The ISDAR Scholarship and the Amelia Jenks Bloomer Scholarship. The criteria and the application process are the same for both scholarships. Your chapter may nominate only one student for each scholarship. You may nominate the same student for both scholarships if you wish. Attachment with application instructions and info.

Completed applications for Iowa Society scholarships are due to me (the Scholarship Chair) by January 15. Please check out the ISDAR page under the ISDAR website under scholarships or contact me at morganj_5@hotmail.com if you have any questions.

Jan Morgan, ISDAR scholarship chair

Dress Exchange
Marty Hansen, Chair



Part-time Help Wanted

The Dress Exchange at Spring Conference needs your help and you don't have to be a JMC member to do it.

If you have a few minutes during our breaks to stop by the tables to see if I need a helping hand or just a break, please stop by. It's really easy - just little training too.

Spring Conference will be here before we know it and we have all Winter to clean out our closets, drawers and storage places. Formal dresses, hats, "business" attire, jewelry, and purses & handbags are always welcomed!

See you in April!

E Pluribus Unum *Amy Sunleaf, Chair*

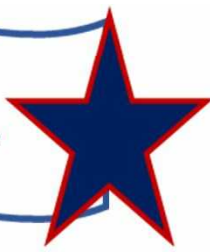


Every Monday, I post a forgotten patriot along with additional information on the Iowa DAR Facebook page. If you'd like a complete set of E Pluribus Unum cards, email me at lvh.dar@gmail.com and I'll send a pdf that you can print out for meetings or download for use in emails to members.

As of now, I have 8 pages of cards (see example of one of the pages below) and one page of references. I will continue to add more forgotten patriots as I find their stories.

<p><small>IOWA DAR E PLURIBUS UNUM COMMITTEE</small></p>  <p><i>Every one of Rebecca Tanner's five sons eventually fought during the Revolutionary War. And sadly, every one of them perished.</i></p> <p>Rebecca Tanner, a Mohegan from Montville, Connecticut, had two sons who fought in the Battle of Bunker Hill. The majority of Connecticut's Indigenous soldiers were from the Mohegan tribe. Despite the high emotional cost of war, most Indigenous people believed their contribution to American victory would improve their situation.</p>	<p><small>IOWA DAR E PLURIBUS UNUM COMMITTEE</small></p>  <p><i>An Irish immigrant and Pacifist turned Patriot spy, Lydia Barrington Darragh sent coded messages with her younger son to give to her eldest son who was part of the Continental Army.</i></p> <p>During the 1777 British occupation of Philadelphia, General Howe moved into a home across the street from the Darragh's. Soon after, he attempted to expand his headquarters into the Darragh house. With the aid of a second cousin who was serving in the British army, Lydia was able to convince Howe to permit the couple to remain in their home in exchange for allowing the British to use their parlor to meet in. Because they were pacifists, there was no suspicion that Lydia might be a spy. This allowed her to gather information about British activities, which her younger son passed along to her eldest son, Charles.</p>	<p><small>IOWA DAR E PLURIBUS UNUM COMMITTEE</small></p> <p><small>NEW HAMPSHIRE</small></p>  <p><small>PRESCOTT'S REGIMENT</small></p> <p><i>The Ashbow brothers (Samuel and John) enlisted in the American cause on May 10, 1775 and marched to Cambridge in Captain John Durkee's Company with Colonel Israel Putman's Regiment.</i></p> <p>After crossing onto the Charlestown Peninsula on June 17, twenty-two year old John was assigned to guard the Rail Fence, the site of the first two assaults by British troops attempting to flank the Americans and take the earthen fort on Breed's Hill. The line at the fence held firm and drove back the Regulars, inflicting horrific casualties upon them. John fought at the site with his brother, Samuel.</p>
<p>REBECCA TANNER</p> <p><small>IOWA DAR E PLURIBUS UNUM COMMITTEE</small></p>  <p><i>Early in the conflict, Tyonajanegan and her husband Han Yerry chose to side with the Patriots, as did the majority of the Oneida Nation.</i></p> <p>On August 2, 1777, Two Kettles Together carried word into the countryside that the British and their Native allies were surrounding Patriot-held Fort Schuyler. On August 6, 1777, Two Kettles Together, Han Yerry and their son Cornelius fought bravely at the Battle of Oriskany. She stood tall, fighting with two pistols. When a musket ball went through Han Yerry's wrist, Two Kettles loaded his gun for him so he could continue fighting.</p> <p>TYONAJANEGAN TWO KETTLES TOGETHER</p>	<p>LYDIA BARRINGTON DARRAGH</p> <p><small>IOWA DAR E PLURIBUS UNUM COMMITTEE</small></p>  <p><i>Chief Shenendoah was instrumental in the Oneidas' choice to side with the colonists during the Revolutionary War and ranks high among the Nation's most significant historical figures.</i></p> <p>Shenendoah was a hero of the War for Independence, wampum keeper of the Nation and the inaugurator of government-to-government agreements. He was given the name of "the white man's friend" by his fellow Indians. Shenendoah signed two treaties with the federal government. The first treaty, the Veteran's Treaty, recognized the Oneidas' sacrifices and their help during the Revolutionary War. The second was the 1794 Canandaigua Treaty which recognized Oneida sovereignty, land rights and tax freedoms.</p> <p>CHIEF SHENENDOAH</p>	<p>PRIVATE JOHN ASHBOW</p> <p><small>IOWA DAR E PLURIBUS UNUM COMMITTEE</small></p>  <p><i>According to Oneida oral tradition, Polly Cooper walked more than 400 miles from her home in Central New York to Valley Forge in the cruel winter and early spring of 1777-78 to help feed Gen. George Washington's starving troops.</i></p> <p>Desperate for food, starving soldiers tried to eat the uncooked white corn Polly Cooper and her fellow Oneidas brought with them. They stopped them, knowing that if they ate the raw corn it would swell in their stomachs and kill them. Polly taught the soldiers how to properly prepare and cook the white corn. She stayed to continue helping the troops even after the other Oneidas departed for their homelands. After the war, the Colonial Army tried to pay Polly Cooper for her valiant service, but she refused, stating that it was her duty to help her friends in their time of need.</p> <p>POLLY COOPER</p>

Good Citizens
Michelle Johnson, Chair



**DAR Good Citizens Essay
& Scholarship Report**

It is a busy time for those who are involved in the Good Citizens Essay and Scholarship!

High School Seniors that were chosen by their school to represent them and participated at the Chapter level, had their packets turned into the Chapter's Chairs by November 1st. Now, their essays and information will be passed on to Judges that will determine their Chapter's winner.



The next step in our process is that these winners will be forwarded on to their District's Good Citizens Vice-Chairs by December 1st to be judged in one of our four districts in Iowa. The District Vice Chairs are: NW: Landra McClellan, NE: Lucy Zeimet, SW: Jane Briley, SE: Heather Wells

The winner of each District will be sent/presented to me before January 1, 2026, and will be judged for our Good Citizens State Winner.

*A reminder to Chapter and District-Vice Chairs that when accepting anyone's packages, *original signatures* (meaning "live ink") are required on the Student Information Sheet (DGC-10). On the DAR Good Citizens Chair Instruction Sheet (DGC-1004), please pay particular attention to #16-#21 that states the need for *originals to be mailed/handed to, and not emailed copies*, be sent on to the next level for judging. Please make a copy of all the students' materials for you to keep, and mail/hand the originals to the District Vice Chair, then on to me, the State Chair by the deadlines. If you have any questions or concerns, *please do not hesitate to contact me*.

I look forward to reading our District Winners' essays and student information. We have thoughtful, hard-working student good citizens across the state of Iowa, let's applaud them!

Celebrating with you.

Michelle A. Johnson
ISDAR Good Citizens Chair

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



This State Committee Chair for Historic Preservation has been working closely with State Regent, Sarah Steinke, and State Vice Regent, Tiffany Hauptman, for the past several months on a project that we hope will excite and spur involvement in the ISDAR Chapters throughout the state. You may remember I mentioned this project in the Spring Newsletter. The story involved my husband and I taking an Iowa road trip to find the only DAR forest in Iowa located in Lake View, Iowa. I learned about the George Washington Memorial Forest from the NSDAR Historic Site and Properties Database. Planted in around 1932 at the encouragement of then President General Sarah Robert, I wanted to see if there were any of the original pine trees still growing there. With the help of a young Department of Natural Resources agent, we located the large granite boulder bearing the commemorative plaque. Showing its age and difficult to reach, the boulder called out for improvement. The forest itself has changed over the years, but still exists and is open to the public in the area between Arrowhead Lake and Blackhawk Lake.



So began my determination to get the ISDAR to restore the boulder and make it more accessible. I have secured the permission and co-operation of the Iowa DNR and the Lake View Historical Society. A committee, pictured with this article, has met and is willing to move forward with additional plans to encourage tree planting initiatives within the chapters throughout the state. There is much to do including getting NSDAR to approve the relocation of the boulder. Funding resources need to be investigated, and chapter involvement secured. It has been suggested that the Conservation and America 250 committees be included in the project.

I will continue to get updated information out to the chapters, but it would help me considerably if chapters would contact me with names of members interested in joining this project. Please email me at [cjasa2025@gmail](mailto:cjasa2025@gmail.com) or call me at **515-314-9638**.



Front row : Karla Kasper, Karla Wright
Denise Hamilton, Charlotte Janeczko, Donna Wenzl, Kristine Bartley

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



**The Leadership Training Committee is proud to
announce the following course graduates.**



Update for the Members Course since April 2025:

Five members have graduated from the Members course since the spring conference:

Abigail Adams - Pat Barry; Jean Marie Cardinell - Jeannette Bodermann and Marty Hansen; Anna Maria Lane - Kathy Paul and Camp Dodge - Pam Wall.

Four members are currently enrolled and progressing in the Members Course.

Update for the Committee Leaders Course:

Three members have graduated from the Committee Leaders course this year.

Abigail Adams - Pat Barry; Jean Marie Cardinell - Marty Hansen; and Camp Dodge - Jennifer Ewing.

Currently, nine members are enrolled in the Committee Leaders course with three nearly finished with their Chapter Service Project.

Update for the Committee Leaders Course:

Currently, eight members are enrolled in the New Horizons course with one almost finished with her Capstone Project.

These numbers are impressive but we on the Leadership Training Committee strongly encourage all daughters to consider taking one or more of the courses. It pays to mention again that NSDAR does pay attention to the daughters who have completed the available training courses offered. This includes the three Leadership Training courses as well as the many GEP courses. The future of NSDAR depends on having daughters who have invested in improving their skills and knowledge to help move us into the future. Staff at National will increasingly look to the DOC (Daughter's Online Community) to find future leaders. That process has already started. Remember, these courses are all free to you and are easily accessible. All three state Leadership Training Committee members are eager to provide any assistance you need to complete these courses. So, reach out to the two program coordinators to sign up.

For inquiries regarding the Members Course, contact Dianne Chadwick
(diannechadwickdar@gmail.com) Program Coordinator for that course.

For inquiries regarding both the Committee Leaders Course and the New Horizons Course, contact Terri Toppler (darth5mom@aol.com) Program Coordinator for those two courses.

For general Leadership Training Committee questions, feel free to contact me, Sharleen Newton (twinbabya@mchsi.com)

Remember: you, your chapter and NSDAR will benefit from well-trained members.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharleen Heer Newton, Chair, Leadership Training Committee

Library Outreach
Joy Bahnemann, Chair



The ISDAR Fall Forum sparked new and growing interest in Library Outreach such that all Chapters “upped the ante” in active support of the NSDAR Library. **Attendees at the Fall Forum donated their coins and bills, allowing us to purchase one book from the NSDAR Library Wish List. The book is inscribed and attributed to the “Attendees of the ISDAR Fall Forum.”**

Since then, the Southeast District Chapters pooled their resources and donated \$60 for two additional books for the NSDAR Library. The *Abigail Adams Chapter* purchased three books from the *Wish List*, and the *Hannah Lee Chapter* in Northeast IA also acquired a *Wish List* book with their \$60 donation. Please remember that National gives chapters one book point for each item purchased from the Library *Wish List*. This point is reported on the Chapter Master Report (CMR) and used to highlight individual and chapter activities, service, and contributions.

Chloe Meyer, the National Chair of the Library Outreach Committee, has introduced a “Librarian Thank You Kit” that can be used to celebrate a librarian in your community. The kit provides suggestions with sample pictures and a ready-to-print thank you letter that you can use to celebrate “High Five a Librarian Day.” Click on the following link to learn more about it.

<https://community.dar.org/discussion/graphic-for-nov-18-high-five-a-librarian-day>

The latest trend in Library administration is to use Artificial Intelligence (AI) applications to select reading and research materials that meet the individual needs and interests of their customer base. AI also makes it easier for students and users to search for detailed and specific information sources to help with school, business, and family research. It offers exciting potential for genealogy and lineage research, so keep it in mind when investigating ancestry histories for DAR applications and supplementals.

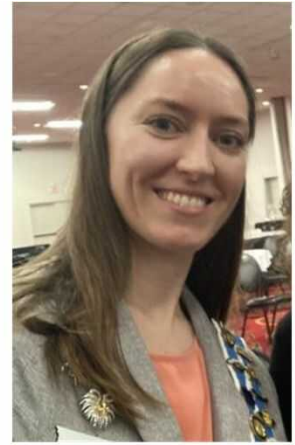
Is your Chapter looking for ways to participate in the celebration of ***America 250***? If so, encourage your members to get involved in the activities of your local library. In preparing for the celebration, check to see if your library has a sufficient collection of children's and adult books about the Revolutionary War. If your search suggests the need for more educational material about our nation's fight for liberty and independence, consider donating a book or two to fill the gaps.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Joy Bahnemann, Chair

joybahnemann@gmail.com

Master Reports
Briana Johnson, Chair



2025 Chapter Master Report (CMR)

It's that time of year again! Designate some power hours, brew some coffee, and invite your fellow daughters... it does take time to report on every committee, but the CMR is a great way to record and recognize chapter and individual achievements!

Here's what you need to know:

- The reporting period for chapter activities and donations is from January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025.
- The Official Membership Count is determined on January 1 each year and will be automatically entered.
- The Official Membership Count for the President General's Project is taken January 1, 2026, and will remain the same throughout the current Administration.
- Send photos to State Chairmen, and NOT through the CMR.
- Activities that pertain to multiple committees should be "double-dipped" and recorded in multiple committees.
- Document members by name, who participate in a committee individually, in the remarks sections. State chairmen are encouraged to recognize chapters and individuals with certificates!
- There are CMR webinars you can view on the DAR Leadership Training Committee webpage if you would like more help.
- You may print a copy of your CMR for chapter records.

Find the CMR & your PIN:

<https://www.dar.org/CMR>, or

eMembership website (<https://emembership.dar.org>) under:

Updates >> Chapter Master Report (CMR) >> listed under "My Chapter Summary"

Deadline: February 1, 2026

Merry Christmas and Happy Reporting!

Briana Johnson

ISDAR Master Reports Committee Chairman

Project Patriot
Teri Miller, Chair



**DAR PROJECT PATRIOT
ILLUMINATES OUR LEGACY
By Supporting our Nation's
Military!**



This committee encourages chapters and individuals to support our active duty military and their families through national, state, and chapter or individual levels. New and current projects can be found on the national website at <https://www.dar.org/members/committees/service-committees/dar-project-patriot/additional-projects>.

For Wish Lists and helpful templates, please see <https://www.dar.org/members/committees/special-committees/dar-project-patriot/forms>.

Teri Miller
State Chair DAR Project Committee
Email: gtmiller@netins.net
Cell: 605-391-1491

Speciality Research
Gail Bonath, Chair



The Specialty Research Committee assists chapters with applications for prospective members of underrepresented groups including persons of African American, Dutch, French, French Canadian, Jewish, Native American, Spanish, and Melungeon heritage and female patriots.

If you need help in one of these areas, please contact me and I will connect you with the proper specialists.

Gail Bonath
gailbonath@gmail.com



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



I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to all the Iowa Daughters who placed Missing Man Tables in their local eateries during Veterans Day week. Your efforts ensured that we honored and remember them. *The photo included says it all, "Lest We Forget."* Photo by Dianna Baker Hoye (Jean Cardinell Chapter)

A special thank-you goes to the Abigail Adams Chapter and the Jean Marie Cardinell Chapter for making Veterans Day especially memorable during the recognition program at Prairie Meadows Casino. We joined other service organizations to honor veterans, hand out patriotic swag and treats, and there was a beautiful ceremony dedicated to those who have served. The casino was full, and the day was both fun and deeply meaningful.

As we move into this time of year, I encourage each chapter to submit nominations for the **Outstanding Veteran Volunteer Award**, **Outstanding Youth Volunteer Award**, and the **DAR Service for Veterans Award**. All instructions and details are available on the National Website under the Service for Veterans webpage. Please ensure nominations reach me by **December 15th**. If you have any questions, I'm always happy to help. We are fortunate here in Iowa to have so many deserving candidates.

Wishing you all the happiest of holidays.

Jeanne McMillan

Service for Veterans State Chair



***DAR VAVS Representative
Eastern Iowa - Iowa City
Joyce Mandel***



VA



U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs

Serving VETERANS in Eastern Iowa – Donate Blood

Any day is the ideal day to act upon a core value of the NSDAR – support our active-duty military and veterans!

Donating blood is a simple and meaningful way to support local patients, including veterans in need of transfusions, while showing appreciation for their service.

ImpactLife proudly supplies blood to the Iowa VA Health Care System in Iowa City, so local donations may help support those who have served our country.

From this link, you'll be able to find the ImpactLife donation center in eastern Iowa that is most convenient to you and also make your appointment for a blood donation!

<https://www.bloodcenter.org/donate/locations/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 other 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>

To volunteer or understand current donation needs, visit this webpage:
<https://www.va.gov/iowa-city-health-care/work-with-us/volunteer-or-donate/>

Or contact me directly at darvavsic@gmail.com

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Mandel
DAR VAVS Representative
Iowa City VA Health Care System
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***DAR VAVS Representative
Center for Development & Civic Engagement
VA Central Iowa Health Center
Jeanne McMillan, Representative
Joanne Tinker, Deputy***



I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to all the Iowa Daughters within the VA Central Iowa Health Care System catchment area who continue to support the Health Center.

The VA Central Iowa Health Care System serves hundreds of Iowa Veterans and is continually in need of community support. Thanks to your generosity, we are once again able to provide Project Shoebox gifts, building sets and model kits, for the VA Homeless Veterans Holiday Gathering on December 4.

This year, the Abigail Adams Chapter will be serving at the Women Veterans Holiday Breakfast on December 6, held on the VA Health Center campus. In addition, several DAR members have volunteered to donate gifts to Veterans and Veteran families in need, of which, this year, there are many.

A heartfelt thank you to those who give their time by volunteering at the VA. The need for volunteers is ongoing, and there are a variety of roles available. If you are interested in serving, please contact the Voluntary Services Department for more information.

Included in this newsletter is the current VA needs list, which is especially full during the holiday season.

Below is a photo of Linda Hatch, Chapter Regent of the Grinnell Chapter, playing Santa as she delivers Shoebox Gifts.

*Jeanne McMillan,
VA Central Iowa VAVS Rep*



Donation Information



The VA Central Iowa Health Care System sincerely appreciates your donations, which will be utilized to enhance the quality of life for residents living at our facility. All donations received directly benefit over +150 inpatient and +67,000 Veterans within Central Iowa.

Please read this form thoroughly to ensure we are able to accept your donation.

Priority Need – ADA Passenger Van for VTN

Resident Clothing Needs

We can only accept new items (Primarily need size M-4X)

- Long Sleeved shirts
- Military ball caps (new)
- Tennis shoes (men's sizes 10.5 - 13)
- XL Boxers/briefs
- Men's shoes with Velcro
- Slip on shoes all sizes
- Duffle Bags
- Sweatpants / Sweatshirts (M – 2XL) 20 each open bottom
- Men's & women's pullover and zip up sweatshirts
- Zip-up sweatshirt- M,L,XL – 6 each

Resident Activity Needs

- Simple snap-on models
- Paint or color by numbers
- New batting/stuffing
- Model car kits
- Solid color fabric
- Acrylic Paints
- Framed canvas (various sizes)
- Memory journal with prompts

Branch of Service clothing, blankets, hats, and insulated mugs are residents favorite items.

Resident Personal Care items:

We do not accept partially used or travel size items

- Hair brushes
- Men's 3 in 1 body wash
- Denture Care items (Cleanser, Adhesives, wipes, toothpaste)
- Body lotion
- Electric razors
- Hair Gel
- Cologne and perfume (cannot contain alcohol)
- Men's & Women's deodorant

Resident Recreation

- Handheld electronic games
- Cribbage board
- Dice games (Yahtzee, Boggle, ect)
- Digital Alarm Clock (with large numbers)

Resident Snacks

- Candy bars – Full and Snack size
- Individually wrapped snack items (Little Debbie's, etc.)
- Low calorie snacks
- Granola Bars
- Swiss Cakes
- Cup of Noodles
- Mac and Cheese in a cup
- Cans / bottles of soda
- Pudding (variety pack)
- Crackers
- Single serving fruit cups
- Snack bars / chips
- Word search / crossword puzzles
- Adult coloring books
- Automatic card shuffler
- Portable radios
- Wireless headphones
- Forever postage stamps
- Books (No westerns or Romance)
- Picture frames (popular sizes 18X24, 12X16, 8X10)

Sponsor an ice cream social, or special resident meal (example: pizza or BBQ)

Not needed at this time: Lap Quilts, Afghans/blankets/crochet; Jigsaw Puzzles; socks; stocking hats.

Current as of November 5, 2025

Monetary Funds

Patient Holiday Fund. Purpose: To support holiday gifts for veterans.

Horses For Heros. Purpose: Jester Park Equine Therapy (inpatient and outpatient)

Homeless Donations. Purpose: Requests for assistance to CRRC through CDCE.

General Purpose. Purpose: Supports General Needs “For the good of all Veterans.”

Recreation Fund. Purpose: This fund is used to purchase resident admission costs to all recreational outings such as to sporting events, movies, the zoo, and museums. This fund also supports our bowling and other recreational activities for Veterans.

Hospital Refreshments. Purpose: Used to provide hospital refreshments to Veterans.

Terrian Garden Maintenance. Purpose: Maintenance for our Terrain Gardens.

Chaplain Funds. Purpose: To support chaplain services within the facility.

Palliative Care. Purpose: To support Veterans within the palliative care services.

Canteen Books. Purpose: Requests from our social work services to provide Veterans in need the ability to purchase goods and food within our Canteen store.

Center for Development and Civic Engagement does not assign value to In-Kind donations. It is up to the donor to assign value based on receipts or purchasing invoices.

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.

How to Donate

Before dropping off your donation, we kindly ask that you CDCE (Voluntary Services) at 515-699-5818 or through email at VHACIHHVoluntary@va.gov. For all monetary donations, please make checks payable to VACIHCS and include which fund you would like this to go to. For all donations, please include a note with the name of the person, group or organization donating, a complete address and phone number. Monetary donations are always welcome, please see the other side for details on each account.

Center for Development and Civic Engagement

VA Central Iowa Health Care System, 3600 30th Street, Des Moines IA 50310 ATTN (135)

Phone (515)-699-5818 or Email: VHACIHHVoluntary@va.gov

Volunteer Information Specialist

***Amy Sunleaf &
Linda Van Niewaal Co-Chair***



The National Chairman of Volunteer Information Specialists has set a goal to increase participation in the VIS Community on the DOC. She would like to have each chapter add at least to at least two new members before December 31. Please consider joining!



The Volunteer Information Specialists (VIS) Committee is *excited* to announce the *be VISIONary* Campaign & Contest!

Under the Storage Administration, we are initiating the *be VISIONary* campaign and contest which aims to **increase membership engagement and participation** in the **VIS Community on the Daughters Online Community (DOC)**.

Objective: Achieve a **50% increase** in membership (to 1,500 members) engaged on the **VIS Community on the Daughters Online Community (DOC)** by **December 31, 2025**.

Commitment: Each State VIS Chair and DVC will work with every chapter to encourage at least **2 members per chapter** to join the **VIS Community on the Daughters Online Community (DOC)** by **December 31, 2025**.

Recognition: The Chapters, state VIS Chairs and DVCs demonstrating the highest increase in engagement will receive the **National *be VISIONary* Certificate**.



For contest news you can use, find it on the DOC!

**Are you ready to
*be VISIONary?***

Volunteer Genealogist
Carolyn DeLay, Chair



Let's beat a dead horse.

**Pick up your horse and stick (toothpick) and
altogether beat the horse.**

We are going to talk about the PMD list. Let's hear the groan!

If you don't understand the PMD, I have handouts, PowerPoint instructions, or can give ANOTHER workshop or Zoom meeting now that the cold weather is coming. But that is not what I want to talk about specifically right now, but it is related. It is the "C" word – Communication, Contact, Caring.

Let's beat another dead horse! Let's make our Prospective members and Chapter Members feel welcome. Pick one way, or perhaps two to Contact and Communicate with them showing we care.

How do we do that? Let's beat this dead horse.

We all have gone over the ideas to cover this at one time or another. These aren't new ideas. Look at the DAR communities online or Facebook. Join them and see what ideas might be available. This applies to everyone, whether you are a Regent, Registrar, Volunteer Genealogist, or a member. If you don't use them - the ideas, you will lose them – the members/Prospective members. Contact them now or they WILL leave. Show you care.

Everyone is welcome in DAR! It isn't just for officers or committee chairs. We are all members of DAR and have ideas to share and questions to ask. Together, we can share wonderful, welcoming activities; energetic ways to attract new members; and inspiring ideas to energize and retain current members as we make new DAR friends and share our love of service. Reenergize your membership and your chapter.

Let your chapter be a place where everybody knows your name.

Carolyn DeLay,
Volunteer Genealogy State Chair

Across the State

Abigail Adams

Submitted by Susan B. Klein



Iowa Historical Building Display

Abigail Adams started the 250th celebration by hosting the Battlefield Trust Traveling American Revolution Exhibit display at the Iowa Historical Building, September 27- October 11. The public was invited to visit and a reception for the public was held on October 4 followed by our chapter meeting on October 11th at the display. *1182 people viewed the display.*



Chapter members in front of the American Revolution Experience traveling exhibit, and the Abigail Adams America250! banner.

Veterans Services Chair, Jeanne McMillan, and SAR member Mike Rowley at the Exhibit Open House on October 4th.



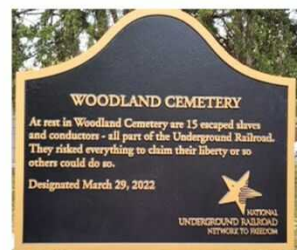
National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Celebration

Woodland Cemetery in Des Moines was added to the National Park Service's Network to Freedom. The designation, celebrated during an Oct. 25 ceremony, featured the unveiling of a commemorative marker that recognizes the final resting place of 15 Underground Railroad freedom seekers and operatives. The Abigail Adams Chapter of NSDAR purchased the marker. Our chapter has also placed an America 250th Patriot Plaque in the cemetery, June 2024 and led a campaign for Baby Hill Markers in 2017.



Chapter members attending the event

The National Park Service's Network to Freedom program honors, preserves and promotes the history of resistance to enslavement through escape and flight. There are more than 800 recognized Underground Railroad sites across the United States.



Marker at Woodland Cemetery Front Gate

In 2020, the West Des Moines Historical Society took over research on the site from the Forever Free Pilot Mentoring Project, an initiative started by a Nebraska high school teacher. Ricki King, a local genealogy researcher, worked with a Drake University Graduate student and the

WDM Historical Society to complete the needed documentation and application. Speakers at the event included Iowa State Representative Rob Johnson, SAR member Mike Rowley, Abigail Adams member and Des Moines City Cemetery Advisory Committee member Kristine Barley, WDM Historical Society Gale Brubaker, and Ricki King. Regent Pat Barry was mistress of Ceremony. Woodland Cemetery was never a segregated cemetery and has more Civil War veterans of color than any other Iowa cemetery west of Keokuk according to Mr. Rowley.



Pat Barry, Chapter Regent; Gale Brubaker, WDM Historical Society; Ganesh Ganpat, DSM Parks Cemetery Supervisor; Ricki King, researcher

Across the State Algona

Submitted by Karen Meurer



Hello ISDAR DARlings, from the Algona Chapter

We wrapped up hosting the American Revolution Experience Exhibit on October 24, 2025. Our Chapter, the Algona Public Library & the Battlefield Trust were excited to have featured the American Revolution Experience at the



Algona Public Library with an open House on October 14, 2025. The innovative pop-up exhibition included 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 a nation. Members hosted a refreshment table plus displays of Constitution Week; Good Citizens Winners over the years; Algona Chapter Memorials; and Member Patriot Reports. A board of our Members & their Patriots (1924-2025) showcased all our ancestors and especially patriots Alexander Hamilton and John Adams. Big hits for all.



We were happy to have had 7 school classes attend and share the exhibit with them. Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Meurer reenacted Patriots from the American Revolution showing clothes of the period and Indian artifacts. Members hosted a refreshment table plus displays of Constitution Week; Good Citizens Winners over the years; Algona Chapter Memorials; and Member Patriot Reports. A board of our Members & their Patriots (1924-2025) showcased all our ancestors and especially patriots Alexander Hamilton and John Adams. Big hits for all. We appreciated the community's feedback being overwhelmingly positive, with many expressing how much time was spent and learned from the experience. The Algona Library took a door count of 352 attendees. Mary Thunhorst NW District Director and sisters from surrounding chapters joined us at the exhibit, many volunteering to sit with the exhibit. Special Thank You too all! It was a great afternoon and a great event.



Constitution Week posters & Mayors Proclamations were posted in 3 cities. We've had a busy fall having planted our 100th Anniversary / America 250 Memorial Burr Oak Tree at the Kossuth County Nature Center, Smith Lake, IA. October in Algona the DAR Scarecrow was one of over 30 scarecrows displayed in the Algona Chambers Fall Event and the Band Day Parade had two DAR cars in attendance. We mailed packages to Veterans; participated



in a For Veterans Business Open House; we took part in a Veterans Day School Assembly educating students; & we donated to the area Food Pantry. In November we celebrated Patrica Bilsborough's 91st Birthday.



**"Be a Shining Star"
"Illuminate Our Legacy"**

Across the State

Cedar Falls

Submitted by Lisa E. Lang



The fourth-grade class at Independence West Elementary enjoyed a Constitution lesson and then took part in *Bells Across America* with CFDAR Regent, Lisa E. Lang. The book, "Forgotten Founders: Black Patriots, Women Soldiers, and Other Thinkers and Heroes Who Shaped Early America" was given to West Elementary and St. John's

Elementary along with a lesson plan for Constitution Week.

The Cedar Falls Chapter marked the DAR National Day of Service at their October meeting by hosting a "baby shower" for Wee Care a division of Love, INC in the Cedar Valley area. We collected much-needed baby items along with other essential household supplies to support local families.



In addition, the chapter completed its annual *Service in Seconds* project by assembling 100 bags filled with goodies and a handwritten thank you note for First Responders Day. It was a wonderful day of service and giving back to the community.

In honor of Veterans Day, members of the chapter shared approximately 200 "Proud Veteran" posters with friends, family and members of the community. We enjoyed recognizing and thanking the many veterans who served our country and reminded them that their service was deeply appreciated.



Ladies Assembling Gift Bags photo has Lynette Cline, Rebecca Schildroth and Louise Starkey in front with Heidi Warrington, Carla Low n and Nancy Anderson in the back assembling the gift bags for First Responders



Service In Seconds photo has chapter member, Nancy Kerns presenting gift bags to EMS/Firefighters from Wellsburg, IA



ISDAR State Corresponding Secretary, Debbie Crawford presenting her husband who is a veteran, one of the Proud Veteran posters.

Across the State

Council Bluffs

Submitted by Donna Knight



The September chapter meeting was held in Walnut Iowa. Karen Hansen, Chapter Chairman of the Community Service Awards, presented awards to Rhonda Hope of Avoca and DAR member Cindy Pittz of Missouri Valley. Rhonda, a State Farm agent, received a \$5,000 grant from State Farm after submitting 100 good deeds she had accomplished, earning recognition as one of the top 100 agents nationwide. She generously donated her prize money to the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts of Avoca.

Cindy organized an Earth Day Celebration at Sawmill Hollow Organic Farm for local schoolchildren. The event featured various enjoyable and educational activities, including kite making and flying, a frog jumping contest, lessons on Loess Hills soil and conservation, and opportunities to learn about raptor recovery.



**Rhonda is in the left and Cindy the right
you can tell Karen is in both of them**



A group of women traveled to Avoca, Iowa for the October meeting. In conjunction with Chapters Day of Service, the group assembled gift bags for veterans. Sabra Mackey delivered 39 gift bags to veterans at Douglas County Health Center on Veterans Day. Additionally, members collaborated with the Glenwood Chapter's Day of Service to prepare additional gift bags for veterans at Primrose in Council Bluffs. On the day prior to Veterans Day, Donna Knight and Pam Manning from the Glenwood chapter delivered 19 gift bags and met with the veterans at Primrose.

Members of the chapter continued their longstanding tradition of decorating a tree at the Historic Dodge House in Council Bluffs. This year, they were joined by Pam Manning from the Glenwood chapter. Jan Ehrens, our Chapter Chairman for Dodge House relations, once again excelled in overseeing the decorations. The chapter's display commemorates the 250th anniversary.



Left front Pam Manning, Julie Ryan

On the right front Sabra Mackey back Terri Ehrman

Across the State Glenwood

Submitted by Donna Knight



We remember Lana Coddington White, who was a devoted member of our Chapter for 30 years. She served as the Chapter's First Vice Regent from 2005 to 2006, Historian from 2010 to 2016, and Treasurer from 2016 to 2025. Both her mother and aunt were also DAR members. Lana passed away on August 13, 2025.



To commemorate Constitution Week, Pam Manning organized an impressive display at the retirement home in Council Bluffs. The facility has a dedicated space for veterans, where Pam showcased pocket constitutions and even arranged for George to be present.



On October 5th, the Chapter welcomed its newest member, Lynne Freemyer, whose ancestor is Ulrich Showberger. We extend our sincere appreciation to the Iowa Volunteer Genes for their valuable assistance.

The Chapter's Day of Service took place on November 4th at the Glenwood Library. Members of the chapter assembled the remaining gift bags needed for veterans residing at Primrose in Council Bluffs. This year, the chapter collaborated with the Council Bluffs chapter, and together they provided a total of 19 gift bags. The bags were delivered on the day before Veterans Day by Pam Manning and Associate Member Donna Knight. During the visit, Pam's dog Jet accompanied them and interacted with the veterans.



Across the State

Grinnell

Submitted by Gail Bonath



In September Grinnell Chapter enjoyed a program presented by Jeanne McMillan on her roles as DAR Service for Veterans State Chair and DAR Flag of the U.S.A. National Chair. In October for their National Day of Service project, chapter members put together eleven shoe boxes for homeless veterans and delivered them to Jeanne for the Des Moines Veterans Affairs Community Resource Center.



**Linda Hatch, Chapter Regent
of the Grinnell Chapter,
playing Santa as she delivers
Shoebox Gifts.**



**It was a chilly rainy morning, but it was
a lovely Veterans Day wreath laying.
Thanks to all who braved the weather!
Saturday, November 8th
Iowa Veterans Cemetery Adel, Iowa**



Across the State

Hannah Lee

Submitted by Peggy Harvey



Valerie Pecinovsky, Vice Regent of the Hannah Lee Chapter presented to Mr. Bill Ondrashek, Commander and Mrs. Pamela Novotny, Adjutant of the American Legion Post 605 located in Protivin, IA **with a new 5x8 American Flag which will be displayed at the new construction of their Veterans Memorial.** The old site has been taken down and the new stones, flagpole, benches, shrubbery and wall with representation of each military branch along with the names of all the men and woman who have served from the area will be engraved and an etching of an American flag draping across the front of the wall will be in color. The walking stones that are also to be added will be red, white and blue.



Lyle Thorne, CAR member, grandson of Vice Regent Valerie Pecinovsky, assisted her in counting all her lap quilts and scarves she has crocheted since April for the Veterans at the VA Hospital in Des Moines, IA. Valerie Pecinovsky **delivers her stash of 35 scarfs and 3 lap quilts to the Des Moines VA, September 5, 2025.** Eddie Gutierrez and Travis Huckaby from the Volunteers office at the VA Hospital accepted them and will distribute them according to patient needs.



Hannah Lee Chapter continued our annual tradition of filling bags for Constitution Week. Our members assembled and delivered 1217 bags for 20 different schools in the five northeast counties: Allamakee, Clayton, Fayette, Howard, and Winneshiek. This year DAR recognizes the 70th Anniversary of Constitution Week. Jill and Valerie participated in the Constitution Parade in Decorah, IA on September 20.

Hannah Lee members sewed and stuffed 100 Christmas Stockings with goodies and packed them in 15 boxes to be mailed overseas for military men and women who will not be home for the holidays.



For the DAR Day of Service project this year, Hannah Lee members cleaned Veterans tombstones in the Oak Lawn Cemetery, Cresco, IA. Regent Joy Bahnemann, members Peggy Harvey, Reva Smock, Janet Haller, and prospective member Briena Burgin cleaned 13 Civil War Veterans tombstones for a total of 16 service hours. Thank you, Janet, for heading up this project!



Across the State

Henry Knox

Submitted by Anna Humeston



Henry Knox Chapter's Busy Season of Community Love and Fun!



The Henry Knox Chapter has been buzzing with activity over the past few months! From supporting our veterans to engaging in heartwarming community events, we've covered a lot of ground, all while having a blast!



We kicked things off by assembling 10 festive Veteran shoe boxes for the Homeless Christmas Party at the VA. It's always uplifting to spread some holiday cheer! Our members also got creative and decorated the display shelf at the local library for Constitution Week and Veterans' Day. The displays turned out beautifully, truly touching the hearts of everyone in the community.

In a wonderful show of appreciation, the Community Classroom Chairs presented a special recognition to Anne Gullion, a dedicated Special Education teacher from Knoxville North Star Elementary School. With 23 years of experience in elementary education, including second grade and special ed, Anne embodies the spirit of nurturing every child with encouragement and love. Our Chairs delivered multiple baskets filled with supplies, treats, and gifts to brighten her day!

But wait, there's more! We were thrilled to host the American Revolution Traveling Exhibit on November 19th, which included a touching ceremony open to the community. Attendees enjoyed a free concert by the Weary Ramblers and visited with a spokesman from Iowa PBS. The Des Moines Register even stopped by for an interview with the Ramblers, we'll see if we get a mention.

The ceremony showcased the posting of colors by the American Legion and other local veterans and featured a heartfelt moment for a recent veteran widow that brought tears to my eyes, that was a hard speech to give.

Mike Rowley was there in his garb and we borrowed a HUGE Betsy Ross flag from the SAR to use as a backdrop. It was a fantastic kickoff for the exhibit, which has received a warm reception.

And that's not all! Our members have been involved in countless activities, but I'll keep it brief. Just know that we've been busy, spreading joy, making connections, and having fun! Here's to more exciting adventures ahead for the Henry Knox Chapter!



Across the State ***Jean Marie Cardinell***

Submitted by Denise Baker Hamilton



JMC Members were engaged many activities this past Fall. Here are a few of the highlights:

Honoring Veterans on Veterans Day with Missing Man tables

On Veterans Day, chapter members volunteered to set up five “**Missing Man**” tables in partnership with **Jethro’s BBQ**. These tables serve as a reminder of the sacrifice of our veterans and honors those veterans who are missing from their family and friends tables. Thank you **Marty Hansen, Judy White, Joyce McDonnell and Dianna Baker Hoyer** for volunteering to set up these reminders.



Home for the Holidays at the Jordan House in West Des Moines

JMC members once again volunteered to decorate the **historic Jordan House** for the holidays. This year the decorating team chose the **Formal Dining Room and East Foyer/Staircase**.

Please consider attending **Home for the Holidays at the Jordan House** the weekend of **December 6** and **vote for your favorite room!** Thank you to **Dianne Chadwick, Karma Wanamaker, Lucinda**

Stine, Marilyn Rittel, Naomi Bowler, Pam Nelson, and Dianna Baker Hoyer for volunteering to decorate this special place.

Welcoming New Members with Coffee & Conversation

The Membership Committee, **Joyce McDonnell** and **Jeanette Bodermann**, coordinated a delightful **New Member Coffee** hosted by JMC member **Judy White** at her lovely home. Invited were chapter officers and all new 2025 members through October. The turnout was wonderful. New members enjoyed asking questions in an informal setting, while everyone shared fellowship over delicious treats.

This gathering was a meaningful way to celebrate our chapter’s growth, strengthen bonds, and ensure our newest Daughters feel supported and engaged.



Six New Daughters to Close the Year!

The Jean Marie Cardinell Chapter is closing out this calendar year with a remarkable achievement: six new women will soon be called “Daughters” with their applications recently verified. This brings our total to **16 new members in 2025**—a record of growth and enthusiasm!

Special thanks go to **Donna Wenzl, Registrar**, and the **dedicated Lineage Committee—Dianne Chadwick, Debbie Jorgenson, Lucinda Stine, and Judy White**—for their tireless work in researching, drafting, and reviewing applications. Yet, this success belongs to every chapter member. Each time we share the story of DAR, we open the door for another woman to join in preserving history, promoting education, and celebrating patriotism. **Together, we are building a vibrant future while honoring the legacy of the past.**

Across the State Ladies of the Lake

Submitted by Mary Thunhorst



Our Day of Giving found us wrapping gift boxes for our local VA Center. With the donations that we gathered we were able to fill and wrap 25 gift boxes. We also added a personal Christmas card in each box signed by a member of our group. We gathered at the Iowa Lakes Community College in Spirit Lake, IA, for this project. The room was nice and spacious, allowing us to spread out amongst the tables of donations and walk around filling each box before wrapping them in Christmas paper.



Members doing the filling and wrapping were: Pokey Jensen, Maryanna Hubbard, Mary Chambers, DeNeitt VanDenBroeke, Colette Travis, Regent Mary Thunhorst, and Ellen Hanson, mother of three of our junior members.

Regent Thunhorst delivered the boxes to the Spirit Lake VA Center immediately after we finished.



Across the State ***Lawrence Van Hook***

Submitted by Amy Sunleaf



At our September meeting, U.S. Army veteran, Laura Eggers, gave the program which centered on women in the military. Laura served as a critical care nurse in Japan during the American War in Vietnam. She followed into service in the footsteps of her Great Aunt Johanna who served in the army nurse corps in World War I, Aunt Gertrude who served as an army nurse in World War II, and Aunt Elsie who served in the Cadet Nurse Corps. In addition to presenting at our September meeting, Laura has worked the Bender's Food Stand with us in 2024 and 2025, spoke at our Patriots Marker dedication, and curated a wonderful exhibit for the Army's 250th Anniversary that was on display during the reception. We presented Laura with an America 250! certificate and ribbon as well as one of our chapter's America 250! pins before adjourning the September meeting.



On October 11, members gathered at Dubuque's Carnegie-Stout Library to learn more about Little Free Libraries (LFL). In total, about a dozen LFL in Dubuque, Bellevue, and Bernard were restocked with about 50 books during the 2025 National DAR Day of Service.

(pictured Michelle T, Michelle J, Peggy T., Pam W, Amy S. and Lucy Z.)



During November's American Heritage Committee minute, we learned the history of cornhusk dolls. Members and PMs were then given materials and instructions for making our own doll to take home.

(pictured L-R back row: Michelle J., Linda H., Amy L., Amy S., Alice D., Shari J, Gloria J, and Pam W. Front row: Becky C., Andrea W., Michelle T., and Julie J.)⁵¹

Across the State Martha Washington

Submitted by Marta Nelson



September Application Workshop

Martha Washington Chapter sponsored a **Submission/Supplemental Workshop in September.**

Our presenters were Donna Knight, State Registrar, and Carolyn DeLay, Volunteer Genealogist State Chair.

These two ladies are a great team! They even met one-on-one on another day with one of our members who couldn't attend the workshop. Whether an experienced genealogist or a newbie, we all learned a lot about the application process.



Carolyn DeLay leading us through her PowerPoint



October Activities

America 250!

Our October program was presented by Theresa Weaver, Curator of Education for the Sioux City Museum. She spoke on the Museum's plans for commemorating America 250! during the coming year.



Theresa Weaver, Curator of Education for the Sioux City Museum

Our Day of Service recipient is again Support Siouxland Soldiers, a local organization that supports active-duty personnel and their families, veterans and survivors. We collected non-food items that will be distributed through their food pantry.



SUPPORT SIOUXLAND SOLDIERS
Supporting Veterans and Military Families

Across the State Mason City

Submitted by Diane Murphy



The Mason City Chapter has had a very busy summer and fall. We thought we would share some pictures from our activities and experiences.

In June we welcomed 2 new members: Jan Willeke and Pam Grove.



In August we welcomed State Regent Steinke to our meeting, and we also welcomed daughters from area chapters. It was wonderful to hear her speak about her experiences in DAR and how we can all get involved. We had a



Jan Willeke and Pam Grove

wonderful catered dinner, and our program was from the North Iowa Quilts of Valor group.



Kim Peters and Tammy Orte

In September we had a booth at the Veterans Stand Down in Mason City. We shared how we support veterans and we also distributed posters from the State Society of Iowa stating, "An Honored Veteran Lives Here". This was our first time at Stand Down. We met some wonderful vets and some potential new members. It was good to connect with other groups supporting veterans.



**Diane Murphy, Doug and Marcia Grabinski,
Nancy Marsh, Patty Oelberg**

In October we presented 2 Community Service Awards. This is our 3rd year with this award. Recipients were Doug and Marcia Grabinski of Clear Lake. They have actively volunteered in the Clear Lake community for the past 50 years, often in leadership positions.

Mason City Honor Guard

Also honored was The American Legion Post 101 Mason City Honor Guard which consists of 28 members from the VFW & VW Auxiliary, the American Legion, and the Marine Corps League. They perform military honors at 50-60 funerals per year in a 30-mile radius around Mason City.



Across the State Nathaniel Fellows

Submitted by Kaye Miller



Several Members of the Nathaniel Fellows Chapter, Iowa City, had the honor of serving our nation's disabled veterans September 7-12 in Riverside, Iowa, at the National Disabled Veterans Golf Clinic (NDVGC).



A note from:

Kaye (Fellows) Miller - Nathaniel Fellows Chapter-Regent

Recently I found some "treasure" in a family bible recently, and it has been accepted for gift donation into the NSDAR Museums Americana Collection.

The treasure is in the form of Continental Paper Currency-a 16 Shillings note, printed in Pennsylvania in 1775 by Hall and Sellers (Benjamin Franklin's printing business partners).

My father's family, the Fellows family, kept this in a family Bible.

I believe the 16 shillings currency was given to my Patriot, my fourth great-grandfather William Fellows, and he gave it to his grandson who kept the currency inside of his own Bible, which was passed down through the family line. With my family's permission, I contacted the DAR Library who was interested in receiving the Shillings Note. If you can believe it, the currency is still in fairly good shape! I will include some photos of it here, as well as a photo of the gift of acceptance letter from NSDAR into the Americana Collection.

Such a fun find!

My favorite part of the note is on the back side where it reads "To counterfeit is death!".

*Also, this was a great reminder to not give any old family books/bibles away without looking through them first!



National Society Daughters of the American Revolution
DAR Library
1776 D Street NW
Washington, DC 20006-5303

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Across the State ***Onawa***

Submitted by Lori Bermel



The Onawa Chapter enjoyed a busy November meeting!

The members have adopted two young teachers and their classrooms in support of the State Regent's project. They put together bags for each teacher that included their favorite snacks, teacher supplies, Kleenexes, wipes and other items for their classroom. Showing the teachers that



their hard work is appreciated and supported. Collecting puzzles for two

local nursing homes was the chapter's Service to America project this year.

The members collected over twenty puzzles for residents. They were distributed to the Accura HealthCare of Onawa, and the Pleasant View Nursing home in Whiting. A note was included that thanked all veteran residents for their service. When delivered the staff was so excited that the chapter had thought of them and knew the residents would greatly enjoy the puzzles.



Across the State ***Pilot Rock***

Submitted by Nancy Parrott



This display was made up of mementos from Pilot Rock Chapter. It was on display at the Sanford Museum in Cherokee along with the traveling American Revolution exhibit in September.



Pilot Rock Chapter had a guest day on October 4th. Special guests attending were Paige Perry, CAR State President and Lorene Mugge, Pilot Rock member celebrating her 90+ birthday. Lorene has been a DAR member since 1970! Paige spoke to us about her project "Knots of Love." A salad luncheon was enjoyed by guests and members.



Across the State

Priscilla Alden

Submitted by Mary Ealy



Priscilla Alden Chapter NSDAR served their community November 18th at Midwest Missions in Jefferson, Iowa by packing 40 school kits and 20 Personal dignity kits for distribution both domestically and abroad. The members also packed rice meals for Jamaica which is rebuilding after the hurricane. The chapter donated supplies for 20 personal dignity kits.



Mary Ealy, Marjorie Jurgensen, Canny Brandt, Elaine Deluhery



Illuminate Our Legacy

"Illuminate Our Legacy" with President General Virginia "Ginnie" Sebastian Storage's project pin! Each gold-plated pin will honor the contributions of all Patriots of the American Revolution, celebrate the remarkable women who created our National Society, celebrate America's 250th anniversary, and show our appreciation to our members, our staff and our donors.

Members who donate \$100 or more to the President General's Project are then eligible to purchase and wear this beautiful pin on the official DAR Insignia ribbon.

Across the State Revolutionary Dames



The Revolutionary Dames chapter is currently preparing to celebrate the holidays with a red-white-and-blue tree promoting DAR patriots on display at the Waverly-Wartburg

Festival of Trees from December 1st-9th in the Classroom Technology Center atrium, Wartburg College. On December 10th, we will move our tree to the upper lobby of the Waverly Area Veterans Post (WAVP), add a few more ornaments for each of the service branches and America's 250th and leave it there until our January meeting. We will also have a Classic Revolutionary Christmas vignette on display in CrawDaddy's west window for Waverly's Christmas on Main, December 11th from 6-8pm. Come and celebrate the season in Waverly!

Our ornament workshop in November was on a Friday, so members wore red to Remember Everyone Deployed. A copy of the photo was shared with the local newspaper. We also donated a framed copy of the Constitution to the WAVP for display in their Board room, where our chapter meets.

At our November meeting we signed thank-you-for-your-service cards which along with Proud Patriot Lives Here posters were handed out to veterans at the WAVP on Veterans Day.



In October some

members participated in a chapter field trip to Camp Dodge's Gold Star Military Museum where we were greeted by two of the members of the Camp Dodge Chapter, Susan Johnson and Karla Wright. Karla shared a wealth of information about the exhibit. Lively conversations were enjoyed before, during, and after viewing not only the traveling exhibit on the American Revolution but also the Military Museum's exhibits. Karla also gifted our Regent with three mobcaps and aprons (which we will use with our window for Christmas on Main).

Also, on October 10th our Project

Patriot chair put out an emergency request for donations to aid a service family impacted by the shutdown. On October 15th she mailed out everything shown along with a Fareway gift card, Walmart gift card and a Visa gift card. We also ended up with \$165 in cash so she turned that into another Visa gift card. The recipient was so grateful for our support and said just when she was running out of hope her hope has been restored.

And in September, for Constitution week the chapter donated a basket of Constitution items for the State Regent's Auction and a book on the signers of the Constitution to the Waverly Public library and both the Janesville and Waverly libraries had displays of books on the Constitution available. Interestingly, in the process of putting together their display, the Janesville library discovered they had a Braille copy of the Constitution. Also, in September, we submitted another application for membership and delivered 6 ISDAR Service Project, Teacher Survival Kit to 3 different districts' middle and high schools.



Submission Deadlines & Guidelines

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

Summer - May 30th - Saturday after Memorial Day

Fall - August 15th- before most Back to School dates

Winter - November 21st - the Saturday before Thanksgiving

These dates are subject to change

please view the ISDAR.org calendar for the current deadline

Submissions should be "ready to read," only light edits will be made

One page only and before deadline is recommended

Word format or text in the body of an email are accepted--no .pdf unless it's a form

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Please identify the subjects in the attached photos

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