



A. Iowa Service to America 2018 Goals:

1. Realize each Chapter's Online Tally reflect four and a half (4.5) volunteer hours recorded per month per Daughter per Chapter. (Your Chapter goal is listed above to the right.) This assures Iowa's proportional share to meet nineteen million hours during the Dillon Administration.
2. Educate members, who do not regularly attend Chapter meetings, the value of their services. Educate them to record these volunteer hours on the national Online Tally.
3. Publicize your member's service activities (locally, state and or nationally).

B. Tips to assist your Chapter Service to America efforts:

1. Designate someone to prompt recording of Service to America Online Tally hours. Coordinate monitoring with Chapter Regent or designated e-membership access officer. (E-membership access is necessary to obtain Chapter Online Tally input reports.)
2. Encourage a variety of members to briefly share their community service at meetings.
3. Recording Secretaries, please note in the minutes the sharing. A simple statement will suffice. You should acknowledge this recording in your annual CMR. (Only 51% of the Chapters noted this in the 2017 CMRs.)
4. Designate someone to save these comments for the CMR narrative. Save the sheets passed around at meetings to facilitate recording on the CMR.
5. Reach out to non-attending members. Explain Service to America volunteer purpose. Facilitate their Online Tally recording. This contact is a joint activity rather than that of the Chapter Regent or single designee.
6. Utilize by NSDAR Media Protocols (i.e. Have everyone annually sign a new form or have everyone sign on one form). See national website for current form.



7. Publicize locally, state-wide and nationally the nature of your Chapter volunteer activities. This supports Founder Eugenia Washington's statement, "We want a society founded on service." Samples of potential sharing are:
 - a. Locally---newspapers, radio, TV, and local bulletins/flyers.
 - b. Statewide---quarterly ISDAR newsletter.
 - c. Nationally---the bimonthly *Daughters* newsletter. See Today's DAR Blog by Elizabeth Partridge, DAR Magazine Publications Coordinator's January 31, 2018 copied below. This illustrates a free media opportunity.

While American Spirit complements the early American history featured in our DAR Museum and Library, its companion Daughters newsletter is a critical resource for members because it spotlights the work of the National Society and features the most exciting and timely of DAR activities across the nation.

The newsletter celebrates our organization's heritage while offering the latest news from Executive Officers and National Committee Chairs. Each issue also contains information related to headquarters, incorporating frequent updates from the Office of Development, The DAR Library, the DAR Museum, and Genealogy, including a list of new ancestors as they are accepted by the NSDAR Board of Management.

*Did you know that the Daughters newsletter is comprised of primarily local contributions? "With the Chapters" and "States Activities" are both popular features among our readers, and we encourage submissions. Has your chapter recently celebrated a milestone anniversary, presented an award to a deserving recipient or participated in an interesting service project? The *Daughters* newsletter is a great way to share this news. Your chapter's submission may provide inspiration for another chapter across the country—or even overseas!*

*Prior to 2001, chapters paid a fee to be featured in the *Daughters* newsletter. Today, each chapter is allowed one free submission per year—and yes, we do track them. Articles should be less than 200 words and approved by the Chapter Regent prior to submission. Keep in mind that articles will be edited for space, clarity and style. Email your chapter's article, along with a separate photo, to newsletter@dar.org. We love to receive them, and to read how your chapter is Moving Forward in Service to America.*



The "States Activities" guidelines are similar to those for "With the Chapters" submissions: articles should be less than 200 words and may be accompanied by a photo. This is a great opportunity for states to celebrate their efforts in historic preservation, education and patriotism.

As the National Society reaches toward 250,000 members by 2033 to celebrate America's 250th anniversary, the Daughters newsletter will be critical in illustrating the thousands of acts of service in which current members participate annually. Our publications are an effective way to enthuse and motivate members, and the Daughters newsletter enables readers to make connections by sharing projects, anniversaries, patriotic contributions, awards, ideas for committee initiatives, and so on. What better way to encourage a prospective member than by showing her the evidence of what DAR members accomplish at the chapter, state and national levels?

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The Daughter's Newsletter is free online at:

<https://www.dar.org/members/forms-publication-category/dnl>

C. Community Service...what to report and what not to report.

The NSDAR Service to America website, "**Meaningful community service**" is defined as any activity benefitting those outside of the chapter and DAR.

Members need to ask themselves these questions:

1. Does the service benefit someone in the community or the community at large?
2. Is the action one that is visible in the community?
3. Is the action one that benefits those outside of the member's family in any way?

If the answer to the above questions is yes, then this is community service!!

Listings of acceptable DAR and non-DAR community service hours are indicated on the website. When logged into the website as a member, go to Committees, Service to America. Click on "What is Meaningful Community Service" listed on the right. <https://www.dar.org/members/committees/special-committees/service-america/what-meaningful-community-service>



Some acceptable **DAR hours** are:

1. Working on DAR Indexing, Synching, DAR Genealogical Preservation, or Supporting Documentation Projects including the Patriots Project objective;
2. Conducting lineage workshops **open to the public** (not exclusively for prospective members or current members);
3. Volunteering on behalf of veterans (such as "poppy day" sales, stand downs, work in veterans homes and hospitals, compiling care packages to active duty personnel, welcoming home active duty personnel, etc.);
4. Collecting and mailing box tops, labels and clothes to the DAR schools;
5. Organizing community events and celebrations including Constitution Week activities;
6. Serving as a DAR/C.A.R. chapter/state/national officer or chairman (meeting preparation, arranging speakers, communication with members and chapters, Chapter Board meetings used for planning, etc.);
7. Speaking in DAR meetings and forums (chapter/district/state/National);
8. Volunteering as a Volunteer Information Specialist in support of chapters, states or the NSDAR;
9. Preparing chapter yearbooks and chapter newsletters including writing articles for these;
10. Creating and monitoring chapter websites, Facebook websites, etc.;
11. Participating in Chapter Development and Revitalization workshops, planning and meeting with chapters, giving presentations;
12. Paging at State Conferences and Continental Congress; and
13. All hours spent by chapter Regents in completion of the information on the Chapter Master Report (CMR).

Some DAR **chapter work which is NOT acceptable** as community service:

1. Attending DAR club meetings with no DAR work involved;
2. All travel to and from service projects and DAR meetings/events/etc.;
3. Making individual monetary contributions without any active service;
4. Participating in DAR webinars.

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