



COMMEMORATIVE EVENTS COMMITTEE

NSDAR Submission Form for Outstanding Chapter or State Report

Commemorative Event:

State

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Name of Chapter or State

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Commemorative Events Chair

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Chapters Chairman to send electronically to State Chairman for judging by **the state deadline**. State Chairman will send first place winners to their respective National Division Vice Chair for judging by **February 15th**. The National Division Vice Chair will judge their entries using the rubric and will send the Division 1st place winners to the respective National Vice Chair for each event by **March 15th**. National Vice Chairs will judge using the rubric and send report form to the National Chair by **April 5th**.

Signature of state chair

Date

The new member of the Anna Maria Lane chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Kathy Paul, wasted no time in making her mark in the community. With a passion for history and a desire to honor the legacy of the patriots who fought for American independence, Kathy took on the ambitious task of organizing and designing a float for the 2023 parade season.

With the help of local North Union High School art students, led by their art instructor Wava Jarr, Kathy Paul's vision began to take shape. The students, ranging from grades 10-12, dedicated their summer vacation to designing a center mural for the float. The mural, measuring 4 feet by 6 feet, depicted a Revolutionary Soldier with a cannon holding a 1776 flag. The artistry and skill of these young students brought the vision to life, and the mural was donated to the local DAR chapter to be used as the focal point for the float.

The inspiration for the float's design came from the Valley Forge Artillery National Park. The involvement of RaDann Dawson, Commander of the Swea City American Legion Post, in aiding the construction of the cannon highlights the collaborative efforts between different community organizations in bringing the float to fruition. A homemade cannon was constructed and equipped with cannonballs. Additionally, tombstones of the chapter patriots were enlarged and mounted, and a DAR bronze commemorative grave stake, holding a Betsy Ross flag, was placed at the site of six graves of DAR patriots. The inclusion of the names of DAR Patriots such as Comfort Johnson, Reuben Estes, Thomas Alvey, George Woltz, Jacob Petrie, and Andrew Rench. While many of the patriot graves had been lost to time, the chapter made sure to honor all members' patriots on a sign measuring 24 inches square, which serves as a poignant reminder of the importance of preserving historical legacies.

The sixteen foot float, driven by Ken McClellan, a prospective Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) member, made its debut after a lengthy rain delay on June 24 at the Swea City Fun Days in Swea City, Iowa. The perseverance and dedication exhibited in overcoming the challenges posed by the weather underscore the commitment of the community to commemorating and celebrating the nation's history. The float then participated in a second parade in Armstrong. The parade was live streamed by the Armstrong Journal. The float award winners were announced to community members in the Armstrong city park following the 4th of July parade. The Anna Maria Lane Chapter NSDAR won second place in the Organization category at the Independence Day parade in Armstrong, Iowa on July 4th. The chapter received \$100 and the Northwest District Director of Iowa, Shelley Wells, was in attendance to help celebrate. The distribution of 826 Betsy Ross flags over the two parades further highlights the impact and reach of the float in engaging and educating the community about the nation's history.

Social media influence was seen on local TV, X, Facebook, Instagram, and in the state DAR newsletter of Iowa Society.

The Daughters of the American Revolution were represented locally in the 2023 Independence Day parades for the first time, creating a historic moment in the community's history and building excitement for the upcoming 2026 Semiquincentennial. The community's participation in the celebration and remembrance of the country's history, along with the float's success, demonstrate the American Revolution's ongoing relevance and significance in forming the country's identity and values. The float's capacity to enthrall and educate the public about the nation's history emphasizes the enduring importance and influence of historical memory in shaping the values and sense of national identity of the country.

The efforts of Kathy Paul, the North Union High School art students, RaDann Dawson, Commander of Swea City Legion, Ken McClellan, prospective member of SAR, and the entire Anna Maria Lane chapter have not only brought recognition to the organization but have also honored the legacy of the patriots who fought for American independence. The float serves as a powerful reminder of the sacrifices made by those who came before us and will continue to inspire patriotism and pride in the community for years to come.

Independence Day Parade Float 2023 - Anna Maria Lane Chapter NSDAR

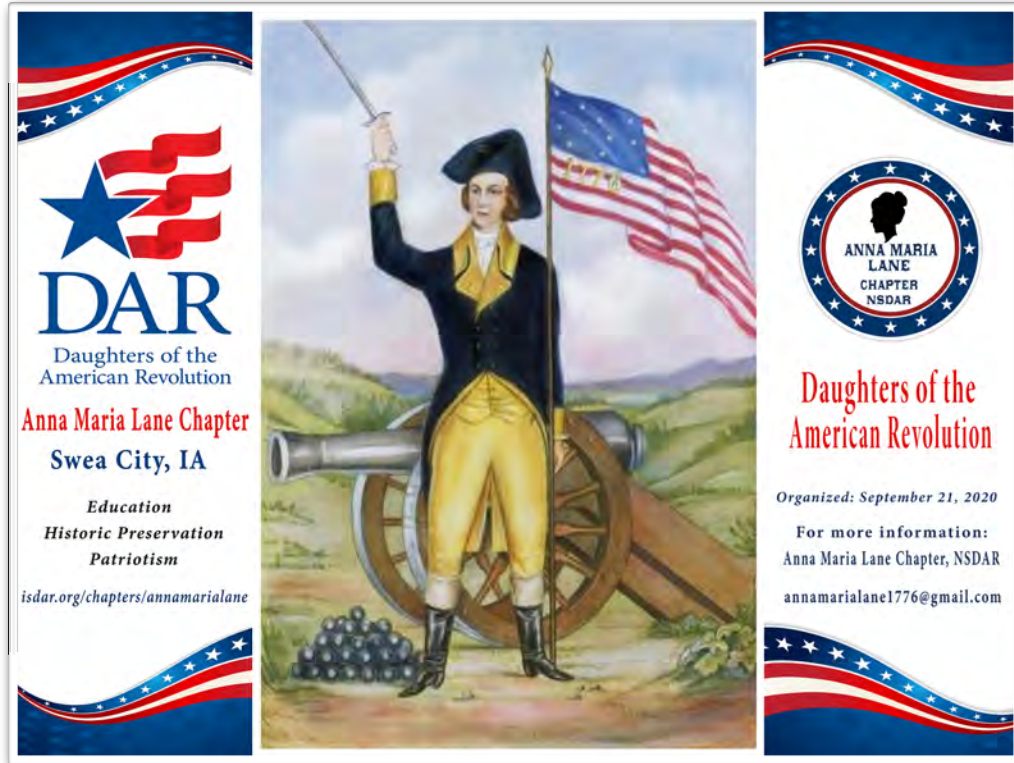


Front of the float with all the chapter patriots



Image to left is the back of the float. The Anna Maria Lane Chapter was organized September 21, 2020. This was the chapter's first debut into the community. The chapter helped bring awareness of the DAR mission by promoting historic preservation of all the chapter's patriots. Educating the community on what we do and showed a tremendous amount of patriotism by honoring the veterans of the Revolutionary War. The float encouraged participation from the North Union High School art class with their drawing of the Revolutionary War soldier that was located in the picture above. The float also showed pride and brought excitement for the upcoming 250th celebration.

Graphics of the Float



Front of float. Side vinyl panels 2' x 6' Middle panel designed by North Union High School art students grade 10-12 measures 4' x 6'



Back of float. The side vinyl panels are 2' x 6' and middle panel is 4x6.

Patriotic & Historical Impact



Northwest District Director Iowa, Shelley Wells, and Kathy Paul, Anna Maria Lane Chapter with smiles after winning \$100 for second place in the Organization division of the Armstrong, IA 4th of July parade.

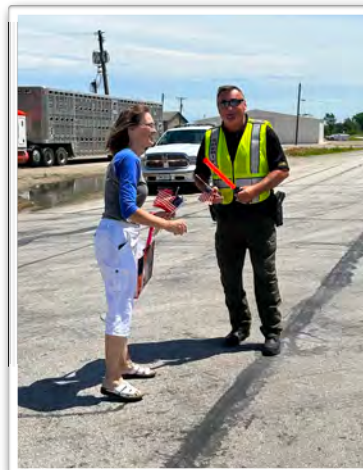


A closer look at the cannon construction and cannon balls. RaDann Dawson, commander of the Swea City Legion helped with construction of the cannon.

A replica of Revolutionary War graves were designed and displayed with DAR bronze grave marker and a Betsey Ross flag in the stake. Grave stones were in members files of their respective Revolutionary War patriot that was enlarged for display purposes. Valley Forge National Historical Artillery Park cannons were the inspiration the design and coloring of the cannon.



Sons of the American Revolution prospective member Ken McClellan was the driver of the Anna Maria Lane DAR float.



Kathy Paul takes time to honor and thank Roger Fisher, Kossuth County Sheriff with a Betsey Ross flag.

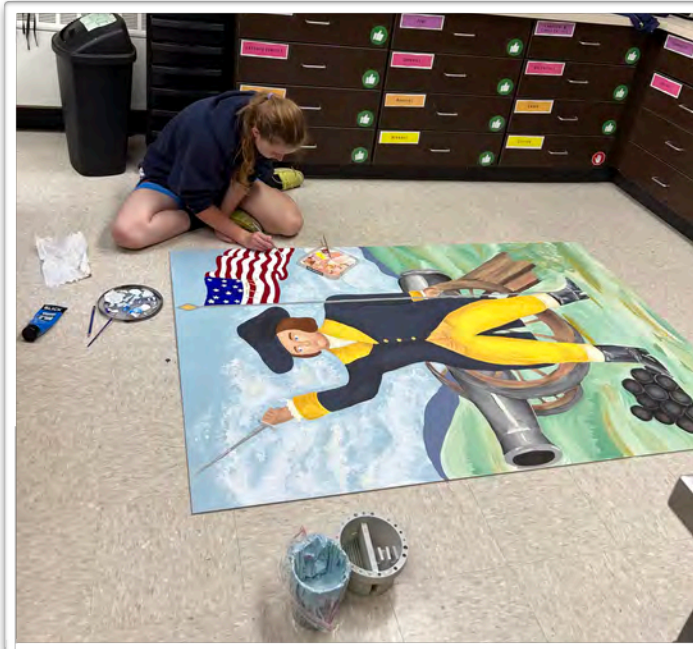
Educational Impact



L > R: Nikki Carranza, Brenna Ross

The North Union High School art class worked on designing and drawing a Revolutionary War soldier holding a 1776 flag with a cannon and cannon ball during their summer break. They donated the mural to the local Anna Maria Lane chapter to be used in the upcoming 4th of July parades in the area. Students that participated with the drawing were: Nikki Carranza - 11, Natasha Donnelly -12, Hanna Nielsen -11 and Brenna Ross - 10.

The mural was part of the float in the Swea City parade held on June 24th and the Armstrong parade on July 4th. The mural was then also used at the North Union Veteran's Day Memorial.



Hanna Nielsen working on the final touches of the 1776 flag.

Social Media Impact



Instagram



Facebook



X or old Twitter



Local TV aired & captured DAR float from the Armstrong 4th of July parade live. The float won 2nd place in the Commercial Division.

Across the State
Anna Maria Lane Submitted by Shelley Wells

New member, Kathy Paul, wasted no time organizing and designing a float for this year's parade season. She asked the local North Union High School art students led by teacher, Wava Jar, to design a center mural that was 4 foot by 6 foot, to be used as a focal point for the float. A Revolutionary Soldier with a canon holding a flag was this year's inspiration. The float carried a homemade cannon equipped with canon balls and tombstones of the chapter patriots. A DAR commemorative grave stake holding a Betsy Ross flag was placed at the site of the graves. A sign listing all chapter patriots was aboard the float. This way the chapter was able to honor all member's patriots, helping to inspire patriot legacies and getting the community excited about celebrating the upcoming semi-centennial in 2026. The float made its debut after a lengthy rain delay on June 24 at the Swea City Fun Days in Swea City, Iowa. The next parade was in Armstrong, Iowa on July 4th, where the float won second place in the Organization category. The chapter celebrated by winning \$100.

A total of 826 Betsy Ross flags were handed out during the two parades and was the first time in the community's history that DAR was represented.

Nikki Carraze and Brenna Ross.
Not pictured, Natasha Donnelly and Hannah Nielsen

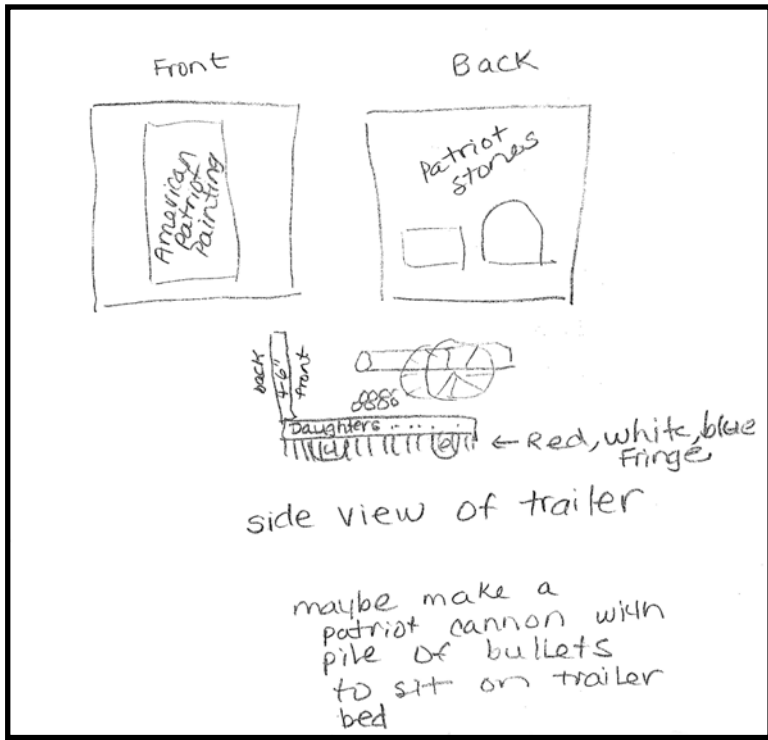
Shelley Wells (Regent) and Kathy Paul

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The Conococheague DAR Chapter located in Hagerstown, Maryland reposted the float on their Facebook page.

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Initial phase of float all started with this sketch drawing.



Kathy Paul with her completed vision of the 2023 Independence Day float representing the DAR & the Anna Maria Lane chapter.

Poster honoring all chapter patriots measures 24" x 24"

Anna Maria Lane Chapter
Revolutionary War Patriots

<p><i>Connecticut</i> Ebenezer Sumner Sr.</p> <p><i>Maryland</i> Thomas Green Alvey Marx Bigler Henry Boteler William Easton Conrad Hogmire Samuel Wade Magruder</p> <p><i>Massachusetts</i> Jonathan Curtis Comfort Johnson</p> <p><i>New Jersey</i> Nathaniel Cain James Porter</p> <p><i>New York</i> John Miller Ebenezer Slauson Abraham Vandall</p>	<p><i>North Carolina</i> Reuben Estes Gabriel Smith</p> <p><i>Pennsylvania</i> Valentine Hoffman Henry Roudebush Michael Roudebush Matthais Strayer</p> <p><i>South Carolina</i> Hawkins Bullock Benjamin Risher</p> <p><i>Vermont</i> Josiah Page</p> <p><i>Virginia</i> Nathan Bond Jr. Nathan Bond Sr. Thomas Cofer Valentine Hoffman Peter Ruffner John Waller John Winn William Woosley John Peter Woltz Sr.</p>
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HONORING OUR

PATRIOTS

Alvey	Thomas	A204928	MD	Porter	James	A091057	NJ
Bond	Nathan Jr.	A011914	VA	Rench	Andrew	A095428	MD
Bond	Nathan Sr	A135399	VA	Risher	Benjamin	A096303	SC
Boteler	Henry	A012456	MD	Roudebush	Henry	A216773	PA
Bullock	Hawkins	A016871	SC	Roudebush	Michael	A216772	PA
Cain	Nathaniel	A018168	NJ	Ruffner	Peter	A131275	VA
Cofer	Thomas	A200570	VA	Slauson	Ebenezer	A105096	NY
Curtis	Jonathan	A028900	MA	Smith	Gabriel	A105396	NC
Easton	William	A214782	MD	Strayer	Matthias	A111252	PA
Estes	Reuben	A037290	NC	Sumner	Ebenezer	A110991	CT
Hoffman	Valentine	A209508	VA/PA	Vandall	Abraham	A117491	NY
Hogmire	Conrad	A056583	MD	Waller	John	A120052	VA
Johnson	Comfort	A063074	MA	Walling	James	A120074	MD
Magruder	Samuel Wade	A073135	MD	Woosley	William	A130339	VA
Miller	John	A079199	NY	Winn	John	A128714	VA
Page	Josiah	A085876	VT	Woltz	George	A120347	MD
Petrie	Jacob	A089704	MD	Woltz	John Peter Sr	A091019	VA