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DAR News



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“Welcome Home” Administration



The KSDAR News is a biannual publication of the Kansas Society Daughters of the American Revolution. KSDAR maintains editorial control over all content. Contact State Reporter Kimberly Patrick or Susan Metzger for any questions.

Dear Kansas Daughters,

I hope you enjoy the first issue of the Kansas DAR News for this Administration. This printed newsletter will be provided to all Kansas Daughters twice per year. You can keep up with news and information more regularly through the *CyberSunflower*. Each month the electronic newsletter *CyberSunflower* will bring you quick updates, highlight opportunities to participate in committee activities, and share photos and stories of our amazing chapters and members.

The theme of this administration is “Welcome Home” and reflects the desire to make our chapters and state Society a welcoming environment for current and future DAR members. The symbol reflects the limestone homes built by early Kansas settlers who braved long migrations and harsh conditions to put down roots in our state. The more stylized version represents the modern homes we create when we practice hospitality to current and new DAR members, as well as, members of our communities. The State Regent Project aims to support our Nation’s veterans and our NSDAR headquarters, and increases the accessibility to more than 120 years of our KSDAR reports and proceedings.

It is not too early to mark your calendar and make plans to attend the KSDAR State Meetings. Be sure to include these dates in your chapter yearbooks and to encourage **ALL** members to attend. Please note that the President General will be making her official visit to Kansas this spring (April 30 – May 2, 2020).

Date	Event	Location
September 13-14, 2019	State September Mtg	DoubleTree by Hilton, Lawrence
April 30 – May 2, 2020	KSDAR State Conf.	Wichita Marriott, Wichita
September 11-12, 2020	State September Mtg	Courtyard by Marriott, Junction City
April 22-24, 2021	KSDAR State Conf.	DoubleTree by Hilton, Lawrence
September 10-11, 2021	State September Mtg	Courtyard by Marriott, Junction City
April 28-30, 2022	KSDAR State Conf.	DoubleTree by Hilton, Lawrence

Just as Kansas sunflowers turn to and are energized by the sun, Kansas Daughters can find inspiration from the President General’s theme and project. President General VanBuren encourages us to rise up in meaningful service to America and to shine by raising awareness of DAR’s purpose, relevancy and vibrancy through robust public outreach. If you have not already, visit the NSDAR member’s website to learn more about the President General’s theme and project.

I look forward to seeing each of you at future State Meetings, as well as, during chapter visits!

Welcome Home,
Susan Metzger

NOTES FROM VIS:

Don't forget that the KSDAR Members Website is password protected. The username is ksdar and the password is sunflower all lower case. It is important that we maintain this security to reduce "phishing." Please do not share with non-KSDAR members.

STATE OFFICERS

The 2019-2022 State Officers have hit the ground running, and are excited to meet everyone in Lawrence for the State September Meeting. Many exciting projects are already underway. Please reach out to the officers if you need assistance, have questions or just want to introduce yourself.



Front Row: Denise Bullock, Organizing Secretary; Peggi Barret, Recording Secretary; Rebecca Kline, Vice Regent; Susan Metzger, State Regent; Retha Blecha, Chaplain; Kimberly Lees, Corresponding Secretary. *Back Row:* Susan Newman, Librarian; Janet Lake, Treasurer; Lee Cox, Registrar; Monna Metzger, Historian; and Kimberly Patrick, Reporter.

UPDATES FROM CONTINENTAL CONGRESS

The 128th Continental Congress brought many changes to the National Society and KSDAR. The new *VanBuren Rise and Shine Administration* is bringing many exciting new things to DAR. A few of the highlights from Congress include:

- The Congress voted to bring the Insignia sales in-house .
- The Congress voted to raise National dues by \$2, increasing the total to \$42.
- NSDAR unveiled a refreshed logo for the organization.
- The Congress voted to increase the cost of Life Membership to \$1,200.
- The Congress elected the VanBuren Administration, Denise VanBuren, President General, and Kansas Honorary State Regent, Kathryn West, as Corresponding Secretary General.
- Susan Metzger, Kansas State Regent and Rebecca Kline, Kansas State Vice Regent took their oaths of office during the installation ceremony.
- Past Registrar General Mary Frisch was elected as an Honorary Vice President General.



STATE SEPTEMBER MEETING

If you are attending the State September Meeting, September 13 – 14, there will be lots to see and do. There will also be shopping! The President General's Project merchandise will be available as will be the KSDAR State Regent's merchandise. There will also be chances at baskets, wall hangings, etc. There will be a Committee Fair Friday night, workshops throughout the weekend, guest speakers, and graduation ceremonies.

Schedule for the SSM

Time - Friday Event

10:00 – 11:30am	Finance Committee
12:30 – 3:00pm	Executive Committee
2:00 – 5:30pm	Registration
3:00 – 4:00pm	Chapter Regent’s Club Meeting
4:00 – 4:45pm	State Chairman’s Club Meeting
5:00 – 5:30pm	Committee Fair Set-Up
5:45 – 6:45pm	Dinner
7:00 – 9:00pm	Committee Fair (Cash Bar)
7:15 – 7:45pm	Mini Concurrent Workshops
	Vision 2020 – Set Your Sights on Congress
	Guide to Completing a DAR Application

Time-Saturday Event

8:00 – 10:15am	Registration
8:30 – 10:00am	Board of Management Meeting
10:15 – 11:30am	Keynote Speaker – Women’s Pathways to Service
11:45 – 12:45pm	Lunch - Presentation by the SAR and Graduations
1:00 – 2:00pm	Breakout Sessions
	Workshop #1: Growth and Retention
	Workshop #2: Chapter Treasurers
	Workshop #3: Exploring e-Membership and DAR
	Web Resources
2:15pm	District Meetings

CONSTITUTION WEEK SEPTEMBER 17-23, 2019

Vicki Timmons

WE THE PEOPLE. Three simple words, one amazing concept! This September, America will celebrate the 232nd birthday of the United States Constitution. How will you and your chapter recognize this document that continues to protect our freedoms and has inspired countless other nations to create their own constitutions?

Let me encourage you to plan now for Constitution Week, September 17-23. You are only limited by your imagination when it comes to ways to celebrate. Check out the Constitution Week Toolbox under the Constitution Week Committee at NSDAR for lots of great ideas and printables. Google Constitution Week or check out Pinterest for inspiration. Here are just a few quick ideas to get you started;

- Recite the Preamble at your chapter meeting.
- Consider putting up a display in a local library, courthouse or city government building.
- Offer to go into classrooms and read age-appropriate books on the Constitution.
- Make birthday cards for the Constitution.
- Ring bells on Sept. 17 at 4:00pm EST for Bells Across America.

NSDAR provides radio spots that can be recorded to play during the week. Contact your local radio stations about providing Public Service Announcements.

*Don’t forget to record your volunteer hours and record your chapter’s activities on the Chapter Master Report. I can’t wait to see what you are going to do this year! HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CONSTITUTION!

COMMEMORATIVE EVENTS

NSDAR encourages all chapter to celebrate at least one event from American History each year. Events of importance during this administration include:

- 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment
- 50th Commemoration of the Vietnam War
- 400th Anniversary of the Mayflower
- 250th Anniversary of the Boston Massacre
- 200th Anniversary of the Santa Fe Trail
- 100th Anniversary of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier
- 4th of July



The Department of Defense will recognize one outstanding DAR member from each state during Continental Congress for Vietnam Commemorations. Be planning how your chapter can celebrate these events!

NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE OCTOBER 11

To honor the anniversary of DAR's founding on October 11th, chapters and individuals are encouraged to engage in meaningful service projects in their communities each year on or around October 11th. Please share your National DAR Day of Service projects and photos with NSDAR by using the hashtag #DARDayOfService on social media and by posting in the DAR Service to America Committee Facebook Group and the KSDAR Facebook Group. Please don't forget to log your Service to America Hours for these projects, and all of your community service.

No number of hours is too small to be recorded. The VanBuren Administration has a goal of reaching 10 million hours, and every little bit helps!



To sign up for the Members course, contact Jeri Kling (jeri@bartunekgroup.com) and for New Horizons contact Pam Kelley (pamkelley2585@att.net).

MY NEW HORIZONS EXPERIENCE

By Sue Cornelsen

I'm a relative newby when it comes to DAR membership – I've been a member for less than 5 years. I took the New Members course and learned quite a bit about my new organization. But instead of answering all of my questions, it just made me thirsty to learn more!

I decided to take the New Horizons Course. After the list of training modules was sent to me, I didn't balk at the over 40 assignments I needed to complete...until I got about a third of the way through. Then, I thought to myself, "this might take at least FOR – EVER to complete!" As with everything – a journey of 1,000 miles (begins with a single step) – the consumption of an elephant (is taken one bite at a time) – the completion of the New Horizon Course is one step, one part of a module at a time.

I listed all the courses on an Excel spreadsheet so I could keep track of my progress. I had columns for the date I completed the module, the date I submitted the module and any note that I might have regarding the module ("you need to write an essay to complete this!") All in all, that method worked pretty well for me – if you want to use that for your experience.

As I waded through the modules, spending more time digging deeper on some subjects compared to others, I grew to appreciate this organization more and more.

There is something for everyone. The topics are so wide and varied that anyone can find not only an interest but a passion! This organization has so many facets that you could be an extrovert, an introvert, the team captain, a team member, a team equipment manager and still find the perfect spot here.

Make no mistake – there is a LOT to learn, but each module, each section is crucial to the organization. You don't have to be responsible for doing each aspect in your chapter, but the modules give you an excellent idea on how big this organization is and how many people each doing a piece of it, make it run so efficiently. Before you start on your "little piece" – get a good look at the big picture and see how it all fits together. And how each piece is an important component. Take that step – start the New Horizons Course. You'll be so glad you did!

Kansas placed 3rd in the country in 2018 for the MOST New Members Course Participants!

STATE APPLICATION TEAM AND THE PMD

Marla Ainsworth

The Prospective Member Database (PMD) in e-Membership is a valuable tool for chapters as it is where NSDAR places the names of those that have contacted them and expressed interest in joining DAR. In many instances, chapters and their registrars struggle to give these prospective members (PMs) attention as they are busy working on papers for “home-grown” PMs that have come through acquaintances, relatives and other known entities. The Kansas Society is taking a new approach to assist chapters with this group of PMs as well as to assist the PMs themselves.

NSDAR will now contact the State Application Team (SAT) with the PMs names and information, preference for location and time/date of meetings, as well as any other information that is provided. The SAT will assign the PM to two different chapters that meet their needs. The SAT will then begin working on the PM’s papers instead of the chapter registrar, while the two chapters contact the PM and invite her to meetings. Once the papers are completed by the SAT members, the PM then chooses which chapter she would like to join; then the completed DAR Application is provided to that Chapter for signatures and mailing to NSDAR with the applicable fees.

It will be important for the assigned chapters to make early contact with those placed on the PMD as that will be monitored and if there is no or late contact, that chapter will be removed, and a new chapter added. The SAT will work in coordination with the State Volunteer Genealogists and the State Lineage Research Committee to complete the applications, and if needed the America 250! Task Force will be asked for assistance. It is the goal of the SAT to ease some of the workload of the chapter registrars while assisting PMs with becoming members in a much-streamlined approach.

The Chair of the SAT is Marla Ainsworth, who is assisted by committee members Jan Wichman, Phyllis Benedict, and Pat Carpenter. Marla is happy to answer any questions that you may have and is hopeful that the SAT will be of great assistance to the chapters as well as KSDAR.



THE CHAPTER MASTER REPORT IS NOW AVAILABLE

The 2019 Chapter Master Report (CMR) is now available on the Member’s Website at <http://members.dar.org/CMR>.

The CMR illustrates the health of your chapter and provides information for KSDAR and NSDAR to show what a dynamic service organization we are.

The CMR is a valuable tool to use when planning your Chapter’s programs and activities for the year. It can provide chapter chairs with information that they should be focusing on for their committees and what information will be needed.

It is never too early to start filling in the blanks on the CMR. It must be completed no later than February 1, 2020.

NEW GENEALOGY GUIDELINES

NSDAR has revised the Genealogy Guidelines which are now available on the Members’ Section of the DAR Website. The revised Guidelines are in three separate documents: Part One: Guide for Chapter Registrars; Part Two: Completing the Application and Proving Lineage; and Part Three: Service.

HASKELL NEEDS

The following are a few suggested items for student donations:

Notebooks	Laundry Supplies
3 Ring Binders	Sewing Kit
3 Hole Paper	First Aid Kit
Index Cards	Shower Supplies
Pens	Toothbrushes
Jump Drives	Tooth Paste
Highlighters	Deodorant
Copy Paper	Pads & Tampons
Post It Notes	Tissues
Present. Boards	Towels
Staplers & Staples	Twin Sheet Sets
Flashlights	Pillows
Storage Bin/Hook	Blankets



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DONATIONS FOR HASKELL

Marty Wellington

KSDAR has a proud tradition of supporting the students of Haskell Indian Nations University by donating school supplies, laundry supplies, linens, and personal care items each year. We owe thanks to Sandy Wurth, who began this project. We will continue to support this wonderful project.

Now is the time to begin collecting supplies since many stores offer great deals this time of year for "back-to-school" items. Look for a suggested list of needed supplies on the members.kansasdardar.org website, under American Indians on the SIP tab.

Please share this information with your members. Chapters can bring their donations to the State September Meeting in Lawrence. Since Haskell is also in Lawrence, it presents a wonderful opportunity to deliver items to them while we are in town.

As in years past, we will organize a second delivery of donations from the chapters in the Northeast District to take place on Sunday, October 6. More information will be shared on this trip as the date approaches.

And, for those of you who enjoy American Indian arts, culture, and food, the Haskell Indian Art Market is scheduled for Saturday, September 7, 10 am-6 pm and Sunday, September 8, 10am-5pm.

