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## *A Message from the State Regent*

Dear Kansas Daughters,

Kansas Daughters rose to the challenge of commemorating the DAR founding through service! Following is just a sample of the many ways our chapters celebrated the DAR Day of Service. I hope you enjoy a few photos from the day in this issue of the CyberSunflower.

- Conservation and restoration of the Pioneer Cemetery in Leawood
- Collecting aluminum cans to support the Kansas Honor Flight
- Making plastic yarn for sleeping mats for homeless veterans
- Folding pocket flags for our active duty military
- Cleaning the International Pancake Day Hall of Fame
- Volunteering at a recycling center
- Hosting a community event to learn more about historic trails
- Decorating holiday cards for Topeka VA
- Inventorying flags at a museum
- Baking treats for an animal shelter
- Making fidget quilts for the Dole VA

Thank you for this outstanding service and representation of DAR in your communities.

In October, we welcomed our millionth member to the National Society, advice columnist, Amy Dickinson. It was so exciting to me to welcome three new Kansas Daughters with million-plus National Numbers. We are all One in a Million!

Welcome Home!

Susan Metzger



## American Heritage Contests

*Stacy Cope*

The American Heritage Committee was established to preserve our rich American heritage in the fields of art and sculpture, crafts, fiber arts, literature and drama, and music. The 2019-2020 Theme is "Rise, And Shine Your Light on the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment." The 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment states, "The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex." To enter any contest, you must fill out an American Heritage Committee Contest Entry Form and review the specific instructions for each contest category. <https://www.dar.org/members/committees/national-committees/american-heritage/committee-overview>

A completed entry form must accompany every entry. Submit entries by mail for all contest categories except Fiber Arts via United States Postal Service (USPS) directly to the appropriate National Vice Chairs" postmarked by February 15, 2020. The Fiber Arts contest entries are to be mailed to the KSDAR American Heritage State Chair, Stacy Cope, by December 15, 2019. Electronic entries will not be accepted. **Never send your original artwork**, you will be judged by the photos sent of your entry. Photos do not need to be sent for Literature & Drama or Music. Please refer to your Contest/Category for specific instructions. Please send a duplicate of your signed, completed contest entry form to your State Chair. Only current members of NSDAR may enter the contests.

Entries must be the original work of the person entering the contest while a DAR member. Group entries must be the original work of the family, chapter, or state group members. Groups must have all been members of DAR at the time the work was created and finished. Along with the entry form, attach a separate sheet of paper listing each member of the group, their national numbers, and how each person contributed.

There are twelve competition categories for Fiber Arts and an additional Historic Costume Contest Themed: The Era of the Women's Suffrage Movement, Years 1848-1920. Fiber Arts categories include: Embroidery, Cross-stitch, Needlepoint, Knitting, Crochet, Hand Quilted Quilt, Hand Quilted Wall Hanging, Quilt Top, Weaving, Historic Costume, Rug, and other Fiber.

## 2019 Poetry 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Tonya Flores, Topeka Chapter

Tonya Flores, member of the Topeka Chapter was presented her award at the 128<sup>th</sup> Continental Congress for her 2<sup>nd</sup> Place winning entry in the American Heritage Poetry Contest.

Following is her entry:

### Three Generations of the Shadow

As curtains billow in the wind  
The shadow sees his family on the mend.

As he stands with bayonet in hand  
Luke Saunders begins to understand

That all he has given  
Was for these three women.

As the three stand in a row

You start to see the differences show.

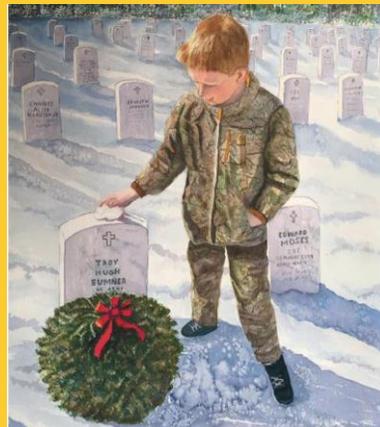
Strong and proud her 90s glow with the pain,  
Turmoil, hard work and all she has gained.

Inner peace, suffering and the will to succeed  
Make the 70s shine in a way that makes her believe.

She looks on in awe in the 40s as she determines  
Her past, present and her future are curtains  
Stitched and made with the fabric of time.

As we all are created by special design.

## Sample of 2019 American Heritage Winners



*Nathan Edson, Arthur Barrett, Desire Tobey Sears, and Sarah Steward Chapters, NSDAR*

Invite You to Attend

KSDAR State Regent Susan Metzger visit

The Anna Laura Hill Statue Dedication

And

Nathan Edson/Concordia Chapter 30th Anniversary

**Where:** Cloud County Convention & Tourism  
130 E. 6th. St. (corner of Hwy 9 and Hwy US 81)  
Concordia, Kansas 66901

**When:** Saturday, November 9, 2019 at 2:00 pm

**National Orphan Train Museum Tours:** 300 Washington St.  
Concordia, KS 66901  
1:00 PM and 1:15 PM  
**Admission:** \$6.00/person

**Service Project:** Nathan Edson, Arthur Barrett, Desire Tobey Sears and Sarah Steward Chapters invite you to join with them to collect the following items for the Kansas Soldiers Home in Dodge City: **Sweat Pants, Zipper Sweaters** (sizes Large, XL, XXL, 3XL), **Lap Blankets and Slippers**

**RSVP:** Jeanna Walters-Fancelli, [jwalters64@gmail.com](mailto:jwalters64@gmail.com) by Nov. 1, 2019



*Anna Laura Hill, 1878-1963, was a lead Western U.S. placing agent for the Children's Aid Society on the Orphan Train. She was also a member of the Chemung Chapter, NSDAR of Elmira, New York. We are honoring her for her influence on so many children who were placed in homes and her dedication to DAR.*



## Chapter Achievement Awards

*Kerin Smith*

If you are a Chapter Regent or Chapter Achievement Awards (CAA) chair, you probably have the upcoming deadlines on your mind. The deadline for chapters to submit annual dues to the Treasurer General (through the State Treasurer) is approaching. Dues for at least 90% of chapter members need to be paid and postmarked no later than December 1.

This is a good time to submit donations to any of the four mission areas, Historic, Educational, Patriotic, and Membership. These can be made at the same time your chapter dues are submitted, and your treasurer can record them on the same form. This will ensure that your chapter can receive credit for them, **although you will still need to manually enter these donations on Section 8 of the CAA portion of the Chapter Master Report by changing the "No" to "Yes."** These donations are good use of your money, as a total of just \$100 to these funds combined can increase your score by 175 points.

Other donations can be made by individual members or by the chapter to any of several funds as found in Section 9 of the CAA report. These contributions must be made directly through the NSDAR Development Office, and donations in the amount shown may qualify the donor to purchase a pin as well as to earn CAA credit. The deadline for these donations is December 31, but it would be wise to make them well in advance of that date.

There is still time to make a \$40 donation to our wonderful *American Spirit Magazine/Daughters Newsletter*. Just send this donation to the State Treasurer along with your chapter dues, as the deadline is December 1. This will also add 25 points to your CAA total.

Remember the changes this year in the points needed to achieve the levels of achievement. These are Level 1 (400+ points), Level 2 (300+ points), Level 3 (200+) points.

## Dar Service for Veterans Awards

*Jeanna Walters-Fancelli*

Do you know an outstanding volunteer in your community or chapter? There are three award categories to consider:

- **Outstanding Veteran Volunteer Award** – presented to a veteran for outstanding achievement in personal, professional, and family life.
- **Outstanding Youth Volunteer Award** – presented to a youth volunteer who provides service for veterans and is 14 to 21 years of age.
- **Outstanding DAR Service for Veterans Award** – presented to a DAR member in recognition of outstanding care given to veterans in VA facilities, state veterans facilities, nursing homes, shelters, and outpatient clinics.

The DAR Service for Veterans State and National winners may now be presented medals.

**Important Deadline:** All nominations must reach the state chair before December 15!

Additional information and forms are available on the NSDAR members website.

**Don't forget: log into the KSDAR members only website, the username is ksdar and the password is sunflower!**



## State Regent Project Sales

*Susan Metzger*

Through your generous support of the State Regent Project, we will already be able to proceed with a few aspects of the project. For example, this month we will be able to digitally scan 90 years of KSDAR Annual Reports and Proceedings as well as several KSDAR history books.

At our Annual Conference this spring (April 30-May 2), we will be able to provide the President General a substantial contribution to support her project, DAR Constitution Hall – The Next Act. My hope is that we will also be able to award a “Welcome Home” grant to support a veterans’ or transitioning military service member organization.

Many of our Kansas Daughters have asked how they can support the State Regent Project and purchase merchandise outside of state meetings. Here are a few opportunities:

- Contribute directly to the State Regent Project by sending your donation to KSDAR State Treasurer, Janet Lake (22603 W. 72<sup>nd</sup> Street, Shawnee, KS 66227-2638)
- Purchase KSDAR Apparel and gifts on-line through <https://teamlocker.squadlocker.com/#/lockers/ksdar>. 10% of each purchase will benefit the State Regent Project
- Purchase State Regent Project merchandise during official chapter visits and special activities. If you are interested in purchasing State Regent Project merchandise outside of a chapter visit, please email me at [regent@kansasdardar.org](mailto:regent@kansasdardar.org) so we can discuss sales tax and shipping and handling.

Thank you for your support!



**State Regent's Pin**  
**\$50 plus tax**



**Charms**  
**\$15 plus tax**



**Folding Bag**  
**\$35 plus tax**

## Project Patriot

*Jan Goss*

The DAR Project Patriot committee is charged with supporting our active-duty military. These men and women have sacrificed so much to protect our nation, and through this committee we can express our gratitude and provide these service members a little bit of home to ensure them that we appreciate all that they do for our country.

For chapters that wish to send items to Military Medical Centers, go to the DAR Project Patriot Committee Page on the DAR members website for locations and details.

There are many other ways to support our fighting forces including: Gift Cards – wounded warriors and their families often need assistance while the soldier is receiving care; Deployed Women in Military Service – send care packages that can include fuzzy socks, chick flick DVDs, nail polish, lotion/moisturizer, etc.; Monetary Donations – Money that is sent to the committee is used to purchase items in bulk such as clothing for the Chaplains Closet at Landstuhl; Welcome Home Supplies such as twin sheets, pillows, and personal care items – for single soldiers returning from deployment; Odd Holiday Care Packages – a lot of packages are sent during the Christmas Holiday, but think about sending packages for holidays such as Valentine’s Day and include decorations as well as treats such as hard candy, tuna packets, oatmeal cups, Campbell’s soup in bags or cups, chewing gum, sunflower seeds, fruit snacks, beef jerky, drink flavor packs, nuts, healthy snacks, non-melting chocolate like M&Ms, good coffee, macaroni and Chef Boyardee cups; Adopt chapter members’ family members that are serving and send them monthly packages; Pocket Flags – have chapter members fold pocket flags and send to military personnel so they can carry their country with them wherever they go; Provide a meal or food basket to a returning soldier; Hold a baby shower to collect diapers and wipes for pregnant service women.

Think outside the box to thank our military. Our active-duty personnel appreciate any show of appreciation. Go to the DAR members website to learn more about how to support our men and women in uniform.

# 2019 DAR Day of Service

This year's day of service had chapters across the state engaging in meaningful service activities that benefitted our communities. Many chapters worked together on projects while others worked as a chapter to make a difference in others' lives. Below are just a few of the activities in which Kansas Daughters participated.



Flores del Sol members made lap blankets.



Ephraim Basehor worked in a local Cemetery cleaning veterans' stones.



Mary Wade Strother worked at the Salina Recycling Plant.



Topeka Chapter folded pocket flags.



Arthur Barrett Chapter worked with nursing home residents to make cards for veterans.



The Martha Vail Chapter made plastic sleeping mats for homeless.



Uvedale members caught Monarch butterflies, tagged them and then released them.



Members of Sagamore, Shawnee Mission, Quivira Crossing, Prairie Rose, Mission Hills and Three Trails West came together for several days to restore the Linwood Pioneer Cemetery.



Three Trails West provided teachers with treats.



Cimarron River Valley performed Spring Cleaning at the Pancake Day Hall of Fame.



Desire Tobey Sears made blankets for Connor's Cuddles.



Capt. Jesse Leavenworth members cleaned the Doughboy Statue at the County Courthouse. Yes that is Corresponding Secretary General peeking out in the back!



Polly Ogden delivered cookies to first responders.



The Randolph Loving Chapter created "Birthday in a Bag" that included cake mix, frosting, etc. so poor families can give their children birthday parties.



The Olathe Chapter cleaned veteran graves and decorated for Fall at the Olathe Cemetery.



Mission Hills chapter volunteered at Heart to Heart performing a wide range of projects for the organization.

## Ways to Make Our Lives Easier

There are always things to do, emails to send, volunteers to gather and projects to organize on top of all the other aspects of our lives. It is helpful to know what tips, tricks and short cuts others use to help lighten the load. Here are few ideas for free applications to help you:

**Mail Chimp** – This free program is easy to set up and to load your email list into so that you won't get targeted as a spammer. If you use regular email and add too many names on the "To" line, often your emails won't go through as internet hosts think you are a spammer. This is great for chapter newsletters, etc. Mail Chimp allows you to see how many of your emails were opened, forwarded, etc.!

**Survey Monkey** – If you would like to ask your audience for information, this free application allows you to send out surveys and it compiles the responses and shows who opened!

**Sign Up.com and Sign Up Genius** – These are two free applications that allow you to send out an email and have your members sign up "live" so that you don't have to keep sending out updated lists. Works great for volunteer opportunities, pot lucks, etc.

**24me** – This free application can serve as your personal assistant that organizes all your to-do lists, calendars and accounts in one spot.

**Wunderlist** – This free app is another list maker, but it allows you to share your to-do list with your entire team whether it is an event you are planning or just getting ready for a chapter meeting.

**LastPass** - With every app, there are usernames and passwords, and it can be difficult to keep them all straight yet secure. LastPass is only one of many free applications that will help you safely store passwords to save you time and headaches resetting passwords because you forgot them.

**Mobile Banking** – Check with your chapter's bank to see if they have mobile banking. It is sometimes difficult to get to the bank to deposit dues and other business you need to accomplish. Most banks now have apps so that you can securely access your accounts, take photos of checks to deposit, and even make payments for meeting rental, etc. You can decide which officers need access so it keeps everything organized and transparent.

These are just a few of the applications that can be utilized to streamline your DAR work. There are many more that are available for free, and of course there are a lot more that are fee based. If you have an app that you use, or an idea that would benefit others, please share on the KSDAR Facebook page. Not a member? Then look us up and join!

## Protocol 101

*Mary Frisch*

When a guest speaker is invited to speak to your group, there are certain courtesies that should be extended.

The invitation should include the date, time and place, type of meeting (luncheon, dinner, tea, etc.), dress (formal or informal), special plans (workshop, installation), topic and the time allowed. Be sure that you are clear on the time allowed and the time for questions and answers, if any. When time is up, the Chair should stand, say thank you, and say that the speaker will take a few questions. It is up to the Chair to control the time.

If the invitation is made by telephone, it should be followed up in writing. Once the invitation is accepted, inquire whether any special equipment, such as a computer, projector, screen, or extra table is needed. If the guest speaker is driving, send detailed directions well in advance. Arrange for a reserved parking space, if possible. If the speaker is arriving by public transportation, have someone meet her; if distance makes a round trip in one day impossible, extend an overnight invitation.

Send a brief reminder two or three weeks ahead of the scheduled date repeating the essential information and including any special arrangements that have been made. Do include phone numbers for the meeting place: where you may be reached prior to the meeting, and a name and phone number of the person who will be meet the guest on arrival. Be sure you have someone on hand to set up any special equipment. Often, it is courteous to have the speaker first on the schedule and have the business meeting afterward.

A thank-you note should be written to the speaker as soon after the visit as possible.

## Please Welcome Home These New Daughters!

### Capt. Jesse

### Leavenworth

Morgan Savage  
Carolyn Wilklow

### Martha Vail

Judy Bane

### Mary Draper

Jackie Eastwood  
Taylen Price

### Mission Hills

Earlene Sells

### Nathan Edson

Lynell Patterson



### Quivira Crossing

Olivia Hunter  
Diana Wickersham

### Three Trails West

Brenda Stover

### Topeka

Ellen Guthrie

## Magazine CAA Credit

Please note that the 2019 Chapter Achievement Award year for the *Daughters Newsletter* covers the period from January 1, 2019, to December 31, 2019. If your chapter wants to attain newsletter advertising credit for CAA 2019, the \$40 payment must be submitted to the DAR Magazine Office, postmarked no later than December 31, 2019 from the State Treasurer, even though the ads won't appear until 2020. This is an easy 25 points that can make the difference in your chapter's level. The chapter submits the payment to the KSDAR State Treasurer Janet Lake using the KSDAR Remittance Form found under the SIP tab on the KSDAR members' website.

The Chapter Achievement Awards are a part of the Chapter Master Report and is where the chapter receives points that are used to determine whether a chapter attains Level 1, 2 or 3. If your chapter regent subscribes to the *American Spirit Magazine* then the chapter receives an additional 10 points.

## VIS Tips and Tricks

*Becky Spaulding*



Has your Facebook account been hacked?

Not really. It's been cloned, which is different from being hacked. Hacked means they have direct access to your personal account. Being cloned means someone has set up a new account looking exactly like your account.

Why are you being cloned? They want your personal information to use in various ways: identity theft; getting to someone else on your friends list; or to scam your friends for money.

How did they do it? Duplicate profiles are set up by duplicating a person's original profile with much of the same information readily available, including photos. Then, to keep the original profile owner from discovering the cloned profile, the original profile is blocked. When the original owner is alerted to this clone, a search turns up nothing. Meanwhile, the clone account is busy sending out friend requests to everyone on the original profile's list.

How can I prevent it? Adjust your privacy settings by simply clicking the padlock icon at the top right of the Facebook page. Under "Who can see my stuff?" change your setting from "Public" to "Friends." This action will limit the amount of information visible to the general public.

## Continental Congress Update

If you are planning to attend Continental Congress in 2020, let State Regent Susan Metzger and State Vice Regent Rebecca Kline know. Also, if you are wanting to attend but need a room mate, Susan is keeping a list! This year, Kansas Daughters will be placing a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier on Monday, June 22!

## Reminder!!!

If you have a supplemental that you want to submit, first email it, the documentation and checklist to the State Mid Level Review Pilot Project Team, care of Linda Jensen. Go to the KSDAR members website and look under the SIP tab for directions and information. This is a pilot project from NSDAR to work on decreasing review time of supplementals. Once the team has reviewed, they will return to you to submit to NSDAR.