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## *A Message from the State Regent*

Dear Kansas Daughters,

It was wonderful to see so many of our Kansas Daughters at the State September Meeting in Lawrence! I left the weekend energized by the service, learning, laughter, and friendship. I hope you did, as well. One of DAR's Founders, Eugenia Washington, envisioned our organization to be "a society founded on service." I believe she would be pleased to see how our members are living out that vision in our communities today. To honor the anniversary of DAR's founding, I encourage all Kansas chapters and members to engage in meaningful service projects in your communities on or near the National DAR Day of Service, October 11. Be sure to share and post your service activities in your chapter newsletters, social media sites, and by sharing a photo of your service with our State Reporter, Kimberly Patrick, for inclusion in a future issue of the *CyberSunflower*. Be sure to include the hashtag #DARDayOfService with your social media posts and track your hours in the Service to America online tally. KSDAR Service to America State Chair, Kathy Hays has included helpful instructions for entering your hours in this issue of the *CyberSunflower*.

I look forward to seeing how you honor our Society's founding as we Rise and Shine in Service to America!

Welcome Home,

Susan Metzger



## 2019 State September Meeting

Over 200 Kansas Daughters met in Lawrence on September 12 and 13 to learn about the many DAR Committees at the Committee Fair, listen to keynote speaker Mary Tolar discuss success in service to others, and to visit and learn from each other. Much laughter, learning and sharing set the stage for the Metzger Administration's "Welcome Home" theme.



## Supplemental Application State Mid-Level Review Pilot Project

*Linda K. Jensen*

Everyone knows the challenge that can come when submitting a supplemental application - the current wait time for National approval is 10 to 14 months. For Kansas Daughters, over 30% of supplementals receive AIRs or pre-letters. More searching and research. Then the wait starts again.

Kansas and Virginia were invited by Registrar General Pat McFall to develop a process for Supplemental State Mid-Level Review. This pilot project was started to improve the supplemental application process and reduce the approval wait time at National. A team of genealogists was selected to complete this pilot: Lee Cox, Brenda Judd Dooley, Mary Douglass, Kim Kincaid, Vicki Timmons, and Linda K. Jensen, and they are eager to get to work.

This will be the process starting immediately:

Members scan and send finished supplemental apps and proofs to [suppapp@kansasdor.org](mailto:suppapp@kansasdor.org). The supplemental does not have to be signed, however, members will have to complete and sign a Supplemental Application State Mid-Level Review Pilot Project checklist. The checklist should be sent with the app and can be found under State Application Team on the SIP on the KSDAR Members Website <https://members.kansasdor.org/committees/applicationchecklist.pdf>. The app does not have to be on legal paper – the Build-an-App working copy is enough, but all submissions must be typed.

**IF members do not** have computer access to scan/email the apps and proofs, they can mail them to the pilot project lead, Linda K. Jensen at 451 Ash Lane, Lansing, KS 66043. Do not send originals, only send copies as the supporting documents and the paper copy of the supplemental will NOT be returned. The team will be reviewing supplementals electronically, so the member needs to maintain a copy.

Completed applications will be **emailed** to the chapter registrar and the member. The member and chapter registrar are responsible for printing, signatures, fee and mailing to National.

We are excited to see the positive change ahead. For more information, go to the [members.kansasdor.org](https://members.kansasdor.org) and look under the SIP tab for Lineage Research. A short video is also located there that further explains this pilot program.

## Count Those Hours

*Kathy Hays*

As part of the largest women's volunteer organization, we know the impact we make in our communities, but we want others to know it too. Please log your hours on the *Service to America Online Tally* on our National website.

Go to **members.dar.org/onlinetally** and follow the prompts for access. Complete the information about your service. If it is an on-going activity, you can do a summary and total (a Scout Leader spends four hours preparing for a two-hour meeting, one hour of paperwork each week, could submit a monthly summary of 28 hours instead of each activity).

It is helpful to include information that helps categorize the activities as they align with our national mission. If the activity involves several categories, select all the boxes that your service covers. There is an option for further explanation of the activity. This is the time to SHINE! Share the details of what was done and the impact it has made.

Send photos to [ServiceToAmerica@nsdar.org](mailto:ServiceToAmerica@nsdar.org) with a story about your service. Finally, click **SAVE ACTIVITY**, and *please wait* for a screen that confirms your submission.

That wasn't so hard. Now you are ready for the next time! But if it's a continuing service activity you now have a short-cut. From your personal service log just click **Duplicate for another date** and change the submit the hours for another date.

Encourage each other is what we already do, make a difference in our communities. Are we ready to "Rise and Shine"? YES, we are!

## State Regent Pin

*Kathy Dzewaltowski*

The theme of State Regent Susan Metzger's administration is "Welcome Home," which she says was selected "in part because it reflects my desire to ensure our chapters and state society are welcoming to current and prospective members." The theme is

also a reflection of her state project, which is to support projects that "address homelessness for our nation's veterans, as well as ensuring our service members and veterans find purpose and healing."

In keeping with the "Welcome Home" theme, the new state pin features a limestone farmhouse, which State Regent Metzger began searching to find a year ago to represent the administration's theme. The farmhouse used in the image, is located in Wabaunsee County and was originally the home of William and Maria Warren.

William Warren and his family arrived in Kansas in the fall of 1873, along with several other members of his extended family, including his parents Dura and Meletiah Warren. Prior to moving to Kansas, William had been a successful stockbroker and banker in New York City, and his father was an innkeeper and owned a horse-breeding farm. Both men had invested heavily in stocks and bonds in the railroad industry, and suffered extensive losses during the financial crisis, known as the Panic of 1873. With few options, the Warrens packed up and headed to Kansas to start new lives.

In the spring of 1874, William and Dura selected farm sites in the Maple Hill area of Wabaunsee County. William and Dura had identical limestone homes constructed for their families in the Italianate style. Things were looking up for the Warrens, however, 1874 was the year of the grasshopper plague when millions of the insects descended on the prairie and devoured everything, including the Warrens' crops.

Tragedy struck in 1885 when Dura Warren's home caught fire. Despite all efforts, the home's walls collapsed, and the house was lost. Dura and Meletiah moved in with William and Maria, and their home was not rebuilt.

Members of the Warren family continued to own the farmstead into the 21st century, and the house was extensively renovated a number of years ago.

State Regent Metzger says the Warren home was the "quintessential limestone" home she was looking for to represent the "Welcome Home" theme. She said, ". . . the home . . . makes me think of the long migrations and harsh conditions that our settlers must have endured to put down roots in Kansas."



*The Warren House*



## Genealogy Education Program

*Bunnie Bowen*

KSDAR ranks as one of the top states for graduating Daughters during the first three years of the Members and New Horizons program. Another training program is available, the Genealogy Education Program (also called GEP), which was established to train members in genealogy skills to help themselves and others to complete new member and supplemental applications correctly.

The first class is called Introduction to Genealogy Research for DAR Applications (GEP 1) and includes a total of seven lessons. GEP 2 is called Applying Genealogy Research Techniques to DAR applications, has nine lessons, and you must have successfully completed GEP 1 to enroll in this class – once this course is completed, you will be considered a Volunteer Field Genealogist and will be qualified to lead local workshops, to assist other chapters, as well as have image access (and there is a pin!). After completing GEP 1 and 2, the next course is GEP 3 which is called Advanced Techniques for Resolving Problems With Lineage or Service on DAR Records. After the completion of GEP 3, the graduate is considered a Volunteer Genealogist, and in addition to the duties described previously, may serve the National Society as a Balcony Volunteer at Continental Congress, as well as an Electronic Applications Reviewer. Another pin is available for those that serve the society in these capacities. A special GEP class, called DNA and the DAR, is a stand-alone course. This class goes into the fine details of using DNA on a DAR application.

Unlike the Members and New Horizon classes, these classes each have an enrollment fee, and you have 90 days in which to complete each one. Registration is available on the NSDAR members website under Volunteer Genealogists.

Only 12 KSDAR members have finished GEP 3 - the NE District has 6 people trained, and each of the other three have two each. Compare this with 97 Members graduates, and 54 New Horizons graduates, and you will see that we have a long ways to go. Let's get more GEP graduates so that we can Welcome Home more Kansas Daughters!



## Foley Lecture - Bringing Real History to Life: Telling Reel Stories

*Nancy B. Williams*

Manhattan, KS – Master storyteller Larry Foley will bring his passion for history and proclivity for innovation to the Kansas State University Campus Friday, October 11, 2019 in the form of a lecture titled ***Bringing Real History to Life: Telling Reel Stories***. The lecture is **free and open to the public** beginning at 5:30 p.m. at Regnier Hall Forum of the College of Architecture, Planning and Design. With this program, he continues a journey he began in his 2003 documentary *It Started Here, Early Arkansas and the Louisiana Purchase*. Foley's lecture will explain how the states in the geographic center of the United States were central to some of the nation's most crucial political, cultural, and economic issues of the times.

Foley is Chair of the School of Journalism and Strategic Media in the J. William Fulbright College of Arts & Sciences at the University of Arkansas. A veteran broadcast journalist, educator and documentary filmmaker, he was a 2017 inductee into the Mid America Emmy Silver Circle for his distinguished career. Professor Foley's films have earned seven Mid America Emmys from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, and 19 Emmy nominations in writing, journalistic enterprise, history, cultural history, special program and community service.

His PBS credits include *The Buffalo Flows*, *Saving the Eagles*, *The Lost Squadron* and *When Lightning Struck: Saga of an American Warplane*. Narrators of Foley's scripts include President Bill Clinton, Academy Award winners Billy Bob Thornton, Mary Steenburgen and Ray McKinnon, country music Star Joe Nichols, ABC reporter T J Holmes, and NFL Hall of Fame broadcaster Charlie Jones.



**Dear Kansas Daughters:**

I would like to thank all the Kansas DAR members for the good wishes and monetary donations so I could visit Washington, D.C., and present an excerpt of my essay at Continental Congress! I am incredibly honored to have received this award as this year's 8th grade national winner of the American History Essay. My family and I enjoyed a private tour of the exhibits and Kansas Chapel in the DAR headquarters, as well as an excellent tour of our nation's Capitol led by Susan Estes, a Kansas DAR member and wife of Congressman Ron Estes. We truly enjoyed visiting the White House and walking through the National Mall and the many beautiful memorials to the figures who shaped our great country. I made so many great memories thanks to all of you.

With gratitude,  
Sarah Maschino

**Protocol 101**

*Mary Frisch*

Protocol may be defined as the ceremonial forms and courtesies that are established as proper and correct or as the proper etiquette for recognizing and honoring those in positions of leadership. The fundamental principles of protocol are dictated by ethics, courtesy, good manners and common sense. Protocol information is available on the Protocol Committee portion of the Members' Website.

**CALLING ALL WWOs!!****(Women With Opinions)**

*Mary Cutting*

The Women's Issues Committee encourages members to write about issues that we face in everyday life. Daughters have an opportunity to share thoughts and experiences in relation to the Women's Issues National theme: "Prevention of Domestic Violence," or other issues related to Family, Career or Health.

Talk about your feelings, your experiences and your solutions to problems or events in your personal or professional life. Your thoughts can inspire and motivate your others. Send me your essays by the January 15, 2020. Please refer to the DAR website for complete instructions.

Wear PURPLE in October to signify our solidarity with all those that have suffered Domestic Violence. Domestic Violence takes many forms. As well as the obvious physical violence, there is psychological violence, financial isolation, monitoring of friendships, computer monitoring, and on it goes, all designed to isolate the individual. It is a pattern of behaviors used by one partner to maintain power and control over another partner in an intimate relationship. It includes behaviors that physically harm, arouse fear, or prevent a partner from doing what they wish or force them to behave in ways they do not want.

If you or someone you know is a victim of domestic violence, seek help from the many organizations that are available including:

**Local law enforcement - 911 - if an emergency situation.**

**Safelink - 913-262-2868**

**Hope House - 816-468-5463**

**National Domestic Violence Hotline - 1-800-787-3224**

**James Ross Chapter 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

*Bonnie Hitchcock*



The James Ross Chapter celebrated its 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on July 21, 2019. The tea was held at the Wyandotte Co. Historical Museum where the chapter's archived materials are stored and on display. State Regent Susan Metzger, Corresponding Secretary General Kathryn West and Honorary State Regent and past Registrar General, Patricia Carpenter were in attendance as were state officers, local chapter regents and members. An SAR color guard advanced the colors. Tea sandwiches, finger foods, fruit and delectable desserts prepared by chapter members were enjoyed after Regent Kailah Murry introduced special guests and provided some of the chapter's history. Prior James Ross regents in attendance were Anne Barbour, Barbara Weed, Marla Ainsworth, Bonnie Hitchcock, Debra Clarke and Amy Goodwin.

## Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS)



The VAVS was founded in 1946 by the Department of Veterans Affairs as a program to provide volunteer services for our nation's veterans while they are cared for by VA health care facilities. VAVS is one of the largest volunteer programs in the Federal government. The DAR is a member of the VAVS National Advisory Committee which advises the Under Secretary for Health on matters regarding participation of volunteers at VA facilities. The committee also assists with recruiting volunteers, suggests and prepares standardized orientation programs for facilities, and keeps the officers and members of the committee informed of the needs of volunteers and of volunteer accomplishments at facilities around the country.

The President General appoints DAR members to serve on local VAVS Committees upon State Regent recommendation. A representative and deputies serve on the local VAVS Committee as representatives of NSDAR, and disseminate information to their local DAR chapters, present educational programs for chapters, participate in fundraising for veterans' projects, and recruit volunteers for the VA facility and other local community veterans' support programs.

Kansas has three VA facilities that we support: Eisenhower VAMC, Leavenworth (Barb Burk, John & Hattie Possum, Representative); Colmery O'Neil VAMC, Topeka (Nancy Appelhanz, Topeka, Representative); and Robert J. Dole VAMC, Wichita (Karen Malcom, Flores Del Sol, Representative). If you or your chapter are interested in participating in any of the programs with the VA near you, contact your VAVS Representative for ideas and information.

Each VA facility is different and has different needs. For example, at the Eisenhower VAMC, area chapters host monthly bingo, provide food for the Summerfest Picnic, provide frozen meals for use in the emergency room, provide underwear, clothing, personal care items, and coffee cart products. Their most requested items are men's underwear, white t-shirts, K-Cups for their coffee cart, \$5 and \$10 gift cards and crossword books. In addition the chapters provide man-power and baskets for the Salute to Women Veterans, seeds and other gardening supplies for their raised bed gardens. The holiday season brings the need for gift wrappers, assisting with the veterans selecting gifts, and donations of items to be used as gifts.

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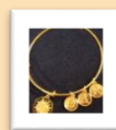
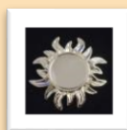
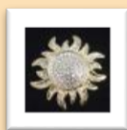
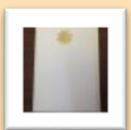
## President General's Project

*Sherry Koster*

**State September Meeting Sales Were A Success!** Thank you, Daughters, for your great support of the VanBuren Administration during our State September Meeting. Sales were brisk and SunShine pins and bracelets sold out quickly as did the black tote and SunRise medallions. It is this Chair's hope that members who purchased notecards can brighten someone's day with an encouraging note.

More items will be available for our State Conference, plus President General Denise Doring VanBuren will be in attendance so don't forget your Rise and Shine swag!

Chapters wishing to achieve 100% Chapter Participation for the President General's Project must remit a total of \$7.50 per member per year over the next three years. If you wish to receive your certificate from the President General at the 2020 State Conference, you will need to submit the entire \$7.50 this year. A donation of \$100 qualifies the donor to purchase the President General's Project Donor Pin. That pin can be worn on the official DAR ribbon.



Marais des Cygnes Chapter had a super Constitution Week Commemoration in the Miami and Linn County classrooms. Jolene Pennington, DAR Member and Teacher at Sunflower Elementary School had her 5th graders present the Preamble in Sign Language.

## FALL....A PERFECT TIME FOR RENEWAL!

*Denise Bullock*



It's that time of year to **renew your commitment to DAR** by getting involved in the life of your chapter, stepping up to participate in projects and by **timely payment of your annual dues!!**

Since February, there have been 81 drops and 21 resignations from KSDAR chapters. So, divide up that list of delinquent dues and make personal calls to let those members know they are vital to our Society's future and their membership is treasured! What else can **WE** do to turn these statistics around?

### **LIGHTS - How does your chapter prepare for success?**

Diverse programs; enthusiastic leadership; time for friendships to develop or strengthen; members publicly recognized for their work/value; chapter newsletter, Facebook page and email blast.

**CAMERA - What does your chapter do to have a strong public profile?** Current chapter website; chapter brochure; business cards; contact prospective members quickly; share NSDAR website and promotional videos; seek publicity for projects; newspaper articles with photos; march in parades; booths at local events; participate in NSDAR National Day of Service; participate in Wreaths Across America; PARTICIPATE.

**ACTION - What is your chapter's plan for the future to ensure that it will thrive?**

- **GAIN:** Change meeting times; publicize C.A.R. membership; make meetings affordable; use the Prospective Member Database; schedule a workshop.
- **TRAIN:** Make new member packets; start a mentorship program; attend local, state and national functions; enroll in Members, New Horizons Courses and Genealogical Education Program (GEP) Courses; schedule a workshop.
- **RETAIN:** Recognize new members; recognize membership anniversaries; email reminders of meetings/ events/ opportunities; contact members who haven't been attending; service projects; field trips; nominate an Outstanding Junior; encourage Juniors to serve as pages; use e-membership on a regular basis.

**WE CAN DO THIS KANSAS DAUGHTERS!** The team of Chapter Development and Revitalization, Membership, Lineage Research, Volunteer Genealogy and DAR Leadership Training is a strong one and ready to reinforce the building blocks of your successful chapter!!

## Have You Paid Your Dues?

**It's that time of year when we pay our Chapter, State and National Dues. Chapters must submit dues to NSDAR by December 1 so don't miss out! Chapter Treasurers – the 2019 Remittance Form is now available on the KSDAR Members Page, SIP tab under the State Treasurer.**

## Children of the American Revolution

*Janis Miller*

As a parent, I love watching my kids develop skills for life. One thing I enjoy about Kansas C.A.R. is seeing the next generation of DAR and SAR members, learning about their patriot, leading and participating in society and state meetings and of course learning about history while having fun. This year is a fabulous year to join one of the five Kansas C.A.R. societies, because N.S.C.A.R. is giving application fees back to societies in preparation of celebrating their 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Please think about choosing a society and having fun with your child or grandchild, birth to 22 years old. If you have questions, please contact Janis Miller at millerfam4@sbcglobal.net. Thank you for stopping by the C.A.R. booth at the DAR conference.



### KS Society C.A.R.

*Andrea Jacques,  
KSC.A.R. State President*

The Children of the American Revolution was organized in 1895 by Harriett Lothrop, a children's author and DAR member. The C.A.R. mission states: "The National Society of the Children of the American Revolution trains good citizens, develops leaders, and promotes love of the United States of America and its heritage among young people."

The state president is elected for one year and chooses a state project to support. I have chosen to support Kansas Specialty Dog Service. This non-profit organization was started in 1990, and is located in Washington, KS. It provides dogs to people with physical, mental and developmental disabilities.

I was able to visit this organization earlier this year and saw the amazing work they're doing training dogs to help those in need. KSDS trains and places dogs all over the United States, for those in need. They totally rely on contributions from individuals, corporations, service clubs, wills, and bequests.

If you would like to make a donation to this great cause, please send donations to Margaret Huffman, 2005 Laramie Street, Marysville, Kansas 66508.

# KSDAR Chaplain Documents

*Retha Blecha*

As the KSDAR State Chaplain, I would like to remind you of the duties of my office: Plans and conducts the annual Memorial Service at the KSDAR State Conference; Sends condolences to the families of KSDAR members who have died; Sends birthday greetings to KSDAR members celebrating their 90th plus birthdays; Sends sunshine greetings; Provides scripture and prayer at KSDAR meetings and meals; and is present at the Memorial Service at Continental Congress.

In order to carry out some of the duties, I need the assistance of Chapter Officers. Chapters received Chaplain packets at the State September Meeting, and if not present, a packet was mailed. The forms in this packet can also be found on the KSDAR Members website under the SIP.

Included in the packet was the **Form for Reporting Deceased Members to the State Chaplain**. Upon the passing of a Chapter member, a Chapter Officer must decessate the member using e-Membership, insuring that NSDAR is informed and can record the accurate death date in the National database. This reporting also ensures that KSDAR State Officers are made aware at the same time. However, the family of the deceased can only receive a condolence card from KSDAR if the above form is completed.

The State Chaplain does not have access to members' birth year. The **Form for Reporting 90+ Birthdays to the State Chaplain** must be completed and sent to me. The timely completion of this form ensures that YOUR members with a 90+ birthday will receive a personalized greeting from the KSDAR State Officers!

Sunshine cards will be sent when I receive news that a member is in need of encouragement and prayers.



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At Colmery O'Neill VAMC, they need personal care items, men's and women's underwear, toiletry items, activity books, coffee cart items, popcorn and healthy snacks. The local chapters host monthly birthday parties for the veterans and support their blood drive. Members participate in the Escort Unit, and provide support and goods for the Spring Carnival, July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration, and the all VA Christmas Tea.

The DAR support at the Robert J. Dole VAMC includes the usual activities of donating to the clothes closet, providing toiletries, coffee and participating in the Ditty bags distributed at Christmas. Other activities in which the local chapters participate include: The Red Coat Ambassador Program which is a new program for volunteers with great customer service skills; Making fidget mats/quilts for veterans with dementia; and support for Women's Health Services where we visit inpatient female vets and make calls to women on different services available. The DAR has also provided Welcome Baby Bundles for maternity patients.



## *National Defense*

*Bonnie Hitchcock*

By now, chapters should have assigned a National Defense chair. If your chapter did not receive the National Defense information at the State September committee fair, please contact me at [bonniehitchcock@hotmail.com](mailto:bonniehitchcock@hotmail.com). Use national defense material, in full or summarized from the *National Defender*, *American Spirit* magazine, and *Daughters* newsletter for committee reports at all regular meetings. A three-minute (minimum) report at all regular meetings earns points on the Chapter Achievement Award (CAA). Wear RED every Friday to show that you "Remember Everyone Deployed"! Earn CAA recognition for presenting DAR ROTC/JROTC medals, DAR Outstanding Cadet medals, DAR Youth Citizenship medals, and DAR Distinguished Citizen medals. I would love to assist you in any way possible to achieve your goals of your chapter for the National Defense Committee. Thank you for your service to DAR!! Let's **Rise and Shine for America!**



## Please Welcome Home These New Kansas Daughters!

### Arthur Barrett

Norma Drebes  
Janet Zayas  
Atchison  
Nancy Diebolt

### Capt. Jesse Leavenworth

Linda Welkner  
Melissa Menzel  
Sandra Bohne  
Emily Frame  
Laura Franks  
Rebecca Kellogg  
Magdalena Kellogg

### Council Oak

Janet Kimbrell  
Kristine Kintner

### Desire Tobey Sears

Beth Reed

### Esther Lowrey

Leslie Stair  
Helen Long

### James Ross

Michelle Cooper  
Kimberly Irwin  
Kendall Cooper  
Katherine Smith

### John & Hattie Possum

Kasey Seaba

### Little Arkansas

Linda McFarland

### Major Elijah Hyde

Susan Krug

### Martha Loving Ferrell

Paula Stine

### Mary Draper

Karla Hendrickson  
Sharon Garrison  
Nicki Farrier  
Rendi Thimesch  
Jo Byrd

### Mission Hills

Susan DeCoursey  
Candace Byrne

### Molly Foster Berry

Joyce True

### Nathan Edson

KatiAnn Huffman

### Newton

Dorothy Kennedy

### Oceanus Hopkins

Betty Hanson

Donita Dupslaff

### Prairie Rose

Vanessa Shields

Linda Frevert

### Quivira Crossing

Erin Smith

### Randolph Loving

Jeanette Kaufhold

### Sagamore

Bambi Berfeson

Tamara Torres

Vanessa Karamitros

### Shawnee Mission

Linda Harrington

Sharon Nigro

### Three Trails West

Charlene Ludwig

### Tomahawk

Patricia Buck

### Topeka

Marlene Geysler

### Uvedale

Kristen Honeycutt



## Outstanding Junior Contest

Grace Gregory

The Outstanding Junior Contest began in 1963 to recognize Junior members. All candidates have truly promoted the aims and purposes of the National Society, as well as participated in community activities. The Outstanding Junior application form can be located on the National website under the Junior Membership Committee page. Be sure to read all the instructions and follow them closely. Send your completed application to Grace Gregory by October 31. Chapters are encouraged to honor one of its Juniors as the chapter Outstanding Junior whether or not she has the points to enter the contest. My contact information is: g8grace@yahoo.com, or 4309 Yuma St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20016.

## 129<sup>th</sup> Continental Congress Hotel Reservations

The 129<sup>th</sup> Continental Congress will be June 24<sup>th</sup> – June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020. There are many lodging options available, and here are just two:

- **The Grand Hyatt Washington**, 1000 H Street NW is the official hotel for Continental Congress. The block of rooms will open on Monday, October 21, 2019 at 11 a.m. Central Time. To access the block call 877-803-7534 or use the online link that will be posted on the dar.org member site on the 21<sup>st</sup>. **Do not** call the hotel's direct line as rooms made through this will not be charged the DAR rate. The rate is \$289 plus tax for single or double occupancy and \$314 plus tax for triple or quadruple occupancy. A \$100 non-refundable deposit will be collected at the time of the reservation, and if the reservation is kept, the \$100 will go towards your stay. If you cancel prior to April 15, 2020, the \$100 will be forfeited. If after the 15<sup>th</sup>, you will incur a \$350 cancellation fee.
- **The State Plaza Hotel** is located at 2117 E St NW and is six blocks from DAR headquarters. The rate is \$245 per night and all rooms have a full-size kitchen with grocery stores nearby. To make a reservation, call 800-424-2859 and the code is 6746DI, under Kansas Daughters of the American Revolution. Reservations can be cancelled 24 hours prior to arrival without incurring a cancellation charge.

No matter where you choose to stay, there is lots to do and see at Continental Congress – start making your plans now!