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## *A Message from the State Regent*

Dear Kansas Daughters,

After careful consideration of the statewide virus conditions and review of available contractual options, the KSDAR Executive Committee has decided to cancel the in-person State September Meeting. As much as we were looking forward to spending time together, we could not identify a means to conduct an in-person event safely. The health and well-being of our membership continues to be our highest concern.

Following the tremendous example set by President General VanBuren and our National Society, we are excited to share that we will be hosting a virtual State September Meeting. Our virtual State September Meeting will include workshops, presentations, a memorial service, and even a committee fair on-line. The State Board of Management Meeting will also be held virtually with a ratification of decisions made when we are able to meet in person. Additional details including a schedule and instructions for attending will be provided in the coming weeks.

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Thanks to each of you for finding innovative ways to share the mission of DAR and practice hospitality with your chapters and in your communities during these challenging times.

Welcome Home!

Susan Metzger



## State September Meeting September 10 - 12, 2020

Due to the pandemic, the KSDAR Executive Board made the difficult decision to cancel the in-person State September Meeting and instead hold a virtual meeting. The Board of Management (BOM) will meet using Zoom on Thursday, September 10 at 9:00 a.m. The members of the State Board of Management include the elected State Officers, the National Officers whose membership is within the state, and each Chapter Regent in the state, or in her absence, the Chapter Vice Regent. State Chairs of committees, District Directors, and Honorary State Regents may attend meetings of the State Board of Management with voice but no vote. Log in information will be sent to BOM members prior to the meeting.

Many details are still being developed as is the schedule, which will be published in the Kansas DAR News which will arrive the first week of September. The Executive Board is working diligently to develop programming that is informational to assist both seasoned and new members. Though we can't be together in person, together we can continue the work of the society.

Mark your calendar to be a part of this first ever virtual KSDAR State September Meeting.

## Insignia Looking for a Good Home

*Susan Metzger*

A Pennsylvania Daughter recently reached out to the Kansas Society looking for a new home for several Insignia pins that belonged to her great, great aunt, Mable Doyle. Mrs. Doyle was an active member in Kansas serving as chapter regent (disbanded Hannah Jameson Chapter), State Registrar, and State Vice Regent. She also served as chair for many state committees, as well as, the National Division Vice Chair for the DAR Museum.

The family of Mrs. Doyle is working to ensure her Insignia find a good home. Below are a list and description of the Kansas pins:

- Kansas State Officers Club
- Ex State Vice Regent Kansas – Originally owned by Helen B. Ferrell
- Ex Kansas State Registrar-1951-1953 (dates on back)
- Kansas State Chairman- Museum- 1946-1948 (dates on front)

The family is requesting the following of anyone who may be interested in one of these pins:

- Must be eligible to wear the pin
- Priority will be granted to members who have completed and filed an Insignia dispensation form

The cost per pin is \$70. This amount will cover the expense of shipping and handling with insurance and membership dues for an aging and ill relative of Mrs. Doyle. Any additional amount will be donated to the DAR Museum.

Payment can be made to Samantha Freise via check or Zelle payment app. If you are interested in any of these pins, please contact KSDAR Insignia Chair, Colleen Anderson at

[kcnet@tctelco.net](mailto:kcnet@tctelco.net).



# 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Santa Fe Trail

*Dee Saddler*

The Santa Fe Trail helped open the West, and DAR's marking of the trail has kept the memory of the trail alive!

On June 10, 1821, William Becknell published a notice in the Missouri Intelligencer newspaper soliciting participants to join a trip "to the westward for the purpose of trading for Horses & Mules, and catching Wild Animals of every description, that we may think advantageous."

In September 1821, William Becknell departed Franklin, MO with five other men. It took them almost two and a half long, cold, worrisome months to reach New Mexico, knowing everyone else who had previously come to trade there, had not fared well. The Santa Fe Trail would become America's first great international commercial highway, and for nearly sixty years thereafter would be one of the nation's great routes of adventure and western expansion.

Multitudes from the frontier purchased goods and headed for Santa Fe. Cloth was the major item of trade taken to the Southwest. Other goods included needles, thread, buttons, shawls, handkerchiefs, knives, files, axes, tools, and in 1824 "green spectacles". The wagons that carried the goods were sold after being unloaded, as were the oxen or mules which had pulled the wagons.

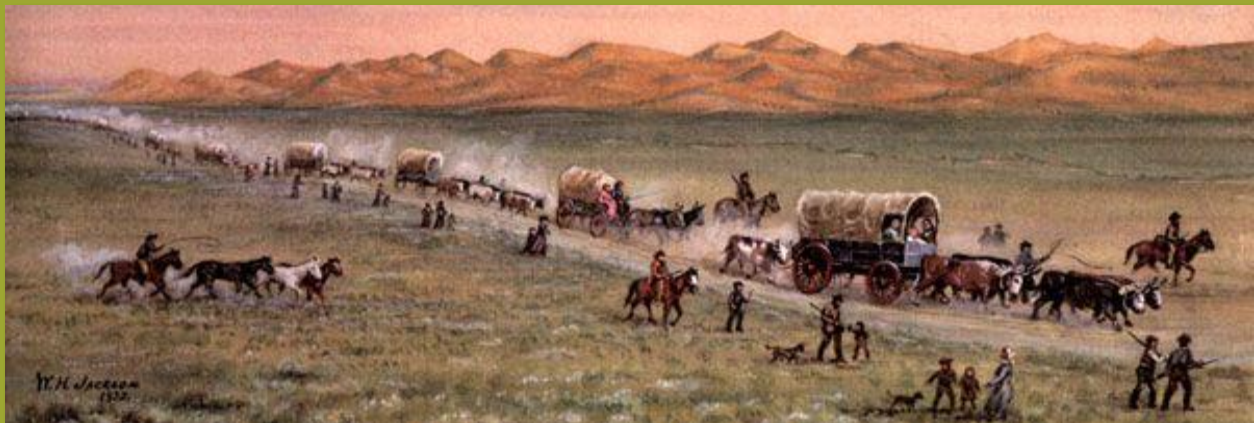
What was taken back to Missouri were silver coins, processed gold, wool, furs and a great number of mules. The silver coins and all the returns from the trade enabled Missouri to thrive when financial depression struck the rest of the country in the period from 1821 to 1848. The Spanish and Mexican 8 Reales coin was legal tender in the United States until 1857 because of its reliable silver content. Missouri became known for its mules, which really came from the Southwest.

In 1850, Kansas City alone sent 500 wagon loads. By 1855 the total trade was estimated at \$5,000,000. By 1860, a total of 16,439,000 pounds of cargo had been transported, 9,084 men employed, 6,147 mules, 27,920 oxen and 3,033 wagons were used. The Santa Fe Trail was the conduit which brought goods to New Mexico and the Southwest. Many ideas and much culture was shared and exchanged along this trail. New Mexicans were exposed to "Yankees" and their way of doing business long before the invasion took place.

By the early 1900's, the Kansas Daughters of the American Revolution began a campaign to raise funds to place markers along the Trail. By 1906 KSDAR had raised enough funds to buy 95 granite markers, most which are still in place and continue to guide visitors along the Trail.

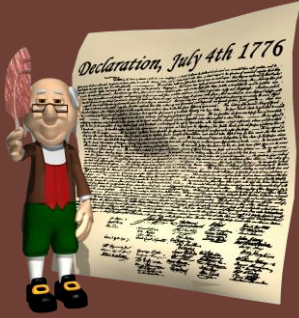
Through the hard work of the Kansas Daughters, with the aid of maps and the knowledge of the early settlers, the actual route of the famous old highway was wrenched back from oblivion. They erected markers, not only to point the way of the Trail, but as a memorial to thousands of sturdy pioneers and soldiers who lost their lives forging across prairies and desert sands.

Join other DAR chapters by recognizing the remarkable Santa Fe Trail. Go to the Commemorative Events page on the DAR Member's website, Santa Fe Trail 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary where you will find a downloadable presentation for use at a chapter meeting. The page also includes Trail "minutes" for reading at meetings, a list of books for a chapter book club and many other resources to help you rise to the challenge of shining the spotlight on the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Santa Fe Trail.



# Outstanding Teacher of American History Contest

Laurie Barnes



A great teacher can make all the difference in challenging and inspiring the young people of the upcoming generation. Do you know of an outstanding teacher of American History? KSDAR is looking for nominations from chapters to honor teachers that are exemplary examples of educators in the field of American History. The Outstanding Teacher of American History contest honors full-time teachers of American history and/or related fields such as social studies, government and citizenship education for students in grades 5-12.

Eligibility includes (1) having taught full-time in Kansas during the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years; (2) having a strong knowledge of American history that he/she readily shares with students; (3) fostering a spirit of patriotism and loyal support of our country and constitutional government and (4) demonstrating the ability to relate history to modern life and events.

Instructions for nominating a teacher for the 2021 NSDAR Outstanding Teacher of American History Contest and the official application are available in the National Information Packet and linked to the State Historian on the KSDAR Member's website ([www.members.kansasdar.org](http://www.members.kansasdar.org)) under the SIP tab. Once completed, mail the application and supporting documents to Laurie Barnes at 4405 W. 93<sup>rd</sup> St Prairie Village, KS 66207.

**Deadline for entry is November 15, 2020.** Our state winner will be presented a state-level winner certificate, special pin and \$250 award and will be eligible for NSDAR national competition.

Let's reward the outstanding individuals in our communities who work hard to provide students with an appreciation for history and patriotism by nominating them for Outstanding Teacher of American History.

## Marais des Cygnes Domestic Violence Program

Kim Campbell

June's Marais des Cygnes Chapter meeting topic of Domestic Violence seemed odd to some who felt this theme had limited personal meaning to our members. What many of our members were unprepared for was how personally many of our own members were touched by domestic violence. Testimonies were shared of: saving a teen's life when the abuser was later convicted of murdering a subsequent girlfriend; an elderly man whose physical condition required numerous baths to remove layers of filth; a young neighbor in a financial and physical family abuse situation; and even an "escape" from a spouse who later murdered his second wife. The testimonies may seem the fodder from which grisly crime novels are written, but unfortunately are not fiction but autobiographical hard truth.

Erin Lyon, Safehome Outreach Advocate for Miami and Johnson County, was our speaker. For those of us without such experiences who had previously given little thought to the subject left the meeting with changed hearts and minds. We now understand domestic violence is "close to home" and must be seriously addressed.

Safehome provides shelter, individual and group counseling, court and legal support, and community programs for victims of domestic violence. For more information on Safehome, their website is <https://safehome-ks.org/>. Additionally, a 24-hour hotline is available at 913.262.2868.



Erin Lyon, Safehome Outreach Advocate for Miami and Johnson County's Domestic Violence Program, changed hearts and minds at Marais des Cygnes Chapter DAR meeting.

# Summer is Here So it is Time for New DAR Gear!

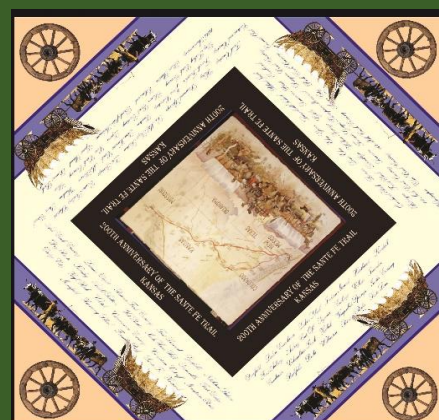
Now that the warm weather is finally here and the winter clothes have been stored, it is time to look at some new DAR swag to keep cool. The State Regent's Project Team has lots of merchandise that will help fund the Welcome Home administration's projects and beat the summer heat. To place an order, just use the attached link and begin shopping! These make great gifts and helps a great cause!

<https://teamlocker.squadlocker.com/#/lockers/ksdar>



## State Regent's Project Merchandise

Two new items are being unveiled by the State Regent's Project team. The new charm celebrates the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Santa Fe Trail, as does the new scarf.



- Santa Fe Trail Scarf - \$40 + 7.5% Sales Tax = \$43
- Santa Fe Trail Charm - \$15 + 7.5% Sales Tax = \$16.13
- Madonna of the Trail Charm - \$15 + 7.5% Sales Tax = \$16.13
- Welcome Home Charm - \$15 + 7.5% Sales Tax = \$16.13
- KSDAR Tote Bag - \$35 + 7.5% Sales Tax = \$37.63

There are two ways to purchase these items: go online to <https://kansas-society-dar.square.site/> for credit card orders or email [susantelee@yahoo.com](mailto:susantelee@yahoo.com) - she will provide the total with tax and shipping and can arrange payment via check or credit card. Contact Susan Metzger for orders over \$200 to save on shipping.



## Protocol 101 - Introductions

*Mary Frisch*

Introductions should be brief. Give enough information about the speaker to make the audience wish to listen. A person who is known to the audience is presented, but a stranger is introduced. The program chair may introduce the speaker and may say at the end of the program: "Madam Regent, this concludes the program," however, it is the presiding officer who thanks the speaker by giving a few gracious words of appreciation on behalf of the organization. A presiding officer never applauds.

Guests are introduced in descending order of rank. Thus the highest-ranking guest on the right is introduced first, followed by the highest on the left and so on, alternating right and left.

It is not necessary to introduce every guest as an individual. You may introduce some of the guests as a group, for example, by saying: "Will all of the State Chairs present please stand to be recognized."

# American Indians Committee Update

Marty Wellington

As we all look over the remaining months of 2020, many uncertainties face all of us. And this is no different for the wonderful students and faculty at Haskell Indian Nations University who will be tackling advanced education through a distance learning model starting in August. The Lawrence campus will be very quiet this fall. This means that our supply drive for Haskell students will look very different, and most likely could instead support students during the Spring 2021 semester if classes are held on campus.

I have reached out to the Kansas tribes to see how we can help support their schools and/or tribal members this fall. I am also communicating with Haskell about assisting students who may be struggling at home without the support available on campus. Also, I wanted to take this opportunity to put forth some additional ideas for chapters to consider this coming year as you plan service projects and activities in support of American Indians Committee work.

- Direct potential students to the American Indian Scholarships available at the national level. There are three wonderful scholarship opportunities available for Native American youth in our communities which should be shared with high schools.
- Bacone College and Chemawa appear to be moving forward with on-campus classes and could use our support either through in-kind donations or funds to support general operating expenses.
- For Northeast District chapters, the Kansas City Indian Center located at 600 West 39<sup>th</sup> St., Kansas City, MO continues to provide food, hygiene supplies and other items to the organization.
- I am hoping that additional information will be received from Haskell and the tribes. Watch for updates on the KSDAR Facebook page or through email. Don't hesitate to reach out to me should you have ideas about partnerships. Rise and Shine in service to our Native American youth and communities!



Bacone College  
Trio Student Support Services  
2299 Old Bacone Road  
Muskogee, OK 74403

October 28, 2019

Suzanne Heske  
National Chair  
American Indians Committee  
Daughters of the American Revolution

Dear Ms. Heske,

On behalf of the students at Bacone College, I am writing to present an updated needs list for our campus pantry. Please review the below list for consideration of donations to our students:

• Laundry detergent pods	• Laundry dryer sheets
• Snack crackers	• Granola bars
• Fruit cups	• Beef jerky
• Fruit snacks	• Chips
• Macaroni & cheese cups	• Noodle cups
• Razors	• Pop-Tarts
• Breakfast bars	• Popcorn
• Body wash	• Shampoo
• Conditioner	• Hairbrushes
• Ankle socks	• Make-up wipes
• Make-up products	• Drink mixes
• Wal-Mart gift cards	• Fast food gift cards

Items should be sent directly to the following address:

Bacone College  
Attn: Deanna Adair  
Palmer Center, Room 204  
2299 Old Bacone Road  
Muskogee, OK 74403

Thank you for your continued support!

Kellen Bible  
Assistant Director  
Trio Student Support Services  
918-781-7254

## NEEDS LIST

Chemawa Indian School  
c/o Carole John  
3700 Chemawa Road N.E.  
Salem, Oregon 97305-1199

Please send monetary donations and/or items from the Needs List directly to Chemawa Indian School. Funds can be earmarked for the DAR General Fund, DAR Scholarship Fund or the DAR Pavilion Fund. About twelve scholarships for given to deserving graduates from the Scholarship Fund amount to about \$12,000. The Pavilion is to be built on campus for the student's outdoor Native cultural activities. Please note on the check how you want the funds distributed.

### FOR THE STUDENTS:

- Donated funds may be earmarked for specific departments and/or programs including : Academia, Athletic, Library/Media Center, Pavilion, Recreation and Residential. Please note on the check how you want the funds distributed.
- New clothing items such as Sport Bras Women sizes S-XXL, Underwear – Men sizes M-XXL and Woman sizes 5 -9
- Socks - men and women
- Towels
- Wash Cloths
- Combs, Brushes and hair ties/Hair bands
- Amazon, Walmart and/or Target gift Cards.

### SPECIFIC ONGOING NEEDS:

- Library/Media Center – books suitable for young adults, current non-fiction books on various topics
- Art Supplies
- School Technology – funds are always welcome for updating and supporting educational technology such as replacing computers for students use.
- School Supplies - such as backpacks, binders, flash drives and other school supplies
- Personal items - such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant ( Not sample sizes)
- Pool Items – new swim trunks and swim suits all sizes, ear plugs, goggles, towels, flip flops.
- Small items for Christmas gift bags which are given to each students at the DAR Christmas Party such as any personal items, gloves, hats, socks, games and snacks.

## Please Welcome Home These New Kansas Daughters

### Betty Washington

Karen Lyche

### Capt. Jesse Leavenworth

Susan Click

Carrie Fahrenbruch

Imogene Guthrie

Jane Vandersteen

Sarah Vandersteen

### Council Oak

Joyce Spencer

### Desire Tobey Sears

Ruth Fleming

### Fort Larned

Brenda Van Meter

### James Ross

Debra Lyne

### John Athey

Joyce Russell

### Marais Des Cygnes

Anita Javorski

### Martha Vail

Victoria Kunz

### Mary Draper

Elizabeth Deckard

### Prairie Rose

Melissa Hamo

### Randolph Loving

Linda Schiller

### Shawnee Mission

Katherine Allen

Sylvia Wiedeman

Kathleen Busch

Caroline Busch

### Three Trails West

Linda Johnson

### Tomahawk

Paula Donoho

### Topeka

Lynne Dryer

Morgan Cox



## A Note from Our Chaplain

*Retha Blecha*



The Kansas Chapel is shining brightly in our House Beautiful!! A huge **Thank You** to our Chaplain General, Mrs. Pamela Bork, for incorporating the Kansas Chapel virtual

tour on her page.

Please look at the Chaplain General's webpage for the Kansas Chapel addition, just below the Valley Forge Memorial Bell Tower.

Also, gratitude is expressed to Susan Metzger, Kathryn West and Denise Bullock for creating this virtual tour with me.

Thanks to the generosity of Kansas Daughters, we are Rising and Shining for America!

## Subscribe Now to American Spirit

*Leesa Hettenbach*

As Chair of the KSDAR Magazine Committee, I would like to encourage all members to subscribe to the American Spirit Magazine. It has wonderful articles to read and can be used for programs. Also, it provides up-to-date business of the National Society and current events of the many local chapters. Because of the generous donations from the Kansas Society members, the state will have four pages of advertisement in the upcoming September/October issue. Make sure to sign up for the magazine and earn points for your Chapter on the Master Report. Call Toll Free 1-866-327-6242 or email [magazinesubscriptions@dar.org](mailto:magazinesubscriptions@dar.org), or log into [www.dar.org/americanspirit](http://www.dar.org/americanspirit). It was a pleasure recognizing so many chapters as State Chairman on the numbers of subscriptions. It's not too late, sign-up now!



## Commemorative Events

*Sandy Wurth*

Look for Kansas Daughters honored on the Committee awards tab of the Continental Congress Website! **Arthur Barrett Chapter** was the 1<sup>st</sup> place National Winner for the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Mayflower. **General Edward Hand Chapter** was highlighted in the High Points section for their 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment activities, complete with traveling suffragettes. The Vietnam Veterans' Outstanding member from Kansas was Pam Michaels for **Quivira Chapter's** wonderful "surprise pinning" of Vietnam Veterans. **Nathan Edson Chapter** won 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the SC Division miscellaneous category. Of special interest for this committee in 2021 is the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Santa Fe Trail. The National Vice Chair of the Santa Fe Trail is Kansas Daughter Dee Sadler. Let us awe her with our events in the coming year. To aid in your planning, suggested activities are shown on the Commemorative Events Committee Webpage starting August 1.