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The CyberSunflower is a monthly publication of the Kansas Society Daughters of the American Revolution. Please submit any articles or news ideas no later than the 15th of the month and inclusion is based on space and relevance. KSDAR maintains editorial control over all content. Contact Kimberly Patrick or Susan Metzger for any questions.

A Message from the State Regent

Dear Kansas Daughters,

I hope that each of you had a safe and happy Thanksgiving and are looking forward to the upcoming holiday season, even if it looks a bit different than our traditional celebrations.

The first day of December is officially *Giving Tuesday*. Following the naming convention of the popular Black Friday and Cyber Monday, the Tuesday after Thanksgiving has been designated as a day to encourage generosity globally. This year, I have the opportunity to express my appreciation to this wonderful organization by serving as a fundraiser for the Shooting Star campaign. As part of the President General's project, the Shooting Star campaign raises funds to help restore the iconic lay light in DAR Constitution Hall. I cannot wait to enjoy Continental Congress under the stars! If you would like to join me and #BeaShiningStar, visit https://app.mobilecause.com/e/I94e_g?vid=eo3h9.

As State Regent, I look forward to the 5th day of each month. This is the day that the official list of newly approved members is released. I find joy in welcoming each new member. I will have the opportunity to welcome at least 26 new members to KSDAR this month! Congrats to all chapters who hosted workshops, submitted e-applications, and worked to welcome prospective members.

Welcome Home!

Susan Metzger
KSDAR State Regent



Reisig Historic Preservation Grants

Vicki Churchman

Pam Reisig, member of the Major Elijah Hyde Chapter, passed away August 14, 2019. Pam's family, including KSDAR member Heather Reisig, established a memorial fund in Pam's honor to be directed to KSDAR to support these one-time local historic preservation project grants.

Congratulations to the winners of the \$300 Reisig Historic Preservation grant competition. The winning chapters are:

- Eunice Sterling Chapter, Southwest District
- General Edward Hand Chapter, Southeast District
- Polly Ogden Chapter, Northwest District
- Olathe Chapter, Northeast District

These chapters were up against some fierce competition as many wonderful projects were submitted. In fact, it took our judges a while to reach a consensus on some.

The winning projects are:

- The restoration of a monument placed by the chapter in 1923 to commemorate a Peace Treaty signing with several tribes of Plains Indians that took place nearby in 1865. It had been moved back from the road, and the base is cracking.
- The restoration of the "DAR Pillars" at the entrance of the Ottawa Indian Cemetery in Ottawa, Kansas.
- Installation of an historical marker on the Manhattan Linear Trail to mark what is commonly known as the "Griffing" site. The proposed marker recognizes the site of a series of early Indigenous farmsteads along a stretch of Wildcat Creek in present-day Manhattan, Kansas.
- Replace the DAR Santa Fe Trail Marker at the Mahaffie Stagecoach Stop and Farmstead that had to be removed in 1988.

These chapters will receive their grant monies by the end of December 2020, and KSDAR will strive to offer tools to ensure their project receives great public relations and outreach.

Although only four winners could be selected, each of the 14 projects was deserving of historic preservation, and chapters are strongly encouraged to follow through with their projects, even if they have to cut back and take smaller steps toward completion.

A sincere thanks to all who participated.

Metzger Administration Welcome Home Grants Pg. 2

The Metzger Administration will once again be awarding "Welcome Home" Grants in 2021. Chapters may apply for grant funds that support projects that Welcome Home our Nation's veterans and current service members – whether a physical home or the home that is created through healing and purpose. Additionally, chapters may sponsor an organization applying for grant funds that directly support veterans and current service members.

These grants to benefit veterans and current service members are only available because of the generous support of Kansas Daughters to the State Regent's Project. The Grant application deadline is March 15, 2021. Chapters and chapters sponsoring organizations receiving grants for projects will be notified by April 15, 2020. Grants in amounts between \$500 and \$2500 will be awarded. The Grant Application and the Grant Application Instruction Sheet can be found on the KSDAR members' website. Questions regarding KSDAR "Welcome Home" Grants may be directed to Kathryn West at kawest122@gmail.com.

Last year's grant recipient was the Robert J. Dole VA sponsored by the Flores del Sol Chapter who received a \$2,500 grant to assist Wichita homeless Veterans to move into permanent housing. With this grant, 10 queen size beds and platform frames were purchased along with 20 pillows and 10 bed in a bag linen sets. Karen Malcolm, a VA Voluntary Service Representative at the Robert J. Dole VA stated, "We are so grateful for this donation, we had four Veterans who moved into housing recently who were waiting on a bed and two more scheduled to move in this week! These items will go fast and were so needed – we cannot end Veteran homelessness without community partners like KSDAR. Thank you!!!!"



Need a Helping Hand?

Bunnie Bowen

Kansas has had a surge in the number of Daughters that have trained to become Volunteer Genealogists in the past year. Due to this, we may be able to assign a DAR trained Volunteer Genealogist to a chapter needing assistance.

Things that a Volunteer Genealogist might be able to assist a chapter with include:

- Assistance in clearing a current AIR (Additional Information Request) of a prospective new member who already has her application submitted. The team can help with supplemental AIR's as well.
- Additional training for a current chapter registrar on proper application processes. It is encouraged that all current registrars to sign up for the free online training class that was released in January 2020. Many things have changed in the applications process and this class will provide information and directions for the processes.
- Assigning a more seasoned Volunteer Genealogist with a less experienced registrar, to work one on one providing training on current standards of verification and support in completing new member applications.
- Guidance in how to effectively use the DAR.org website tools, such as webinars, Genie Clips, PMD (Prospective Member Database) and e-membership.
- Volunteer Genealogists are available to give a chapter program or workshop to prospect new members as well as providing training to current members on the GRS system and e-membership research. These may be virtual, due to the current pandemic situation.

Please contact Kansas Volunteer Genealogist State Chair Bunnie Bowen at bunniebowen@aol.com or 785-259-2401 to discuss your chapter's needs. We are here to help you "Welcome Home" more Kansas Daughters.

KSDAR 125th Anniversary Logo Contest

In 2021, the Kansas Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution will celebrate its 125th Anniversary. The planning committee has been working on some exciting plans for a celebration that will take place throughout the year and are preparing to present them once finalized.

In anticipation of this event, KSDAR will be holding a contest for the design of a 125th Anniversary logo. The competition is open to all Kansas Daughters, and all entries are due to the State Reporter, Kimberly Patrick (kimpatrick@aol.com) by January 2021. If interested in participating, please consider the following:

- If incorporating the DAR logo, please review the DAR Style Guide (PR-4000) found on the members' website for information concerning spacing, etc. Entries that incorporate the DAR logo in a way that is not allowed by DAR will be disqualified.
- Imagine how the 125th logo will be used such as on shirts, charms, printed, etc. and review elements that might not reproduce well.
- The logo will need to have the ability to be converted for both color and black and white.

The winner of the logo competition will be announced in the *CyberSunflower* and will receive some amazing prizes including a charm that incorporates the winning logo! The committee can't wait to see the ideas from the creative Kansas Daughters!



Gift Ideas for Your Favorite Daughters!

The holidays are quickly coming and shopping season is here! Check out all the merchandise available to treat those Daughters in our lives (even yourself)! The State Regent's Project Team has lots of merchandise that help fund the Welcome Home Administration's projects. To place an order, just use the attached link and begin shopping!

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



State Regent's Project Merchandise

Support the State Regent's Project through the purchase of merchandise!



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 - 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.

Good Land Chapter Donates to Local Libraries

The Good Land Chapter has developed an excellent working relationship with the Goodland Public Library where there is a newly created DAR Library Bookshelf.

Recently, the chapter presented two books to the Library for the special section. The two selections chosen by the DAR Library for this year have been so popular that the Good Land Chapter is expanding the project to two more libraries in the area. The chapter sees this as an excellent way to familiarize more people with the DAR and to promote membership opportunities.



Members of the Good Land Chapter presenting books to the Goodland Public Library.

Virtual Support Team

Linda Jensen and Bunnie Bowen

Balcony Volunteers, the expert help sessions at Continental Congress, went virtual this summer. The online sessions were a great success and because of this, the NSDAR Executive Board has approved the creation of the Virtual Support Team (VST).

The VST consists of members who have completed at least GEP I and II, or the previous courses. The volunteer genealogists and lineage researchers will be teamed with members and registrars by phone or video conferences. So, if you are asking yourself:

- Where do I find proof that she was his daughter or his wife?
- Does this count as residence or service?
- Do I have to use a BC or will this draft card work?
- Did I fill out this application correctly?

With this new service you will have assistance to answer these and other questions.

New member applications will be handled by the volunteers of the Lineage Research Committee. The Volunteer Genealogist Committee will assist with supplemental applications. The intent is to aid, not complete the applications. The National Vice Chairs will coordinate and share the pool of volunteers.

The VST will launch in January of 2021. If you are interested in volunteering but have not taken GEP I or II, there is still time to sign up and complete those courses. Interested in being a Virtual Balcony Volunteer? Please contact Bunnie Bowen, Volunteer Genealogist State Chair (bunniebowen@aol.com) or Linda K. Jensen, Lineage Research State Chair (bisontrainer92@yahoo.com) by December 10, 2020.

Kudos to the NSDAR Executive Board for providing tools to prepare the best applications and supplementals for the Staff Genealogists!

Member Graduates

Jeri Kling

Congratulations to the recent Members Graduates!



Laura Easley, Olathe
Patricia Fuller, Prairie Rose
Joyce Graff, Desire Tobey Sears
Wendy McNitt, Shawnee Mission
Jane Pahls, Desire Tobey Sears



Sally Pattee, Captain Jesse Leavenworth
Sally Roth, Three Trails West, Chapter
Anne Seitz, Olathe Chapter

Contact Jeri Kling at JeriKlingDAR@gmail.com to find out how you can enroll in the DAR Members Course.

New Horizons Graduates

Pam Kelley

Congratulations to the newest graduates of New Horizons!

Dee Clark – Quivira Crossing
Jean Pinick – Ephraim Basehor
Joy Hayden – Good Land



If you are a Members graduate and ready to begin the New Horizons course, contact Pam Kelley at pamkelley2585@att.net.

Project Patriot Thank You

Erin Olson, Capt. Jesse Leavenworth

I would like to thank each DAR Member and Chapter that worked on the Patriot Project – Christmas Cards for the Theodore Roosevelt. This was a short notice project and in true DAR fashion, our members exceeded my wildest expectations! The project was to collect 5,200 signed Christmas cards for the sailors, who will be deploying before the holiday season. It was a joy to work together on this project and talk with several members from across the state and hear how this was a “perfect COVID” project that allowed members to get back at doing what we do best. I was one of 12 coordinators from across the nation. KSDAR Chapters provided 3,097 cards - I received cards from 11 different KSDAR

chapters. Our “Elf” aboard ship will receive a total of 33,737 cards to gift to our sailors, which means each sailor will receive a minimum of six cards! As a mom of one of the sailors on board the Theodore Roosevelt, I cannot thank KSDAR enough!



Chapter Electronic Meetings Bylaws Verbiage

With COVID came the need for chapters to adjust their meetings to online formats, however, due to bylaws limitations, it has been difficult for many chapters to conduct business electronically this year. Many chapters have been working on bylaws language to make this process easier to navigate. Laura Kaiser, KSDAR Bylaws Chair and Shawnee Mission Chapter Regent, has shared its newly adopted bylaw amendments pertaining to electronic meetings. She wants to remind everyone that these were written for their chapter, and that every chapter is different. It is important that chapters adopt amendments that work for their needs.

Proposed Amendment #1

Amend ARTICLE --- Meetings by inserting a new Section - . Electronic Meetings.

Except as otherwise provided in these bylaws, meetings of the Chapter may be conducted through the use of electronic meeting services designated by the Regent. Electronic meeting(s) may be called by the Regent or three (3) officers. These electronic meetings of the Chapter shall be subject to all rules adopted by the Chapter, to govern them, which may include any reasonable limitations on, and requirements for, Chapter members' participation. Chapter members may join in-person meetings virtually. Their presence will count as if they were there in person.

The current Section - will be renumbered Section - .

Proposed Amendment #2

Amend ARTICLE --- Executive Board, Section - by adding:

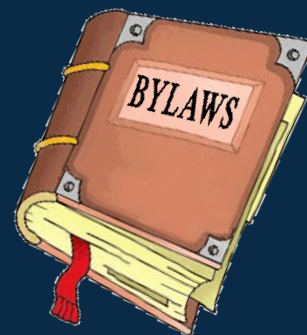
The Executive Board is authorized to hold electronic meetings. Members who are not present in person may be permitted to participate electronically, whereby all members can simultaneously hear each other and participate.

Proposed Amendment #3

Amend ARTICLE - Committees by inserting Section - .

Electronic Meetings: The committees are authorized to hold electronic meetings whereby members participating can hear each other simultaneously.

And renumbering the current Section - to Section - .



Chapter Model Bylaws

If your chapter has not reviewed its bylaws, now may be the time to refresh them. NSDAR provides chapters with the Chapter Model Bylaws document that has required language (in bold print), and suggested language. It is important for chapters to review their bylaws annually and compare it with the Chapter Model Bylaws to ensure that required language is incorporated and that any other changes are made in a timely manner. State Parliamentarian Lyn Patterson, parliamentarian@kansasd.org, is available to assist chapters with their bylaw questions.

Marti Wellington

Thanks to Kansas daughters, comprising 31 separate donations and representing 16 chapters, Haskell students will be gifted with 69 gift cards. And, what a wonderful way to honor these Native students during Native American Heritage Month!



I drove to Lawrence on Saturday, November 21 to deliver 61 gift cards to Manny King, Haskell Student Life Director, just in time for Thanksgiving. Since that date, I have received additional donations of eight more cards, accounting for the 69 total cards. These additional cards will be sent to Manny after Thanksgiving. And since Haskell also received donations of turkeys for these students, Manny was able to deliver our gift cards with the turkeys in time for Thanksgiving. Given the remote learning model in place this semester, many students have struggled with support at home. According to Mr. King, more and more students are continuing to return to Lawrence, especially given the recent rise of Covid-19 cases throughout Native communities across the country. Many students will be remaining in Lawrence throughout the holidays to minimize spread of the virus back home, as well as to ready themselves for the Spring semester, which will continue to be conducted through online learning. Manny expressed his gratefulness for the gift card donations because many will be helpful for newly arriving students who will need basic necessities as they set up their living situations.

Thank you to all Kansas Daughters and chapters who participated in this project and demonstrated our continued and ongoing support of Haskell students! Your generosity knows no bounds, and in these trying times, it is appreciated even more. Giving thanks to each and every one of you wonderful Kansas Daughters!

Dear D.O.R.,
Thank you for your generous contribution and making my Thanksgiving a better one.
E.L. Griffin

Dear Dor,
Thank you! I appreciate it! I would use the gift card to buy things for my family. We just need medicine for winter. Again thank you!
-Kendra Wakolee

Dear DOR, thank you for donating these giftcards and I will use it for food and cleaning supplies.
-Kellyn Cline

Thank you so much for the gift cards. My daughter and I appreciate it. Most likely it'll go to groceries/necessities. Thank you again.
-Stacie Margez

Thank you very much for your contribution. My son and I sure appreciate this gift. We will use it for groceries.
Alanna d. Muden

Thank you for your donation, I will be using it for household supplies. Thank you once again.
-Kaitlin Saurine

Sandra Worth

Information in the reports must include the type of event, date of the event, details of the program, and publicity. Please read through this carefully as some of the rules and dates have been changed.

- A theme folder with a clear cover must be used for each entry. A 3-Ring Binder will be disqualified. Limit of 25 pages including photos. Pages must be 8 ½ x 11, one-sided, size 12 type, using Arial or Times font. The folder must not exceed ½ inch thickness.
- A submission form must be attached to each report. Make sure the form has been fully completed by the chapter and signed by the State Chair. Hard copies only should be submitted. Digital photos of each event are to be emailed in addition to the report folder. A quality copy of the report may be sent if the chapter would like to keep the original.
- January 15th: Chapters should send Outstanding Chapter and State Reports plus photos, to the State Chair. The reports will be judged and First Place winners are sent to the National Division Vice Chairs.
- March 15th: The Commemorative Events Vice Chairs will do the final judging for National Awards.
- All other reports will be returned to the State Chairman if they include a mailing envelope with pre-paid postage.
- The awards for Outstanding Reports at the National Level will be 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place. Division Awards will be sent out ahead of time and only National Awards will be awarded at Continental Congress.

Thanks to all of you for your time and effort in this most important committee.



MEMBERS COURSE

Join TODAY!

Whether you have just joined DAR or have been a member for many years, the Members Course **is for you!**

The Members Course provides an opportunity to learn about DAR's history, mission, and how to access the information and answers you may be looking for on the DAR website. It equips you with information you need to become *active and engaged* participants in DAR at all levels — chapter, state, and national.

The course has been *designed to fit into anyone's busy schedule* of work, family, and play. It's free and *there are no tests!* You have a year to complete from when you begin. If you would like to participate in a scheduled group setting with members from all over Kansas, beginning January 6th at 9:30 am and 7 pm for approximately 8 weeks we will view modules and discuss together in group sessions. The course can also be completed as a self-directed course on your own schedule.



Join us by emailing JeriKlingDAR@gmail.com today!

Protocol 101 - This and That

Mary Frisch

Q. I am the Program Chairman for my chapter. Who introduces the speaker and after the program is completed, do I thank him/her, or does the Chapter Regent?

A. *It is customary for the Program Chairman to introduce or present the speaker, but the Chapter Regent should thank him/her at the close of the presentation.*

Q. May I wear my insignia with a pantsuit?

A. *Yes, you may wear your insignia with a pantsuit but it is not appropriate to wear the sash with pantsuits.*

Treasurer Deadlines

Chapter dues were due to NSDAR Treasurer General and the KSDAR State Treasurer on December 1, 2020. Members that send their dues after this date are late, but they can still be sent to NSDAR and KSDAR.

Other important deadlines for chapters include:

- Chapter Master Report (CMR) is due before February 1, 2021.
- The chapter annual report must be sent to the State Treasurer by March 1.
- Chapter IRS Filing is due by April 1. Form 990, 990-EZ or 990-N must be filed each year. If a chapter does not file, they could lose their tax-exempt status.

More details and forms can be found on the KSDAR members' website under the SIP tab.



Store your Chapter's Historical Materials in the Underground Salt Mines!

Becky Spaulding

Preserve your chapter's historical materials in the climate controlled underground Salt Mines in Kansas City. Joining together with other KS chapters allows us to share the cost of the storage space and make it affordable for even the smallest of chapters. Here are a few questions we have received about this opportunity:

What should we put in storage?

Chapter minutes, scrapbooks, yearbooks, Chapter Charter, or any other items you would like to preserve.

Who can access our materials?

Only authorized representatives from your own chapter are allowed access to your materials. Each chapter is issued a barcode for their boxes and only those members authorized by the chapter can access them.

For more information, contact committee chair Michelle Heaton (nightowl66_1@yahoo.com) or Sue Cornelsen (suecornelsen@hotmail.com) for more information!

Please Welcome Home These New Kansas Daughters

Atchison

Victoria Dunn

Betty Washington

Paige Ashley

Dorothy Baden

Capt. Jesse Leavenworth

Caryn Vaught

Courtney Spalding

Lora Weigel

Katie Youll

Ephraim Basehor

Jennifer Anderson

John Haupt

Doris Strube

Marais Des Cygnes

Jane McLaughlin

Christine Thomas-Hursey

Martha Loving Ferrell

Florence Crawford

Martha Vail

Lauren Caywood

Ilene Armer

Mission Hills

Sharon Keller

Deborah Fischer Stout

Olathe

Karen Dare

Maria Elwood

Meili Brady

Polly Ogden

Ellen Deegan

Sally Bender

Shawnee Mission

Laura Mirakian

Patricia Stepnoski



A Message from our KSDAR Chaplain

Retha Blecha

“When our hands cannot reach our family and friends, we touch them with our prayers.

May God continue to protect them and give them peace and strength in the days ahead, especially at Christmas time and all through the coming year.”

God grant you peace at Christmas
And fill your heart with cheer,
God grant you health and happiness
Throughout the coming year,
God guide you with His wisdom
And keep you in His care –
This is my special wish for you,
This is my Christmas prayer.

Merry Christmas



Contest! We're Going On a Marker Hunt!

Susan Metzger

The KSDAR Historical Markers and Archive Committee is sponsoring a contest for all Kansas Daughters to help with review of DAR markers in Kansas. Participating is easy, fun, and will help keep our marker inventory up to date! The deadline is December 31, 2020.

Between now and December 31:

- Visit a KSDAR historical marker
- Complete a Marker Condition Report (found under the SIP tab on KSDAR Members website)
- Take a digital photo
- Submit the information to your district committee representative
- Share your photo and a short summary of the marker on social media, tagged with #KSDARMakingOurMark
- Repeat for as many markers as you want

By participating in this marker hunt, you will help create a comprehensive inventory of the condition of our historical markers, promote our state's history, AND you can win prizes!

For every marker inventoried, your name will be entered into a drawing. The member with the most markers inventoried by District will receive a 200th Anniversary of the Santa Fe Trail bracelet charm. The member with the most markers inventoried for the state will also receive a Santa Fe Trail commemorative scarf.

The district representatives are:

NE: Katana Ewbank,
kjewbank72@gmail.com

NW: Roxie Thornburg
Roxie.Thornburg@gmail.com

SE: Diane George
dianegeorge77@gmail.com

SW: Andrea Colley Eunice Sterling
rags@cox.net

CALLING ALL KSDAR LEADERS!

Celebrate your New Members, Members, New Horizons, or GEP 3 Course Completion!

- Purchase a DAR Kansas Leadership Training Cockade
- Eligibility for this cockade requires completion of one of the above listed courses
- Profits to support course graduations and State Regent's project



Please print order form & include check to KSDAR, then mail to:

Pam Kelley
5810 Park Circle
Shawnee, KS
66216

Order Information:

ORDER	QTY	DESCRIPTION	DIMENSIONS	PRICE EACH	TOTALS
A		DAR tartan cockade with tartan tails	3" X 6"	\$50.00	
B		DAR tartan cockade with solid blue ribbon	3" X 10"	\$60.00	
C		Yellow & black cockade with tails	3" X 6"	\$20.00	
		(Magnetic backs on all styles)		SUBTOTAL	
SHIPPING		*1 - 4 units / ship to one location		\$5.00 total	
		*5 - 20 units / ship to one location		\$8.00 total	
				TOTAL DUE	

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