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A Message from the State Regent

Dear Kansas Daughters,

Hats off to you for sharing more than 155,000 hours of service in your communities in 2019! From making quilts for veterans to cleaning a historic cemetery, your service was a living expression of the DAR mission of historic preservation, education, and patriotism. A sneak peek at your Chapter Master Reports is equally impressive with more 5,800 books donated to promote literacy, \$44,000 in donated items for veterans, and more than 41,000 documents categorized by members for the Supporting Documentation project. You are all shining stars!

During my recent trip to Washington DC to attend the February National Board of Management meeting, I had the opportunity to hear the exciting updates related to our Insignia sales. As a reminder, sales through Hamilton Jewelers will close at the end of February and the new in-house Insignia sales will officially kick off at Continental Congress. Are you passionate about DAR Insignia and want to play a part in promoting their sale in the future? Applications and letters of recommendation to serve as an Insignia Volunteer at pop-up stores at state meetings are now being accepted through February 15th.

Enjoy this issue of the *CyberSunflower* and be on the lookout for a special State Conference edition of the electronic newsletter later this month!

Welcome Home!

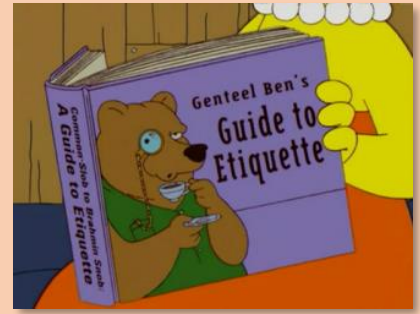
Susan Metzger
KSDAR State Regent



Protocol 101

Mary Frisch

Our KSDAR State Conference is near at hand. This will be the perfect time for Kansas conference attendees to “Rise and Shine” for DAR. Kansas Daughters share one goal! Make our State Regent, Susan Metzger, look good! This is easy, right? The State Regent, state officers and conference team have worked hard to make this state conference an outstanding experience.



Our very special guest for the conference will be President General Denise Doring VanBuren. Kansas Daughters will put our best foot forward to welcome our President General while shining our light on what our State Regent and Kansas daughters have accomplished. You will not want to miss this conference. Make plans now. **Do Not delay.** Let's show our DAR pride with a record turnout for this KSDAR State Conference. Here are some protocol tips to help you shine!

- Wear your DAR pins with pride! Proper attire when wearing pins include a business suit, dressy pant suit, dress suitable for church, and formal wear
- Be on time for every event
- Silence all cell phones
- Wear your conference badge for all meetings
- Stand for the processional; place your ungloved, right hand over your heart when the Flag of the United States of America is in motion
- Applaud when the President General and the State Regent process
- Remain standing and follow the prompts of the Chair for the ritual and posting of the colors

I am very excited to see all of you in Wichita for this very special conference. We have an opportunity to Rise and Shine for DAR. We will have our own Kathryn Walker West, Corresponding Secretary General, in attendance. Kathryn's office is spearheading the DAR Insignia initiative and we want to show our support and pride for Kathryn and the work she is doing as a member of the National Board of Management in the VanBuren administration.

Community Classroom

Renee Slinkard

I am looking forward to receiving Community Classroom Success Stories as you have completed your CMR. Just a reminder to not forget programs you do with students during Constitution Week or Veterans Day; these can be included in Community Classroom Stories. The following are various Success Stories to be submitted:

- Reading to a classroom at school or after school
- Assisting in a special project the students are doing
- Taking part in a historical program
- A school outing visiting a museum or historical site
- Doing a fundraiser with the students
- Assisting students in writing letters to our Military



To submit a Success Story go to www.dar.org/members site; Community Classroom Committee. Success Story is on the Right side of the page. Take a look at some of the previous stories for samples. Click “Forms” on the right side of the page and a blank form will appear for you to fill out your story and send to me via email at 4slink@embarqmail.com. If you have newspaper articles or attachments associated with a particular event, you can mail your story to me at 5630 W. 2200 Rd., Parker, Kansas 66072.

2020 KSDAR State Conference

Wichita Marriott – April 30 – May 2

Hotel reservations: 316-651-0333 or <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1569966681431&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

Preliminary Schedule

Thursday, April 30, 2020

- Finance Committee Meeting 10am
- Executive Committee Meeting 12:30pm
- Registration Open 2pm – 4:45pm
- Sales Room Set up 3:30pm – 5pm, 8pm – 10pm
- All Member Dinner 5pm – 6:30pm
- State Officer Club Dinner 5pm – 6:30pm
- Wichita ALL Reception 7:30pm
- Page Meeting After Reception
- Sunflower Singers After Reception

Friday, May 1, 2020

- Registration Open 7:45am – 5pm
- Sales Room open when not in session
- Board of Management Meeting 8:30am – 9:30am
- Memorial Service 9:45am – 11am
- Club Meetings 11:00am to 12:00pm
- Lunch 12pm – 1:30pm
- State Conference Opening Session 1:45pm – 4pm
- Heritage Club Reception 4:15pm – 5:15pm
(by invitation only)
- Photographs 5:15pm – 6:30pm
- State Regent's Banquet 7pm

Saturday, May 2, 2020

- Registration Open 7:30am – 2pm
- State Conference Second Session 8:30am – 10:45am
- Chapter Regents Luncheon 11:30am – 2pm
- Youth Awards Celebration 2:30pm – 4pm
- Junior Membership Banquet - 6:15pm – 9:00pm
(Page at Any Age)



KSDAR State Conference

Calling all Juniors,

Our night to Rise and Shine is approaching at the upcoming State Conference. Support your chapter by being a page!!!

The KSDAR State Conference will be held in Wichita at the Wichita Marriott, April 30 through May 2.

Join us for a weekend of fellowship with the Kansas Daughters of the American Revolution; meet President General Van Buren and other guests, you won't be disappointed!!!

Contact the Kansas Page Chair, Whitney Watts to become one of the ladies in white: whit.watts@outlook.com.

Hope to hear from you soon!

Do You Love to Sing?

If you are interested in joining the KSDAR Sunflower Singers, please contact Kimberly Patrick at KimAPatrick@aol.com and provide your name and vocal range. The chorus will be performing at the State Regent's Banquet on Friday night during the 2020 State Conference.



DAR Genealogy Preservation

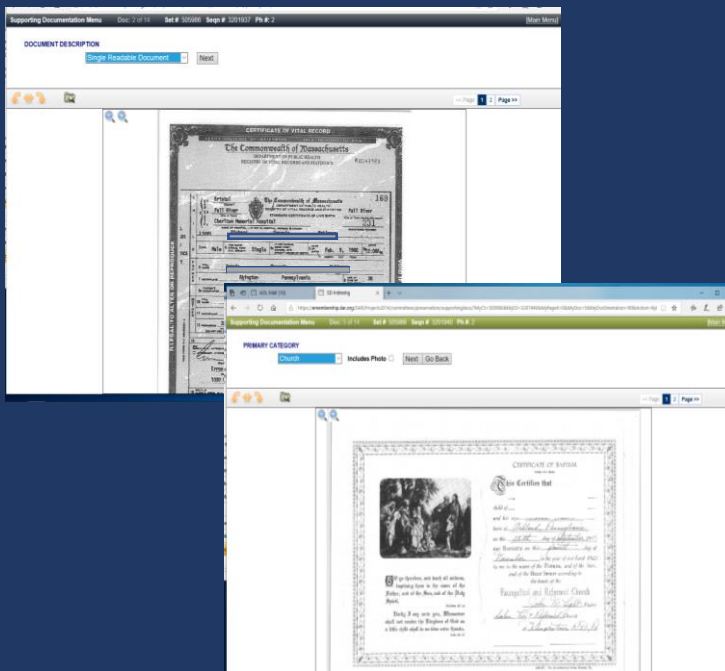
Elizabeth Winterbone

Have you ever wondered what happens to the supporting documents you submitted as proof of eligibility when joining DAR? All those marriage certificates, baptismal reports and death records become part of the DAR's Genealogy Research System, allowing other new members to use them to help complete their applications. Simply by becoming a member you are helping to pave the way for future Daughters!

The influx of supporting documents needs to be sorted, however, to make them accessible and searchable. The DAR Genealogy Preservation committee is the team of people tasked with categorizing the records and we could use your help! This project is done on your computer and is very simple but valuable work. To take part you will sign in and ask for a set of documents. You will then be shown scanned documents, one by one, and you only need to check the box identifying each image as either a Marriage Certificate, Birth Certificate, etc. Almost no typing!

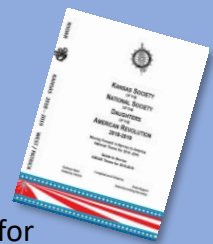
Kansas Daughters have been really productive with this project and this past year 31 Kansas Daughters categorized almost 48,000 records! But with all our new members there are millions of records waiting to be categorized and we would love to have your help.

DAR Genealogy Preservation a satisfying way to volunteer that can be worked into almost any schedule. Let me know if this interests you and I'd be happy to show you the ropes! ewinterbone@gmail.com



AR&P's for Purchase

Peggy Barrett



Copies of the 2018 – 2019 Annual Report & Proceedings (AR&P) are available to members for \$13.75, which includes mailing. Send your check made out to KSDAR State Treasurer to Janet Lake, 22603 W. 72nd St., Shawnee, KS 66227.

If you are taking the Members or New Horizons classes, this is a wonderful tool to assist you through your modules. Also, chapter vice regents should get a copy so that they have the opportunity to read and understand how KSDAR functions and gather ideas for their term as regent. Get yours before they run out!

Chapter Financial Reports

Janet Lake



Hats off to all the great Chapter Treasurers!

Everyone did a great job collecting dues and remitting them to NSDAR and KSDAR. Every year dues collection seems to become more difficult and meeting the deadline can be a challenge, but KSDAR Treasurers go above and beyond getting their chapter members' dues and remitting them.

Next item for chapters is to complete the Annual Financial Report (found under the SIP tab on the members page of the Kansas website) and submit it to the State Treasurer by March 1, 2020. Also, chapters need to submit their President General Project donations in order to receive their 100% certificate from Mrs. VanBuren when she is at the State Conference. The deadline for this is February 10, 2020.

Chapters need to file their 990N online at irs.gov and send a copy to the State Treasurer by April 1, 2020. If chapters have any questions about the reporting requirements or the reports themselves, please don't hesitate to contact me at JanetLakeDAR@gmail.com.

DAR Museum Outreach Programs

Joy Hayden

Would your chapter like to have a program about the DAR Museum?

This is an opportunity for you to learn more about the historical significance of the 30,000 objects in the museum. This houses one of the best examples of decorative and fine arts in the country prior to the Industrial Revolution. While many museums do not have the luxury of displaying their vast collections, the DAR Museum displays about 1/3 of its collection on average, including furniture, silver, ceramics, glass, paintings, costumes, and textiles.

Your chapter can sign up to host a "Trunk Show" in order to educate your members and the public about the treasures in the DAR Museum. Chapters can work together and jointly order and share a Trunk Show. Contact Joy Hayden, State DAR Museum Outreach Chair for more information! djhayden@st-tel.net



Kansas Daughters Know "It's More Than a Seat!"

Sherry Koster

THANK YOU to Kansas Chapters for helping to complete the final phase of restoration for DAR Constitution Hall. Several Kansas Chapters ended 2019 or started off 2020 with a donation of \$300 in support of the President General's Project by sponsoring a seat for restoration in Constitution Hall. Thank you to the Courtney-Spalding, Olathe, Quivira Crossing, and Sagamore Chapters. Remember: S = spread the word; E = engage members; A = act now; and T = take a seat!

There will be a drawing for a gift basket with President General's Project items, PLUS other goodies at our Spring Conference. Kansas Daughters in attendance at our Spring Conference who are member of chapters that have achieved 100% Chapter Participation will have their names entered in a drawing for a gift basket! Look for the March *CyberSunflower* to have more information on the gift basket.

Chapters wishing to achieve 100% Chapter Participation for the President General's Project must remit a total of \$7.50/member/year over 3 years. Review this information at your upcoming Chapter meetings. For more information go to the Daughters' website: www.dar.org/members/committees/special-committees.

Remember, a gift (i.e. 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. If you have questions, please contact the Development Office. Email development@dar.org; or call 800-449-1776.



Please Welcome Home These New Kansas Daughters!

Abilene

Susanne Anderson

Arthur Barret

Lily Dollarhide

Atchison

Rhonda McCracken

Captain Jesse Leavenworth

Erin Olson

Rachel Vesper

Council Oak

Janell Keltner

Courtney-Spauling

Susan Schlichting

Flores Del Sol

Maggie Walker

Carol Wood

Jonathan Gilbert

Juanita Hanhardt

Little Arkansas

Diane Wilson



Major Elijah Hyde

Sarah Miller

Marais Des Cygnes

Patricia Batchelder

Martha Vail

Charlene Bellesine

Oceanus Hopkins

Morgan Michael

Debra Brodbeck

Olathe

Michelle Oakes

Sagamore

Veronica Caine

Shawnee Mission

Claudia Noakes

Topeka

Edith Shutt

Marilyn Kozloff

Uvedale

Shawna Shafer

State Credentials Reminder

Bev Ronnebaum

All Chapter Regents need to be aware of the approaching deadlines for the KSDAR State Conference Credentials. The forms are due by March 16, 2020 and copies must be emailed to the State Registrar, the State Treasurer and the Credentials Chair. In order to vote, the chapter's dues must have been mailed by December 1, 2019. More information and the 2020 Credentials Form can be found on the KSDAR members website. Log in to the website, click on the SIP tab, and scroll down to State Committees, Credentials.

Reminder: to log into the KSDAR members only website, the username is ksdar and the password is sunflower!

Vietnam Veterans Day, March 29, 2020

In 2017, a Presidential Executive Order created Vietnam Veterans Day, to be celebrated on March 29 each year. On March 29, 1973, the last combat troops were withdrawn from Vietnam, and the last prisoners of war held in North Vietnam arrived on American soil. While many troops remained behind before the fall of Saigon, March 29 holds great meaning for many Vietnam War veterans.

Vietnam Veterans Day commemorates the sacrifices of Vietnam veterans and their families and is part of a national effort to recognize the men and women who were denied a proper welcome upon returning home more than 40 years ago. Generations later, veterans of this time period are gaining the respect that was not so freely given upon their return. It also pays tribute to the technology and medical advances that took place during this war.

There were 58,000 killed during this war. National Vietnam War Veterans Day recognizes the military service of these men and women who answered the call of service to their country.

How should you and your chapter observe Vietnam Veterans Day? Thank a veteran for their service and welcome them home. Buy them lunch or a beverage. Present them with a Vietnam War Commemoration Pin or other Commemoration items such as stickers or thank you notes. Visit the local VA and take healthy snack items to serve to the veterans. Work with your local VFW and/or American Legion to jointly develop a recognition program. Fly your Flag.

There were 9,087,000 military personnel that served in active duty during the Vietnam Era (August 5, 1964 – May 7, 1975), and 2,709,918 men and women served in Vietnam. Our Vietnam Veterans deserve our thanks for serving their country. Let us not forget them or those that gave the ultimate sacrifice.

