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## *A Message from the State Regent*

Happy New Year, Kansas Daughters!

As we look ahead to 2020, there are many exciting things in store for the Kansas Society. In April, President General Van Buren will visit Kansas for our State Meeting. We will award the first Welcome Home grants to deserving Veterans and transitioning service member activities. And I personally am looking forward to several visits to Kansas chapters and other State Societies.

But before we get too far into the new year, be sure to take some time to reflect (and report) on all that happened in 2019. The Chapter Master Report (CMR) is your opportunity to brag on your chapter and your members. Sharing information in this report is not only an important accounting of activities, it is the best way for our committee chairs to recognize your outstanding work. Check out the helpful tips for completing the CMR in this issue of the *CyberSunflower*.

So far, more than 115,000 hours of activities have been added to our state's Service to America tally. Our President General challenges us to **rise up** in meaningful service to America. The cumulative tally demonstrates how much you are up for that challenge. Having witnessed hundreds of great stories and photos of service on your Facebook pages and in your chapter newsletters, I suspect that 115,000 hours falls short of your actual great work! The deadline to report your 2019 hours has been extended until February 1, so be sure to add your hours to the tally.

Welcome to a new year, Kansas Daughters. Together we will do great things!

Welcome Home!

Susan Metzger



## President General to Attend the 2020 KSDAR State Conference

The Kansas Society is privileged to have our President General, Denise Doring VanBuren as our special guest for our State Conference, April 30 – May 2, 2020. She will be providing our keynote address at the State Regent's Banquet on Friday evening of the State Conference.

Mrs. VanBuren is the 45th President General of our society and is a 32-year member of NSDAR. She is a member of the Melzingah Chapter in Dutchess County, New York. Denise has served as State Regent of New York, and her national service includes having served as the Editor in Chief of *American Spirit Magazine*, Organizing Secretary General and First Vice President General. On a personal level, she has three adult sons, all of whom received appointments to West Point Military Academy. Her husband, Christopher Barclay, is her greatest supporter and is a model HODAR.

Professionally, she has just retired from Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation after 25 years where she served as Vice President of Public Relations. She previously was a newscaster in New York. Her professional skills have greatly enhanced her ability in public relations and media and she utilizes these with her social media and President General's Blog. She has greatly increased the publicity for the Society with her many posts and projects.

Mrs. VanBuren is no stranger to Kansas, having been a guest in the past - she even joined the Sunflower Singers for New York State of Mind during her last visit!

She will be hosting members of the Heritage Club for a special invitation-only gathering during her visit and will be updating the group on the progress of the renovations to Constitution Hall as well as other projects of NSDAR.

Chapters that have met the 100% participation in the President General's Project will receive their certificate from the President General and get their picture taken with her. If your chapter has not made this commitment for 2020, you still have time to get your \$7.50 per member submitted to the State Treasurer.

Don't miss the opportunity to meet Mrs. VanBuren and to learn more about the happenings at NSDAR. Get your hotel reservations made for an educational and fun-filled State Conference!

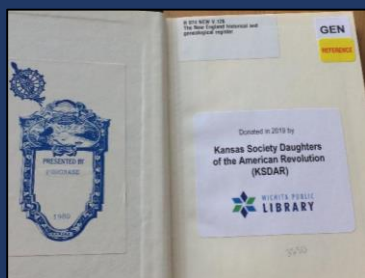


## State Conference Reception at the Wichita Advanced Learning Library

Plan to arrive at the 2020 State Conference on Thursday, April 30, in time to attend the Wichita Advanced Learning Library reception celebrating the KSDAR Library accession. The reception will be at 7:30 p.m. at the facility located at 711 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. N, Wichita, KS.

The ALL has incorporated the KSDAR Library Holdings into their facility with specialized bookplates that state "Donated in 2019 by Kansas Society Daughters of the American Revolution (KSDAR)." The collection has been catalogued with Dewey Decimal System identification and can be searched online.

Our donation to the Wichita ALL will allow more people access to the collection for research, and the bookplates will make genealogy researchers aware of KSDAR. Join us to celebrate this milestone with the President General, Kansas Daughters and members of the Wichita Public Library!





# 2020 KSDAR State Conference

## Wichita Marriott

The 2020 State Conference is just around the corner, so you will want to make your reservations to attend. The conference will be held at the Wichita Marriott April 30<sup>th</sup> – May 2<sup>nd</sup>. President General Denise Doring VanBuren will be our guest of honor, and we will be having a reception at the Wichita Advanced Learning Library to celebrate the inclusion of the KSDAR Library into their holdings. Hotel reservations can be made by calling 316-651-0333 and telling them you are with the Kansas Society Daughters of the American Revolution or by going to:

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

More information on the schedule and events will be available as the conference nears.

### Preliminary Schedule

#### Thursday, April 30, 2020

- Finance Committee Meeting 10am (Finance Committee members only)
- Executive Committee Meeting 12:30pm (State Officers only)
- Registration Open \*all members must register 2pm – 4:45pm
- Sales Room Set up 3:30pm – 5pm, 8pm – 10pm
- All Member Dinner 5pm – 6:30pm
- State Officer Club Dinner w/guests 5pm – 6:30pm
- Wichita Advanced Learning Library Reception 7:30pm
- Page Meeting & Rehearsal After Reception

#### Friday, May 1, 2020

- Breakfast on own
- Heritage Club Breakfast 7:30am – 8:30am (tentative, by invitation only)
- Registration Open \*all members must register 7:45am – 5pm
- Sales Room open when not in session
- Board of Management Meeting 8:30am – 9:30am
- Memorial Service 9:45a – 11am
- Club Meetings (Cameo, Junior Membership, etc.) 11:00a to 12:00p
- Lunch 12pm – 1:30pm
- State Conference Opening Session 1:45pm – 4pm
- Heritage Club Reception 4:15pm – 5:15pm (tentative, by invitation only)
- Photographs 5:15pm – 6:30pm
- State Regent's Banquet 7pm (President General's Presentation)

#### Saturday, May 2, 2020

- Breakfast on own
- Registration Open \*all members must register 7:30am – 2pm
- State Conference Second and Final 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)



### Calling All Singers!

If you are interested in joining the KSDAR Sunflower Singers, please contact Kimberly Patrick at [KimAPatrick@aol.com](mailto: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.

# Chapter Master Report

Margaret Bates

On midnight February 1, Hawaii time, the 2019 online Chapter Master Report (CMR) will close for another year. Reporting must be completed before that time.

Please do not wait until the last minute. Chapter chairs can complete their portions at any time following the launch of a new CMR. This is usually shortly after Continental Congress.

Chapter regents have eMembership access, and the chapter's pin is visible to her. Members do not need eMembership access to work on their portion of the CMR.

Access the site at [dar.org/cmr](http://dar.org/cmr) and log on at the appropriate level. For chapter chairs, this would be Chapter level. If the various logins do not appear, simply choose the "Log Off the CMR" option and they will then appear.

Several areas of the CMR, particularly in the Chapter Achievement Awards section, are auto filled from Headquarters data. Once in a while, a chapter may question the results that show. This is a spectacular reason NOT to wait until the eleventh hour to complete the CMR. In those cases when a discrepancy is suspected, there is no substitute for contacting the Office of the Organizing Secretary or the Development Office, depending on the issue. For technical assistance, email [cmr@nsdar.org](mailto:cmr@nsdar.org) or the Help Desk. We will do our best to help you.

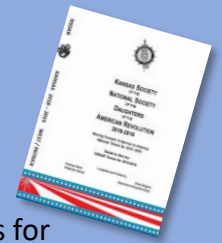
## CMR Hints, Tips and Tricks

- Don't wait to start – you should already be inputting information
- Don't be brief – provide who, what, when and where
- If you have photos or more information such as newspaper clippings, mail to the State Chair
- Double and Triple Dip – many of your chapter's activities can count in several categories – put them in each one
- Survey chapter members about their activities to include in the report
- Get chapter chairs to input/provide information
- Review your chapter's minutes for the year to remind you of all the chapter's activities
- Use the completed CMR to plan next year's activities

Do not hesitate to reach out to any of the state officers if you need help or have questions!

# AR&P's for Purchase

Peggi 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. 72<sup>nd</sup> 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!

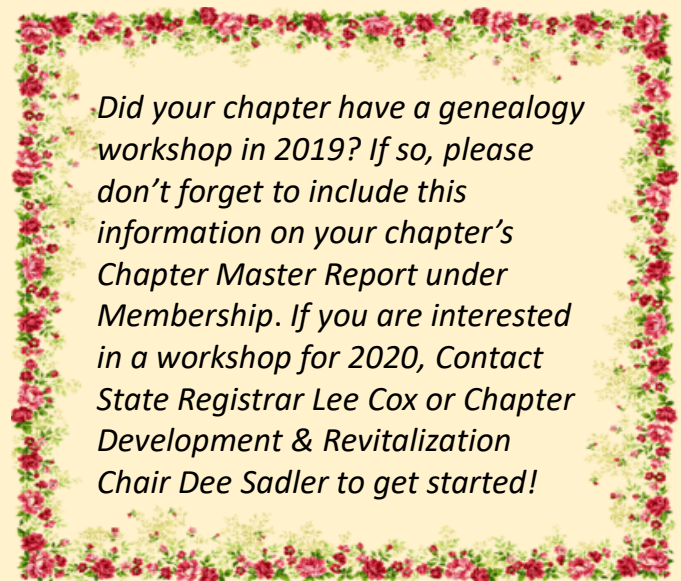
## Start the New Year With 2020 Vision

Dee Sadler



What an exciting four months it has been for the Lee and Dee team! Great workshops in Liberal, Haysville, Topeka, Newton and Hays working with 16 different chapters. Our format truly does allow us to mold these workshops according to what each chapter needs – need some help understanding the PMD? GRS? Finding an elusive patriot? Or learn how to combine Build an Apps and create an application in record time?

Start the new year out right by having 2020 vision for your chapter and call us before our calendars fill up.



*Did your chapter have a genealogy workshop in 2019? If so, please don't forget to include this information on your chapter's Chapter Master Report under Membership. If you are interested in a workshop for 2020, Contact State Registrar Lee Cox or Chapter Development & Revitalization Chair Dee Sadler to get started!*

# News from Four Winds

*Donna Roberts*

The Four Winds Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution celebrated Christmas with lunch at the Dutch Country Café, Saturday, December 7, 2019. Guest speaker was Andrea Jacques, the President of the Kansas Children of the American Revolution, who spoke on her state project. She chose the Kansas Specialty Dog Service or KSDS, which is a wonderful non-profit organization that provides both guide and service dogs to individuals with disabilities, as her project. KSDS opened in September 1990 and is located in Washington, Kansas.



Andrea sold miniature stuffed dogs at the luncheon to support KSDS. Four Winds members donated \$335 which would allow 67 dogs to be purchased. At Christmas we think of giving, so to help the CAR project, the chapter gifted the dogs to four area departments to use in their efforts of service in our communities. Receiving stuffed dogs were the Anderson County Ambulance Department, the Centerville Ambulance barn, the Anderson County Sheriff Department, and the Garnett Police Department. By providing these dogs to be given out in emergency situations helped the chapter feel like they ended their year on a high note with this Community Service Project.

## Free Online Course for Chapter Registrars

*Lee Cox*



A new registrar class is now available to all **chapter registrars!**

The topics covered in the Registrar Training Course range from the role of the registrar, to acceptable service and lineage, how to use e-Membership, an analysis lesson, identifying service for a specific ancestor, and how to resolve complex service issues. This course will also include an Additional Materials section that will contain resources and links that will be helpful to registrars.

You may enroll by sending the following to [onlineclasses@dar.org](mailto:onlineclasses@dar.org):

your name and national number, and a.) If you HAVE already taken any of the GEP courses: Please include this information in your e-mail and you will be enrolled in the Registrar Training Course with the same username and password that you have previously used for the GEP; or b.) If you HAVE NOT taken any of the GEP courses: In your e-mail, include your desired username. An account will be created for you with that username, and with the e-mail address from which the enrollment e-mail was sent. A temporary password will be created for you; please note that once you log in with the temporary password, you will be prompted to change your password to one of your choosing.

E-mails received that do not contain the necessary information will not be processed. Once an e-mail is received with the necessary information, you will be sent an e-mail notification. Allow up to one week for your enrollment to be processed. You will have access to this course for ONE YEAR. This course is only available to current and incoming Chapter Registrars; past Registrars will not be given access.

This course will be housed on the Genealogical Education Program (GEP) website. It is a compilation of the most important lessons from the GEP, as well as a new lesson. As this course draws from lessons within the GEP but does not contain all lessons from each course, you will not be eligible to purchase any of the GEP pins upon completion. If you have already taken the GEP, then you may still purchase those pins. However, in 2020 the DAR will release a new pin, just for the Registrar Training Course! Upon successful completion of the final quiz, you will be able to print a Certificate of Completion, and your e-Membership record will be updated to show that you have completed the Training Course.



## Please Welcome Home These New Kansas Daughters

### Betty Washington

Donna Graber

### Flores Del Sol

Nina Morris-Looney

### Mary Draper

Judith Embry

### Newton

Stephanie Miller

### Olathe

Sara Weir

Frances Lowden

Caroline Hill

### Prairie Rose

Denise Purvis

### Randolph

Mary Aaron

Janice Johnson

### Tomahawk

Rose Bibb



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

## Protocol 101

*Mary Frisch*



The Protocol Committee was confirmed as a special committee in 1971 and became an administrative committee in 1977. For complete information and instructions see Chapter XIII of the Protocol Committee portion of the Members' Section of the DAR Website at [www.DAR.org/members/dar-members-section](http://www.DAR.org/members/dar-members-section).

## 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.



## What's Your DAR Elevator Speech?

*Kimberly Patrick*

How many times have you been asked "What is DAR?" or "What does DAR do?" Like many, you then fumble to explain about the organization, the many great things we do, your ancestry and how you became a member until you realize your audience has a glazed look in their eyes. Our enthusiasm and love for the organization makes us want to share everything we know about it, however, the message we present is not usually the message we need to provide.

In the marketing and advertising world, the term "Elevator Pitch" is used to describe a very short response to a question such as "What do you do?" The reason it's called an elevator pitch is that it should be short enough to present during a brief elevator ride – in that time, you need to present the salient points that are the most important and the most memorable.

We all have our favorite aspects about DAR and the reasons why we joined, but you have to remind yourself that when someone asks you about DAR, they don't necessarily want to hear about our pins or that you became a member on your fifth great grandfather that was a blacksmith that was a patriot because he put the Redcoats' horses shoes on upside down! They want to know what we do and who we are.

KSDAR Organizing Secretary Denise Bullock prepared a handout for the September Meeting that included her pitch, "The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) is a service organization of women whose ancestors contributed to the American cause in our country's struggle for independence. Our objectives of Historic Preservation, Education and Patriotism guide the programs, activities and focus of our work." My favorite pitch is "The Daughters of the American Revolution is a women's service organization whose members can prove direct lineage to patriots of the Revolutionary War. Our mission is Historic Preservation, Patriotism – including work with veterans and active duty military, and Education where provide over \$1 million in scholarships annually."

However you want to describe DAR, be prepared and know your answer before you are asked. Make sure it conforms to short, factual and descriptive. We may want to share more, but consider your audience and their attention span – we can rhapsodize for hours about the wonders of DAR, but let's save some for another time!

