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## *A Message from the State Regent*

Dear Kansas Daughters,

As much of the state and portions of the Nation work to reopen, I am cautiously optimistic about our opportunities to gather together again soon as chapters, in parades, and at State Meetings. We are looking forward to this year's State September Meeting, currently planned for September 10-12, 2020 at the Courtyard by Marriott in Junction City. The State September Meeting will include a few activities and events from our cancelled KSDAR Annual Conference, including a memorial service, Chapter Regent Banquet, and business session. We will also celebrate our members who successfully completed the Members, New Horizons, and Genealogical Education Program (GEP) courses. The State September Meeting will also still include two of the most important aspects of the fall meeting – education and fun. We want to hear your ideas about the topics and workshops you are most interested in including on this year's State September Meeting. Please take a few moments to share your ideas through the link below:

[https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_e3BlpnEH1I3zthX](https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_e3BlpnEH1I3zthX)

I hope you are also making plans to attend the virtual Continental Congress later this month. While nothing can replace being together in person in our beautiful buildings in Washington, DC, this virtual event provides the opportunity for all DAR members to attend safely and from the comfort of their own homes. Be a part of history and come to Congress online! Be looking for a special Congress issue of the *CyberSunflower* soon. Wishing you wellness and health,

Welcome Home!

Susan Metzger



# Genealogy Balcony Volunteers Program During Continental Congress Online

*Bunnie Bowen*

Great news – The Lineage Research and Volunteer Genealogists National Chairs are delighted to announce that the Balcony Volunteers program will still take place during our historic, online Congress! NSDAR Trained volunteers and members-in-need will “Rise and Shine” by being paired in private Zoom conference sessions. Members will be assisted with their questions and issues with an application or supplemental. Members will sign up in advance for a scheduled one-hour private session. Volunteers and members will use first names so privacy can be maintained, if desired. Planned session days and times are Tuesday, June 23rd through Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, 10 am to 6 pm, Eastern Daylight time (EDT). During each session, Volunteers and members will be able to see each other online, view documents and discuss the member’s questions on application preparation and genealogy research. Complete instructions on the Zoom platform will be sent in advance.

This service is free and open to any DAR member. If you are in need of assistance with an application or supplemental or know a member who needs assistance, please join the fun of this exciting new opportunity. When you schedule, you will be given instructions about how best to prepare for the session as well as a Zoom User’s Guide in advance of your consultation session.

For more information and to schedule a session, please contact one of the chairs hosting this event: Kathryn Koos-Lee, National Chair Volunteer Genealogists: [vgckkl25@gmail.com](mailto:vgckkl25@gmail.com) or Allie Golon, National Chair Lineage Research: [agolonDAR@gmail.com](mailto:agolonDAR@gmail.com).

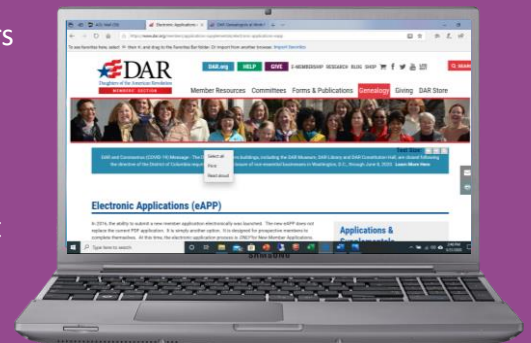


## Member Applications and Genealogy During DAR Headquarters Shutdown

Although it has not been “business as usual” since our DAR Headquarters shutdown in March, NSDAR staff genealogists have remained true to the Registrar General’s mission: the review and verification of members Applications and Supplementals. The DAR staff has shown creativity and flexibility while working remotely, and has increased the need for chapters to utilize eApplications for their prospective members. Twenty-one percent of the applications verified for the May 5<sup>th</sup> acceptance were eApps (Kansas had three!).

Not knowing how long that the building will remain closed, it is important for our Chapter Registrars and genealogists to begin utilizing the eApp to continue moving forward in working with prospective members. Currently, the eApp is only for new members, not supplementals. This process allows the prospective member to enter her information herself once a chapter has accepted her as a prospective. This alleviates some of the work that Chapter Regents perform with the paper application. Prospective members who already have relatives in the DAR are great candidates for the eApp. The Build-an-App utility is also available for use with Electronic Applications simplifying the process.

More information can be found on the DAR Members website under the Genealogy tab for both eApp and Build-an-App. KSDAR State Registrar Lee Cox, KSDAR State Chapter Development and Revitalization Chair Dee Saddler and KSDAR State Volunteer Genealogists Chair Bunnie Bowen are available to assist Chapter Registrars with these programs. Their contact information can be found on the KSDAR members website under the SIP tab.





# Protocol 101

*Mary Frisch*

## THE OFFICIAL SASH

Daughters who have served or are serving on the National Board of Management by virtue of an elected office are entitled to wear a sash.

The sash should not be longer than hem length and is worn over the right shoulder and under the left arm. A member may wear no more than two pins on a sash—one to secure the sash on the right shoulder, and one to fasten the sash at the left hip.

As a sign of respect for the sash, Daughters should rise when the President General is presented; and at State functions, for the State Regent when she is presented. At Continental Congress, Daughters stand when their State Regent comes forward to give her report.

The sash is worn at DAR functions and when the Daughter is officially representing the Society. Like DAR pins, the sash is never worn in public places or on the street unless a DAR event is taking place then and there. It is not worn over coats except suit coats. It is not worn with slacks or pant suits. (The official insignia ribbon with pins and bars may be worn on a pants suit. Official sash is not be worn with a pants suit. Adopted June 9, 1978, Executive Committee Meeting.)

At social events, such as teas and receptions, the sash is not worn unless requested by the hostess. Those in a receiving line at a DAR functions usually wear the sash. During Continental Congress and State Conferences, the sash is worn for all DAR events.

## READING THE SASHES

There are four different widths for a sash. The President General's sash is the widest, 5 inches. The remaining eleven executive officers wear 3 1/2 inches wide sashes. The sash worn by each of the 21 Vice Presidents General measures 2 1/2 inches in width. And, the sash of a State Regent is 1 1/4 inches wide. The sash worn by the State Regent is the same as the ribbon on which the DAR pins are worn.



## Reisig Memorial Historic Preservation Grants

*Susan Metzger*



Pam Reisig, member of the Major Elijah Hyde chapter, passed away August 14, 2019. At the time of her passing, she had just started serving as the state chair of the Historic Preservation Committee. She was so excited to serve in this

role and had many ideas for helping chapters with historic preservation projects in their communities. Pam's family, including KSDAR member Heather Reisig, established a memorial fund in Pam's honor to be directed to KSDAR.

In consultation with the family, these funds will be used for a one-time grant for chapters to support a local historic preservation project in their community. One grant per District will be awarded, each in the amount of \$300. Additional information, including the application form and instructions, will be included in the July issue of the *CyberSunflower* and posted to the KSDAR member's website.

## Museum Minute

*Joy Hayden*

While many of us won't be traveling much this summer, it is still the perfect time to tour the DAR Museum. Did you know you can visit each of the 31 period rooms and virtually step into each room? You can peek into an 1810s era bedroom, an 1820s dining room, an 1860s parlor, just to name a few. Visit the DAR Museum online at <https://www.dar.org/museum/exhibitions/tours> to find a tour for yourself or plan a program for your Chapter soon. Contact DAR Museum State Chair Joy Hayden for assistance at [djhayden@st-tel.net](mailto:djhayden@st-tel.net).



# 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

The State Regent's Project merchandise helps to fund her project which includes grants to assist Veterans and the other areas of the Welcome Home Program. If interested in purchasing the State Regent Pin or Charms, contact State Regent Susan Metzger.



## Flag Day June 14

According to legend, in 1776, George Washington commissioned Philadelphia seamstress Betsy Ross to create a flag for the new nation. On June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress approved the design of a national flag. Since 1916, when President Woodrow Wilson issued a presidential proclamation establishing a national Flag Day on June 14, Americans have commemorated the adoption of the Stars and Stripes in many ways—displaying the flag in the front of their homes, parades, and other patriotic observances. Prior to 1916, many localities and a few states had been celebrating the day for years. Congressional legislation designating that date as the national Flag Day was signed into law by President Harry Truman in 1949; the legislation also called upon the president to issue a flag day proclamation every year.

To date, there have been twenty-seven official versions of the flag, but the arrangement of the stars varied according to the flag-makers' preferences until 1912 when President Taft standardized the then-new flag's forty-eight stars into six rows of eight. The forty-nine-star flag (1959-60), as well as the fifty-star flag, also have standardized star patterns. The current version of the flag dates to July 4, 1960, after Hawaii became the fiftieth state on August 21, 1959.

On Sunday, June 14, proudly fly your flag and make it a family event by teaching your children or grandchildren how to properly handle and honor the Flag of the United States of America.



## Please Welcome Home These New Kansas Daughters

### Courtney-Spalding

Mary Thacker

### Dodge City

Deborah Ruff

### Three Trails West

Marsha Plumly



## Pandemic Closings

Even though many places are beginning to reduce restrictions and locations are beginning to open, remember that DAR Headquarters is closed as well as many government offices. The Federal Courts in Kansas have cancelled all Naturalization Ceremony receptions indefinitely, and the Veterans Administration Hospitals are closed to all visitors which means bingo and other activities are cancelled. If your chapter has donations for the VA or activities planned, contact your VAVS representative to discuss the current situation at your local VA.

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

## Social Media Tips and Tricks

*Kimberly Patrick*

Social Media allows us to stay in touch with friends and family when we can't be there in person, and for many has been a lifeline during social distancing. However, too often we can unknowingly overstep with our "shares" which can cause our friends and family to social media distance or actually place ourselves in danger. Here are a few pointers to help us stay friends and eliminate those cringe worthy posts:

- **DO** share short posts about funny events, poignant moments or positive comments.
- **DON'T** jump on someone else's post with negative or combative comments and take over their feed, especially politically charged comments.
- **DO** highlight good deeds and activities, and use photos and graphics to showcase what you are posting on.
- **DON'T** share multiple posts to an organization's page regularly, especially if you are seeing little comment or reaction activity – this means you have over-saturated it and people are ignoring your posts.
- **DO** be cautious of posting when on vacation so that strangers don't know your house is empty. Also, be careful when posting photos of new possessions, or stating that your spouse is out of town. Letting strangers know your whereabouts or that you have expensive items can be dangerous for you and your family.
- **DON'T** share continual posts of items with multiple photos. Share one post with highlights of an event rather than every second of the event in pictures.
- **DO** be careful with personal information as this can often be used to steal your password to your pages, banking information, etc.
- **DON'T** post website URL's and emails on public sites where non-members can access them.
- **DO** be cognizant that if someone has made a post and a question is asked, that you don't jump in and take over the conversation as though you were the original poster.
- **DON'T** place crude, political or inappropriate posts on social media that are not your personal pages.
- **DO** consider changing your passwords so that your bank password is not the same as your Facebook password.
- **DON'T** post photos of minors on DAR social media without receiving a release from their parent.
- **DO** be respectful of other people's opinion – if you don't agree, let it go. Be respectful of others.

By following these simple rules you will increase your readership and followers and will be much safer!