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A Message from the State Regent

Dear Kansas Daughters,

In my family, the fall brings several back-to-back birthdays. My parents, sister, and brother-in-law all celebrate birthdays in a one-month span. In a typical year, we gather for a joint birthday bash filled with food, gifts, and fun. In this anything-but-typical year, the annual birthday tradition was translated to Zoom and phone calls. As much as I would have preferred celebrating with my family in-person, there was something unique and special about the extra effort and creativity made to ensure our custom did not go unrecognized.

This month, DAR will celebrate our 130th birthday! While our celebration may look a bit different than in years past and may take some extra creativity, I challenge all Kansas chapters and members to honor the anniversary of DAR's founding through meaningful service. Last year, Kansas Daughters hit it out of the park with our service projects, earning National recognition from the Service to America committee. Let's do that again! This year, we have the opportunity to set a Guinness Book of World Records by collectively creating 2020 no-sew blankets for veterans. I have a pile of fleece ready to go and am so excited to see photos of Kansas Daughters making these comfort gifts for our Nation's veterans.

Be sure to share and post your service activities in your chapter newsletters, social media sites, and by sharing a photo of your service with our State Reporter, Kimberly Patrick, for inclusion in a future issue of the *CyberSunflower*. Be sure to include the hashtag #DARDayOfService with your social media posts and track your hours in the Service to America online tally. KSDAR Service to America State Chair, Kathy Hays has included helpful instructions for entering your hours in this issue of the *Cybersunflower*.

I look forward to seeing how you honor our Society's founding as we Rise and Shine in Service to America!

Welcome Home!

Susan Metzger
KSDAR State Regent



DAR Day of Service/Guinness Book of World Records Tie Blanket Challenge

October 10, 2020 is the date of the KSDAR attempt to enter the Guinness Book of World Records Tie Blanket Challenge. The goal is to create 2,020 tie blankets from **9am to 5pm on October 10**. Instructions for this project are available on the KSDAR Members Website. Even if your chapter has a project outlined for the October 11, 2020 NSDAR Day of Service, you can still participate in the Tie Blanket Project!

It is advised that those with underlying medical conditions or are elderly not participate in a group setting to reduce the risk of coronavirus. For these individuals who would still like to participate, you can make the tie blankets from home. If you are not physically able to participate or are unavailable during the project timeframe, then consider purchasing fleece and donating it to those that will be making the blankets.

Let's show the World what Kansas Daughters can do when presented with a challenge! Save your corner fleece scraps and sew them into glasses cases for veterans or nursing home residents!

NSDAR Day of Service

Denise Doring VanBuren, President General



The National DAR Day of Service takes place each year on or near October 11 to honor the anniversary of our National Society's founding on October 11, 1890. DAR chapters and members are encouraged to engage in meaningful service projects in their communities via this coast-to-coast collective expression of our mission to promote historic preservation, education and patriotism. Plan now to be a part of this important annual event.

Given the challenges presented by the pandemic, this year's National DAR Day of Service may look a little bit different, but I am confident that our outstanding members and chapters will find compelling ways to safely participate in worthwhile projects that will reinforce our purpose and raise awareness of DAR in local communities. Here are a few ideas:

- Outdoor community service projects where social distancing measures can be easily maintained are a great way to participate. For example: gather donations (food, clothing, hygiene items, etc.) for those in need at a "drive-up collection" site; paint/clean the grounds/exterior of a local historic preservation; clean-up a local park or cemetery; stage a "Sea to Shine Sea" waterway cleanup through the Conservation Committee; or support our Literacy Committee by installing a "Little Free Library" in your community.

- Virtual Service to America projects are another alternative, and they can be easily completed using Zoom (and other virtual meeting platforms). As examples: gather together online to write notes of encouragement to veterans and/or military personnel; ask each member to individually read a book to a child through some sort of video platform, then report your combined numbers; index Genealogical Records (why not have a contest to see which chapter member can compile the most?); hold an open-to-the-public Genealogy Workshop through your local library; or coordinate donations using an Amazon (or another website) wish-list to benefit a worthy cause.

130th Continental Congress

The 130th Continental Congress will be held June 23 – July 4, 2021. Imagine being in our Nation's Capital on July 4th! If Congress has been on your bucket list, then this next year's Continental Congress is a must. DAR Daughters march in the parade each year and we expect 2021 will be extra special with all the Daughters there for Congress. Join the Kansas Daughters as we celebrate the 4th of July in Washington, D.C.! More information will be coming in the following months, however, now is the time to begin planning for you hotel stay, saving, and getting your roommates. If you are planning to attend the 130th Continental Congress, please email KSDAR State Vice Regent Rebecca Kline with your dates of attendance, where you will be staying, your roommate(s) and your cell phone number. If you would like to serve on a Congress Committee, please email State Regent Susan Metzger.

Congress Hotel Reservations

The J.W. Marriott will be the Congress hotel for the 130th Continental Congress. The room block opens for reservations on **Monday, October 19, 2020, at 11 a.m. (Central)**. You must utilize the Passkey system with DAR's special reservation link that will be provided on Members website at **11 a.m. on Monday, October 19, 2020**. All members are **highly encouraged** to make their reservations online with that link. It is possible to make reservations by phone at [1-800-393-2503](tel:1-800-393-2503) beginning at 11 a.m. on October 19, but you must specify that you are reserving in the "DAR General Attendees Block." **Do not call the JW Marriott front desk or the general JW Marriott reservations line. Reservations made directly through the hotel are not guaranteed the DAR rate.** The following nonnegotiable policies are also in effect for the 130th Continental Congress:

- 2021 DAR Hotel Rates per night is \$295 plus tax for single or double occupancy; for triple or quadruple occupancy, there will be a \$30 fee per additional occupant.
- Only **one** reservation for **one** room can be made **per login/phone call**.
- Cancellations can be made without incurring a fee on or before May 15, 2021. However, beginning May 16, 2021, any cancellation made for any reason **will incur a required \$350 cancellation fee**.
- Reservations at the JW Marriott must be made no later than **May 28, 2021**, in order to receive the DAR Rate.
- Should you choose to arrive early/stay later, please know that there are limited nights available at the DAR rate before/after the official Congress dates (June 30– July 4, 2021).

<https://www.dar.org/members/announcements/130th-continental-congress-hotel-reservations-june-30-july-4-2021>

Alternate Hotel – State Plaza Hotel

A KSDAR block of rooms has been reserved at the State Plaza Hotel, six blocks from DAR Headquarters. Each room has a full-size kitchen with a grocery, liquor store and CVS located next door. Room rates are \$249 per night – July 4th evening will be \$279. Cancellations can be made up to 24-hours before check-in. To make a reservation, contact the State Plaza by phone at 202-833-6967 and tell reservations that you are with the Kansas DAR block. The hotel has a restaurant located on the main floor in addition to the kitchens in each room. Reservations must be made by May 28, 2021. For questions contact Kimberly Patrick, State Reporter.



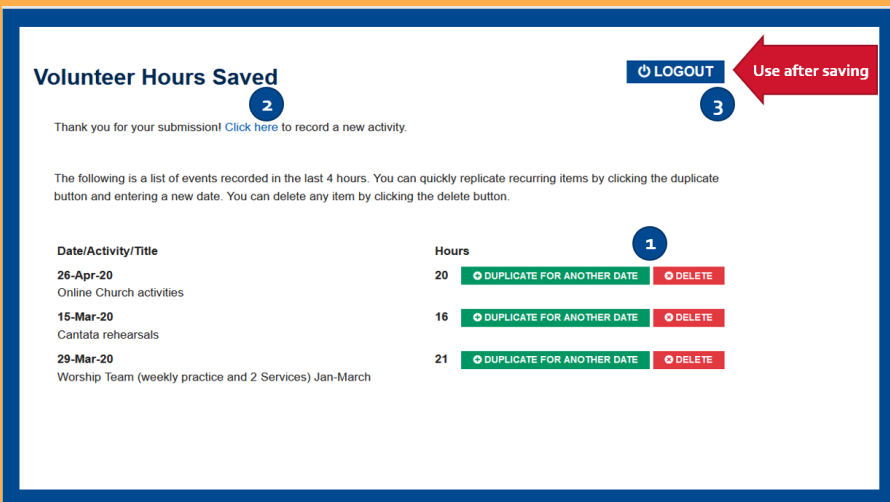
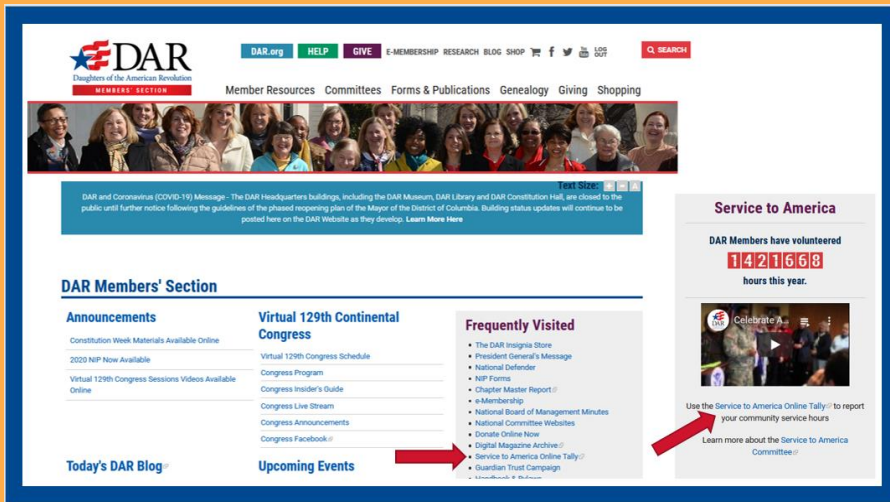
Step-by-Step Your Time Counts!

Kathy Hays

Kansas daughters can make a difference in their communities and for our society. By making it a habit to log your volunteer time weekly or monthly, you can make sure that others know the impact that DAR makes.

1. Log onto the National Members website (DAR.org), and log into the Service to America Talley.
2. Complete the fields on the Talley form. After completing the Description, Date and Hours, SCROLL DOWN. *If you log out at this time your report will not be saved.*
3. Complete the Mission and Category boxes and any special information you would like to share.
4. Save your report.
5. From the confirmation screen you can add another activity or duplicate something you've done before. You can group repeated activities if necessary.
6. When you are done reporting and saving your activities and log out.

Continue to volunteer and remember to take a few minutes to report your activities. Please also consider sending pictures or a story to ServiceToAmerica@nsdar.org



Calling All New Members/ Members Graduates

Pam Kelley

Now that you've graduated from the New Members or Members course, take the next step and complete the New Horizons course.

The New Horizons course concentrates on expanding your DAR Leadership skills. The focus of the program is to encourage, educate and build confidence in any member who is interested in expanding their knowledge and service to DAR through leadership. The information that is gained from this program can also provide personal growth. Although this program is focused on DAR, graduates have told us that these modules helped them in understanding and applying traits needed to advance in their professional careers.

As with the Members program, each module has a related questionnaire with directions for accessing the online modules. A part of the New Horizons curriculum is the development and execution of a Capstone Project at the end of the course. The projects that members have completed are awe inspiring and shows what Daughters can do when given the opportunity.

By taking the first step of completing the New Members/Members course you have demonstrated your commitment to and enthusiasm for DAR. We look forward to helping you get started with the New Horizons course, and then seeing you walk across the stage to accept your cord at the 2021 state conference!

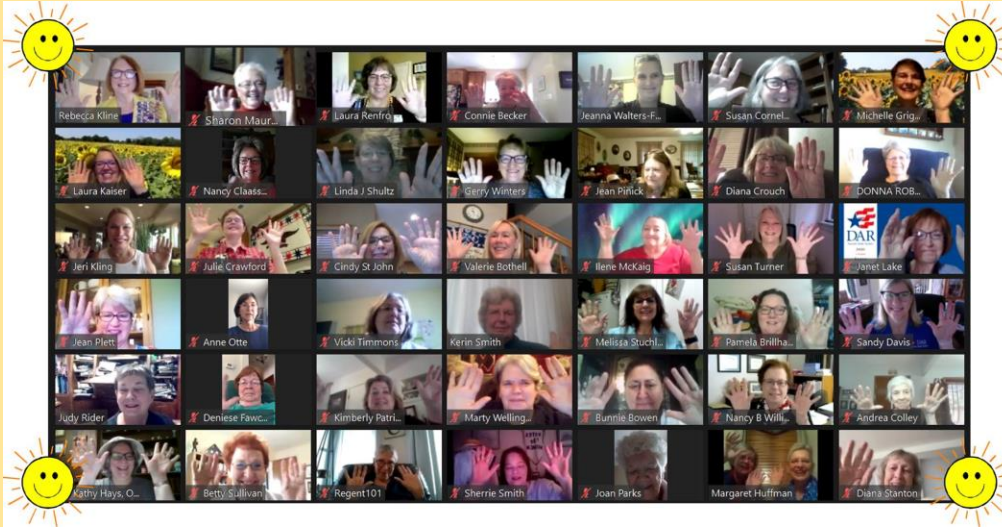
For more information, please contact Pam Kelley, KSDAR Leadership Co-chair, New Horizons Coordinator at:

pamkelley2585@att.net.



It's a Wrap!

Special thanks to all the KSDAR Members that helped to make our Virtual State September Meeting a success! We had great attendance at all of the sessions and it is wonderful to see how many have continued to go to our YouTube channel to watch or re-watch the videos! If you have not had the opportunity to view these, navigate to the members.KansasDAR.org members page and on the second tab, State September Conference, will take you to the different videos and the links to watch them. It is our hope that you were able to learn something new and feel that the information provided was beneficial. Let us pray that 2021 will allow us to be together again in person. Make plans to attend our State Conference in Lawrence, KS, April 22 – 24, 2021 where we will be celebrating the 125th Anniversary of KSDAR and the 200th Anniversary of the Santa Fe Trail.



DAR E-Applications

Bunnie Bowen

It was overwhelming to know that over 100 daughters registered for the eApps training session that took place during the State September Meeting on Saturday, September 12, 2020 via ZOOM.

During the live question and answer period following the presentation, there were three questions that could not be fully answered. I reached out to DAR staff genealogist who oversees eApps, and she has provided the following answers:

1. What is the best browser to use? *As for browsers – Chrome or Firefox should both work fine. For Mac users Safari should not give them any problems. If they use Internet Explorer or Edge, they will run into problems with the fields not populating.*
2. What speed internet should you have to successfully use eApps? *Internet speed, we definitely say that if you have dial-up, the eApplication is not for you. These days with so many people working from home and have children going to school remotely, they may want work on the eApplication when there aren't too many other computers on-line taking up a large amount of bandwidth.*
3. Can prospective members who want to enter as Member-at-Large use eApps? ***You're correct about not being able to use the eApplication when joining as member-at-large. They will definitely need to go the traditional paper route to membership. We are only set-up for joining with an eApplication through a chapter.***

Thank you for your interest in the eApps process. If you have additional questions, I am happy to try and help you in any way. If you did not get a chance to view my recorded presentation at its first showing, it is not too late. Like all sessions from the Virtual SSM, it is available through the KSDAR members only website. A link is provided here: <https://youtu.be/pccrb6ROAXQ>

Fall is Here So it is Time for New DAR Gear!

The temperatures are beginning to cool off so it is time look at some new DAR gear to keep us warm. The State Regent's Project Team has lots of merchandise that help fund the Welcome Home administration's projects and warm things up. 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 200th 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 - 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.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month - Big and Small Let's Save Them All!

According to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, every 69 seconds a woman dies from breast cancer. Obviously, this is not what we are celebrating. What is being celebrated, though, is that with early detection and treatment the rate of survival for those diagnosed with breast cancer has greatly improved in the past 20 years.

Due to the pandemic, fewer women have been going in for their mammograms. If you have not had yours yet in 2020, stop what you are doing and schedule an appointment for your screening. It could be the best decision you make.



Protocol 101 – Be My Guest

Mary Frisch

If guest speaker is a member of DAR, she pays her travel expenses personally. Once she arrives, she is the guest of the Chapter or the member who invited her. Her meals, overnight accommodations (if required) are the responsibility of her hostess. She is a guest.

AS A GUEST

As a guest, respond to all invitations promptly with your full name and title. If you are bringing a traveling companion, mention the name and position, if any. Be on time. Be prepared with a brief message of greeting. Accept all courtesies graciously and don't forget the "thank you" note.

Please Welcome Home These New Kansas Daughters

Capt. Jesse Leavenworth

Robyn Lendo

Cimarron River Valley

Heather Watt

Council Oak

Sharon Coley

Courtney-Spalding

Virginia Bromley

Flores del Sol

Sue Barrow

Pamela Rozar

James Ross

Kelly Flanders

John Haupt

Karen Schultz

Mary Wade Strother

Kay Quinn

Mission Hills

Kristina Kanarek

Polly Ogden

Patricia Heinsohn

Quivira Crossing

Jean Gibbons

Sagamore

Jill Parris

Shawnee Mission

Nanette Fields

Dixie Bell

Kathryn Proffitt

Juliana McCully

Valdeana Vincent-Burrell

Smoky Hill

Debra Hulse

Vickie Savinski

Emily Koop

Sara Dobish

Marcie Beneda

Pauline Schneider

Susannah French Putney

Laura Harris

Martha McKay

Three Trails West

Cheryl Steinbrecher

Amanda Falen

Charlotte Thompson

Topeka

Cheryl McPherson

NSDAR Day of Prayer

Sunday, October 11, 2020 is the NSDAR Day of Prayer. As we prepare for our Day of Service, it would be appropriate to begin the day with reflection and celebrate this special day with prayer. The following is George Washington's Prayer for His Country published in the NSDAR Ritual and Missal 2011:

Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord and confusion; from pride and arrogance and from every evil way. Defend our liberties and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those whom in Thy name we entrust the authority of government, that there be peace and justice at home, and that through obedience to Thy law, we may show forth Thy praise among the nations of the earth. Amen.



Welcome