

# CYBER Sunflower



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## *A Message from the State Regent*

Dear Kansas Daughters,

I am so excited to share the details of the upcoming virtual State September Meeting in this issue of the CyberSunflower! Thanks to the hard work and creativity of your State Officers, District Directors, and Committee Chairs, the content of this fall event has been converted to a digital format so our members can attend from the comfort and safety of their own homes.

While nothing can replace the fun of meeting in person, the virtual format has many unseen benefits. We are able to share more content – that means more workshops, presentations, and celebrations. You can attend the sessions that interest you as described in the schedule included in this CyberSunflower OR you can watch when it best fits your schedule. The content will be available on our KSDAR YouTube channel for the remainder of this administration. Wear what you want! You can join a luncheon OR workshop in your pajamas or your formals – you choose! Perhaps your chapter will host a socially distanced watch party? Miss your KSDAR roommate? Become virtual roomies and send each other a watch party care package and remind each other to attend various events. Included in a few of the presentations are chances to win some prizes! Be hunting for those opportunities! Get creative and have fun!

And most importantly, continue to stay well and healthy.

Welcome Home!

Susan Metzger  
KSDAR State Regent



## State September Meeting September 10 – 12, 2020

Due to the pandemic, the KSDAR Executive Board made the difficult decision to cancel the in-person State September Meeting and instead hold a virtual meeting. The Board of Management (BOM) will meet using Zoom on Thursday, September 10, at 9:00 a.m. All members of the BOM received an email from State Regent Susan Metzger with information on how to attend and other details. The members of the State Board of Management include the elected State Officers, the National Officers whose membership is within the state, and each Chapter Regent in the state, or in her absence, the Chapter Vice Regent. State Chairs of Committees, District Directors, and Honorary State Regents may attend meetings of the State Board of Management with voice but no vote. If you are in this group and did not receive the email, please contact Kimberly Patrick at kimapatrik@aol.com.

On the following pages are an expanded schedule for all of the activities of the 2020 State September Meeting. The KSDAR Executive Board has worked tirelessly to make sure that this virtual meeting has valuable information for all Kansas Daughters. Though we can't be together in person, together we can continue the work of the society.

Mark your calendar to be a part of this first-ever virtual KSDAR State September Meeting.

## How to Attend the Virtual State September Meeting

Several of the State September Meeting (SSM) presentations are only available to those registered and are limited to the first 300 members. On the following pages you can find the state meeting schedule as well as links to those presentations with preregistration requirements. Once you register you will receive an email stating that you have registered and a link to attend the presentation at the time shown on the schedule. Please note – each link sent is for only one attendee and is a special number for that registered member. **Links can not be shared because of this!**

To attend the open events, please go to this YouTube link to access the program at its air time:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCI8nBaAIOMbteCq-qELiHIQ>

All programs will be available on the KSDAR YouTube channel at the conclusion of the State September Meeting during this administration. You must not share the link to this channel with non-KSDAR members. You may share this link with chapter members to ensure that they can participate in the SSM.

Please encourage members to participate in this virtual state meeting. Many KSDAR members have never had the opportunity to attend a KSDAR meeting, so this will allow them to learn more about DAR and what the KSDAR Daughters are accomplishing across the state. We hope that our Daughters who are able to participate will become energized by seeing the activities of others!

### KSDAR BOARD OF MANAGEMENT (BOM)

**9:00am on Thursday,  
September 10**

If you are a member of the BOM and have not received an email from State Regent, Susan Metzger which was sent on 9/1/2020, please check your SPAM folder. If you still did not receive it, contact State Reporter Kimberly Patrick at KimAPatrick@aol.com.

### KSDAR Committee Fair

Tune in on Thursday, September 10, 2020, to participate in the KSDAR Virtual Committee Fair. This is a great way to learn more about each of the DAR Committees and to find ways to participate in their activities. There are five different videos that will be shown that afternoon!

### Shopping!

Christmas is coming and just because the SSM will be virtual doesn't mean you won't be able to shop! At 11:15am on Thursday, join the presentation on the President General's Project and the State Regent's Project. At noon on Friday, Corresponding Secretary General Kathryn West will join us to share information about the new DAR Insignia Store! You must register to attend her presentation.



- 3:30pm Committee Fair – Service Related Committees, Part #2** (all members are welcomed and encouraged to attend) – *presented via YouTube.com*
- DAR Good Citizens
  - DAR Project Patriot
  - DAR Service for Veterans
  - Historic Preservation & DAR Historic Preservation Grants
  - DAR Magazine
  - DAR Scholarship
  - The Flag of the United States of America
  - DAR Museum Outreach
  - DAR School
- 4:30pm Committee Fair – Service Related Committees, Part #3** (all members are welcomed and encouraged to attend) – *presented via YouTube.com*
- Junior American Citizens
  - Service to America
  - Literacy Promotion
  - Women’s Issues
  - National Defense
- 5:30pm Committee Fair – Administrative and Special Committees** (all members are welcomed and encouraged to attend) – *presented via YouTube.com*
- Chapter Achievement Awards
  - Insignia
  - Public Relations and Media
  - President General’s Project
  - DAR Leadership Training (Members and New Horizons Courses)
  - Membership
  - VIS
  - Protocol
  - America 250! Our Patriots
- 6:45pm American Legion’s Legacy Scholarship – Kansas C.A.R. State President’s, Claire Miller, state project** (all members are welcomed and encouraged to attend) – *presented via YouTube.com*

**Friday, September 11, 2020**

- 9:00am Memorial Service** – *presented via YouTube.com*
- All members are also invited to watch the virtual tour of our Kansas Chapel, located in the Administration Building of our National Headquarters
- 11:00am Celebrate the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Santa Fe Trail** (all members are welcomed and encouraged to attend) – *presented via YouTube.com*
- Noon Lunch with the Corresponding Secretary General, Kathryn West** – grab your lunch and learn about the launch of the new DAR Insignia Store (all members are welcomed and encouraged to attend) – *presented LIVE via Zoom* (registration required)
- Register in advance for this event:  
<https://ksu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYsdOGpqjgrHtSRN2-lwpOFkABHGdW6chxd>  
 After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.
- 2:00pm Service Project Challenge** – Preparing for the DAR Day of Service statewide project and attempt to set a Guinness Book of World Record for the most no-sew blankets made in 8 hours by a group (all members are welcomed and encouraged to attend) – *presented via YouTube.com*
- 3:30pm Presentation and Report from President General Denise Doring VanBuren** (all members are welcomed and encouraged to attend) – *presented via YouTube.com*
- Noon Members Course Graduation** – *presented via YouTube.com*
- 1:00pm New Horizons Course Graduates** – *presented via YouTube.com*
- 2:00pm Genealogy Education Program (GEP) Course Graduates** – *presented via YouTube.com*

**5:30pm Celebration of our Kansas Chapters** – highlights of chapter community service activities and accomplishments, recognition of Outstanding Chapters and Outstanding Chapter Regents (all members are welcomed and encouraged to attend) – *presented via YouTube.com*

Hats Off Competition!!!

Wear your favorite HAT to the Celebration of Kansas Chapters. Snap a photo of you watching the celebration with your hat and share on the closed KSDAR Facebook with the hashtag #HatsOfftoKSDAR

Winners and prizes will be announced on Facebook.

**Saturday, September 12, 2020**

**8:00am Rise and Shine for Your Health!** Getting regular physical activity helps lower blood pressure and cholesterol, improves depression, improves sleep, and lowers your risk of a variety of diseases. Learn more about the many benefits of exercise on the Women's Issues Committee page. Join your fellow Kansas Daughters for a virtual Rise and Shine for Your Health activity. Walk, swim, bike, yoga – any activity that gets you up and moving before spending time in front of the computer enjoying the final day of the virtual State September Meeting!

Snap a photo of you exercising any time today and share on the closed KSDAR Facebook with the hashtag #RiseandShineKSDAR.

Winners and prizes will be announced on Facebook.

**9:00am Chapter Regent 101** - (all members are welcomed and encouraged to attend) – *presented LIVE via Zoom* (registration required)

Register in advance for this meeting: <https://ksu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJctdOGvpjMiHNdok-A4C9CdUJ47eipqV1Kc>  
After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. A recording will be made available on YouTube.com after the event.

**10:00am Prospective Member Database (PMD) and the State Application Team (SAT)** - (all members are welcomed and encouraged to attend) – *presented LIVE via Zoom* (registration required)

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZApdOChpjwqH9Vw1QgAtMmWaYXYomclaYQF>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. A recording will be made available on YouTube.com after the event.

**11:00am Chapter Treasurers – dues, budgeting, IRS reporting, and completing the Chapter Achievement Award (CAA)-** (all members are welcomed and encouraged to attend) – *presented LIVE via Zoom* (registration required)

Register in advance for this meeting: <https://ksu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYsdeqgrTsvGtyDJ-z76yEUiN2Up6PN-J9->

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. A recording will be made available on YouTube.com after the event.

**Noon Members Course Graduation** – *presented via YouTube.com*

**1:00pm New Horizons Course Graduates** – *presented via YouTube.com*

**2:00pm Genealogy Education Program (GEP) Course Graduates** – *presented via YouTube.com*

**2:30pm Genealogy Workshop: Electronic Applications** (all members are welcomed and encouraged to attend) – (all members are welcomed and encouraged to attend) – *presented LIVE via Zoom* (registration required)

Register in advance for this workshop:

[https://ksu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMtdu6pqzvjH9wFdLK-npOPDqpZS18\\_XnTJ](https://ksu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMtdu6pqzvjH9wFdLK-npOPDqpZS18_XnTJ)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. A recording will be made available on YouTube.com after the event.

**3:30pm Announcements from District Directors** – *presented via YouTube.com*

## KSDAR Scholarships Special Committee

KSDAR currently has five scholarships that are available. The KSDAR Scholarship has received an infusion of principle due to the focus of State Regent projects and is in good condition to continue its viability. The Judd Smith Brooks Scholarship was developed with the intent that once the money was depleted, then the scholarship would cease to be available. The other three scholarships (Genevieve Pendleton Memorial Endowment, Elizabeth M. Kessler Scholarship and Gladys E. Routh Memorial Scholarship) award are limited to the interest earned from the original gift. These scholarships have not been awarded in many years due to an insufficient balance.

A special committee is proposed to review the scholarships, including their history, originating documents and to research alternatives and provide recommendations to the KSDAR Executive Committee regarding these scholarships. The committee members include: Rebecca Kline, State Vice Regent (Chair); Brenda Dooley, Honorary State Regent; Mary Kuhn, Eunice Sterling Chapter; Sandy Wurth, Previous KSDAR American Indian Chair; Janice Brady, Previous KSDAR Scholarship Chair; and Laura Bond, Past State Treasurer.

The KSDAR State Board of Management will meet on Thursday, September 10, at 9:00am during the State September Meeting and will be asked to approve the Committee with expectation that a report will be made at the 2021 State Conference.

## KSDAR 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Special Committee

April 2, 2021 will be the Kansas Society's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! We will be Celebrating this auspicious accomplishment during the KSDAR State Conference April 22 – 24, 2021 as well as all year long with activities and commemorations. In order to undertake this project, State Regent Susan Metzger has developed the KSDAR 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Special Committee to facilitate statewide plans to observe and commemorate the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Kansas Society Daughters of the American Revolution.

The committee will be charged with researching KSDAR history and soliciting ideas about how to mark the anniversary throughout the year, submit recommendations for considerations to the KSDAR Executive Committee with activities to commemorate the anniversary and execute the approved plan by March 31, 2021.

The Board of Management will be asked to approve this special committee at the Thursday, September 10, 2020 meeting at 9:00am. Members of this committee are: Kimberly Patrick, Olathe Chapter; Nancy Machnicki, General Edward Hand Chapter; Michelle Heaton Griggs, Topeka Chapter; Melanie Horton, Polly Ogden Chapter; Sherrie Smith, Courtney-Spalding Chapter; Kathy Bond, Mary Draper Chapter; Mary Stasulis Ayers, Eunice Sterling Chapter; and Amy Goodwin, James Ross Chapter.

CELEBRATING  
125  
YEARS



## Chapter Achievement Awards (CAA) Planning and Completion

*Kerin Smith*

Here we are over halfway through 2020 and our time for earning points for our Chapter Achievement Awards is diminishing. I hope you have all been able to find meaningful ways to stay in touch and share information in this difficult time. Many of us have not been able to hold in-person chapter meetings for some months, and it is more difficult to earn points without the meetings.

However, there is still time to acquire points for the year. If you have not checked out the CAA planning guide for 2020, you should do so promptly. You can print it from the NSDAR website. It can be located under the CAA Committee. This will be especially helpful for new Chapter Regents and new Chapter CAA chairs.

Some things to consider as you complete your preparations for your CMR: (The notes below refer to the planning guide.)

- Section 1-B – This is an easy fifteen points! Work with your treasurer to be able to submit your dues electronically. This will also add the fifteen points to future year's CMRs once you have set this up.
- Sections 4, 5, and 7 - Utilize your media resources to get information out to your chapter members. Your newsletter and social media pages can be a great help.
- Sections 8 and 9 - There is still plenty of time to plan and make donations. It would be best to submit all donations by the first week in December. Note carefully which of the sections is auto-filled by national, and which you will need to fill in. Particularly note that **all donations in Section 8 must be sent in through the State Treasurer to be counted.**

The 2020 CMR is now available for you to begin to complete. If you have not already looked at it, you should soon. You can begin to enter information now, just be sure to save before you close the page, and you can add to it anytime. Beginning early will make your life easier in January. This is not just a project for your chapter officers and chairs! Each member should look at the CAA and can make donations to the various DAR funds to earn your chapter credit.

Additional helpful information can be found on the CAA Checklist found on the website. My fact sheet and contact information is posted on the KSDAR website under the SIP tab. Let me know if I can be of help to you.

## Annual Dues Are Due!

Have you submitted your dues yet? It is that time of year again and it is important that you get your dues in early to help your chapter plan and prepare payments to KSDAR and NSDAR. With the current pandemic and chapters unable to meet in person, dues collection will be more difficult for chapters, so do your part to get those checks in. All dues must be remitted prior to December 1<sup>st</sup> in order to not be listed as late and risk being dropped from membership. Help your chapter officers by paying early and not having to make repeated attempts to contact you!

Many Daughters have already received dues invoices from their chapter treasurers. If you have not, you still have to get your dues paid. National dues are \$42, and the state dues are \$7, and then each chapter sets their own dues. Once you submit your total dues to your chapter treasurer, she will then send the KSDAR and NSDAR dues on.

When preparing your dues, you might want to consider rounding up or making donations to chapter, state and national projects. If you are unable to physically participate in activities with your chapter, this is a way to contribute!

Chapters have several options to assist with dues collection. Consider setting a date and have a drive-through dues drop off for members where you can socially distance and provide members with their yearbooks or other material! The Shawnee Mission Chapter did this, and it was quite successful and fun. Chapters can also set up credit card or online payment systems for members to pay electronically – PLEASE NOTE: in Kansas, you cannot charge service fees for electronic payments to cover the charges, however, you can ask members to “donate” to cover this. The Topeka Chapter set up bill pay so if members have bill pay with their bank they can have it pay their dues electronically. No matter how you pay – please get those dues in!

## NO Straw September

Again this year, DAR is shining a spotlight on the damage that plastic straws are doing to the environment – especially our oceans. The No Straw September program asks that everyone refuse to use plastic straws this month and utilized the many alternatives to change habits year-long.

Many restaurants are getting involved in this project by not providing straws unless requested, and some have begun using paper straws and biodegradable plastic straws.

There are many alternatives to plastic straws that individuals can use in their homes or carry with them. Stainless steel, silicone and glass options are available and come in many colors and patterns, collapsible, bent and straight shapes. There are carrying cases for your purse and straw brushes to keep them clean. The DAR Juniors even have a travel metal straw in its own case available on the DAR Store on the Members Website. You can be saving the oceans while supporting our Juniors – that's a WIN – WIN!

Please join with DAR in eliminating the use of plastic straws. When dining out tell the establishment that you do not want a straw, use your own reusable straw, and you can even gift family and friends with their own reusable straw! Together, we can and will make a difference.



## Conservation Minute: Eliminating K-Cup Waste

K-Cups—those little one-serving coffee containers that allow people to brew one cup at a time in a specially designed brewing machine are very popular. Each K-Cup is made up of a plastic outer container with one cup's worth of ground coffee and a small filter inside, capped off with a foil lid. K-Cups and the brewers are convenient and require little to no clean-up while producing gourmet quality coffee.

The issue with these systems is in the single-use, non-recyclable packaging. The individual parts of a K-Cup could theoretically be recycled on their own, but the combination is too small and messy for recycling facilities to be able to sort. So our only choice is to throw the whole K-Cup into the garbage. **Each pound of coffee consumed sends 50 K-Cups to the landfill. And with upwards of 25 million U.S. households and offices possessing these brewers these days, billions of K-Cups are ending up in landfills every year.**

Keurig Green Mountain, the company behind the K-Cup revolution, is working on this issue. In 2012, realizing it still had a lot of work to do on sustainability, the company set out to make all K-Cups 100 percent recyclable by 2020. This has yet to be achieved, so what can users of these K-Cups do to reduce the environmental impact?

Those who love the system but are ready to forego the environmental guilt do have some easy and sustainable options. There are numerous choices available for reusable hard plastic and metal K-cups that allows the user to use their own ground coffee in the pods. After use, the coffee grounds are emptied into compost containers or trash as it is biodegradable. Many users of these pods use paper inserts to make the reusable K-Cup easier to rinse and reuse. You will find there is quite a cost savings by using these pods and your own coffee! If you utilize the reusable PODS, or switch to them, make sure that you let your chapter's Conservation Chair know so they can add it to your Chapter Master Report!





## 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 200<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

## Save the Date - Dodge City Chapter Santa Fe Trail Marker Rededication

In honor of the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Santa Fe Trail, the Dodge City Chapter will host a rededication of the Santa Fe Trail Wet/Dry Route Marker # 64 on May 22, 2021, at 11:00am The Wet/Dry Routes of the Santa Fe Trail merged at this location in the 1840's. Previously the routes had merged at the Caches, ten miles to the west. More details about this event will be provided as the date gets closer. Kansas Daughters are excited to mark this anniversary across the state!

*Pictured is the SFT #64 that will be dedicated in Dodge City on May 22, 2021.*



## 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 and information will be presented at 2pm on Friday, September 11, 2020, during the State September Meeting. 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. Fleece can be purchased in fabric and craft stores as well as online. Search for sales, and when you find one – let others know about the sale through email or Facebook!

If your chapter, church group or others would like to participate in a group environment, there are safe options! You can find an indoor space or you can set up a workspace outdoors (let's hope for great weather!). Janet Ahlstrom, a member of the Olathe Chapter, is a Clinical Nurse Specialist at KU Medical Center in Kansas City, KS, and manages the hospital's Covid Hot Line and provides information on virus safety. The Olathe Chapter is planning on a group blanket party to include several Kansas City area chapters. She has prepared the following information for that event that can be utilized by other groups:

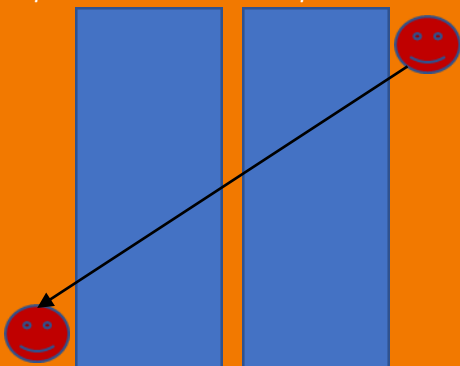
### REQUIRED:

- ✓ VOLUNTARY individual verbal agreement to participate in "live shared space assembly."
- ✓ Wear face masks always when in shared space. Masks must cover nose and mouth.
- ✓ Hand gel/handwashing – available at entry (each table?).
- ✓ Recommended Daughters cleanse hands upon arrival, before/after eating/drinking, When returning from restroom/other breaks, upon leaving and anytime needed.
- ✓ Food/drink ONLY to be consumed /kept in designated break area and no shared food or beverages.
- ✓ 6 feet distancing between participating Daughters always.
- ✓ Venue large enough to support spacing of tables/people.
- ✓ Tables/Equipment wiped down with sanitizing wipes at beginning of day, with change of each Daughter at a station, and periodically whenever it is felt to be needed.

### RECOMMENDED/OPTIONAL:

- ✓ Bring/use your own scissors/cutting wheels/cutting mats/etc.
- ✓ Wipe down your workspace with sanitizing wipes when you arrive and before you leave/change workspaces.
- ✓ Avoid touching your mask once you have it on.
- ✓ You may wish to wear eye cover/face shields in addition to your mask – not required.
- ✓ Wear gloves – if you do, change them periodically (every hour) and wash hands in between pairs of gloves.

*Example of table set up (not to scale, tables 72" x 30") or you can mark 6 feet. Arrange multiple tables like this in a space.*



- Cutting table Daughters – place pieces ready for "tying" on table on "READY TABLE"
- Tying table Daughters – pick up pieces to tie from "READY TABLE"
- (DAUGHTERS Do NOT Directly hand off pieces person to person)
- Tying tables – place finished blankets on "FINISHED TABLE"

### ROOM Facilitators

- Monitor room for safety and distancing
- Answer questions/direct work-flow of fabric
- Pick up finished/place fabric on appropriate tables
- Daughters may rotate between stations to avoid overwork of hands/repetitive actions

Kansas Chapters are very active and perform many acts of service across the state. The KSDAR Outstanding Chapters and Outstanding Chapter Regents Award was created to honor those chapters that really “Rise and Shine” in service and exemplify the Welcome Home Administration’s goal of providing a welcoming environment and to support the DAR initiatives. We are extremely proud of these winners and wish to congratulate the Chapter Regents and the Chapter Members on this amazing accomplishment!

Congratulations to the Polly Ogden Chapter of the Northwest Division, Chapter Regent, Laura Renfro. This chapter has 152 members and participates in most DAR Committees. The chapter will receive a certificate, and Laura will receive the State Outstanding Regent Pin! Congratulations also goes out to the District Winners!



**Polly Ogden Chapter**  
Laura Renfro, Regent  
Northwest District



**Topeka Chapter**  
Becky Spaulding, Regent  
Northeast District



**Council Oak Chapter**  
Anne Otte, Regent  
Southeast District



**Martha Vail Chapter**  
Lee Cox, Regent  
Southwest District

## September 11 – Patriot Day

This year marks the 19<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 9/11 attack on the United States. As the years go by, the 9/11 commemorations have been placing less emphasis on the events of that day and focus more on the natural resilience of the U.S. in the face of utter tragedy. To that end, volunteering has markedly increased since the attack, as more Americans take part in community service in a positive step to remember those lost on 9/11. This year, please be sure to fly your flag on September 11, and take a moment to reflect and remember those that lost their lives because of this attack.



## KSDAR Outstanding Junior



Congratulations to the KSDAR Outstanding Junior Karen Schneck of the Captain Jesse Leavenworth Chapter! Karen will receive the State OJ Pin.

## Protocol 101 - NSDAR Mailing List

*Mary Frisch*



The official NSDAR mailing list is restricted to DAR use exclusively. It is urged that every precaution be used to guard the NSDAR Directory, state and chapter yearbooks as well as other DAR official mailing lists. It is a violation of DAR policy to release any names and addresses of DAR members, except for official use within the organization. Any request to use these lists should be directed to the President General.

Please remember in this age of electronic mailing to be sure when you email a group of DAR members that there is not a non-member address in your list. Also be cautious when you are posting to social media networks.

## Commemorative Events

*Sandy Wirth*

Next year, 2021, will bring the commemoration of the 200th anniversary of the Santa Fe Trail. This will be huge in Kansas. To begin preparing for it, be sure to watch the video report from Dee Sadler, the National Vice Chair of this event and a Kansas Daughter. It will be shown during the Friday session of the KSDAR Virtual September Meeting.

Also check into purchasing the Santa Fe Trail scarf which will help fund the State Regent's project. I bought one, and it is beautiful! It lists all the DAR markers in Kansas. What a great memento of this important time in the history of Kansas.

## Junior Membership Classroom Grants

*Diana Crouch*

Two deserving Hays educators, Monica Dreiling and Rachel Wentling, have received classroom grants from the NSDAR Junior Membership Committee.

Dreiling, a fifth grade science, reading and writing teacher at Lincoln Elementary School, will use her \$500 grant to create a "In Good Hands: Engineering Space Gloves" unit. The unit will allow students to take a virtual tour and learn about space hazards and help engineer part of a space suit for a fictional NASA mission. About 50 students will take part in the unit.

Wentling, principal at Holy Family Elementary School, will use her \$500 grant to create a mobile STEM cart filled with reusable materials. The cart will make resources and materials available to instructors across grade levels. The \$500 grant will allow Wentling to purchase one cart with materials costing an additional \$1,000-\$2,000, which the school will purchase, Wentling wrote in her application.

The Junior Membership Classroom Grants are supported by the NSDAR Helen Pouch Memorial Fund. Two classroom grants are available for each state and the District of Columbia.

State junior membership chairs and a panel of judges review applications for their state and determine two winners and a runner-up. Proposed projects must benefit students in the classroom directly.



## DAR Museum Outreach

*Joy Hayden*



As your chapter participates in DAR Museum Outreach throughout the year, please be sure to take lots of pictures! Division and National Reports are now submitted with PowerPoint presentations, and .jpg pictures of your activities are a highlight of these reports. Pictures submitted with your Chapter Master Report (CMR) will be used in state presentations and may even appear in a South-Central Division or National report! If you need ideas on how to participate/share information on the DAR Museum or have questions, contact Joy at [djhayden@st-tel.net](mailto:djhayden@st-tel.net).