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# DAR News



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## “Welcome Home” Administration



*The KSDAR News is a biannual publication of the Kansas Society Daughters of the American Revolution. KSDAR maintains editorial control over all content. Contact State Reporter Kimberly Patrick or Susan Metzger for any questions.*

Dear Kansas Daughters,

The first year as your State Regent has been a delight! I have enjoyed traveling the state and visiting our chapters in their hometowns. During these visits, I am routinely impressed by the service our Kansas Daughters provide to their communities. Our members live out the DAR mission promoting historic preservation, education, and patriotism on a daily basis at the local level.

I look forward to seeing you at our 122<sup>nd</sup> Annual State Conference as we welcome the President General, Mrs. Denise VanBuren, and celebrate your service and accomplishments. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend. Information about the conference including a registration form are included in this issue of the Kansas DAR News.

Many exciting activities are underway at our National headquarters from new exhibits and acquisitions in the DAR Museum to the full restoration of the auditorium at Constitution Hall. With the leadership of our Kansas Daughter, Corresponding Secretary General, Kathryn West, space in our National headquarters has been renovated for an e-commerce store, staff have been hired, Insignia volunteers have been recruited, and an American manufacturer has been identified just in time for the official launch of the DAR Insignia Store at Continental Congress on June 23, 2020.

I encourage you to visit the NSDAR members' website (<http://dar.org/member>), as well as, our Kansas DAR members' website (<http://members.kansasdor.org>; (username – ksdar and password – sunflower) for additional information and stay up to date with all of the great work of our Society.

*Welcome Home,*  
Susan Metzger

## CHAPTER BANNERS

Reminder to all Chapters to bring their Chapter Banners (flags), poles and bases and have them placed alphabetically on the platform at State Conference by 8:00 a.m. Friday, April 1, 2020. If your chapter does not have the official DAR full size chapter banner but would like to purchase one, contact the DAR Store at 888.673.2732 or by emailing customerservice@dar.org. They will place the order for the full-size banner, pole and base. Orders should be placed soon as it takes approximately six weeks to produce the banner.

## STATE CONFERENCE NOTES:

**Chapter Credentials:** The form can be found on the KSDAR members website SIP Tab under state Credentials/Bev Ronnebaum and is due March 16.

**State Conference Registration:** Registration form can be found in this publication and on the members website. Registration is due by April 5, 2020.

**Chapter Regent/State Chair Reports:** The 200-word reports are due April 20, 2020.

**Pages:** If you are between the ages of 18 and 40 and interested in paging at the 2020 State Conference, Contact Whitney Watts at whit.watts@outlook.com

**Page at Any Age:** If you are interested in serving as a page for the Junior Banquet on May 2, contact Denise Bullock at bull3682@gmail.com.

**Conference Program Ads:** Ads are due no later than March 30, 2020. Full page are \$45 and half page are \$25. Contact Kimberly Patrick at kimapatrik@aol.com.

## HOORAY FOR OUR STUDENTS AND THEIR SPONSORING CHAPTERS

The NSDAR American History Essay Competition is a nationwide competition for students in the 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades. This year, as we celebrate the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Mayflower, students were asked to write on the Voyage of the Mayflower. KSDAR had 16 chapters participating in the American History contest, and two chapters submitting essays for the Christopher Columbus contest (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades). Three state judges read and evaluated 27 essays and determined the following winners.

**5<sup>th</sup> grade** - Anna Iskak, Prairie Rose Chapter

**6<sup>th</sup> grade** - Lucas Manly, Polly Ogden Chapter

**7<sup>th</sup> grade** - Lydia Stopczynski, Susannah French Putney Chapter

**8<sup>th</sup> grade** - Elizabeth Rozzi, Betty Washington Chapter

**Christopher Columbus** - Elizabeth Graveman, Ephraim Basehor Chapter

Kansas Daughters can commend these students at the Youth Awards Celebration at the State Conference in Wichita on Saturday May 2 from 2:30pm-4:00pm. *Submitted by Laurie Barnes – American History State Chair*

## KSDAR SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

KSDAR received many applications for the KSDAR Scholarship as well as the Judd Smith Brooks Scholarship which was quite exciting. The following is information on our scholarship winners:

**KSDAR Scholarship: Audrey Katherine Bebermeyer, Sponsored by Martha Veil Chapter, Regent, Dee Sadler**

Audrey 's goal is to serve in the medical field and is enrolled in Wichita State's pre-med program. Audrey works very hard to balance her classroom learning at Chaparral High School and her athletic participation in Track and Field and the volleyball team. She is president of her school's National Honor Society organizing a fund raiser to help a young teacher fighting cancer, assisting a STEM project for elementary girls, and sewing teddy bears for children who need to be transported by ambulance for medical care. Audrey has helped the Martha Vail Chapter make key chains to present to veterans. She won the Good Citizen Award, is a member of CAR, and applied on her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday to be a member of DAR.

**Judd Smith Brooks Scholarship: John (Jack) Gregory Griffiths, Sponsored by Quivira Crossing Chapter, Regent, Cindy St John**

Jack Griffiths is planning to attend the University of Nebraska in Lincoln majoring in Criminal Justice and Business. He attends Blue Valley North High School in Overland Park and his goal is to become a "better scholar, a well-rounded individual, and future leader." He has been on the Swim & Dive Team and Cross-Country Team, lettering for four years in both. He has kept up with academics while being a member of the orchestra for eight years. He is a participant with his family in Big Brothers Big Sisters of Kansas City. Through the Outdoor Club he has been involved in numerous conservation projects that include geese population relocation, local creek conservation, and activities that control the animal population. Jack's DAR tree includes his mother, his grandmother, and his aunt.

# 2020 KSDAR State Conference

Wichita Marriott, 9100 Corporate Hills Drive, Wichita, KS

The 2020 State 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>

## 122nd State Conference Schedule

### Thursday, April 30, 2020

Finance Committee Meeting	10:00 a.m.	Executive Board Room
Executive Committee Meeting	12:30 p.m.	Executive Board Room
Registration Open (All members must register)	2:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.	Preassembly
Kansas "Koutoure" Shoppe - Fine Formal Attire	2:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.	TBD
Sunflower Singers Rehearsal	3:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.	Salon F
Sales Room Set Up	3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Wichita Ballroom
All Member Dinner	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Salon F
State Officer Club Dinner with Guests	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Salon E
Wichita Advanced Learning Library Reception	7:00 p.m.	711 W 2nd St. N, Wichita KS
Sales Room Set Up	8:00 p.m. - 10:00p.m.	Wichita Ballroom
Page Meeting & Rehearsal	8:00 p.m.	Preassembly
Sunflower Singers Rehearsal	8:30 p.m.	Salon F

### Friday, May 1, 2020

Sunflower Singers Rehearsal	7:00 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.	Salon F
Registration Open (All members must register)	7:45 a.m. - 5:99 p.m.	Preassembly
Sales Room Open When Not in Session		Wichita Ballroom
Board of Management Meeting	8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	Salon A - F
Memorial Service	9:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Atrium
Lunch: Graduation Ceremony	11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Salon A - F
State Conference Opening Session	1:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Salon A - F
Heritage Club Reception - Invitation Only	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.	Corporate Hills Ballroom
All Member Activity - Comedy Vets	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.	Atrium
Sunflower Singers Rehearsal	4:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Salon A - F
Cash Bar	5:15 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Preassembly
PHOTOS - Chapter Regents/District Directors	5:15 p.m.	Atrium
PHOTOS - Pages	5:30 p.m.	Atrium
PHOTOS - Graduates	5:40 p.m.	Atrium
PHOTOS - State Committee Chairs	5:50 p.m.	Atrium
PHOTOS - Guests	6:00 p.m.	Atrium
PHOTOS - Honorary State Regents	6:10 p.m.	Atrium
PHOTOS - State Officers	6:20 p.m.	Atrium
Processional	6:45 p.m.	Atrium
State Regent's Banquet	7:00 p.m.	Salon A - F

### Saturday, May 2, 2020

Cameo Club Generations	7:15 a.m.	TBD
Registration Open (All members must register)	7:30 a.m.	Preassembly
Sales Room Open When Not in Session		Wichita Ballroom
State Conference Final Session	8:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.	Salon A - F
Chapter Regents Luncheon	11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Salon A - F
Youth Awards Celebration	2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Corporate Hills Ballroom
Cash Bar	5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Preassembly
State Officer and Chapter Regent Processional	6:00 p.m.	Preassembly
Junior Membership Banquet	6:15 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Salon A - F
Junior Membership Club	9:15 p.m.	Topeka Room

# 2020 KSDAR State Conference Registration Form

April 30 – May 2

Please complete one registration form for each attendee and PRINT CLEARLY.

Name (as desired on name tag) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

(registration confirmation will be sent if your email address is provided)

Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ District  NE  NW  SE  SW

Delegate  Alternate  Regent  State Officer  National/Honorary Officer

2020 Page  1<sup>st</sup> Time  50+ years  Guest (HODAR/Non-Kansas/\_\_\_\_\_)

Special Meal Consideration

Vegan/Vegetarian  Gluten-free  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### Thursday Dinner - State Officer Club (Members & Guests Only)

London Broil \$37.75 \_\_\_\_\_

Salmon \$37.75 \_\_\_\_\_

Vegetarian Penne Pasta \$37.75 \_\_\_\_\_

### Thursday Dinner - All Members Dinner

Hamburger \$36.75 \_\_\_\_\_

Chicken Sandwich \$36.75 \_\_\_\_\_

Pasta Primavera \$36.75 \_\_\_\_\_

### Friday Graduation Lunch

Deli Buffet \$31.25 \_\_\_\_\_

### Friday State Regent's Banquet

Pork Loin \$33.00 \_\_\_\_\_

White Fish \$38.25 \_\_\_\_\_

Roasted Eggplant \$33.00 \_\_\_\_\_

### Saturday Chapter Regents Lunch

Soup & Salad \$29.00 \_\_\_\_\_

### Saturday Junior Membership Banquet

Top Sirloin \$37.75 \_\_\_\_\_

Grilled Chicken \$33.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Vegetarian Ratatouille \$33.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Page Patron Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

State Regent Project Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

State Conference Registration **\$10.00**

*Any member (except pages) attending any function of State Conference must pay the registration fee*

**TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_

The Page Patron Fund pays for the registration of pages and provide their meal for Saturday dinner. Make checks out to **KSDAR Treasurer**. Registration and check must be postmarked on or before April 5, 2020. No refunds after April 20, 2020, and mailed to: Renee Gruen, State Meetings Treasurer, 10140 W 96th Ter Apt B, Overland Park, KS 66212-5145.

In case of emergency please contact:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Relation \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting Location: Wichita Marriott, 9100 Corporate Hills Drive, Wichita, KS, (316) 651-0333 by March 30, 2020  
Eventbrite Link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ksdar-annual-state-conference-2020-tickets-94490661111> (additional fees apply)

# WELCOME HOME PROJECT UPDATE

At the State September Board of Management (BOM) Meeting, the BOM approved State Regent Susan Metzger's Welcome Home theme and project. The recommendation to approve the project will be presented to the membership for consideration during the first business meeting of the Annual Conference.

The Welcome Home theme has several facets: to make our chapters and state Society a welcoming environment for current and future DAR members; to support our Nation's veterans; to provide support for the restoration projects at our NSDAR headquarters; and to increase the accessibility to more than 120 years of our KSDAR reports and proceedings. Money raised by donations and sales of the State Regent merchandise will fund these projects.

A portion of the funds raised will support "Welcome Home" projects. These competitive mini-grants support activities that welcome home our nation's veterans and current service members – whether a physical home or the home that is created through healing and purpose. At the State Conference April 30 – May 2, the first grants will be announced to support the Veterans' initiatives.

The President General's Project, DAR Constitution Hall: The Next Act, seeks to restore and rehabilitate our historic auditorium. This ambitious project is part of a decade-long effort to repair deteriorating conditions within our landmark structure. A portion of the State Regent's project aims to support the President General's Project.

Through the efforts of State VIS Chair Becky Spaulding, State Vice Regent Rebecca Kline, State Historian Monna Metzger, and several other Kansas Daughters, the Society's Annual Reports & Proceedings were sent to a company to digitize. Those proceedings can now be found on the KSDAR member's website under the Archive tab. Additional items will be added to this tab in the near future. An incredible treasure trove of information can be found in these books.

Any remaining funds at the end of the administration will be diverted to the Kansas DAR Scholarship fund.

The following items will be available at State Conference:



State Regent's Pin



Charms



Folding Bag

The following items (and more) are available at:

<https://teamlocker.squadlocker.com/#/lockers/ksdar>



# CYBERSUNFLOWER

All KSDAR members with email addresses should be receiving the *CyberSunflower* every month. If you are not receiving it, please check your SPAM/Junk folders and if not there, please check to make sure that your current email address is on file in eMembership. The *CyberSunflower* can also be found on the Kansas DAR members' site – remember the username is ksdar and the password is sunflower. If you are a Facebook user, be sure to join the Kansas Society Daughters of the American Revolution Facebook page. Ask to join, and one of the administrators will check to ensure you are a member, and then will admit you. Remember that DAR is a nonpolitical organization and keep posts positive and DAR oriented.



## CHAPTER REGENTS AND STATE CHAIR REPORTS

*Reminder: All 200-word Chapter Regent and State Chair reports are due to the State Regent and State Recording Secretary by April 20. Details and How to Write a Report are on the KSDAR Members website under the SIP tab; State Recording Secretary. Join the First Responders Club by sending yours in by March 15.*

*The Prize will be earning my undying gratitude!!  
Peggi Barrett  
KSDAR State Recording Secretary*

## US FLAG CODE UPDATED

The US Flag Code has recently been updated to include March 29 as National Vietnam Veterans Day – this means the US Flag should be flown on this day.

NOTE: Members can honor someone by donating a minimum of \$40 to have a Flag flown over the NSDAR Buildings and they will receive a certificate and the Flag. FUSA-WP-1000 Jul 2019-W order form to receive one of these special Flags can be found under The Flag of the United States of America Committee page under Objectives.

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## NOTES FROM VIS:

**Policy Update:** The NSDAR Executive Committee proposed and approved a change to form NSDAR-1000 (Photo Release Form) to apply to minors/children only. It is important to note that whenever an adult poses for a DAR photo or is filmed or in public, the image automatically becomes public information. Form NSDAR-1000 (Photo Release Approval Form) has been updated and now only applies to children, not adults. Adults are no longer required to provide written permission when photos are taken in public, community, and posed settings. The NSDAR Online Guidelines, which is available on both the VIS Committee and the Public Relations and Media Committee pages on the DAR members website, have been updated to reflect this policy update. Legal guardians of children under 18 are required to sign the photo release form. Chapters and state societies may certainly continue to use the form for adults, if they wish, though it is no longer necessary unless a photo is in a truly private and/or candid setting. For more information, contact Becky Spaulding, KSDAR VIS Chair at [trexbecky@gmail.com](mailto:trexbecky@gmail.com).

Watch for the March issue of the *CyberSunflower* for information on chapter websites and social media pages. There will be useful tools for developing or changing websites as well as Facebook tips and tricks.