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The CyberSunflower is a monthly publication of the Kansas Society Daughters of the American Revolution. Please submit any articles or news ideas no later than the 15th of the month and inclusion is based on space and relevance. KSDAR maintains editorial control over all content. Contact Kimberly Patrick or Susan Metzger for any questions.

A Message from the State Regent

Dear Kansas Daughters,

Welcome to the 2021 KSDAR State Conference! This past year has taught us how to make use of technology to stay connected and informed despite the limitations to gather caused by the pandemic. We will put those skills in use again for what I hope to be our last virtual state meeting. Using Zoom and YouTube platforms, we aim to share with our Kansas Daughters as much of our usual spring events as possible.

Our conference schedule will officially begin with a virtual State Board of Management meeting on Friday, April 23, 2021, at 10:00 am. Members of the Board of Management will receive special instructions for attending this meeting. A hybrid business meeting will be held on Saturday, April 24, 2021 at 9:00 am. Based on credentials reporting, a limited number of individuals were selected to attend the meeting in person to meet quorum. After the in-person, quorum only attendees have the opportunity to consider a bylaws amendment to officially allow for electronic business meetings, we will open the Zoom event for delegates and alternates attending on-line. All members are welcome to watch the business meeting via YouTube Live.

We have much to celebrate! Through the Committee Chair reports, Special Awards Recognition, Chapter Celebration and Youth Awards Celebration you will see all the amazing accomplishments of our chapters and members from this past year. I am especially pleased to welcome the State Regents attending our event virtually, as well as our special guest Ruth Robinson, the 4th female Honor Guard of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

I am so very proud of the resilience and continued commitment of our Kansas Daughters to deliver the DAR mission through meaningful service in spite of the pandemic. Until we can gather together safely in person, I invite you to sit back, relax, and enjoy this virtual State Conference from the comfort of your own home.

Welcome Home!

Susan Metzger
KSDAR State Regent



2021 KSDAR State Conference

Hybrid Schedule

DoubleTree Hotel, Lawrence, KS

The KSDAR 2021 State Conference will be held in a hybrid format with most meetings and presentations presented online, and the State Conference Business Session held at the DoubleTree Hotel, Lawrence, on April 24, 2021. Only those who have been contacted and invited to the in-person State Conference Business Session on Saturday, April 24, 2021, will be allowed to enter the Regency Ballroom. Chapter delegates will receive information to attend the Business Session via Zoom, and all other Kansas Daughters may attend through the live-stream YouTube link. Additional schedule information may be found on the Kansas Members website including links and the State Conference Program.

Thursday, April 22, 2021

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| Junior Membership Social | 7:00 p.m. | Zoom |
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Friday, April 23, 2021

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| Celebrating 125 Years Video | 9:00 a.m. | YouTube |
| Board of Management (BOM) | 10:00 a.m. | Zoom |
| Committee Chair Reports | 1:00 p.m. | YouTube |
| Tour of the Kansas Chapel | 3:00 p.m. | YouTube |
| Ruth Robinson, Tomb of the Unknown Honor Guard | 4:00 p.m. | YouTube |
| Announcement of Special Awards & Recognitions | 6:00 p.m. | YouTube |
| Chapter Celebration | 7:00 p.m. | Zoom |

Saturday, April 24, 2021

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| Registration (including on-line check in) | 8:15 a.m. | Zoom/Regency Ballroom |
| In Person Attendees Seated | 8:45 a.m. | Regency Ballroom |
| State Conference Business Session (Hybrid) | 9:00 a.m. | Ballroom/Zoom/YouTube |
| Youth Awards Celebration | 4:00 p.m. | YouTube |

State Board of Management

Each member of the State Board of Management (BOM) received the Call to the meeting via email. If you are a chapter regent and are unable to attend the virtual meeting on Friday, April 23rd at 10:00am, please contact State Recording Secretary, Peggi Barret (peggibarrett808@yahoo.com) to let her know if your chapter vice regent or a chapter representative will attend in your place. If you are unable to attend, please also share the Call (which includes the Zoom registration information) with the member who will be attending in your place.



A few of the Kansas Daughters that will be attending the State Conference by cut-out!

KSDAR State Conference Notes

If you have been notified that you will be an “in person” attendee, it is imperative that you be at the Doubletree Hotel, Lawrence, KS in line at the ballroom doors ready to check in by 8:15 a.m. Each person will go through the credentials line to access the ballroom and will be seated in one of the designated, socially distanced chairs. Everyone will be required to wear their mask covering their mouth and nose, and there will be no food or beverage provided – you are welcome to bring your own beverages and snacks. **IF** for some reason you cannot attend, you will need to have another registered delegate attend in your place. If this happens, you must notify Peggi Barrett at (peggibarrett808@yahoo.com), Bev Ronnebaum at (tpkron@aol.com) and State Regent Susan Metzger (susantelee@yahoo.com) so that they can update the forms and provide information to your replacement. We must have a minimum of 20 chapter members in the ballroom to provide a quorum.

If you have been notified that you are a delegate and will be attending by Zoom, you will need to be online by 8:30 a.m. so that the credentials chair can have a count by the start of the meeting at 9:00 a.m. If you are unable to attend, you must contact your chapter regent to notify her that you cannot attend and an alternate can take your place.

For those that are not a chapter delegate, you will be able to watch the Business Session live on YouTube. The session will be recorded and posted on the KSDAR Members website for viewing at a later time.

Friday, April 23, 2021 at 7:00pm Celebration of Kansas Chapters

During this unusual year, our Kansas Daughters did not stop finding meaningful ways to contribute service in their communities. From sewing masks and creating no-sew blankets for veterans to sponsoring local classrooms and teachers and planting victory gardens, Kansas Daughters were resilient in carrying out our mission.

Join us for a celebration of all the amazing work and accomplishments of our members and chapters. We will also announce the Outstanding Chapters and Outstanding Chapter Regents at this event.

This event will be held via Zoom. Register in advance through the link below. A Zoom link will be provided to you upon registration.

https://ksu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYqf--srjlrH9F_spyGgRle8J6iGmwr0kXt



Junior Membership Virtual Happy Hour Social



Calling all Junior Members – the Junior Membership Committee is inviting you to attend a virtual happy hour! Grab your favorite beverage and light up your computer with other Juniors on Thursday, April 22, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.! This will give you an opportunity to meet other Juniors from across the state and to see what a fun bunch they are! To register, go to:

<https://ksu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwsd-mppjlsGddETWbq9SNsChRPTx7li9B8>

So what is a Junior? A Junior is a DAR member age 18 through 35 years of age, and although no longer a Junior after her 36th birthday, she may continue to page at State Conference and Continental Congress until her 41st birthday. She holds full DAR membership, and when qualified, may serve as an officer or committee chair at the chapter, state and national levels.

You Can Own a Piece of Kansas History with Miss Hazel



This is Miss Hazel, the KSDAR 1996 Centennial Doll. Her life has been full of adventure and she is here to join with Kansas Daughters for the KSDAR 125th Anniversary celebration.

The antique, china-headed doll was gifted to Hazel Fields Myers, a Kansas Daughter who served on the KSDAR Executive Committee and is an honorary regent of the Sagamore Chapter, by her Aunt Hazel. In 1996 Hazel Myers presented her doll to the KSDAR Junior Membership Committee to raise monies for the Helen Pouch Memorial Fund.



To learn more about Miss Hazel's history, tune in to the KSDAR Virtual State Conference. To take Miss Hazel on her next adventure, purchase your voices on the KSDAR virtual voices link. All proceeds will go to the KSDAR Markers and Archive Fund. Some lucky Kansas Daughter and Miss Hazel will venture down the trail to her new home in September!! To buy voices go to <https://ksdar-voices.square.site>

Use Your Voices to Support KSDAR!

Though we won't be meeting in person for the majority of this State Conference, you will still have the opportunity to buy voices for some great items while supporting KSDAR. Voices are chances to win an item. Some of these items will be drawn at the Business Session at the 2021 State Conference, and the others will be drawn at the State September Meeting. Voices are \$5 for one or \$10 for three.



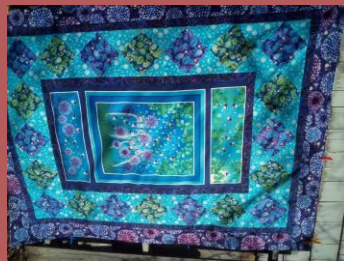
Kansas Tornado Quilt –
By Donna Roberts, Four Winds Chapter. Benefits the State Regent Project.



Sunshine Wood Carving – Jan Wichman, Polly Ogden Chapter. Benefitting State Regent Project.



Council Grove Get-Away –
Sponsored by the Council Oak Chapter. Supports the Historical Markers and Archives Fund.



Firefly Quilt- Anonymous Donor Supports KSDAR Junior Membership Fund.



Hand-Hooked Sunflower Rug
– By Joleata Kent, Four Winds Chapter. Benefitting the Sunflower Singers.

Santa Fe Trail Commemorative Quilt
– Supporting State Regent's Project. Includes locations of DAR markers complimented by wheat and buffalo fabric.



Committee Chair Reports

Ever wonder what the Americanism or the Genealogical Records Committees are and what they do? The Committee Chairs have put together a celebration presentation showcasing their committees and the outstanding work they have done in the past year. The reports will be found on the "State Meetings" tab of the KSDAR Members website, members.kansasdar.org the week of State Conference. Remember the username is `ksdar` and the password is `sunflower` – all lower case.



Friday, April 23, 2021 at 3:00pm Kansas Chapel Tour and Presentation

Join us for a virtual tour of the Kansas Chapel located in the NSDAR Headquarters in Washington, DC. Kansas State Chaplain, Retha Blecha, will take us on a tour of our beautiful chapel and highlight the history and significance of various aspects of this space. Links to the tour will be available on the members' website on the "State Meetings" tab.

Friday, April 23, 2021 at 9:00am - Celebrating 125 Years of KSDAR Service

On April 2, 1896 the Kansas Society became an official part of the Daughters of the American Revolution. In celebration of our 125 years, a special committee was appointed to develop a plan for KSDAR members to mark the occasion in numerous ways.

The committee worked to develop activities and commemorations that included all Kansas Daughters and was focused on the three areas of focus of Patriotism, Historic Preservation and Education. It was also important to have activities in different areas of the state.

A presentation of the activities will be made during the State Conference on Friday, April 23, 2021 at 9:00am via Zoom. Additional instructions for joining this presentation will be provided soon.

The celebration will begin at State Conference and will run throughout the year. Below is a preliminary outline of projects that KSDAR is planning to undertake during 2021:

- Addendum to the KSDAR History Book
- Service project at Nicodemus National Historic Site
- Wreath laying and grave marking for Mamie Eisenhower
- Memorial ceremonies and grave markings for past KSDAR State Regents
- Chapter recognition of organizing Chapter Regents
- Production of a video showcasing KSDAR's 125-year history
- Service project to support Haskell Indian Nation University students
- Conservation project to inventory the Kansas State Reptile, the Ornate Box Turtle
- Interactive and fun activities at State September Meeting to celebrate KSDAR State Regents and our history

Chapters and individuals will have many opportunities to participate in this anniversary. We look forward to sharing more information with members in the near future!



Keynote Speaker, Ruth Robinson

Society of the Honor Guard, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

Friday, April 23, 2021, 4:00 p.m. - Zoom



If you have ever wondered what life is like for those few that qualify to be members of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Honor Guard, you will enjoy listening to the KSDAR State Conference Keynote Speaker Ruth Robinson.

Ruth Robinson is a native of Waco, Texas. She graduated from Birmingham-Southern College in

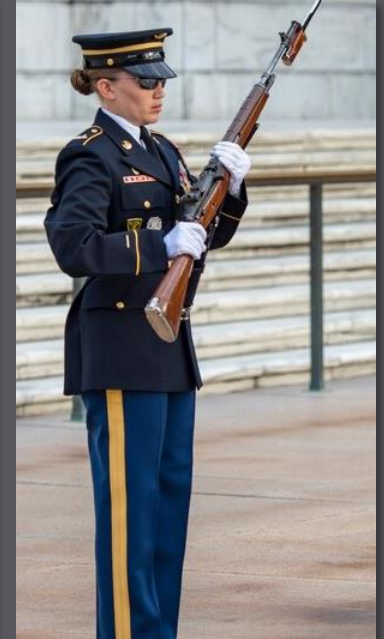
2010 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology where she was a star soccer goalie. She joined the U.S. Army in October 2011 as a Military Police Soldier. Her first duty station was Fort Carson, Colorado serving with the 59th and 984th Military Police Companies. In 2013 she deployed to Afghanistan. It was after being deployed to Afghanistan in 2013 that she began researching the Old Guard, its specialty platoons and the Tomb of the Unknowns. "I also happened to run into an old Tomb Guard Identification Badge holder and talked to him a little bit," Robinson said. "That kind of se- in stone what I wanted to try to do during my next assignment."

Her next duty station was Fort Myer, VA in 2015 serving in the 289th Military Police Company. In June 2015 she volunteered for training at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. She completed the training, earning badge number 643 and was promoted to Staff Sergeant and Commander of the Relief in September 2016 and was the fourth female guard. Since 1948, Soldiers of the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment "The Old Guard" have served in the distinguished duty as sentinels, guarding the tomb in any kind of weather, 24 hours a day and 365 days a year. The Guard is changed every 30 minutes from April 1 to Sep. 30 and every hour from Oct. 1 to March 31. During the hours the cemetery is closed, the guard is changed every 2 hours.

Sentinels are considered to be the best of the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment, which is headquartered at Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, Virginia. Each Soldier must be in superb physical condition and have an unblemished military record. An interview and a two-week trial determine the Soldier's capability to train as a tomb guard. Once chosen, he or she will undergo many hours of intensive training and testing, which focuses on overall performance, uniform preparation and knowledge of the tomb and Arlington National Cemetery.

Women must meet the same requirements as male Soldiers to be eligible as tomb guards. The only difference is that women have a lower minimum height requirement. Male sentinels must be between 5 feet 10 inches and 6 feet 4 inches tall. "I did not get treated any differently," Robinson said. "The crowd might have more of a response because there is a female there, but when it comes to work and training, it's absolutely the same."

She served in this role until her Expiration of Term of Service (ETS) from active duty in March 2018. Ruth joined the National Guard where she earned a commission as a 2nd Lieutenant. She has since transferred to the Army Reserve where she now serves as a Platoon Leader in the 800th Military Police Company. In May 2020, she earned her Master of Science in Conservation Biology. Ruth currently serves as the Education Committee Chairwoman for the Society of the Honor Guard, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. She is married to her husband of almost 3 years, Brad Robinson, Lieutenant Commander (LCDR), U.S. Navy.



Gerry Winters

The Eunice Sterling Chapter of KSDAR is proud to announce that Karen Funcheon, their American Heritage Chair, won second place in the 2020-21 NSDAR American Heritage Contest with the theme of "Rise and Shine Your Light on the Revolutionary War Patriot." Her entry was an all-cloth doll replica of Anna Metzger, wife of Patriot Frederick Metzger, a Revolutionary War Patriot. She was historically dressed for the early 1780's with ten layers of clothing including a chemise, corset, under petticoat, bum roll, pockets, stomacher, scarf, over skirt, jacket and bonnet.

The Judging Criteria for the Doll Category was as follows: 30 points for workmanship & construction of body, face, and hair; 25 points for the workmanship and construction of the clothing and its appropriateness to the period; 25 points for originality of overall design and incorporation of the theme. Karen will be recognized at the Awards Night Ceremony of the 130th Continental Congress on June 25, Congratulations Karen! Eunice Sterling is proud!



Chaplain's Corner

Retha Blecha

As spring has "sprung", and the flowers begin to bloom, my thoughts turn to New Life, which in turn leads me to think of those who have gone before us that will bloom in heaven. This is the time of year that the State Chaplain plans the Memorial Service. As our State Conference is a hybrid format this year, the "spring" KSDAR Memorial Service will be later in the year. The Necrology Report will reflect those members who passed from April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021. These names come directly from eMembership, which reflects the Chapters' timely reporting to National the death of a member. That is why it is very important to report member deaths via eMembership. It is ALSO important to fill out and send the next of kin form located on the KSDAR members only website to the State Chaplain so that she can extend sympathies on behalf of the State Officers.

This form, along with the 90+ Birthday form for members in your Chapter, are very important. It is always nice to receive birthday greetings!

The Chaplain General said about 90+ Birthday greetings: "I send an average of 50 cards a month to those celebrating 90, 100, and 100+ so I assume that most chapters have members in their 90s. Having said that, I am also pretty sure that I am not hearing from anywhere near all the chapters who could be sending birthday greetings." Please send requests for 90, 100 and 100+ birthday greetings from the Chaplain General - your members will be so pleased to receive them.

Questions on the Chaplain page of the CMR have arisen, to which the Chaplain General responded:

"The question regarding sending birthday greetings to 90+ members has been on the CMR for many years because the Chaplain General has a focus on sending greetings to members 90 years old and above and encourages state and chapter chaplains to send cards to those 91-99. This information is to help the Chaplain General with her own reporting. I would suggest if the chapter has no 90+ members the chapter chaplain put a NA in the place and put a sentence in the box about the cards they do send to their Daughters."

"The question regarding how many Memorial Services did you chapter conduct in the year could be answered by "Three members died this year and we had a memorial service for them in June, or "We had no members deace this year therefore the answer is zero." Filling out this form is not a contest for points. It is to help the Chaplain General get a feeling for what events the chapters are participating in and do her own reporting.

Chapter Chaplains, as your State Chaplain, I applaud the work you are doing on behalf of your Chapter and the Kansas Society. We have all had a very unusual and sometimes difficult job this past year, may HIS light continue to be a lamp unto your feet and light unto your path. ~ Psalm 119

The New Horizons Course – Not Just for Chapter Officers

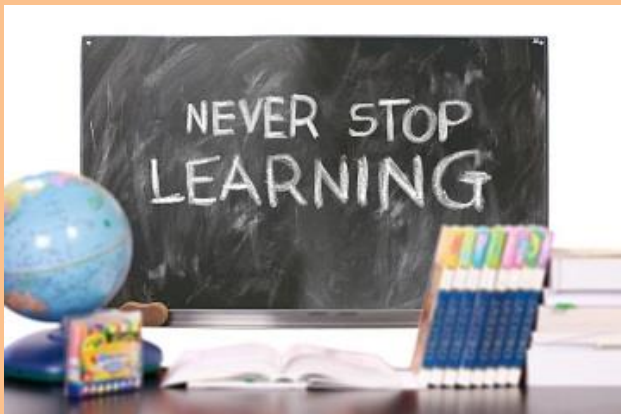
Donita Dupslaff

After completing the Members Course, I thought, “Whew, that was fun, and I learned a lot! I never plan on being an officer, however, so I’ll just skip the New Horizons Course”. But what about the team environment of my chapter, such as working with other members on committees, projects, or fund raisers? Did I want to be an effective follower? As a chapter member I discovered I could be either a rock to drag down the group or a rubber ducky to help keep it afloat. Which did I prefer to be?

Well, I certainly did not want to be the rock, so I started researching for tools I could acquire to be of assistance. And wouldn’t you know, the New Horizons Course fit that bill perfectly. Many of the modules were familiar from the Members Course, which provides the “what” facts. With the New Horizons Course, I was able to dig a little deeper into the “why” of it all. Many modules were new and gave me deeper insight to both my chapter and me. Yes, I could be a rubber ducky without being in charge!

Think I’m overstating my case? The very first question in the very first module asks, “How do you plan to shine in serving your chapter during this administration?” From that point onward I was exploring my reasons for joining DAR and what I hoped to accomplish. The Members Course showed me what DAR had to offer me. The New Horizons Course asked what I in turn could offer to DAR. And I was not alone in this discovery, because my State Coordinator, Chapter Regent, and others were directing and encouraging me every step of the way.

While taking this course I was asked to assist with several projects. I was able to be an effective follower due to the information I acquired from both the Members and New Horizons instruction. I’m no longer concerned about being a rock!



Desire Tobey Sears Exemplifies Americanism

The Desire Tobey Sears Chapter proved that the pandemic could not slow them down from honoring America - the chapter set themselves apart with all their community activities.

Sherry Koster had Flag cards made then sent cards to 50 Veterans in the Jewell County area that were living in assisted living situations. The cards were colorful renditions of various versions of Old Glory.

The Chapter raises 200 American flags around the Courthouse square in Belleville, Kansas for all Flag Code Days. The chapter was a part of the original Patriot Project that raised the money for the flags for the community. These flags have plaques on them that honor service members. Many members of the chapter and their HODAR’s participate in this project.

The Blecha family places 104 flags on every Veteran’s grave in the Tabor Cemetery in rural Munden on Memorial Day and takes them down at dusk. The family has kept the records of Veterans interred there since 1970.

The KSDAR Americanism Chair Kristi Kocher highlighted the Desire Tobey Sears Chapter in her report for State Conference as a chapter that showed that our chapters were able to continue their important work even during a global pandemic.



Flag Card



State Chaplain Retha Blecha and Grand Children placing flags on Memorial Day



Flag display on the town square in Belleville, KS

Spring Has Sprung So Get your Cool DAR Gear!

Check out the cool items available for Daughters for this Spring and Summer! The State Regent's Project Team has lots of merchandise that help fund the Welcome Home Administration's projects. To place an order, just use the attached link and begin shopping! <https://teamlocker.squadlocker.com/#/lockers/ksdar>



State Regent's Project Merchandise

Support the State Regent's Project through the purchase of merchandise!



200th
Anniversary
of the
Santa Fe
Trail



Santa Fe Trail Scarf - \$40 + 7.5% Sales Tax = \$43

Madonna of the Trail Charm - \$15 + 7.5% Sales Tax = \$16.13

Welcome Home Charm - \$15 + 7.5% Sales Tax = \$16.13

Santa Fe Trail 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.

Support the Juniors - Shop and Walk (or Run, or Swim, or Bike or ...)

Help the Juniors to "Light Up Our Lives" by shopping at their pop-up online store. The pandemic has limited the Juniors from their fundraising efforts and support of the Helen Pouch Fund and DAR Schools. Visit the online store to purchase the Junior Firefly Pin or patriotic items. During the month of April, you can purchase Junior products through the following link. **Please note that all Junior Sales purchases will be shipped in early May.**

<https://ksdar-juniorsales.square.site/>

Shopping at the Insignia Store and President General's Project Items

Kansas Daughters can use code **KSINSIGNIA21** at checkout to receive free shipping on all DAR Insignia Store items from April 23rd to 25th. Here are some additional details to ensure ease of use: 1. Insignia items ship separately from DAR Store & DAR Museum Shop items. Please complete your DAR Insignia Store purchases separately, as each store has its own unique code. 2. The code will only be valid for the dates listed above. Please ensure Insignia purchases are completed within the timeframe to receive free shipping. 3. Once at the checkout screen, enter the code into the box on your right-hand side and press apply. 4. Members wishing to use the free shipping code for phone orders may do so by asking an Insignia Associate to apply it during your state's free shipping timeframe. Kansas Daughters can also use code **VB-2021-KS** to receive free shipping on all President General's Project items from April 23rd to 25th.



Iwo Jima 76th Anniversary Program

Pam Kelley

This year marks the 76th anniversary of the Battle of Iwo Jima. The Battle of Iwo Jima was an epic military campaign between U.S. Marines and the Imperial Army of Japan in early 1945. Located 750 miles off the coast of Japan, the island of Iwo Jima had three airfields that could serve as a staging facility for a potential invasion of mainland Japan. American forces invaded the island on February 19, 1945, and the ensuing Battle of Iwo Jima lasted for five weeks. In some of the bloodiest fighting of World War II, it's believed that all but 200 or so of the 21,000 Japanese forces on the island were killed, as were almost 7,000 Marines.

Jerry Ingram, a WWII Marine, is one of two of the last local survivors of the battle. On March 18, 2021 at the American Legion Post 370 in Overland Park, KS, Friends in Service to Heroes (FISH) continued Mr. Ingram's tradition of honoring the 4th Marine Division that fought in the battle. Mr. Ingram is the president of the Chapter 39 of the 4th Marine Division Association of WWII and was in attendance at the event.

Lieutenant General Emil Bedard, retired USMC, who served as Deputy Commander for Plans Policies and Operations provided the historical perspective of this pivotal battle. Also speaking was Iwo Jima Medal of Honor recipient, "Woody" Williams.

DAR members, Pam Kelley, John & Hattie Possum, Cindy St. John, Quivira Crossing, Laura Kaiser, Shawnee Mission Chapter, Janet Alley, Sagamore Chapter were proud to attend the very moving ceremony to honor these heroes. It was a memorable evening for all who attended.



Topeka Chapter Celebrates 125th Anniversary at Tree Planting

The Topeka Chapter Celebrated 125 Years of Service to God, Home and Country by planting a red oak on the campus of Washburn University on Friday, April 2, 2021. The Chapter has planted a tree on the campus every year since 1966 after a devastating tornado destroyed most of the trees at Washburn and damaged or destroyed most of the campus buildings.

The chapter was joined at the celebration by State Regent Susan Metzger and University president Dr. Jerry Farley. In addition, four state officers participated in the ceremony. State Organizing Secretary and past KSDAR Chaplain Denise Bullock shared thoughtful words of prayer with the assembled group. State Regent Metzger reminded everyone that KSDAR did not come into being until the Topeka Chapter was organized, thus both share the same anniversary date.

Dr. Farley expressed his appreciation to the Topeka Chapter for their continued support of the University. Chapter Regent Becky Spaulding shared that the 55 years of planting would continue well into the future as the chapter is committed to continue their support.



Save the Date – 125th

Anniversary Service Project at Nicodemus

Sherrie Smith

As part of the KSDAR 125th Anniversary celebration, Kansas Daughters will gather on the weekend of August 14-15, 2021 in Nicodemus, KS to perform various projects to assist the National Park Service at this historic site.

Located off U.S. Hwy 24 in Graham County, the site has been administered by the National Park Service since 1996 with a mission to preserve, protect and interpret the only remaining western town established by African Americans during the Reconstruction Period following the American Civil War. There are five historic buildings situated on the 161-acre park, although some are located on private property. The Township Hall, pictured here, serves as the site's Visitor's Center.

Nicodemus is home to a few residents.

This service project is still in its initial planning phase and more information, such as lodging options, will be forthcoming. Possible projects suggested by the site superintendent involve painting, cleaning, and organizing, but other opportunities for improvement may later be identified.

It is hoped that by August, the COVID situation will be improve and more Daughters will have been immunized.



DAR 101

Many members have taken or are currently taking the Members and New Horizons courses and have gained insight into the history of the organization as well as information about what Daughters are doing currently.

Members both old and new can learn facts that help them be more informed. Each month we will be sharing helpful information for all Daughters to learn about DAR and how to share the information with others!

- DAR is not pronounced like far, but each letter is spoken D-A-R.
- DAR is a nonpolitical organization and does not lobby.
- The DAR was founded on October 11, 1890 to promote historic preservation, education and patriotism.
- Continental Congress is the DAR annual meeting.
- Membership is available to all women 18 years and older who are a direct descendent of someone that aided the cause of American Independence.
- The DAR's Motto is God, Home and Country.
- The President General (Denise VanBuren) is the leader of the National Society, and the State Regent (Susan Metzger) is the leader of the Kansas Society.



Please Welcome Home These New Kansas Daughters

Abilene

Cassandra Wilson

Betty Washington

Elisabeth Saylor

Courtney-Spalding

Margaret Thomas

General Edward Hand

Lisa Bailey

Hannah Bailey

April Jenkinson

Little Arkansas

Helen Cole

Mary Wade

Strother

Courtney Zahn

Brittney Zahn

Polly Ogden

Ruth Linville

Randolph Loving

Jannice Buselt

Linda Floyd

Three Trails West

Jennifer Jarrell



Mary Frisch

Each sash worn by the Daughter designates a specific office: active, honorary or past. We can read a sash to determine if the wearer is a member of the National Board of Management, a voter at Continental Congress by virtue of office or a past member of the National Board of Management.

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 inch 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.

All widths of the sash which are solid blue with the white border are worn by members of the National Board of Management who are also, by virtue of office, voters at Continental Congress. These Daughters are not issued voter badges for Continental Congress as their sashes indicate they are voters.

Those who wear a solid white sash bordered in blue are honorary officers who have been elected for life. There are two widths of these. One who has served as President General and is elected an Honorary President General by Continental Congress. Her sash is the same width as that of the President General. Honorary Vice Presidents General number thirteen. These Daughters have served as Vice President General and are elected by Continental Congress to serve as Honorary Vice President General. Such honorary officers wear solid white sashes bordered in blue, in the same width as the sash worn by a Vice President General. Those who wear one of these two sashes are voters at Continental Congress and are not issued separate voter badges.

There are three widths of sashes which designate past officers who have served on the National Board of Management. Two of these sashes indicate past national office, either Executive or Vice President General. They are the same width and color as those worn when serving actively and designate past term by the addition of two narrow stripes of white through the middle field of blue. Such sashes do not indicate the wearers as voters at Continental Congress. To be a voter at Continental Congress the wearer of such a sash would need to be elected by her chapter as delegate or as an alternate who is taking the place of an absent delegate, and she would wear a voter's badge. The third sash is worn by an Honorary State Regent. This sash, the same width as that of the State Regent, is white to indicate "honorary" as she was elected by her State Conference as an Honorary State Regent. The colors are reversed, and through the center field of white is a narrow blue stripe which indicates a past office. Like that of other past members of the National Board of Management, the wearer of this sash is entitled to a voter's badge only if elected by her chapter as a chapter representative.

In summary, a solid center field of blue or white indicates a voter at Continental Congress; blue is for active office and white designates honorary office. Stripes through the center field of blue or white indicate past office which does not designate wearer as a voter at Continental Congress.

Although some Daughters may be eligible for more than one sash, they wear only the one which represents an active or honorary office or the highest office held.

The Different Sashes



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