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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,

Summer is my favorite season. Abundant sunshine, long days, and warm (sometimes hot) weather bring me joy. I find myself getting a little blue when the calendar turns to August knowing that summer is coming to an end and fall is around the corner. But this year, I could not be more excited to see fall on the horizon!

My fall is full of chapter visits, a week-long National Board of Management event in Washington D.C., and even a special Kansas visit to our National Headquarters (stay tuned!). Our fall will kick off with an exciting and information-packed State September Meeting (10-11 September in Junction City). The schedule of events includes a Board of Management, District, and Club meetings; a graduation celebration; and beautiful memorial service. On Friday, Dave Kendall of Prairie Hollow Productions, will share with us highlights of the documentary commemorating the 200th anniversary of the Santa Fe Trail. On Saturday, National Membership Chair Yvonne Liser will join us virtually for a workshop on membership retention and leadership development. I am delighted that my friend and fellow State Regent from Oklahoma, Teresa Cales, will be our guest for this meeting. And of course, the BIG NEWS, our President General, Denise VanBuren will also be joining us for this State September Meeting! If you have not done so already, **be sure to register no later than August 17th.**

While I am excited for this in-person event, please know your Executive Committee is also proceeding with caution and care for your health and well-being. We are continuing to follow the changes in COVID conditions in the weeks ahead and will be following the local health department regulations for this event.

The end of summer may be on the horizon and our days are slowly getting shorter, but Kansas Daughters are shining brighter than ever! Thank you for all you do for your chapters and KSDAR!

Welcome Home!

Susan Metzger



State September Meeting Schedule September 10 – 11, 2021 Courtyard by Marriott, Junction City

The KSDAR 2021 State September Meeting will be held in person at the Courtyard by Marriott in Junction City, KS. Sleeping rooms are sold out at this hotel, but additional hotel options near the conference venue can be found on the members' website under the State Meetings tab. This will be KSDAR's first completely in-person state meeting since the State September Meeting in 2019! We are excited to welcome everyone and to be together once again. KSDAR will follow the Geary County Health Department and Marriott requirements for masking and social distancing. As COVID conditions and local requirements change, we will notify all registrants of any expectations for health and safety measures. However, please do not attend this meeting if you are feeling ill or test positive for COVID 19 within 10 days of the event.

Additional schedule information may be found on the Kansas Members website including links and the State Conference Program. Attire for the meeting will be Business for all sessions.

Friday, September 10, 2021

Registration	8:15 a.m.
Board of Management (BOM)	9:00 a.m.
District Meetings	10:30 a.m.
Lunch – Santa Fe Trail 200 th Anniversary	12:00 p.m.
Club Meetings and Membership Activities	2:30 p.m.
Graduation Ceremony	4:00 p.m.
Dinner – President General Denise Doring VanBuren	5:30 p.m.
Comedy Vets	7:30 p.m.
Junior Member Social	8:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 11, 2021

9/11 20 th Anniversary Commemoration	8:30 a.m.
Memorial Service	10:00 a.m.
Lunch	12:00 p.m.
Workshops	1:30 p.m.
Announcements	3:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 10

WEAR RED

REMEMBER EVERYONE

DEPLOYED

Meeting for First Time Attendees

Join this Zoom Meeting to learn more about the KSDAR State September Meeting and what to expect, and other important information.

When: Wednesday, August 10, 7:00pm

Where: Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85762575073>

Don't stress about attending your first meeting!

BUSINESS ATTIRE ALL SESSIONS

2021 STATE SEPTEMBER MEETING REGISTRATION FORM

Courtyard by Marriott, Junction City, KS

Please complete one registration form per person. **Registration must be postmarked by August 17, 2021.** If the Courtyard by Marriott block is sold out, there are several nearby hotels. Candlewood Suites (785) 238-1454; Comfort Inn & Suites (785) 762-4200; Best Western (785) 762-4200; and Holiday Inn Express (785) 579-5787.

Name (as desired on nametag) _____ Email _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Chapter _____ District: SE SW NW NE
_____ State Officer _____ Chapter Regent _____ National/Honorary Officer
2021 Page _____ 1st Time Attendee _____ Guest (HODAR/Non-Kansas/ _____)

REGISTRATION FEE **\$7.50** (If paging, cost is waived) **\$7.50** **\$7.50**

KSDAR Bylaws Article VIII Meetings, Section 8 State September Meeting.

Anyone attending any portion of the State September Meeting must pay the registration fee.

MEALS

Special Meal Consideration

_____ Vegan/Vegetarian _____ Gluten Free _____ Other: _____

Friday Lunch ---- Choose one of the following

Served with potato chips, pickles, pasta salad, and chef's selection of dessert, and water and iced tea

Seared beef hearty wrap \$18.75 \$ _____

Vegetarian hearty wrap \$18.75 \$ _____

Friday Dinner ---- Choose one of the following

Served with bread, house salad, chef's selection of dessert, and water and iced tea

Grilled seared chicken breast \$28.50 \$ _____

Cheese tortellini \$30.00 \$ _____

(If paging, the cost for this meal is waived)

Saturday Lunch ---- Choose one of the following

Served with potato chips, pickles, pasta salad, and chef's selection of dessert, and water and iced tea

Smoked turkey breast sandwich \$18.75 \$ _____

Fresh mozzarella and tomato sandwich \$18.75 \$ _____

Page Patron Fund \$ _____

State Regent Project Fund \$ _____

Voices \$5 each or 3/\$10. Number of Voices: _____ Please list which item(s) you
want a chance in: _____ \$ _____

Other Donation (Please List) _____ \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

With the generosity of Kansas Daughters the Page Patron Fund will pay for the registration fee of pages and provide their meal Friday evening. Business attire is appropriate for all meetings. Checks should be made out to KSDAR and postmarked on or before August 17, 2021. No refunds after that date. Please mail this form and check to Renee Gruen, Conference Treasurer, 10140 W 96th Ter. Apt B, Overland Park, KS 66212-5145. Email reneegruen@yahoo.com, phone 913-961-5059.

In case of Emergency, please contact:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Kansas Society Daughters of the American Revolution

Memorial Service

Saturday, September 11, 2021

First United Methodist Church

804 N Jefferson St, Junction City, Kansas

10:00 a.m.

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*KSDAR Members who have passed since the last Memorial Service
will be remembered.*

*Please invite family members of your
deceased members if you think
they would like to attend.*

Hats are optional.

KSDAR State Chaplain

Retha Blecha

KSDAR Service Project at Nicodemus National Historic Site & Visitors Center

Sherrie Smith

Friday, Aug 13th (1pm–5pm), Saturday, Aug 14th (7am–5pm), Sunday, Aug 15th (9am–12pm)

As part of the observance of KSDAR's 125th Anniversary, Kansas Daughters will be performing a Historic Preservation service project at the Nicodemus National Historic Site, Nicodemus, KS. Volunteers (including HODARs) are welcomed for any/all of these times. Activities will include scraping and painting picnic tables and benches, organizing and cleaning a basement storage area and other projects assigned by the National Park Service (NPS).

Links to lodging and dining information may be found on the KSDAR website under "Calendar" and the dates of this event. When you RSVP to participate please include dates you will be participating, names of those in your party, city where you plan to lodge, and number of box lunches you will be purchasing on Saturday. Please note – this is a work weekend and may not be appropriate for small children. **RSVP to Sherrie Smith (e-mail RSVP preferred) to: shsmith3234@eaglecom.net. Home#-785-628-8704, Cell#-785-650-4837. Please include name, date(s) attending, and if you would like to purchase a box lunch for Saturday noon meal. Cost of the box lunch TBD, payable at the event.**

How About Some Laughs at State September Meeting?

Denise Bullock



Laugh with and learn about Comedy Vets after the Friday evening dinner.

Comedy Vets is comprised of former United States military who just happen to be funny. They produce live comedy shows for military personnel and their families. Plus, they provide shows for organizations that have a passion and desire to support active and former military.

The perfect match for KSDAR!

“Help Veterans Laugh – Help Veterans Survive”

American Heritage Winner

Regrettably, Karen Funcheon's name was omitted from the list of winners from Continental Congress in the July *CyberSunflower*. A member of the Eunice Sterling Chapter, Karen was the 2nd Place Winner in the NSDAR American Heritage Contest. Her winning entry was featured in the April 2021 *CyberSunflower*.

**Topeka Chapter
National Society Daughters of the
American Revolution
and
Friends of the Free State Capitol**

*cordially invite you to a re-dedication
ceremony
of the historical marker for*

Constitution Hall in Topeka

*September 18, 2021
10:00 a.m.*

427-429 South Kansas Ave

Rededication of Constitution Hall in Topeka Historical Marker

Jan Stegelman

The Topeka Chapter would like to invite Kansas Daughters to attend the re-dedication of a historical marker for Constitution Hall in Topeka on September 18, 2021, at 10:00 AM. The original DAR marker was dedicated at the Hall on July 4, 1903, by Miss Zu Adams, a Topeka Chapter Founder, and a Director on the Board of the Kansas State Historical Society.

Unfortunately, the marker was misplaced during ownership changes in the 1990s. Constitution Hall was acquired by the Friends of the Free State Capitol in 1998 with funding from the Kansas Legislature and was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2008. The building was used as the site of the Topeka Constitutional Convention in 1855 and was later used as the Kansas State Capitol from 1864 – 1869. Constitution Hall is in the late stages of a restoration by Friends of the Free State Capitol.

Replacement of a DAR marker requires that all statements on the marker be appropriately documented in order to obtain authority from the Historian General of NSDAR for the wording, reproduction and installation of the marker. Quite a bit of research by members of the Topeka chapter was needed to obtain the required original source documentation. In addition, Jennie Chinn, Executive Director of the Kansas State Historical Society reviewed the documentation and attested to the accuracy of the marker wording. Approval from Laura McCrillis Kessler, Historian General, NSDAR, was granted in March of 2021. A little over \$3000, which included a \$1000 grant from the Topeka Community Foundation, was raised by the chapter for the replacement marker and a second re-dedication marker. The Friends of the Free State Capitol agreed to pay for the mounting of both markers.

We look forward to seeing you at the official re-dedication ceremony at Constitution Hall in Topeka on September 18. Please see the invitation included in this issue of the *Cyber Sunflower* for additional information.

Council Oak Chapter Sponsors the Madonna Trudge

Anne Otte

What happens when life throws hard challenges at you? If you are a DAR member (or perhaps even if you are not) you decide to dig in and compete in the DAR Madonna Trudge September 4, 2021, in Council Grove!

This inaugural event will commence at 10 am on the Saturday of Labor Day weekend at the lovely DAR Madonna of the Trail statue located in Council Grove at the intersection of Highways 177 and 56. The "trudge" is a total of approximately 6 blocks, beginning and ending at the Madonna. Participants are to wear clothing as befits a pioneer woman, and may be carrying a pretend "baby", with perhaps another child tagging along, tugging on mother, and/or carrying other supplies. You are invited to have fun with this.

Three prizes will be awarded:

- DAR Madonna Award - \$250
Most like the pioneer woman represented by the Madonna
- DAR Best Attitude - \$150
Best display of determined/stoic attitude
- DAR Best Effort - \$100
When life's challenges are huge, and things don't go right, this woman perseveres. Her life depends upon it.

Entry fee is \$20

The event is part of Council Grove's salute to the 200th anniversary of the Santa Fe Trail, which is marked by a variety of occurrences this summer. See the following for more information:

<https://www.santafetrail200.com/dar-madonna-trudge>



Santa Fe Trail at the State September Meeting

Sandy Wurth

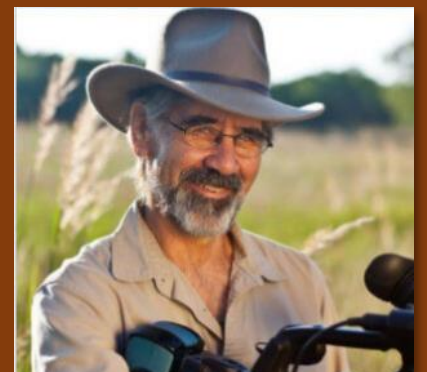


Please stop by the combined DAR/Santa Fe Trail Association booth at the State September Meeting. We will be offering voices on beautiful Santa Fe Trail ornaments. This will be the year for Kansas Daughters to Rise and Shine leading the nation and showing our pride that KSDAR pioneered the efforts to mark the Santa Fe Trail. You might even get to meet the very State Regent that originated the project!

Santa Fe Trail Speaker for State September Meeting

Dave Kendall, film maker and historian, will be the guest speaker during lunch on Friday, Sept. 10. He has been journeying along the Santa Fe Trail and documenting the history of the trail in celebration of its 200th Anniversary in September and has created a full-length documentary about the trail.

Drawn to this project because of the stories of his great-grandfather serving as a teamster on the Trail, he felt this project would help him to learn more about his family's history. "I didn't have an appreciation for the significant part the Santa Fe Trail played in American history prior to this project, but now I do," Kendall said.



Passport to Patriotism

Jeana Walters-Fancell

After last year's Service for Veterans No Sew Blanket Challenge, this committee chair has received numerous emails and phone calls asking about what the next project will be. I am so glad to hear everyone enjoyed coming together during a very trying year and showing our Veterans they were not forgotten. Kansas daughters should be very proud of their commitment to patriotism.

You asked for it... You got it! Your next mission, should you choose to accept it, is to complete a **PASSPORT TO PATRIOTISM**. This challenge is for each daughter, individually or with your chapter. The Passport contains 15 activities to show your Service for Veterans commitment for this next year. Participation is from Oct. 1, 2021 - Apr. 1, 2022. Each activity completed must be stamped by either your Chapter Service for Veterans Chair or Chapter Regent when completed.

There will be a drawing for a Chapter Prize and an Individual Prize at Spring Conference. Passports considered for prizes must be sent to the KSDAR Service for Veterans Chair no later than Apr. 15, 2022. The Chapter with the most members completing at least 10 activities will receive the Chapter Award (percentage based on membership). A minimum of 5 activities is required for an Individual prize drawing.

Passports will be available for pickup at the Registration desk at the SSM. Also, a printable passport will be emailed to all Chapter Regents and Service for Veterans Chairs in September. I hope everyone will enjoy coming together to Rise and Shine for our Veterans.



Mission Hills Presents Distinguished Citizen Medal

Gale Hansen



On April 26, 2021, the Mission Hills Chapter presented the DAR Distinguished Citizen Medal to retired Staff Sgt. Ezekiel (Zeke) Crozier. This was a joint project involving DAR Project Patriot, Service to America, DAR Service for Veterans, and National Defense Committees. Crozier is a medically retired Army Staff Sergeant that served nine years with the Chinook Helicopter Unit operating out of the New Century Air Center in Gardner, KS.

Crozier was deployed for humanitarian missions to Pakistan and Africa and two combat deployments to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. On June 25, 2011, Crozier's Chinook Helicopter crashed while on a mission. He suffered a traumatic brain injury and was expected to suffer from severe disabilities. However, Crozier battled back and found a therapeutic outlet in creating unique pieces of art using bottle caps.

Art gave Crozier a new lease on life, and he wanted other veterans and people of many diverse backgrounds to experience the joy of making things with their hands but more importantly, connecting with the community through art. Crozier continues to salute veterans by donating his artwork to veteran organizations, for auction, in support of their projects benefiting veterans.

Mission Hills also presented Crozier with a blanket made as part of the Kansas State Service Project. Mission Hills challenges other chapters to salute men and women in their communities who support veterans.



Chapter Direct Payments

Janet Lake

Is your chapter enrolled in the Chapter Direct Payment program for NSDAR? Using this option really simplifies the payment process for national dues. You will receive an electronic invoice for your chapter. When you submit your payment, this electronic invoice will also be submitted. So, on December 1, you merely submit the payment and invoice, and you are done without worrying if NSDAR received your payment.

You only need to set this up once and then you can use it every year. There is a one-time fee of \$0.50. You will find the ability to sign up in e-membership under Updates, Chapter Direct Payments.

This method is discussed in the NSDAR Treasurer's Guide. Our Treasurer General will be reading the names of enrolling chapters at Continental Congress next year. This really helps NSDAR as well, so they don't have to handle mail and data enter your check and your invoice information.

Protocol 101 – The President General is Coming!

Mary Frisch

KSDAR is honored to welcome NSDAR President General Denise Doring VanBuren to our State September Meeting on September 10-11, 2021, in Junction City. Mrs. VanBuren will be our honored guest and speaker for the Friday evening dinner. Please plan to attend and wear your Sunday best.

The President General is the highest-ranking officer of the National Society. She is the honored guest at any DAR function and should always be given the place of honor. It is customary for members to rise as a sign of respect for the office when the President General and the State Regent are presented. The State Regent is the highest-ranking officer in her state and will preside. As the honored guest, Mrs. VanBuren will be seated at her immediate right.

During her three-year term and if her schedule permits, the President General makes an official visit to any state extending an invitation. Unfortunately, COVID has presented a challenge in fulfilling this duty. We appreciate Mrs. VanBuren for making an extreme effort to visit Kansas a priority.

The AR&P is Here!

Peggi Barrett



The 2020-2021 Annual Report & Proceedings book will be available for pick-up at the State September Meeting during Registration for the State Regent,

State Officers, Chapters, Honorary State Regents, State Chairs of National and State Committees, Senior State President of C.A.R., and District Directors. They will also be available for those who ordered a book prior to June 1. If you are on this list and do not plan to attend, please designate someone to pick up your copy if possible. A limited number of copies will be available for purchase. In addition, there are a few copies of the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 AR&P which will be available for purchase during the State September Meeting. Prices will be posted.

If you have questions, please contact State Recording Secretary, Peggi Barrett, at peggibarrett808@yahoo.com.

Attention All Chapter Regents

Rebecca Kline

1. Your chapter yearbook is due **electronically to the State Vice Regent** before September 15, 2021, for distribution. Send as an attachment to rggkline@gmail.com.
2. **Before August 15, 2021**, send the listing of names and emails of the chapter's chairs of national committees electronically using the established form in the SIP from the KSDAR Website. Send to the State Vice Regent rggkline@gmail.com.



Let's Head to Washington, D.C. to DAR Headquarters!

Kansas Daughters will be travelling to Washington, D.C. October 31 and returning November 2, 2021, in order to tour the newly renovated Constitution Hall and visit DAR Headquarters. Several activities are being planned during this trip in which the group can participate. Some highlights of our Kansas Delegation Visit include a tour of the newly restored Constitution Hall, research opportunity in the DAR Library, docent-guided tour of the DAR Period Rooms, a catered lunch in our Historic Banquet Hall, time for shopping in the beautiful new DAR Store and a "Pop-Up" insignia Store, the opportunity to enjoy the latest exhibit in the DAR Museum Gallery, and photos at the famous Eagle lectern and other locations throughout the headquarters.

A room block has been negotiated at the Hilton Garden Inn at 815 14th Street N.W. for the nightly rate of \$199. <http://hiltongardeninn.hilton.com/en/gi/groups/personalized/D/DCACHGI-DAR-20211031/index.jhtml>

Airline reservations will need to be made by each Daughter to arrive on or before October 31. More details will be coming as they are developed. If interested in attending, contact KSDAR State Reporter, Kimberly Patrick at KimAPatrick@aol.com. Kansas Daughters know how to have a great time – and this trip will be great fun!



Santa Fe Trail Capstone Project

Linda Drum Fort

As a part of the New Horizons Course, a Capstone project must be selected. I chose to celebrate the 200th Anniversary of the Santa Fe Trail and the marking of the Trail by Kansas Daughters by relocating and repairing six markers in the Southwest District located in Edwards, Gray, Finney, Haskell and Syracuse Counties. Consultation was made with KSDAR State Historian Monna Metzger and Honorary State Regent Pat Traffas. The funding for this project was received from a Grant from the Mariah Fund of Dodge City. They provide grants to the SW Tourism District of the Kansas Tourism Department and is 1% of 1% of the Boot Hill Casino profit received each year.

The Edwards County marker #61 at Offerle was moved without permission in 1975 during the 175th Anniversary of the Trail to the city park on Highway 50. It will return to the Heintz property on the dry route near the Arkansas River. The Gray County marker #70 at Ingalls was at the Depot Museum and with the assistance of the Kansas DOT a place was created in the rest area west of Ingalls on the Mountain Route. Another marker, #69, on the dry route is in the park west of the museum.



The development of a 4-lane highway south of Garden City on Highway 83 caused the relocation of two markers. Marker #87 was moved without consultation, to north of Ivanhoe Cemetery on Road 70 and developed with an asphalt circle. The area is now being developed by the Haskell County Museum, volunteers and will be grassed and a story board is being developed by Leo Oliva, Santa Fe Trail historian. Marker #86 was moved by KDOT in 1956 from across from Ivanhoe Cemetery to a park west of Garden City on Hwy 50 then relocated the KDOT shop. This marker will be moved to the corner of Road 70 and Road 00 east of Highway 83 on the trail.



Marker #75 at Holcomb sits on the trail in the District 363 school yard and will have the base replaced, as will marker #81 at Kendall in Hamilton County. This project has been a labor of love and is nearing completion just in time for the Santa Fe Trail's 200th Celebration.

NOTE FROM KSDAR STATE HISTORIAN MONNA METZGER: A reminder that all KSDAR markers are the property of the Kansas Society, and as such, no repair, restoration, movement or other changes may be made to these markers without the written consent of the Historian General, and coordination with the State Historian and KSDAR Historical markers and Archives Committee.

Sherrie Smith

“D-O-N-E” -the one-word telegraph message sent to Washington, D. C. on 10 May 1869, announcing the completion of the Transcontinental Railroad. Although the tribulations surrounding placement of a Medal of Honor gravestone for Cpl. George Miller, interred at the Red Top Cemetery in rural Gove County, Kansas pales to the challenges of building a railroad that connected our nation, it often felt as if accomplishing the goal of honoring Cpl. Miller was akin to the light at the end of the tunnel being an on-coming freight train! And a railroad related quote is apropos for this article as George Miller died at age 35, possibly of typhoid, alongside the train tracks at a railroad job site in western Kansas. He was survived by a wife and three sons.

Many Kansas Daughters will recall that Kaye Watkins and Colleen Anderson, 2013-2016 KSDAR Service to Veterans State Co-Chairs, promoted a project to honor and increase public awareness of the 60+ MOH recipients interred in Kansas. Each of these American Heroes were assigned to a chapter by their burial site proximity to the chapter location. This is how I first “met” Cpl. George Miller, assigned to the Courtney-Spalding Chapter, of which at the time, I was Chapter Regent. Investigation into the life and times of George found a unique conundrum-he had TWO government issued stones, one each at different locations: a regulation Veterans Administration MOH stone, erected in 1992, in the Memorial Section of the Fort Leavenworth Post Cemetery (which indicates the location of the remains is unknown) and a standard VA military issue gravestone at his gravesite at the Red Top Cemetery, erected in 1995 by a local Veterans organization.

The Courtney-Spalding and John Athey Chapters jointly held a MOH Remembrance Ceremony at the Red Top Cemetery on 14 June 2015. Miller family members from in and out of state were among the 100+ attendees. What happen next in the Cpl. George Miller story is a long and convoluted narrative, but in 2016 it was discovered, that without notification of anyone, including the Miller family, sometime in 2015, his MOH stone at the Fort Leavenworth Post Cemetery had been removed and destroyed. The reason for this action was said to be that Cpl. Miller’s burial site indeed was known, and I will add, had for been known for well over half a century!

Thus began a five-year odyssey of extensive research, communications with the VA, Fort Leavenworth Post Cemetery staff and supervisors, and the Medal of Honor Society, to name just a few contacts. The assistance of the Heidi Goff, Supervisor at the Kansas Veterans Cemetery, Wakeeney, as well as the office of Senator Jerry Moran, was enlisted. The Miller family was kept apprised of ongoing efforts. Unfortunately, these efforts would prove futile as the VA required independent documentation verifying location of George’s burial in 1888, is not extant. No MOH gravestone would be issued by the VA for Cpl. George Miller.

It is my honor to share that the stone shown here, financed by the Baker Township Cemetery Fund, was at long last installed on 17 June 2021, 133 years following George’s passing. It was decided to place this new stone at the foot of his grave, leaving the VA issued stone erected in 1995, undisturbed. The goal of preserving the knowledge of Cpl. Miller’s MOH would not have been accomplished without the steadfast resolve of Red Top sexton, Wendall Hargitt, to see this project to fruition. Sincere thanks to the John Athey Chapter and numerous Daughters around the state for their continued support. I am grateful to Neil, of Unrein Monuments and HODAR of Courtney-Spalding Chapter member Susan Unrein, for obtaining the stone, reproducing on porcelain the only known photograph of George Miller and donation of installation services. I know that Kaye Watkins was looking down on us at Red Top Cemetery on that hot June day because I felt her smile and a hearty high-five. Cpl. Miller, Thank You for your Service and Welcome Home! D-O-N-E!

“Show me the manner in which a nation cares for its dead and I will measure with mathematical exactness the tender mercies of its people, their respect for the laws of the land, and their loyalty to high ideals.”

Sir William Ewart Gladstone



Marty Wellington

It's once again time for our KSDAR supply drive to benefit the students at Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence. Thank you, Kansas Daughters for your continuing our long-time support of Haskell students.

Supplies will be collected at the KSDAR September 10-11, 2021 in Junction City.

Below is an updated list of items needed by Haskell students. Please keep your eyes out for specials and sales over the next few weeks to help with purchasing supplies. Chapters from the Northwest, Southwest and Southeast, please bring your donations to that State September Meeting. Northeast District chapters please do not bring to the State September Meeting – a separate delivery will be made by these chapters.

Laundry:

Lint Roller
Laundry Hamper
Detergent pods*
Stain remover
Fabric softener sheets
Sewing Kit

Personal Toiletries:

Soap/Body wash
Shampoo
Conditioner
Shower shoes
Toothbrush
Toothpaste
Mouth wash
Deodorant
Feminine hygiene products
Q-tips
Manicure kit
Towels
Hand towels
Shower scrubby
Dental Floss
Air Freshener
Tissues
Chapstick

School Supplies:

College rule notebooks
Index cards
Tape
Tape dispenser
Post-it notes
Staples
Stapler
Scissors
Pens
Highlighters
Desk organizer
Binder clips
Copy paper (8 ½ x 11)
Jump drives
Report covers
Display boards

Bedding:

Sheet sets (XL twin)
Mattress pad
Pillows
Blanket
Soft Throw
Mattress Cover
Foam Topper (twin)

Miscellaneous:

Mugs
Chip clips
Flashlight
Umbrella
Computer bag/book bag
Area rug
Lightweight message board
3M command strips
Digital photo frame
Desk lamp
Small fan
Hangers
Utensils
Plates/Cups
Storage bins
Storage hooks
Small trash bags

Health:

First Aid Kit
Pain Relief Medicine
Cough Drops
Multi-vitamins or Vitamin C
Emergen-C
Cold Medicines

NO PREPACKAGED FOOD OR SNACKS PLEASE!

If you ever have questions about this project or the American Indians Committee, please don't hesitate to contact me.

*If providing laundry supplies, please bag in sandwich bags in groups of 10.

Use Your "Voices" to Support KSDAR!

Purchase your Voices for an opportunity to win one of the great items that will be offered at the State September Meeting. Voices can be purchased in person at the State September Meeting, on your registration form or in advance at: <https://ksdar-voices.square.site> Voices are \$5 each or three for \$10!



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



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



Firefly Quilt- Anonymous Donor Supports KSDAR Junior Membership Fund.



Miss Hazel China Doll – Donated by Denise Bullock, Supports Historical Markers and Archives Fund.

Don't Miss Out!



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



Three Metal Ornaments- Ornaments depicting the Post Oak, Drovers Bank and Last Chance Store in Council Oak supporting the State Regent’s Project.

Are You Hot? Get your Cool DAR Gear!

Check out the warm weather gear – and the lime green shirt for volunteer events – you can have them add the word “Volunteer” on the back! All sales 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!



Santa Fe Trail Scarf - \$40 + tax
Madonna of the Trail Charm - \$15 + Tax
Welcome Home Charm - \$15 + Tax

Santa Fe Trail Charm - \$15 + Tax
KSDAR Tote Bag - \$35 + Sales Tax

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.

New Charm is Here – 125th Anniversary!

The KSDAR 125th Anniversary charm has arrived and is available for purchase. Sales will support the State Regent’s Project. The charm features the winning logo from the 125th Anniversary logo contest – created by Robin Kern of the Olathe Chapter. The charm can be worn on a bracelet or a necklace. This is a limited-edition production, so get your order in soon!



Patriot Garden Flags

Warm weather is here and our gardens are taking shape, so order a garden flag(s) that features your patriot(s) to show your patriotism . These 16” x 24” flags are printed with eco-friendly inks on 250 Denier Polynex and costs \$53.95, including shipping. Use the Comment Box as you checkout to Customize your Flag. You choose how to Commemorate your Patriot! If no information is supplied, the lower portion of the flag will be printed blank. **Put Kansas Society DAR in the Company field and \$5.00 of every purchase will go to support the State Regent's project.**



<https://www.northstarflags.com/fundraiser-dar-sar.html>

Annabelle Diebolt

Finally, I am home. I wonder what my daughter looks like. How much has she grown? I have been counting down the days to leave the brutality of this tour. The things I have seen are weighing heavily on my mind, how can these people strap bombs on their children and send them to blow up American troops? The image of an innocent child being made the source of so much pain and destruction weighs heavily on my soul. "Daddy!" a little voice yells and I look up to see a child running towards me. In an instant, I am back behind enemy lines and a child is running towards my team but... we don't see the bomb until too late. The ringing in my ears grows louder and the faces of those who died flash before my eyes I can't escape them...I can't take it. I start to run, and I just keep running..... away from the little one who simply wants her father. This was the heartbreaking reality for a veteran who has gone through the Passageways system. It took him years to be able to return to his children, a feat he probably would not have accomplished without Passageways. This is one of many instances of the reality of our returning heroes, a reality that Passageways, LTD is working to change and a hope they are working to restore.

I am Annabelle Diebolt, the 2021-2022 Kansas State President of the Children of the American Revolution. During my presidency, I am working to support Passageways, LTD. They are a home for homeless veterans based in Wichita. Passageways takes veterans in off the street and gives them a home, a family, the support, and aid they need to thrive. Once the veterans graduate the program, they are given an apartment fully furnished by donations at no cost to the veteran. However, their support does not end there. Whether it is helping the veteran open a coffee shop or bringing them earplugs on the 4th of July to drown out the fireworks (which often cause flashbacks), Passageways stays by their side. Passageways is an organization working tirelessly for our heroes, an organization I am proud to work with and support!

To raise money for this organization, there are three ways:

- 1.T-shirts, coffee mugs, hats, coasters, socks, sweatshirts, and more can be ordered at <https://hiawathashirtshack.com/collections/kscar-presidents-project>.
- 2.Auction of donated items will be held online starting soon and ending at the 2021 State D.A.R. Fall Convention. (I will be selling two handmade quilts (one made by a veteran), handmade potholders, handmade purses, artwork, gift cards, handmade cedar trunk by a current serviceman, books, and more!)
- 3.Monetary donations: please make checks out to KSCAR and mail them to: Gayla Hoyt- 5815 SW 25th Street, Topeka, KS 66614-1894

Feel free to contact me directly at 913-370-2065 or email me at diebolt@rainbowtel.net . I would be eternally grateful for your support with this project! Please let me know if you would like me to make a personal appearance at your chapter. Thank you, in advance, for your time and generosity!

