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## *A Message from the State Regent*

Dear Kansas Daughters,

One of my favorite holiday traditions growing up was the Advent calendar. Day-by-day, my sister and I would open a little cardboard door revealing a treat until we reached Christmas Day. In honor of that tradition, I share the following KSDAR countdown to celebrate just a few of our accomplishments and highlights from 2021.

1. Delighted and proud State Regent
2. National Officers from Kansas
3. Dollars to purchase Today's DAR and Getting to Know the DAR brochures from the DAR Store (great recruitment tool and new member gifts)
4. Amazing projects supporting Veterans through Welcome Home grants
5. Months to State Conference
6. Members completing New Horizons since September 2021
7. Members serving on the National America 250! Membership Task Force
8. Charms celebrating KSDAR's 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary remaining (get your charm at <https://kansas-society-dar.square.site/> while supplies last!)
9. Chapters have four or more Member for Member credits in 2021
10. Santa Fe Trail 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary scarves remaining (get your scarf at <https://kansas-society-dar.square.site/> while supplies last!)
11. Dedicated State Officers here to serve you
12. Months of informative CyberSunflowers
13. New members welcomed this month
14. Kansas Daughters attending special Continental Congress Meeting and Open House
15. New Junior members welcomed since July 2021
16. Members completing Genealogy Education Program (GEP) III in 2021



## State Regent Letter Continued

17. Members actively enrolled in the new Committee Leaders Course
  18. Chapters welcomed more than four new members this year
  19. Vice President Generals have been Kansas Daughters
  20. Members serving the National Society as Chairs, Vice Chairs, Division Vice Chairs, or State Coordinators
  21. Kansas Daughters who are veterans or active duty service members
  22. Chapters began entering information in the Chapter Master Report this fall (it is never too early!)
  23. Chapters have more than 36% of members subscribing to the *American Spirit* magazine (looking for a great holiday gift?  
<https://www.dar.org/national-society/american-spirit-magazine/subscribe>)
  24. Items available in the KSDAR Squadlocker Store (get your KSDAR apparel and gifts at <https://teamlocker.squadlocker.com/#/lockers/ksdar>)
  25. Chapters have already reported more than 600 Service to America hours (keep them coming!)
- Thank you for all you do to deliver DAR's mission in your community. I wish you a wonderful and blessed holiday season.

Welcome Home!

Susan Metzger

## Honoring Past Regents

*Susan Metzger*

Thirteen chapters have already held recognition ceremonies for 20 past State Regents and Organizing Chapter Regents. 12 more ceremonies are scheduled for this spring. Thank you, Nancy Machnicki, for organizing such a wonderful way to commemorate KSDAR's 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary!



## GEP Classes Price Reduction

*Bunnie Bowen*

Do you love a bargain? Do you love to learn about researching genealogy? On November the 5<sup>th</sup>, the Executive Committee announced a reduction in price for the four main Genealogy Education Program (GEP) courses effective on January 1, 2022. Each of the four main courses will be \$75 each. The GEP courses provide the most complete and up-to-date information on the proper completion and documentation standards required by the DAR for the verification of Applications and Supplementals.



On top of the new prices that start January 1, we are holding a December GEP Sale!

Starting December 1 and going until December 31, at 12am, we are pleased to offer a Buy One Get One 50% Off Sale! In preparation for the new price in January, throughout the month of December all GEP courses will be \$100 with the option to buy one course and get another course at 50% off! I encourage all members to learn more about the Genealogy Education Program (GEP) by visiting [www.dar.org/gep](http://www.dar.org/gep).

Once you have successfully completed GEP 1-3 some of the activities that you will be eligible to help with include:

- 1) Being a Balcony Volunteer at Continental Congress
- 2) Being assigned as a Volunteer Genealogist to a chapter other than your own
- 3) Providing virtual support for Supplemental applications. DAR Members can sign up for one-on-one consultation by either video conference or telephone
- 4) Facilitating genealogy workshops for chapters that help with supplemental applications as well as preparing applications for new prospective members

We currently have 40 women in the state of Kansas that have completed GEP 1-3. Wouldn't it be great if we had 50 trained by the end of State Regent Susan Metzger's Administration?

# Shawnee Mission Chapter Field Trip and Marker Rededication

Pat Nickle



On October 13, 2021, as part of the Adopt-a-Marker challenge, to spotlight KSDAR, and to commemorate the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Santa Fe Trail, the Shawnee Mission Chapter organized a field trip to two Santa Fe Trail markers – one in Johnson County and one in Douglas County. Members met for lunch in the pavilion at Lanesfield School, then toured the small Johnson County Museum facility and the historic Lanesfield School. Students attended Lanesfield School from 1869 and 1963. Members gathered for a rededication of the marker, which was the second marker set in the state.

A rededication also took place at the Black Jack marker location. Black Jack was the battle site of an early Civil War battle that took place on June 2, 1856. Wagon ruts are still very visible at this location.

## To Go or Not To Go

Tonya Adams

Like many of you, I joined DAR during a pandemic, my induction was via ZOOM, and it wasn't until later I could attend a meeting in person.

I decided to use the down time to learn as much as I could about DAR, and I enrolled in the Members Course. I learned so much and wanted to continue, so I completed GEP 1-3.

When it came time to make the decision about attending the State Meeting in Junction City, I couldn't decide if I wanted to go. I kept thinking, I hardly know anyone in my chapter, let alone anyone from around the state. Who would I talk to? Would I even understand what was going on? I thought it would be like all the other "conventions" I had attended, and it would be incredibly boring.

Was I ever wrong! The minute I stepped into the hotel I was surrounded by smiling, friendly faces. It was like a class reunion, but I had something in common with these people! The meetings and guest speakers were informative and interesting. I was so honored to receive my Members Course and GEP 1-3 certificates and cords from our State Regent and our President General. The Memorial Service and Wreath Laying Ceremony were very moving.

I strongly encourage everyone to attend our State Meeting and State Conference. You will learn so much and make friends from all around the state. As for me? I am looking forward to Continental Congress 2022! Watch out Washington D.C. - here I come!



# Outstanding Volunteer Genealogist Contest 2021

*Bunnie Bowen*

Submissions for the Kansas Outstanding Volunteer Genealogist contest for 2021 are now being accepted and must be postmarked by January 31, 2022. The winner of this contest will be honored at the 2022 April State Conference, will get a certificate, and will be entitled to purchase the prestigious "Volunteer Genealogist of the Year" pin from NSDAR. Complete instructions on how to enter this competition are posted to the KSDAR members-only website, SIP tab, under the Volunteer Genealogist Committee section. Similar to the Outstanding Junior competition, various points are assigned for activities such as GEP class completion, being a Balcony Volunteer at Continental Congress, successful completion of being assigned as a Volunteer Genealogist to a chapter other than your own, and many other activities. We have so many talented women in our state, it is long overdue time to recognize these heroes who selflessly help others join our organization and complete supplemental applications throughout the year. President General VanBuren has set a national membership goal of 200,000 by the end of her administration. Let's all do our part to help others join our beloved Society, by both educating ourselves and volunteering to help others complete their applications.

## Sherlock Holmes Investigative Award

Lavonne Chase, far left, and Janice Long, far right, presented Jo Lene Thoele, middle left, and Phyllis Benedict, middle right, with the Marais des Cygnes Chapter's first-ever Sherlock Holmes Award for Sherlock Holmes Level of Investigative Research! Jo Lene's and Phyllis' investigative hats are most attractive! The two worked many hours to complete Lavonne's application which was 79 pages long! Congratulations on a job well done and for the tenacity to keep digging until all of the documents were discovered!



## Olathe Chapter 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration



The Olathe Chapter celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary by hosting a tea and dedicated the newly mounted Santa Fe Trail Marker at Mahaffie Farmstead and Stagecoach Stop in Olathe.

The event was attended by State Regent Susan Metzger and Honorary State Regent and Past Vice President General Pat Traffas. Pat shared an award presented to the Daughters of the American Revolution by the Santa Fe Trail Association in honor of the DAR's work to preserve the trail.

The Santa Fe Trail plaque was originally installed by the chapters located in the Northeast District in 1988 in front of the Mahaffie Farmhouse. Several years ago, the marker was removed due to needed changes at the site and was placed in storage. The Olathe Chapter purchased a new stone and had the marker restored and placed in front of the site's Heritage Center.

## Year End Reminders – CMR, CAA and Service to America

With the new year comes the wrap-up of 2021 for Chapters. The Chapter Master Report (CMR) is due before February 1, 2022. This document allows NSDAR and KSDAR to reward the good works that our Daughters do as well as have a snapshot of a chapter's health.

The Chapter Achievement Awards (CAA) is a part of the CMR and is the section where chapters provide information on membership changes, donations, and training such as Members, New Horizons, and the GEP courses. This report provides each chapter with a numerical total that will show the chapter's level of achievement. CAA levels of achievement are: Level 1 – 400+ points; Level 2 – 300 to 399 points; Level 3 – 200 to 299 points.

Both the CMR and the CAA are excellent tools for chapters and committee chairs to use for planning a chapter's programs and activities.

The Service to America tally is where chapter members report their activities for the year. Daughters have until January 31, 2022 to enter their 2021 volunteer hours. Every hour counts and should be reported. The VanBuren Administration has a goal of 10,000,000 hours for their three years, so it is important to report your "meaningful service," no matter how small. "Meaningful community service" is defined as any volunteer activity that serves "God, home and country."

For more information on the CMR, CAA, and the Service to America tally, there are webinars that can be found on the KSDAR Members' website under the State September Conference Tab. Additional information can be found on the DAR Member's website under committees.



## Metzger Administration Welcome Home Grants

The Metzger Administration will once again be awarding "Welcome Home" Grants in 2021. Chapters may apply for grant funds that support projects 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. Additionally, chapters may sponsor an organization applying for grant funds that directly support veterans and current service members.

These grants to benefit veterans and current service members are only available because of the generous support of Kansas Daughters to the State Regent's Project. The Grant application deadline is March 15, 2022. Chapters and chapters sponsoring organizations receiving grants for projects will be notified by April 15, 2022. Grants in amounts between \$500 and \$2500 will be awarded. The Grant Application and the Grant Application Instruction Sheet can be found on the KSDAR members' website. Questions regarding KSDAR "Welcome Home" Grants may be directed to Kathryn West at kawest122@gmail.com.

Season's  
Greetings



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## Welcome New Members

### Courtney-Spalding

Bailey Boomhower

Kathy Boomhower

Patricia Nicholas

### Desire Tobey Sears

Shayla Steele

### Mission Hills

Margaret Dodderidge

Cynthia Kuhlmann

### Quivira Crossing

Betty Springer

Charmaine Elven

### Samuel Linscott

Melissa Clark

Jane Foster

Mary Stoll

### Shawnee Mission

Perdomo Economid Damian

### Uvedale

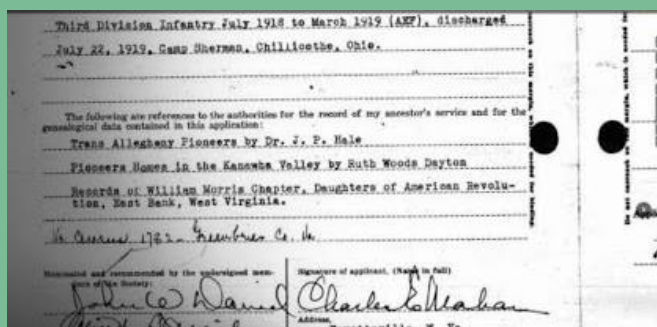
Natalee Ganyon



## Supplemental Application Team

*Susan Metzger*

The Supplemental Application Mid-Level Review Team has been hard at work! Since the program was started, the team has reviewed 125 Supplementals! The team is led by Linda Jensen and includes Brenda Dooley, Vicki Timmons, Kim Kincaid, Beverly Yates, and Leslie Harris. The team's careful review helps ensure your Supplemental Application meets the criteria for a favorable review at National. Have a Supplemental Application you would like reviewed? Email Linda Jensen at [suppapp@kansasdor.org](mailto:suppapp@kansasdor.org).



## Underground Vault and Storage

*Becky Spaulding*

Do you need a place to store your chapter archives in an environmentally controlled place? Consider UV&S with the NE District account! Eight chapters are sharing the cost of space and you can too! Average cost for 12 months is under \$50 per chapter! For more information, contact Becky Spaulding at [trexbecky@gmail.com](mailto:trexbecky@gmail.com) or 602-920-8903.

## Protocol 101

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*Mary Frisch*

According to the Flag Code, the Pledge "should be rendered by standing at attention facing the flag with the right hand over the heart. Members of the Armed Forces and veterans who are present and not in uniform may render the military salute. Persons in uniform should remain silent, face the flag, and render the military salute."

It is customary for ladies to remove their gloves and not have anything in their left hand during the pledge. Please show your respect by remaining still and in one place during the Pledge. Stand and remain still until the Pledge is finished and then move to your seat.

## Tis The Season

*Retha Blecha*

No matter who you are, say a prayer this season.

No matter what your faith, say a prayer this season.

No matter how you celebrate, say a prayer this season.

There are so many ways to celebrate faiths,

There are so many faiths to celebrate life.

No matter who, no matter what, no matter how you pray,

Let's say a prayer this season together, for peace.



# Santa Gifts for your Favorite Daughter(s)

Check out the KSDAR gear perfect gifting or getting! All sales support the Welcome Home Administration's projects. To place an order, 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 + 7.5% Sales Tax = \$43

Tote Bag - \$35 + 7.5% Sales Tax = \$37.63

Charms - \$15 + 7.5% Sales Tax = \$16.13

Earrings - \$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.

## Get Your Voices for the DAR Rock

Make the DAR Rock yours by getting your voices in the drawing for this beautiful rock. Voices can be purchased \$5 each or three voices for \$10. To purchase your voices, go to: <https://ksdar-voices.square.site/s/shop>.

The drawing will be held at the 2022 State Conference! The more voices you buy the better your chances are!



## Patriot Garden Flags

As fall takes over, color in the gardens is important, 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>

# The Eagle's Tear

*Suzanne Guinn*

She climbed the currents and soared the skies,  
Kept watch o'er nests and her allies.  
To help protect those in her world  
As she flew forth with wings unfurled.

She cared for all though poor or king  
That fell beneath her shadowing wing.  
Yet evil lurked throughout the land  
And deep inside the heart of man.

They planned their day to maim and kill.  
Their goal the eagle's heart to still.  
They did not know her strength and skill  
Or those who'd rally from her trill

As she rose up that fateful morn  
The scene she saw filled her with scorn.  
She swooped and cawed her mad alarm  
But could not stop that dreadful harm.

Some chicks were hurt and more were dead.  
The smoke and fire raged overhead.  
What have they done and why choose here,  
This land that stands for freedoms dear?

Her heart was pained with what she saw.  
Her voice rose up with anguished caw.  
Her nest was clawed and torn apart.  
Her breast was pierced with guided dart.

The life she knew came crashing down.  
Debris rained forth with deafening sound.  
The call rang out throughout the world  
As to the earth more lives were hurled.

Then from her eyes a tear fell down  
Upon her breast of feathered brown  
Her heart was crushed and filled with pain  
As smoke rose up from isle and plain.

This monstrous deed made friends from foes  
As word rang out about her woes.  
They stood with others one and all.  
They damned this deed, which came to maul.

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They gave her strength, and came to hail,  
"You must not falter; must not fail.  
We cannot let them think they've won.  
We'll help rebuild, you must go on."

Thus many came from near and far,  
They worked beneath both sun and star.  
Their hands, their hearts, their all was given  
With strength that came from God in heaven.

So she rose up, her strength renewed,  
Shook off the dust to build anew.  
She's stronger now and wiser too.  
For truth is freedom's best review.

They missed her spirit on that day.  
They tried but could not take away,  
The heart and soul of freedom's flame,  
Though still they chant their hate and blame.

Her wounds and scars run deep within  
But with God's help she'll heal again.  
And through her friends by whom she's loved  
She gains her strength to rise above.

The day, when some had hoped she died,  
We'll not forget the eagle cried.  
But though she's sad of this be sure,  
She will rise up, she will endure.

And though she mourns her loss that day  
In depths so deep she did not stay,  
But scaled new heights of freedom's skies.  
Of this, be sure, the eagle flies!

