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A Message from the State Regent

Dear Kansas Daughters,

It has been years since I have actually been awake when the clock struck midnight announcing the arrival of a new year. This year, you can be sure I will be wide awake to usher 2020 out the door and welcome with hopeful heart 2021.

All years bring highs and lows. Highs of 2020 were extra time with my husband and the ability to stay productive and connected through technology for work, school, and DAR. The low that brings our Executive Committee the greatest amount of sadness is the passing of our State Corresponding Secretary, Kimberly Lees. Kimberly always brought a smile and positivity to our work and seemed to draw deep satisfaction in working hard with her DAR friends to achieve a goal. She will be sorely missed.

While the world anxiously awaits widespread distribution of a vaccine, I am hopeful that we will have the opportunity to gather in person to share in fellowship and celebrate the work of your chapters and the Kansas Society. The Executive Committee will announce the plans for our KSDAR Annual Conference, whether in person, virtual, or hybrid, by March 1st so that you can plan accordingly. Regardless of the format, chapters should identify their voting delegates and submit their credentials forms no later than March 8th.

The hope for our new year and our future lies in the mission of our great organization – education, historic preservation, and patriotism. I have witnessed a myriad of good works of our Kansas Daughters this past year and I look forward to seeing all that you will bring to 2021.

Happy New Year,

Susan Metzger
KSDAR State Regent



Kimberly McLendon Lees

April 10, 1963 - December 11, 2020

KSDAR Corresponding Secretary

Kimberly McLendon Lees, a truly amazing person, passed from our midst on Friday, 11 December 2020 at the MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas. She was born on 10 April 1963 into the military family of MSG (R) John and Dorothy McLendon at Fort Hood, Texas.



Kimberly married Mark Lees on 19 January 1985 at the home of her parents in Copperas Cove, Texas. Kimberly and Mark were blessed with three children: Elizabeth, Mark II, and Catherine. Always a pet-lover, Kimberly had several corgis: Shelby, Daphne, and Ivy have been part of the family since 2011.

Always an athlete, Kimberly displayed her skills from an early age. She played middle school softball as a grade schooler and was a starting athlete in every sport she played during high school. As an adult, she enjoyed playing golf, and though she seldom picked up a club, she always found her rhythm within a few swings. Kimberly learned to ski in a single evening and was a qualified ski patroller within a month. She achieved a level of skiing proficiency where she served as an instructor for the patrol, as well as the local ski school, all a testament to her athleticism and determination.

In 2011, Kimberly joined Daughters of the American Revolution through her maternal ancestors. She served two terms as the Chapter Regent of the Captain Jesse Leavenworth Chapter. Kimberly was recognized as the Kansas State Outstanding Chapter Regent in 2017 and 2018. In 2020, she was serving as the KSDAR Corresponding Secretary and the NSDAR National Vice Chair of Wreaths Across America. Through those same ancestors Kimberly became a member of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas. A lifelong enthusiast of history, Kimberly was proud of her American heritage and her country.

Kimberly worked for the Fort Leavenworth School District, USD 207, in a variety of positions for over 20 years. She retired from the school district on 1 July 2020. Her last position was Director of Transportation, Grounds and Maintenance, where she was excited by the opportunity to lead people.

Kimberly was a CPR and First Aid instructor for the Red Cross for almost 30 years. She was a truly knowledgeable and enthusiastic trainer, who taught over a thousand people in three states during her service.

Kimberly is pre-deceased by her father, John McLendon. In addition to her family above, Kimberly is survived by her mother, Dorothy McLendon; her sister Johnette (Tim) Gaines of Killeen, TX; and brother, Scott (Christine) McLendon of Copperas Cove, TX. She also had several cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Due to current restrictions, a Celebration of Life will be held in the spring of 2021 in Leavenworth, KS. Kimberly will be buried in Copperas Cove Cemetery in Texas.



Year End Reminders – CMR, CAA and Service to America

With the new year comes the wrap-up of 2020 for Chapters. The Chapter Master Report (CMR) is due before February 1, 2021. 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 to enter their 2020 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 Pg. 3

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, 2021. Chapters and chapters sponsoring organizations receiving grants for projects will be notified by April 15, 2020. 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.

Deadline Reminder

American History Chapter Winners due 1/8/21
Women's Issues Essays due 1/15/21
Chapter Master Report due 1/31/21
Service to America Hours due 1/31/21
KSDAR Scholarship Applications due 2/1/21
American Heritage Entries due 2/15/12
State Conference Delegates Elected by 2/21/21
Chapter Annual Financial Report due 3/1/21
State Conference Credential Forms due 3/8/21
Chapter IRS Filing due by 4/1/21
Outstanding Woman in American History
Nominations due 4/1/21
Continental Congress Credentials Forms must be postmarked by 4/15/21



Continental Congress Updates

Get your vaccination and prepare to travel to Washington, D.C. for Continental Congress June 30-July 4! Come and march with the DAR in the July 4th parade down Constitution Avenue. One mile or ten blocks of pure patriotism.

Send your name, the day of arrival and the day of departure, your phone number you will use in D.C., and where you are staying and with whom. If you are working on a Congress Committee, tell me which one.

Email all information to Rebecca Kline, State Vice Regent at rggkline@gmail.com. KSDAR will have a group activity in the afternoon on Monday, June 28th, at about 4:00 pm (EST), and will be having a Kansas Delegation Dinner afterwards.

If you don't have your room reservations yet, KSDAR has a block of rooms at the State Plaza Hotel, 6 blocks from NSDAR. Each room has a full-size kitchen which allows you to save money by having some meals in your room. Room cost is \$250/night and the block runs from June 27 through July 5. To make reservations call (800) 424-2859 and ask for group code 67671X DAR Kansas 2021 DC. There is a restaurant/bar in the hotel and a grocery next door. Since the JW Marriot, the official Congress Hotel is sold out, NSDAR also suggests the Marriott Metro (\$295/night and 3 miles from DAR) and the W Hotel (\$335/night and 3 miles from DAR).

Since the founding of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution in 1890, the organization has held Continental Congress, its annual national meeting, in Washington, D.C. National, state and chapter leaders as well as other members from across the world meet at the DAR National Headquarters for a week during the summer to report on the year's work, honor outstanding award recipients, plan future initiatives and reconnect with friends. The weeklong convention consists of business sessions, committee meetings, social functions, and formal evening ceremonies. These evening ceremonies, held in the historic DAR Constitution Hall, mix pomp and circumstance with moving award presentations and musical entertainment.

KSDAR 125th Anniversary Logo Contest

In 2021, the Kansas Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution will celebrate its 125th Anniversary. The planning committee has been working on some exciting plans for a celebration that will take place throughout the year and are preparing to present them once finalized.

In anticipation of this event, KSDAR will be holding a contest for the design of a 125th Anniversary logo. The competition is open to all Kansas Daughters, and all entries are due to the State Reporter, Kimberly Patrick (kimapatrick@aol.com) by January 31, 2021. If interested in participating, please consider the following:

- If incorporating the DAR logo, please review the DAR Style Guide (PR-4000) found on the members' website for information concerning spacing, etc. Entries that incorporate the DAR logo in a way that is not allowed by DAR will be disqualified.
- Imagine how the 125th logo will be used such as on shirts, charms, printed, etc. and review elements that might not reproduce well.
- The logo will need to have the ability to be converted for both color and black and white.

The winner of the logo competition will be announced in the *CyberSunflower* and will receive some amazing prizes including a charm that incorporates the winning logo! The committee can't wait to see the ideas from the creative Kansas Daughters!



Support the State Regent's Project

Due to the pandemic and not having in person state meetings, fund raising for the State Regent's Project has suffered. So while we welcome in 2021, let's step up and purchase some great gear and support the Metzger Administration's Welcome Home projects – great items are just a click away!.



From top to bottom – Squad Locker is the go-to site for Kansas Daughters. To place an order, just use the attached link and begin shopping!
<https://.squadlocker.com/#/locketeamlockerr/ksdar>

State Regent's Project Merchandise



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.

Introducing the NEW GRC Pin

GRC State Chair Patti Unruh



Beginning January 1, 2021, Genealogical Records Committee volunteers can start working toward the necessary credits to purchase this beautiful new pin which may be worn on the official DAR ribbon.

The GRC's purpose is to collect and index unpublished source records of a genealogical nature and once prepared in the proper format, they are sent to the DAR Library for final placement.

Primary source documents found in the DAR Library continues to be a valuable resource for prospective members looking to prove their lineage for membership and to current members working on supplementals. Ensuring the vitality of the DAR Library is an important mission and you can be a part of this valuable work.

Our DAR Library is recognized as one of the finest genealogical repositories in the world and these GRC records are available to everyone through the GRS online database.

The **new** GRC pin will be available at the DAR Insignia Store later in 2021, but you can start now and work toward the 100 pages necessary to qualify for the pin. Up to five companion bars can be added for additional levels of achievement earned. Credits are earned for every submitted/approved page forwarded to this State Chair after January 1, 2021.

For more information, visit the Genealogical Records Committee page on the NSDAR members' website or the KSDAR members' site SIP under Genealogical Records Committee. And please remember... you can ALWAYS contact me on how to get started!

Welcome Home These New Kansas Daughters

- Atchison**
Cabaletta Pritchett
- Council Oak**
Shirley Spittles
- Courtney-Spalding**
Carol Patrick
- Desire Tobey Sears**
Sierra Bonjour
- Dodge City**
Gwyneth Nelson
- Ephraim Basehor**
Brenda Duckers
Shirley Gustafson
Melissa Kessler
- Fort Larned**
Connie Carlton
- General Edward Hand**
Patricia Murray
Beverly Wright
- James Ross**
Vicki Barge
- John Athey**
Marjorie Hartzog
- Marais Des Cygnes**
Andee Penn
Sharon Morrisey
- Martha Loving Ferrell**
Lynda Schlender
- Martha Vail**
Hunter Kelley
Judy Kelley



- Mary Wade Strother**
Michaelyn Mick
- Mission Hills**
Linda Ralston
- Nathan Edson**
Debra Dean
- Oceanus Hopkins**
JoAnna Derfelt
- Olathe**
Kathleen Roberts
Alexandra Davis
Rachel Davis
- Polly Ogden**
Carrie Hewins
Sara Larson
Diane Long
Dana Wethington
- Sagamore**
Amanda Lewis
Jannie Sheinker
Claire White
- Shawnee Mission**
Deborah Lawson
Barbara Elliott
Sara Anderson
- Smoky Hill**
Hadleigh Gardner
- Tomahawk**
Linda Moad
- Topeka**
Linda Ortiz
Peggy Shaverdi

Commemorative Events

Commemorative Events State Chair Sandy Wurth

Events honoring the 200th Anniversary of the Santa Fe Trail will be the most salient occurrences of 2021, especially in Kansas. This Committee's NSDAR webpage lists great resources and suggestions which are often updated. Also mentioned there is an essay contest. Information about that will appear on the 2021 NIP. Please also check the KSDAR Santa Fe Trail project outlined behind my fact sheet on the KSDAR website SIP. Briefly, I plan to assemble a notebook of 1-page reports from each chapter that has Santa Fe Trail events. If a 4x6 picture or other memento is included with the report the chapter will receive as a thank you a laser-cut KSDAR Commemorative "swag" which was especially designed for the occasion. The book will be placed in the KSDAR archives so future generations can note our celebrations this year.



“We Can Do It” Membership Challenge

State Registrar Lee Cox

Th this past year was one full of trials and struggles, but also one that showed our resilience not only as a nation, but of the Daughters of the American Revolution. One affect of the pandemic was that it had a dramatic impact on the number of new member applications submitted to NSDAR.



KSDAR 2020 New Members by Month

Jan	23	Aug	24
Feb	19	Sep	20
Mar	18	Oct	10
Apr	9	Nov	23
May	3	Dec	28
Jun	5	TOTAL	189
Jul	7		

The KSDAR applications verified by month reflect the worrisome numbers at the national level when the pandemic began to postpone or cancel our chapter activities across Kansas.

In August, the President General announced the “We Can Do It Challenge” to all chapters to increase membership with new members and/or reinstated members between August 17th through the final applications approved on December 5th, 2020. Please keep in mind that many of the chapters listed below have additional new members in 2020. There are also chapters not listed who gained new members between Jan 1, 2020 to August 5, 2020.

Reaching the Goal of the “We Can Do It Membership Challenge”

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|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 3 - Atchison | 5 - Martha Vail |
| 2 - Betty Washington | 3 - Mary Wade Strother |
| 2 - Captain Jesse Leavenworth | 3 - Mission Hills |
| 2 - Council Oak | 6 - Olathe |
| 3 - Courtney-Spalding | 6 - Polly Ogden |
| 2 - Ephraim Basehor | 3 - Sagamore |
| 2 - Flores Del Sol | 10 - Shawnee Mission |
| 2 - James Ross | 7 - Smoky Hill |
| 2 - John Haupt | 2 -Susannah French Putney |
| 4 - Marais Des Cygnes | 3 -Three Trails West |
| 4 - Martha Loving Ferrell | 3- Topeka |

EVERY MEMBER COUNTS! I want to recognize chapters that gained one new member between Aug 17 – Dec 5, 2020, by verification or reinstatement.

Chapters with One New Member Through Verification or Reinstatement

- Cimarron River Valley
- Desire Tobey Sears
- Ephraim Basehor
- John Athey
- Mary Draper
- Nathan Edson
- Quivira Crossing
- Tomahawk

From Aug 17 through Dec 5, 2020, KSDAR increased our membership by 87 members with 79 new members and 14 reinstated members.

KSDAR is indebted to the 250 Membership Task Force and the extraordinary efforts of a great team of NSDAR staff members who work for the Office of the Registrar General. At the state level, our State Application Team, with State Chair Melissa Stuchlik, began to work on applications as Prospective Members made inquiries through the national website about joining DAR. Linda Jensen, Lineage Research State Chair, and Bunnie Bowen, Volunteer Genealogists State Chair, dedicated hours in research and conference calls with me as we tackle applications with AIR letters. Bunnie also provided invaluable guidance for chapter registrars tackling electronic applications (E-App) for the first time. My special thanks to all KSDAR Chapter Registrars. You are my heroes!!!

Revolutionary War Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

Nancy B. Williams



*Tomb of The Unknown Soldier Revolutionary War
Washington Square Philadelphia, Pennsylvania*

We all know and honor the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier located at Arlington National Cemetery overlooking Washington, D.C. This national monument was built to honor all the service men and women lost during war. During April 2021, this monument will be celebrating a 100-year anniversary.

Have you often thought, do we have a monument to honor our Revolutionary War Soldiers, specifically?

One such monument, The Tomb of The Unknown Soldier Revolutionary War is a memorial that honors the thousands of soldiers who died during the American Revolution. Many of these soldiers were buried in mass graves in the square in Philadelphia. The Washington Square Planning Committee started planning the memorial in 1954 and was completed in 1957. The monument includes the eternal flame and the bronze cast statue of General George Washington in the center. Engraved on the side is an excerpt from Washington's Farewell Address, September 17, 1796. *"The independence and liberty you possess are the work of joint councils and joint efforts of common dangers, suffering and success"*. The plaque on the tomb reads: *"Beneath this stone rests a soldier of Washington's Army who died to give you liberty"*.

There are other memorials just as grand also for Unknown Soldiers of the American Revolution. One located in Alexandria, Virginia on the grounds of the Old Presbyterian Meeting House dedicated in 1929, one located in Bolivar, Ohio at Fort Laurens and The Tomb of the Unknown American Revolutionary War Soldiers, which was dedicated on July 4, 1976 in Rome, New York and another in Jamestown, Virginia dedicated in 2016. What a wonderful representation and remembrance for those who sacrificed so much for the United States Of America and our freedom.

New Virtual Offerings from the DAR Museum

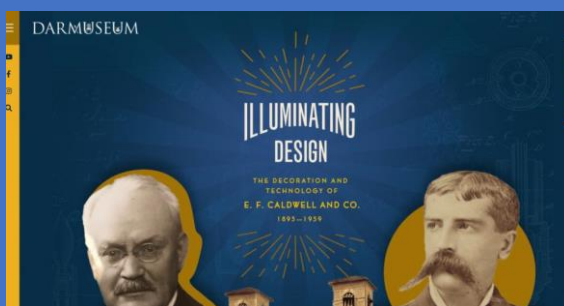
William Strollo, DAR Museum Curator

DAR Museum curators and education staff have been hard at work making parts of the collection and exhibitions available virtually. Among the many things they have been working on include a virtual exhibit and making collection information accessible in a new app.

Illuminating Design: The Decoration and Technology of E. F. Caldwell and Company, 1959-1959, opened to the public in March but the doors immediately closed due to the pandemic. The museum team worked with the web development vendor to design and launch a virtual version of the physical exhibition. This online exhibition allows visitors to view every object in the exhibition. Go to <https://illuminatingdesign.dar.org> to view the exhibit.

Another virtual project that is being unveiled in January is the participation in the app Smartify the world's largest museum app. This smartphone app allows users to learn more about objects in the collection whether in the building or in their own homes. Users can scan any object in the collection with their phone camera while using the app to view the object's catalog entry.

As a partner in this app, the DAR Museum will make its collection available to guests far and wide. The DAR Museum staff will continue to work hard to bring programs, tours, and collection items to DAR members whether in person or at home.



CALLING ALL KSDAR LEADERS!

Celebrate your New Members, Members, New Horizons, or GEP 3 Course Completion!

- Purchase a DAR Kansas Leadership Training Cockade
- Eligibility for this cockade requires completion of one of the above listed courses
- Profits to support course graduations and State Regent's project



Please print order form & include check to KSDAR, then mail to:

Pam Kelley
5810 Park Circle
Shawnee, KS
66216

Order Information:

ORDER	QTY	DESCRIPTION	DIMENSIONS	PRICE EACH	TOTALS
A		DAR tartan cockade with tartan tails	3" X 6"	\$50.00	
B		DAR tartan cockade with solid blue ribbon	3" X 10"	\$60.00	
C		Yellow & black cockade with tails	3" X 6"	\$20.00	
		(Magnetic backs on all styles)		SUBTOTAL	
SHIPPING		*1 - 4 units / ship to one location		\$5.00 total	
		*5 - 20 units / ship to one location		\$8.00 total	
				TOTAL DUE	

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