

Kansas Society Daughters of the American Revolution

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## A Message from the State Regent

Dear Kansas Daughters,

In the past few weeks, I have had the opportunity to travel to Dodge City, El Dorado, and Independence for marker dedication ceremonies and chapter meetings. It has been both restorative and energizing to spend time with Kansas Daughters in person!

As we look forward to more opportunities to gather physically, I am also very excited for the upcoming virtual Continental Congress. I thought last year's virtual Congress was top-notch. With a centralized, streamlined website and a year of technology experience under our belts, I can only imagine how spectacular this 130<sup>th</sup> Continental Congress will be. Is your chapter hosting a watch party or has identified a creative way to participate in the virtual Congress activities? Be sure to share your ideas and photos to our KSDAR Facebook page. Inviting a friend to a watch party is a great way to recruit your 2020NE!

Finally, in this issue you will find information about a KSDAR service project at the Nicodemus National Historic Site this August (13-15, 2021). This project is part of our observance of KSDAR's 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Join us for a couple of hours or the whole weekend. I can't wait to see you there!

Welcome Home!

Susan Metzger



#### Leavenworth VA Garden

#### Pam Kelley

Thank you KSDAR members for your generosity in donating vegetable plants for the Domiciliary at the Dwight Eisenhower Hospital in Leavenworth. Veterans and enlisted personnel at the Dom planted and will cultivate these vegetables for use in the food prepared by the chefs at the VA for patients. Taking care of these plants is great therapy for the men and women at the Dom. A special thank you to Corresponding Secretary General and Honorary State Regent, Kathryn Walker West, for funding this project from her state regent's project. This is an ongoing project and we will be asking for donations to purchase plants for the Fall planting! Contact Pam Kelley <u>pamkelley2585@att.net</u> if you are interested in learning more about this project or would like to donate funds and/or plants.







## KSDAR America 250! Marker Dedication

On Sunday, May 30, over 300 members of KSDAR and the public attended the dedication of Kansas' first America 250! Marker at the Butler County Freedom Memorial in El Dorado, KS. Storms caused the celebration to move indoors but did not dampen the enthusiasm of those in attendance. Members of the KSSAR presented the colors and the Freedom Riders roared up to the up to the memorial to begin the

program. KSDAR America 250! Our Patriots Chair Laura Renfro and members of the Susannah French Putney and Isabella Weldin Chapters planned a program that included Community Service Awards and a celebration of those that assisted in gaining America's independence.







#### 130th Continental Congress Update - June 28 - July 4

The 2021 Continental Congress is right around the corner, and it is time to start planning how you will participate. If you are a delegate, you will have received an email from NSDAR to register to vote – make sure you complete the task so that you can represent your chapter.

This year there is a new Continental Congress Website where all sessions will be broadcast live – the website can be found at <u>www.DAR.org/VirtualCongress</u>. The Website has two layers – on the Home site, all the official sessions can be viewed on the first layer. On the second layer, you can attend state, committee and club events but you must sign up in advance to participate in these.

How will you watch Continental Congress? Be sure to post photos of yourself and chapter members participating in Continental Congress on the Continental Congress Facebook page with the hashtag #sharemydarcc2021!

130 <sup>th</sup> Continental Congress Schedule						
Sunday, June 27						
6pm-7:30pm		Firefly Congress Preview – Jr. Event				
Monday, June 28						
2pm-3pm		DAR Museum Tour				
Tuesday, June 29						
11am-12pm		Georgia Period Room Tour				
	1pm-2pm	News You Can Use: Sunrays from the Registrar General				
	1pm-3pm	Major Record Types: Looking Beyond the Top Layer!				
	5pm-6pm	American Heritage National Awards Presentation				
	7pm-8pm	DAR Book Club – An Evening with Craig Shirley				
	7pm-8pm	DAR Museum Tour				
	8pm-9pm	DAR Page Event				
Wednesday, June 30						
	9am-11am	Registrar General Forum				
	9am-5pm	130 <sup>th</sup> Continental Congress Opening Ballot				
	9am-9:30am	DAR Leadership Training and Awards				
	9:30am-10:30am	Membership Committee Forum				
	10am-11am	Ohio Open House-A Tour of the 1920's Ohio Parlor Room				
	11am-12pm	DAR Museum Tour				
	12pm-1pm	Patriotism Luncheon				
	1pm-2pm	Museum Outreach Workshop				
	1pm-1:30pm	Flag Raising Ceremony				
	7pm-9pm	Opening Night Ceremony				

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Thursday, July 1							
	10am-12pm	Morning Business Session					
	12:30pm-1:30pm	Units Overseas Luncheon					
	12:30pm-1:30pm	Historic Preservation Luncheon					
	2pm-3pm	DAR Museum Tour					
	4pm-5pm	Golden West Tea					
	4pm-6pm	Junior Forum					
	7pm-9pm	Education Awards Night Ceremony					
	9pm-10pm	Nebraska Open House					
Friday, July 2							
	10am-12pm	Morning Business Session					
	12pm-1pm DAR School Luncheon						
	1pm-2pm	Museum Outreach Workshop					
	2pm-3pm	Commemorative Events Committee Awards Presentation					
	3pm-4pm	Outstanding Juniors Club Annual Meeting & Flip Flop Fun					
	3:30pm-4:30pm	Lineage Research and Volunteer Genealogists Virtual Support Teams					
	6pm-7pm	Your Act: Donor Gratitude Celebration Video					
	7pm-9pm	Constitution Hall Restoration Celebration					
Saturday,	July 3						
	8am-2pm	Voting					
	9am-11:30am	Morning Business Session					
	11:30am-1pm	Junior Membership Event					
	11:30am-12:30pm	American Indians Luncheon					
	1pm-2pm	Genealogical Records and Family Bibles – Genealogical Records Event					
	2pm-4pm	Afternoon Business Session					
	5:30pm-6:30pm	PG Project Benefactors and Patriot Reception					
	7pm-10pm	National Defense Night Ceremony					
Sunday, July 4							
	10am-12pm	Memorial Service, Installation Ceremony, and Adjournment of 130 <sup>th</sup> Continental Congress					

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## The Golden West States

Hrizona, Hawaii, Kansas, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma a<u>nd Utah</u>

and

Diane Radford Halvorson

State Regent of New Mexico - The Host State - The Land of Enchantment

Cordially invite you to

The Golden West Tea

Commemorating the Bicentennial of the

Santa Fe Trail

Virtually - Thursday the 1st of July 2021 130<sup>th</sup> Continental Congress National Society Daughters of the Imerican Revolution 4:00 o'clock p.m. (Eastern) Dress: Pioneer Chic

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#### Pg. 6 KSDAR Service Project at Nicodemus National Historic Site & Visitors Center Sherrie Smith

#### Friday, Aug 13<sup>th</sup> (1pm–5pm), Saturday, Aug 14<sup>th</sup> (7am–5pm), Sunday, Aug 15<sup>th</sup> (9am–12pm)

As part of the observance of KSDAR's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Kansas Daughters will be performing a Historic Preservation service project at the Nicodemus National Historic Site, Nicodemus, KS. Volunteers (including HODAR's) are welcomed for any/all of these times. Activities will include scraping and painting picnic tables and benches, as well as organizing and cleaning a basement storage area. By the actual date, there will be additional small job options such as trash pickup, landscaping clean up around the site. Face masks are NOT required, especially out-of-doors, at National Park Service (NPS) sites for those who are fully vaccinated against Covid-19.

The Nicodemus Historic Site will provide equipment and supplies, however, for a group of our size, only a limited number of paint scrapers/putty knives will be available Shade stations and coolers of water for your refillable water bottles will be provided, as well as a limited amount of bottled water. Coffee will be provided on both Saturday and Sunday mornings.

Links to lodging and dining information may be found on the KSDAR website under "Calendar" and the dates of this event. Both documents include a map of the applicable area. You are encouraged to review the lodging list and contact establishments of interest to ascertain location and amenities and make reservations accordingly. Several options sleep small groups of people so solicit some roomies! A suggestion regarding listed dining options: Due to possible changes in hours of operation, a phone call to confirm restaurant hours is advisable. Box lunches will be available on-site for purchase for the Saturday noon meal. In order for this to be possible, an RSVP for lunch will be needed.

When you RSVP your intent to participate in this service project (due not later than August 1st), 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. <u>RSVP to Sherrie Smith (e-mail RSVP preferred) to:</u> <u>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.</u>

#### Items for Volunteers to bring with them for this service project

Sun Hat, Work Gloves, Comfortable Shoes – Remember we will be painting Sunscreen, Insect Repellent Paint Scraper, Tools – If you have and bring these items, make sure your name is on them! Lawn Chair - Caution: the site's benches may have wet paint! Re-usible Water Bottle - with your name on it Snacks and Beverages – No adult beverages at the site Coffee Cup - for Saturday and Sunday morning, if you are a consumer of java

Conservation/Stewardship: There will be recycling bins provided at this service project for plastic bottles, pop cans, etc., as well as paper items, such as box lunch containers.

## Let's have a great turnout for this service project! *Many hands make light work!*

## Planting Your Spring Garden Retha Blecha

Plant Three Rows of Peas Peace of Mind Peace of Heart Peace of Soul Plant Four Rows of Squash Squash Gossíp Squash Indífference Squash Grumbling Squash Selfishness Plant Four Rows of Lettuce Lettuce Be Faithful Lettuce Be KIND Lettuce Be Patient Lettuce Really Love One Another No Garden is Complete without Turnips Turníp for Meetings Turnip for Service Turníp to Help One Another To conclude Our Garden, we must have Thyme Thyme for each Other Thyme for Family Thyme for Friends Water freely with Patience and Cultivate with LOVE.

There is much fruit in your garden because you reap what you sow.



## Abilene Chapter Tribute to Honorary State Regent Marion Seelye

On May 8, 2021, the Abilene Chapter gathered to celebrate KSDAR's 15<sup>th</sup> State Regent, Marion Seelye. A commemoration took place at her grave site.



In addition to the Seelye celebration, the chapter also presented Terry Tietjens with the NSDAR Historic Preservation Award. In the application for this award it said "Terry has saved many historical locations in our community including the Seelye Mansion, the Kirby House (which he turned into a restaurant) and an old church that he turned into a professional performing arts theater. Unfortunately, the restaurant and the theater were both lost to fire several years ago. The mansion is spectacular!



#### Tomahawk Welcome Home Grant

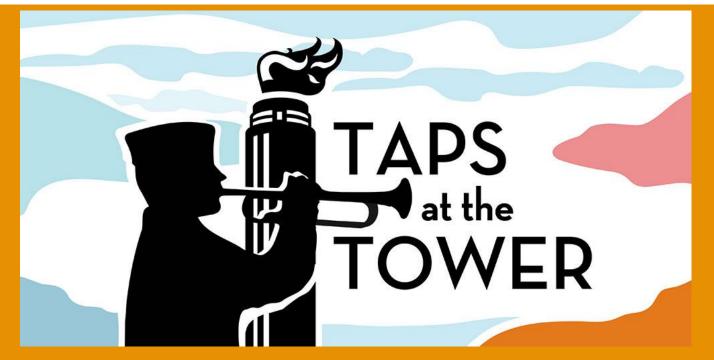


Tomahawk Chapter members, Martie Wright (DAR Service to Veterans), Mary Cutting (Project Patriot), Dianne Strunk (DAR Service to Veterans) and Barbara Butler (Regent) were honored to present a Welcome Home Grant for \$2,500 to Paul Chapa, found of Friends in Service of Heroes (F.I.S.H.). The grant will be used to help train and supply a service/companion dog to a deserving veteran. Martie and her sister Dianne developed this wonderful project!

#### Sagamore Welcome Home Grant Pg. 8

Sagamore Chapter Regent Janet Alley, KSDAR Project Patriot Chair Jan Goss, and member Valerie Johnson presented Warriors Ascent with a \$2,500 Welcome Home Grant from the Metzger Welcome Home State Regent's Project. Warriors' Ascent provides evidence-based healing techniques to veterans and first responders with posttraumatic stress to support healing through management of mind, body and soul. Funds will be used to provide updated and new content for their workbook.





Whether you live in the Kansas City area or looking for a day trip, Taps at the Tower is a poignant event that is a beautiful reminder of those that have served in our nation's armed forces. Located at the WWI Memorial and Museum located in Kansas City, MO, Taps at the Tower takes place at sunset each evening from June 20 - 26. Visitors are invited to have a picnic, play games and enjoy the outdoors, and then gather at the Tower to experience Taps being played during a brief, moving ceremony. Taps, a musical piece usually sounded at dusk and at funerals, has a rich and storied history in the United States. *June 20-26, 8:45 p.m.* | *FREE to the Public* 

#### **Commemorative Events Update**

Sandy Wurth

The Santa Fe Trail lives on! With many events planned around the state, I have updated this committee's pages on the SIP. Most importantly I will be assembling a scrapbook of 1-page reports from chapters hosting Santa Fe Trail activities. Keep in mind that these do not have to involve a DAR marker. When your event is over, please complete the provided 1 page form and send it to me with any 4 x 6 pictures or other information you have. I will send you the official KSDAR Santa Fe swag that was especially designed for the occasion. The book will be sent to the KSDAR archives as a future reminder off all we have done for this important bicentennial.



#### **Community Service Awards**

Carol Reynolds

The Community Service Awards Committee provides a unique opportunity for chapters and states to provide a non-competitive recognition to worthy individuals and organizations for outstanding voluntary service. Examples of previously recognized service include unpaid achievements in cultural, educational, humanitarian, patriotic, historical, citizenship, or environmental conservation endeavors. A chapter may present a limit of two (2) awards per NSDAR year (January 1-December 31). Community Service Awards are for recognition of service activities outside of DAR, so DAR members are eligible as long as their service is not related to their DAR activities.

A Chapter or State initiates the award nomination by sending the State Chair a recommendation packet that contains:

- One (1) copy of the Chapter/State Recommendation Form for Community Service Award completed and signed. Please verify that your email address is accurate.
- One (1) copy of the documentation, which may include a detailed description of service, letters of
  recommendation, newspaper articles showing date line and title of publication, and internet documentation
  showing web address and date retrieved. Letters of recommendation should be on letterhead and should identify
  how the writer is acquainted with the recipient. The documentation must be relevant to the service for which the
  nominee is being recognized. The documentation is limited to eight (8) pages. Do Not bind or laminate any hard
  copy documentation.
- Note: payment check and stamped envelope are NO LONGER required at this step.

2) If approved, the STATE CHAIR will send a scan or photo of the signed approval to the email addresses provided on the Recommendation Form.

- 3) Upon receiving STATE CHAIR approval, the CHAPTER REGENT or CHAPTER CHAIR takes the following actions:
- Order your Community Service Award online from the DAR Store <u>https://shop.dar.org/community-service-award/</u>
- On the CSA purchase page, upload a copy of the approved nomination form along with your order number.

I want to thank the chapters who have participated in the award program and am looking forward to receiving more nominations. You may contact me at <u>rcr46.45@gmail.com</u>. All of this information can also be found on the DAR members web site.

#### Protocol 101 - Chapter Regent Tips for a Successful Meeting or Event

Mary Frisch, Honorary Vice President General

Thank you for accepting a position of leadership in your chapter. If you are the chapter regent, it means that your chapter members have placed their trust in you-



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that they are relying on you to be knowledgeable about NSDAR and KSDAR procedures and protocol. Everything you need to know for a successful meeting can be found on the NSDAR members website. If you are uncertain about procedures and rules, please feel free to contact me for guidance. It is my job to assist you in being the best that you can be. ALL meetings and events should be run like a business meeting. A script allows the Chair to conduct the meeting or event in a business like, professional manner. Your audience will expect the Chair to know what she is doing and to do it expertly, cordially and in a timely and organized manner. You do not want to disappoint them.

- If your meeting or event will have more than 35-40 members/guest in attendance, you MUST use a microphone! It is not reasonable to expect guests to be able to hear your message if you do not use a microphone.
- ALWAYS prepare a script and ALWAYS stick to it. Preparing a script shows you have respect for your audience and their time. It shows that you appreciate their attention.
- Please consider using name tags and have a name tag already filled out for your guests
- Please have reserved seating WITH name place cards for national officers, state officers, and honored guests in the front of the room.
- If you have guests in attendance, please use an introduction list and introduce your guests in NSDAR protocol order.
- Always introduce the State Regent first using her full name and title. Ask the audience to greet her by standing and applause.
- Always introduce all officers and guests using their full name and title. You may ask the audience to hold their applause until all have been introduced.
- If you plan to allow greetings from honored guests, please tell them in advance that you have planned two minutes in your script for this. If the guest uses more then two minutes, indicate the time is up by standing politely at their side until they get the message.

Remember-Your members and guests will respect and appreciate you always having command of the meeting/event. This is the key to a successful meeting/event. The Chair sets the tone, and the members and guests will follow her lead. Be professional, cordial and in command.

## Welcome New Members

James Ross Brenda Rinehart Marais Des Cygnes LueAnna Hellyer Laurie Johnston Quivira Crossing Karen Fanhauser Randolph Loving Martha Housholder Susannah French Putney Nancy Stauffer Three Trails West Elle Hempy Sagamore Debora Woods Brittni Kilton Paige VanderLinden Geogia Wallner **Topeka** Janet Wooton **Uvedale** Marcia Mies



## 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 + 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 <u>https://kansas-society-dar.square.site/</u> 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 - 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

The KSDAR 125<sup>th</sup> 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 125<sup>th</sup> 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.norf



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

# 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





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#### **Order Information:**

ORDER	QTY	DESCRIPTION	DIMENSIONS	PRICE EACH	TOTALS	
А		DAR tartan cockade with tartan tails	3" X 6"	\$50.00		
В		DAR tartan cockade with solid blue ribbon	3" X 10"	\$60.00		
С		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		
Name						
Address						
City, St, Zip						
Email						
Phone						