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A Message from the State Regent

Dear Kansas Daughters,

Last month I returned to our NSDAR Headquarters in Washington, DC for the first in-person National Board of Management meeting since February 2020. What a joy it was to see our beautifully restored Constitution Hall and spend time with fellow State Regents. A highlight of the trip was the rededication and 100th year commemoration of the placement of the cornerstone of the Administration Building. Our own Sarah Mitchell Guernsey, 9th President General and Kansas Daughter, attended the original ceremony in 1921 and called the cornerstone a “steppingstone” to the future of our organization.

Last month also brought the opportunity to visit the Mission Hills, John & Hattie Possum, Ephraim Basehor, and Tomahawk Chapters. These chapter visits, spending time with members and learning about their local activities and service, is one of the best parts of serving as State Regent.

Recently, each chapter regent received an email from the President General regarding a special meeting of Continental Congress to be held on December 8, 2021, at our NSDAR headquarters. Eligible voters will be asked to consider authorizing the Executive Committee, in collaboration with the American Battlefield Trust, to modify the DAR Pathway of the Patriots project, including, but not limited to, relocation to, or near, an alternate Revolutionary War site. The Special Meeting is open to the entire Society, and non-voting members are also welcomed to attend. The meeting will be followed by a festive Members Only Holiday Open House at our headquarters. Additional information can be found in the [President General's blog](#).

As we approach Thanksgiving, I wish to express my deep gratitude for all Kansas Daughters for this privilege to serve as your State Regent and for all you do to bring the mission of DAR to your communities. Thank you.

Welcome Home!

Susan Metzger



Halloween saw 32 Kansas Daughters and guests descend on Washington, D.C. for a visit to NSDAR and other events. Daughters took a cruise on the Potomac on Halloween night that included dinner, dancing and a celebration of KSDAR's 125th Anniversary. Monday morning found the delegation at DAR Headquarters for a prayer service in the Kansas Chapel lead by State Chaplain Retha Blecha. The group headed to the newly renovated Constitution Hall to see the twinkling starlight night replicated and was joined by the Arkansas Daughters on the stage to sing Home on the Range. The groups then toured the library, museum, period rooms as well as the President General's Reception Room. A lunch in the banquet hall was followed by stepping out onto the Portico deck to view the Washington Monument. The visit was capped off by shopping in the DAR Store and pop-up Insignia Store. The group then departed to the new Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial where a remembrance ceremony was held, and a wreath was placed. Later that evening the Kansas Delegation held a group dinner. Our House Beautiful is truly an amazing place!



NSDAR Special Meeting and Open House December 8, 2021

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Recent developments have prompted the National Board of Management to authorize the President General to call a Special Meeting of our National Society on December 8, 2021, in conjunction with a festive Members Only Holiday Open House at our headquarters. Below is information to explain why this session has been called, what will be necessary to conduct the specified business in the official Call to Meeting and why eligible delegates are encouraged to participate.

The primary and urgent purpose of the meeting is to consider modifying a motion that was adopted by the 127th Continental Congress that established the DAR Pathway of the Patriots, which proposed to create a gift to the nation of 250 trees honoring Revolutionary War Patriots along the Schuylkill River in Pennsylvania. Delegates to the 2018 Continental Congress approved the proposal to partner with the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society (PHS) and USA250 on this project. Generous Daughters purchased all 250 trees within a year, reserving the naming rights in honor of a Patriot of their choosing.

In the meantime, USA250 was absorbed by a new organization, Philadelphia 250, and the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society had a change in leadership. And then, of course, the pandemic slowed everything. Regrettably, after more than three years of planning, a formal agreement of understanding has yet to be finalized amongst the organizations.

Complexities make working with PHS and Pennsylvania 250 exceptionally challenging. Approvals must be obtained from each of the municipalities/property owners along the 27-mile pathway. Further, Philadelphia 250 and the City of Philadelphia now require approval of all wording on not only all project signage but also our DAR website. These approvals have yet to begin and would add significant time to moving forward in a timely manner. Simply put: The project is stalled in its current location, and – out of respect for our generous supporters – we felt it in the best interest of the DAR to consider alternative locations and partners.

DAR believes that the American Battlefield Trust, a well-respected organization that has saved more than 53,000 acres of historic battlefields, is a preferable partner. Preliminary conversations with Trust officials regarding the possibility of working to locate the DAR Pathway of the Patriots at or near another Revolutionary War site have begun. Following initial conversations, the Trust has indicated that it can, indeed, provide an appropriate location for our project, one that would have a single property owner and more extensive interpretive signage. Further, a Trust site would have a built-in audience of thousands of visitors annually. These sites will draw increased attention as we draw nearer to 2026 as Americans and international visitors alike journey to the places where our revolutionary history happened.

Eligible voters will be asked to consider authorizing the Executive Committee, in collaboration with the American Battlefield Trust, to modify the DAR Pathway of the Patriots project, including, but not limited to, relocation to, or near, an alternate Revolutionary War site.

As the original DAR Pathway of the Patriots motion was voted on at the 127th Continental Congress, a Special Meeting of that same body, the National Society, is needed to amend the ruling. As per our bylaws, the National Board of Management authorized this Special Meeting to be called in December so that the project can continue to move forward immediately, rather than waiting until the next Continental Congress in June 2022 for a vote. Delegates cannot meet via an electronic platform to cast their ballot remotely because there is no longer a declared emergency in Washington, D.C.

The Special Meeting will be conducted on December 8, 2021, 6:00 p.m. ET, at DAR Constitution Hall. According to the National Bylaws, the members who served as delegates and alternates at the 130th Congress will be the official credentialed delegates for this Special Meeting, along with the new officers who qualify for an automatic vote. **All eligible delegates will receive a detailed email in the coming days with information to register as credentialed, voting members of the Special Meeting.** Please note that there is not a DAR block of hotel rooms at the JW Marriott for this Special Meeting in December but there are many hotels in the area for out of town attendees.

The National Board of management also recommends amending two national Standing Rules. If the amendments are adopted, the registration process for Continental Congress may be conducted through methods other than the U.S. mail. The only business that may come before this Special Meeting is the business stated in the official Call to Meeting.

Per the National Bylaws, 150 eligible voters constitute a quorum to conduct business at a Special Meeting of the Society. All qualified voters who are able to attend this historic Special Meeting are requested to do so, in order that we may meet the quorum requirements.

May other (non-delegate) members attend the Special Meeting? Yes – and please! The Special Meeting is open to the entire Society, and non-voting members are also welcomed to attend. However, note that ALL voting and non-voting members must pre-register -- pre-registration is required and due no later than December 1, 2021. Non-voting members should pre-register to attend the Special Meeting via this link: <https://www.dar.org/members/special-meeting-non-voter-rsvp>. Please note that the Special Meeting is for members only, and that no spouses, children or other guests will be admitted.

A members-only wine-and-cheese reception and holiday open house, with festive décor on display throughout our House Beautiful, will immediately follow the Special Meeting. There will be no public open house this year.

If interested in attending, the Hilton Garden Inn Downtown has offered a rate of \$139 per night. If interested in staying at this hotel, contact Kimberly Patrick at kimapatrick@aol.com to reserve your room.

Constitution Week Poster Contest

Vicki Timmons

Constitution Week may be over for this year but there's so much more than just a weeks' worth of activities. Have you considered sponsoring a CONSTITUTION WEEK POSTER CONTEST in your area?

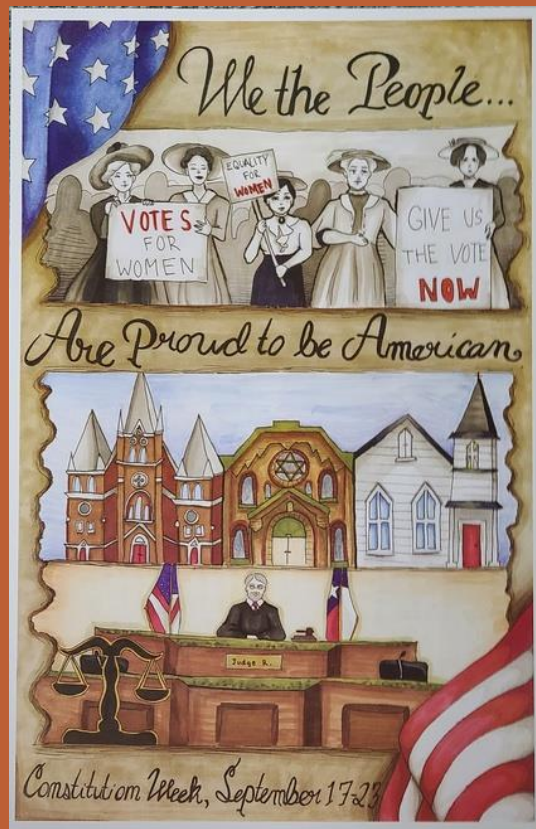
This is a national contest where original artwork is submitted through the State Constitution Week Chair. State entries will be judged, and the winning posters will be forwarded to the Division Chair. The Division Chair will judge all the entries and forward the divisional winners to National for final judging. Last year, the entire South-Central Division, of which Kansas Daughters are a part, had only 3 submissions for the Poster Contest. 0

How does a Chapter get involved in the contest? I'm so glad you asked!

Any person able to hold a pencil, crayon, marker, or paintbrush is eligible to enter. All DAR members are encouraged to participate. Consider involving CAR, homeschool, scout, church and public school groups. The poster should illustrate *the spirit or meaning of the U.S. Constitution*.

A complete explanation of the rules and entry forms can be found on the DAR Members website under Constitution Week, Contests. It is important that the contest rules are followed exactly. Kansas was unable to submit any entries last year due to rule violations. Please note, paper must be 11" x 17" and must have a signed entry form attached to each submission (for entrants under 18, a parent or legal guardian MUST sign). The winning poster, as judged by National, will be printed and available for sale in the DAR Store.

All KSDAR entries (originals only) must be mailed to this Chair and postmarked by January 15, 2022. I look forward to seeing your amazing talents on display!



Captain Jesse Leavenworth Chapter Day of Service Project

Sally Pattee

On October 10, members of the Captain Jesse Leavenworth Chapter, along with several HODARS, gathered to clean up the Three Mile Creek Trail in Leavenworth KS. One of our HODARS showed up to help, even though his wife, Kathryn West, was taking care of Executive duties in Washington DC! This project served as both Day of Service for the chapter and New Horizons Capstone Project for Sally Pattee.

Once a month, from March - October, the City of Leavenworth offers this opportunity to non-profit groups within the city. Completion of this project is yielding \$500 in grant money to the chapter. Upon receipt of the funds, half will be donated to Operation Rapid Response, a non-profit organization serving veterans and operating out of Leavenworth/Lansing. The other half will be donated to Passageways LTD, based in Wichita KS, and also serving veterans. By donating to these organizations, Captain Jesse Leavenworth is supporting our State Regent's Welcome Home Project!



KANSAS FRIENDSHIP AND HOSPITALITY WOVES THREE ARIZONA DAUGHTERS

Jo Beaver Andress & Marilou Beaver Fellman, Arizona Honorary State Regents

Under a beautiful blue sky on a warm and welcoming day in Wichita, the two of us and our sister Roberta Beaver Hoffman, also an Arizona Daughter, were joined by members of the Martha Loving Ferrell Chapter and two Kansas state officers to dedicate a DAR grave marker in honor of our grandmother, Grace Adams Frost Kincaid, a former regent of Martha Loving Ferrell Chapter.

For several years we three sisters had wanted to honor our grandmother who was our inspiration for joining DAR, then COVID got in the way! As this past summer rolled around, and with the availability of the vaccine and facing the reality that we aren't getting any younger, we decided this was the year no matter what! With the approval by grandmother's chapter, we ordered the marker, and we invited the chapter to participate in the dedication. Then, there was an uptick in COVID infections.

By the time we arrived in Wichita, all we knew is that chapter regent Linda King and State Officers Patti Unruh, and Lee Cox planned to join us on October 6, for the short dedication ceremony. You can imagine our surprise and delight as car after car kept pulling into the cemetery!! The members of Martha Loving Ferrell really came through for us despite the pandemic! Regent Linda King and Assistant Chaplain Pat De Voss joined the three of us in the ceremony.

We three "Beaver girls" reminisced and told stories about our Grandmother Bobby aka Grace and our wonderful times with her in Wichita. We wanted today's chapter members to know just what kind of woman and Daughter she was! Bobby was a very prim and proper lady. She was a consummate cook, and her scrapbook tells that she was involved in many DAR activities where food was key whether it be for a fund raiser or social event (was this our grandmother's DAR!!). She collected antiques, made quilts, hooked rugs, and loved singing to us as we swung on her porch swing.

Bobby had joined Randolph Loving Chapter in 1936 and she transferred to Martha Loving Ferrell when it organized in 1937. We always heard the story of our Revolutionary War Patriot William Spencer of Pennsylvania who served as a drummer boy! She took pride in knowing her family supported the cause for independence. Bobby was installed as chapter regent in 1961 (we don't know why it took so long!) and she was in that position at the time of her death in 1963.

We are so thankful for the time we had in Wichita with the Kansas Daughters. In fact, we loved it so much that Martha Loving Ferrell now has three new associate members. Our heartfelt thanks goes to everyone who helped make this such a special occasion for us including former chapter vice-regent Donna Berner who was our original contact with the chapter.



Santa Fe Trail Commemoration

Sandy Wirth

On October 2, 2021, six NE District Chapters including Wyandot, Mission Hills, Tomahawk, Shawnee Mission, Quivira Crossing and John and Hattie Possum, hosted a commemoration of the crossing of the Santa Fe Trail from Missouri into Kansas. The afternoon commenced with a photo of the National and State Officers in attendance in front of a Conestoga wagon on the Missouri side of the state line. It continued with delightful presentations, first by Pat Traffas, our NSDAR liaison to the task force between the Santa Fe Trail Association and NSDAR. Secondly our state Women's Issues chair, Mary Cutting, interviewed KSDAR's 4th State Regent, Fannie Geiger Thompson (portrayed by Susan Newman, State Librarian). It was Mrs. Thompson, who in 1902, first suggested the idea of DAR's marking the Trail. For their journey home, guests were given a bag of "Trail Mix" containing ingredients from each of the states that the Trail passed through.



Women's Issues Essay Contest

Mary Cutting

The theme for the 2021-2022 VanBuren Administration Women's Issues contest is "Managing Life's Complexities During the Pandemic". The essays may be written and submitted under one of the three categories: Career, Family or Health. Examples:

CAREER: How has your professional life been affected in the last year? Have you been successfully balancing family needs, personal needs and job requirements? Do you foresee obstacles to returning to your "normal" work schedule as the world reopens? If your business or workplace has permanently closed, do you have a plan of action? Is it possible that the pandemic has had a positive effect on your work or attitude?

FAMILY: How has the pandemic affected your relationships with your spouse, with family members you could not visit or with family members with whom you had to live with every minute of every day? How have family duties been shared? Has your family developed new ways to have fun and enjoy each other?

HEALTH: The pandemic and resultant quarantine have taken a toll both physically and mentally. How has this year affected you and your family? Have you developed a "secret weapon" to combat isolation or anxiety? How have you managed to stay physically strong and fit? What successes can you share as we all strive to maintain a healthy body and spirit?

Share your experience in relation to family, career or health through essay writing. Only one essay per member per year will be accepted. No attachments or pictures to the essay will be accepted. Essays must be electronically sent to the State Chair of Women's Issues Committee by her deadline.

The essay must be typed as a Microsoft Word Document and no longer than 1800 words. The first page of the essay will be a Cover Page containing the items listed below. These words do not count in the 1800 word limit. The "Essay Contest Entry Form" must accompany the Essay. Judging begins on the State level. State winners progress to the Division Vice Chairs to be judged among the states in their Division. The Division winners of each Division progress to compete on the National Level in their stated category. Essays are judged on:

All entries will be judged on the State, Division and National levels by at least three non-DAR judges. The State winner's essays in each category will be sent electronically to the respective Division Vice Chair by February 15. The Division winner's essays in each category will be sent electronically to the coordinating National Chair of Family, Career or Health before March 15. The National winners for each category will be notified before Continental Congress.

Our goal is to have a "winner" in all three categories from each state. If you have any questions, please reach out to me. Thank you!

Volunteer Awards

Jeanna Walters-Fancelli

Do you know an outstanding volunteer in your community or your chapter? DAR Service for Veterans has three award categories to consider.

1. **Outstanding Veteran Volunteer Award** - presented to a veteran in recognition of outstanding achievement in personal, professional, and family life. Applicant must prove significant contributions of leadership, patriotism, and increased public awareness of veterans. The sponsoring chapter must be in the state where the veteran lives.
2. **Outstanding Youth Volunteer Award** - presented to a youth volunteer who provides service for veterans and is 14 to 21 years of age. The award is given in recognition of outstanding or unusual care given to veterans. The candidate for the award serves as a role model for peers and consistently demonstrates the qualities of leadership.
3. **Outstanding DAR Service for Veterans Award** - presented to a DAR member in recognition of outstanding care given to veterans in any of the following areas: Department of Veterans Affairs facilities, state veterans facilities, nursing homes, shelters, and outpatient clinics. The outstanding NSDAR volunteer has given more than her time. She has made meaningful contributions to veterans through creative and resourceful outreach.

The DAR Service for Veterans State and National Award Winners may now be presented medals for their awards along with certificates. Please contact the DAR Store to purchase the medals. These medals are available to State and National award recipients that have received the DAR Service for Veterans Awards.

***Important DEADLINE:** All nominations must reach your State Chair by **no later than December 1st**. For further information or questions regarding required documents, please contact your State Chair Jeanna Walters-Fancelli, jwalters64@gmail.com or phone (785) 447-0129. Information and necessary Forms are available through this Chair or on the national website at - <https://www.dar.org/members/committees/national-committees/dar-service-veterans/forms>



Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see.

—MARK TWAIN



Mission Hills Chapter Project Patriot Event

Lou Ann Preston



The Mission Hills Chapter held another drive-thru event to support Project Patriot. This event was held at the American Legion parking lot. Seventeen chapter and prospective members donated items to be used by the troops assigned to Camp Atterbury to assist the vetted Afghan refugees living there while they are being assimilated to various United States locations. USO officers at Camp Atterbury will disseminate the items, which consisted of snacks, lunch and dinner needs, hygiene items, kitchen items, gaming items as well as other donations. The total number of items donated was 688 with an approximate value of \$463. An anonymous donation of \$299.25 covered the cost of shipping the goods.

Visit the DAR Museum at Anytime!

Joy Hayden



Your DAR Museum is now open for visits in person, but don't forget you can visit anytime virtually! Every month there is a full calendar of events you and your Chapter can participate in. Check the website [Calendar of Events | Daughters of the American Revolution](#) to learn more!

Don't forget that in person programs are available year-round from a Kansas Correspondent Docent. Ask about the new programs available. There might just be one your Chapter would enjoy! For more information contact Kim Campbell or Joy Hayden.

OCEANUS HOPKINS DAY OF SERVICE

Linda Shultz

Vice Regent Mary Gilpin organized a gathering for the 131st Anniversary of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. Daughters of Oceanus Hopkins Chapter, KSDAR, gathered in honor of the NSDAR National Day of Service to make paracord bracelets for active-duty service men and women to be used in case of emergency. The bracelets will be delivered to the Pittsburg National Guard Armory for distribution. Pictured left to right were Marla Larison, Mary Gilpin, Vice Regent, Lynne Erdman, Linda Shultz, Donita Dupslaff, and Regent, Janie Fletcher.

The bracelets were delivered to guardsmen at the Pittsburg National Guard Armory. Twenty guardsmen were available to receive the paracord bracelets. Pictured with the guardsmen were Linda Shultz, Donita Dupslaff, and Mary Gilpin, Vice Regent.



Commemorative Events

Sandy Wurth

100th Anniversary of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier—November 11, 2021 marks the hundredth anniversary of the dedication of the Tomb of the Unknown soldier in Arlington National Cemetery. Servicemen buried there from World War I, World War II, and the Korean War, represent all missing and unknown personnel who made the ultimate sacrifice to protect the freedoms that our ancestors fought for. On the Commemorative Events committee page on the NSDAR website you can view a You-tube video about the tomb and the honor guard who patrols it 24 hours a day. It would be a fitting tribute to the sacrifices of all who has served in our military to take the time to view it on Veteran's Day.

Passport to Patriotism

Jeanna Walters-Fancella

If you haven't received your Passport to Patriotism, check with your Chapter Regent or you can find it on the KSDAR members website. The Challenge runs from Oct. 1st to Apr. 1st. and we would like to see all the Chapters participate!



Passport To Patriotism
KSDAR Service for Veterans

Pam Kelley

The Committee Leaders course is for any aspiring chapter chairs, to the more experienced national chairs and everyone in between. This course will assist you in putting the pieces of the puzzle together by learning what it takes to be a committee chair and developing the skills to be a successful committee chair.

The prerequisites for the course are:

- a member in good standing
- a subscription to the DAR magazine, American Spirit
- a graduate of the Members course. Graduates of the New Members or New Horizons course under the prior Dillion administration also qualify.

It is very easy to register. Your first step is to contact Pam Kelley, the state coordinator. Just email Pam at pamkelley2585@att.net. As with Members and New Horizons, Pam will provide you with a graduation checklist, instructions on how to submit modules and feedback as you progress. The course is designed to be completed within 2-3 months, but certainly can be completed within a year. The course is divided into three sections: section one will focus on developing your committee leadership skills, section two is your opportunity to explore three DAR committees in depth and section three, asks participants to plan your ideal chapter service project or event.

Pam will be leading Zoom calls to assist those interested. So what's stopping you? It's time to start! From the aspiring chair to the experienced national chair, there is something in this course for you. Getting involved in a committee is a great way to build friendships *while* working together and serving others! Have a great time taking this course!

Outstanding Teacher of American History



The Outstanding Teacher of American History Contest honors notable full-time teachers of history (and related fields such as social studies, government, and citizenship education) in public, private, and parochial schools, grades 5-12. These teachers have demonstrated excellence in:

- Readily sharing an incisive knowledge of American History.
- Being committed to their students.
- Fostering a spirit of patriotism and loyal support of our country.
- Relating history to modern life and events.
- Requiring high academic standards at all times from their students.

Every chapter is encouraged to select and recognize an Outstanding Teacher of American History in the local community. Chapter winners may be presented a free chapter winner certificate. Additional suggestions about how to honor a chapter winner are offered in the Historian General's Form section or from the Office of the Historian General. Instructions for nominating a teacher for the 2021 NSDAR Outstanding Teacher of American History Contest and the official application are available in the National Information Packet and linked under the State Historian on the KSDAR Member's website (www.members.kansasd.org; under the SIP tab). The chapter winner's application and supporting materials should be submitted to the KSDAR American History Chair Laurie Barnes no later than November 15, 2021.

Laurie Barnes KSDAR American History Chair, 4405 W. 93rd St Prairie Village, KS 66207 or Laurie.lowe.barnes@gmail.com.

The state winner will be presented a winner certificate, special pin, and \$250 award. The state winner is eligible to participate in the NSDAR national competition. State winner winner's application and supporting materials will be forwarded to the Historian General for consideration in the National contest. The national Outstanding Teacher of American History is honored at Continental Congress and receives a monetary award of \$3,000, a special certificate, and a book.

Jan Stegelman

Topeka Chapter dedicated two new DAR historic markers at Topeka Constitution Hall during Constitution Week, on September 18, 2021. Special guests attending the event were State Vice Regent Rebecca Geist Kline, Topeka Deputy Mayor Padilla, Sarah Tenfel deDobois of the Kansas State Library and Dr. & Mrs. Charles Robinson, the first Governor of Kansas (played by reenactors Suzanne and Steve Germes). Chris Meinhardt, project coordinator for Friends of the Free State Capitol, owners of the building, provided an historical perspective of Constitution Hall which was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2008. The building is a National Underground Railroad to Freedom site and partner in Freedom's Frontier Heritage Area. Phase one of the restoration of the building is almost complete.

Jan Stegelman, Topeka Chapter Historic Preservation Committee chair provided the history of the DAR Marker. The large marker is a replica of a marker that was dedicated at Constitution Hall on July 4, 1903 by Miss Zu Adams, a Topeka Chapter DAR Founder, and a Director on the Board of the Kansas State Historical Society. This original marker was first installed in the sidewalk in front of the Hall and was later mounted on the building. It was lost some time in the 1990s during building ownership changes. It reads:

CONSTITUTION HALL
WHERE THE TOPEKA CONSTITUTION CONVENTION
MET IN 1855
AND THE
TOPEKA LEGISLATURE WAS DISPERSED
BY COL. E.V. SUMNER
JULY 4, 1856
USED AS STATE CAPITOL 1864-1969
PLACED HERE BY THE DAUGHTERS
OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
JULY 4, 1903

The second marker commemorates the marker re-dedication.

Regent Becky Spaulding and Chapter Chaplain Tonya Judd conducted the official dedication ceremony, which included the unveiling of the markers by Jan Stegelman. The markers are mounted on the southeast corner of the building on the front facade.

Attendees were able to go inside the partially restored building with Chris Meinhardt, who provided information about the restoration process.

“The dedication of the Constitution Hall Marker is the result of the Topeka Chapter working together with the community. The Topeka Chapter DAR, Topeka Community Foundation, and Friends of the Free State Capitol provided funding and support for the project. It not only highlights the ongoing historic preservation project at Constitution Hall but also preserves a very important part of the history of Constitution Hall – the commemoration of the Hall by the Topeka Chapter of DAR in 1903. I am so pleased that both markers are installed in time for the first open house of the newly restored Constitution Hall currently set for late October. ” said Jan Stegelman.



Melissa Stucklik



When the KSDAR 125th Anniversary Committee asked us to rededicate the grave of Miss Pauline Cowger, I was excited to do it. There were a few members who remembered her but since she never married and her family did not live in Kansas, there were no members from her Patriot in our chapter.

I decided we should invite the family of the niece and nephew mentioned in the obituary. I started looking for the niece. Online there were several on Facebook with her name, but none quite lined up. I did find where her husband had died but she had moved from the home shortly after with a farm auction. Her only child, a son, had what turned out to be a common name as well. So, I contacted the funeral home, told them what I was up to and asked that they forward my contact info to Wanda or her son. I heard from him within 2 days!

In the meantime, I was also tracing the mentioned nephew. His obituary mentioned several children, and one daughter who was still a Cowger. I found her on Facebook and asked if she was the right Camille Cowger. Yes, she was and so we started visiting. She was married but kept her maiden name! She remembered her aunt but was very young when she was alive. After our visit, she wanted to know more about her aunt and the DAR.

Long story short, or did I miss that already? lol Camille is now a member of the Mary Wade Strother Chapter! She is the first Cowger in her family to join the DAR since the Great Aunt, Honorary State Regent and Honorary Vice President General Pauline Cowger. Welcome to DAR Camille!

Northeast District Gift Wrap is Back for 2021!

After an absence of two years due to the pandemic, the chapters of the Northeast District will once again be operating a gift wrap booth at Oak Park Mall in Overland Park, KS. The location of this year's booth is on the 2nd level in the location formerly the home of the Yankee Candle Store. The new mall management have been great to work with and are working on the signage and décor.

Sign-ups and more details will be sent out to the chapters shortly, but move into the space will take place on Friday, November 26 and the booth will begin operation on the 27th! The Coordinators this year will be Kimberly Patrick, Jan Goss, Pam Kelley and Ilene McKaig. Know that they are working on getting the contracts signed and other details worked out.

The project has provided extensive funds for the participating chapters, and it is our hope that this year will be another great fund-raising effort. If you aren't a gift wrapper, there will be other roles that members can perform such as greeter, organizer and package runner (walker). There are many items that are needed and donations are requested for: gift wrap (Christmas, Hanukkah, Birthday), wired ribbon, tape, pull bows (no stick-on bows please), post it notes, gift tags and boxes.

If other districts or chapters want to start their own gift wrap booth, contact one of the NE District Coordinators for more information.



Welcome New Members

Atchison

Annabelle Diebolt

Desire Tobey Sears

Nancy Brandt

Dodge City

Evelyn Bassett

Good Land

Lori McKenzie

Jan Lohr

Marais Des Cygnes

Lavonne Croan

Mary Draper

Pamela Woods

Catherine Furnish

Mary Wade Strother

Carol Christensen

Mission Hills

Susan Meade

Polly Ogden

Ashley Brown

Quivira Crossing

Erin Rounds

Linda Piper

Randolph Loving

Louise Brinegar

Deborah Brinegar



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.

Dues Collection and NSDAR Payments

Janet Lake

Attention Members: All dues are due to KSDAR and NSDAR postmarked by December 1, 2021. If you have not yet paid your dues, please remit to your chapter treasurer as soon as possible to keep from being dropped by NSDAR. Be considerate of your chapter treasurer so she doesn't spend Thanksgiving doing paperwork to make the deadline.

As always, it's a great time to make donation to one of the many NSDAR funds. Consider becoming a Sustaining Supporter to make monthly donations! Your donation can be as little as \$5 per month, and they can automatically charge your credit card. Another popular option is \$17.76 per month. You can make donations to KSDAR to different funds available including the Kansas Chapel, State Regent's Project, Markers and Archives as well as scholarships. And remember that donations to KSDAR or NSDAR are tax deductible.

Attention Treasurers: Please consider helping your KSDAR State Treasurer by remitting your chapter's National Contributions early this year as NSDAR has changed their due date leaving few days to send the contributions to National. To ensure that your chapter is credited, remember you must use the remittance form that is found under the State Treasurer on the SIP tab of the KSDAR members website. The National contributions are listed on the second part of the form. I am always available to assist chapters with any questions that you may have concerning dues and KSDAR and NSDAR donations.

Congratulations Treasurers

State Treasurer Janet Lake has worked closely with the Kansas Chapter Treasurers and has provided guidance and support as well as assisted them with creating accounts with NSDAR for online dues payments.

NSDAR has focused on getting the chapters signed up for this program, and with Janet's assistance, Kansas can now boast that **92%** of its chapters are now able to submit their dues electronically! What a great feat for chapters, KSDAR and NSDAR! Great job ladies!



Get your Cool DAR Gear!

Check out the KSDAR logoed 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

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. 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>