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## ***A Message from the State Regent***

Dear Kansas Daughters,

Pick out your favorite loungewear, pop some corn, and let's all go to Continental Congress – virtually! My first time attending Continental Congress was in 2009 and I have not missed a year since. I love the pageantry, visiting with friends from all over the globe, learning from the workshops, being inspired by the speakers and award winners, and touring our amazing headquarters. While I will miss visiting with everyone in person, it is exciting (and historic) to experience Continental Congress from the comfort and safety of my home. I hope every Kansas Daughter will join me in attending the Virtual 129<sup>th</sup> Continental Congress! This special edition of the *CyberSunflower* is devoted to highlighting various events and aspects of the virtual Continental Congress. It is packed with information aimed at sharing information and getting you excited to attend. You can view the full schedule, announcements, and additional details at <http://dar.org/members>.



**Let's Rise and Shine for the 129th Continental Congress Online!**

Welcome Home!

Susan Metzger



# Continental Congress Online Schedule

Go to the Members Section of the DAR.org website for complete details, registration information and links.

EVENT	TIME/DATE	INFORMATION
<b>Monday, June 22</b>		
DAR Book Club	6pm - 7pm	Discussion with the author
<b>Tuesday, June 23</b>		
Flag Raising Ceremony	11:30a - 12p	Video of flag raising
Sunrays from the Registrar General Genealogists	12p - 1p	Brendon Burns on Residence During the Rev. War
American Heritage National Awards Presentation	4p - 5p	Go online to register
DAR Book Club Session 2	6p - 7p	Discussion with the author
<b>Wednesday, June 24</b>		
Registrar General's Forum	8a - 10a	Presentation on Non-Military Sources for Patriots
Membership Committee Forum	9a - 10a	Go online to register
Georgia State-Held Period Room Open House	9a - 10:30a	Go online to register
Museum Tours	11a	Go online to register
Patriotism Luncheon	11:30a - 12:30p	Go online to register
Museum Outreach Work Session 1	12p - 1p	Go online to register
Finding Your Female Patriot	1p - 3p	Go online to register
<b>Opening Night</b>	<b>6p</b>	<a href="http://www.dar.org/Congress Live">www.dar.org/Congress Live</a>
<b>Thursday, June 25</b>		
Units Overseas Luncheon	10a - 11a	To register email myttruthann@gmail.com
Historic Preservation Luncheon	11:30a - 1:30p	Go online to register
Genealogical Records - Transcribing Documents Workshop	1p - 2p	Go online to register
Thursday Night Session: Education Awards & Executive Reports Night	6p	<a href="http://www.dar.org/Congress Live">www.dar.org/Congress Live</a>
<b>Friday, June 26</b>		
DAR Insignia Store Product Showcase	9a - 10a	Video information coming soon
DAR School Luncheon	11:30a - 12:30p	Go online to register
Museum Outreach Work Session 2	12p - 1p	Go online to register
Commemorative Events Awards Ceremony	1p - 2p	Go online to register
Face to Face with Women's Issues	2p - 3p	Live on Women's Issues Facebook page.
Junior Forum	3:30p - 4:30p	Go online to register
Juniors Firefly Chat	4:30p - 5:30p	Go online to register
Celebration of DAR Philanthropy	5p-6p	To Be Announced
Friday Night Session: State Regents Night	6pm	<a href="http://www.dar.org/Congress Live">www.dar.org/Congress Live</a>
Nebraska Open House	8p - 9p	Go online to register
<b>Saturday, June 27</b>		
Voting	7a - 1p	Voting Members Only
Junior Power Hour	10a - 11:30a	Go online to register
American Indians Pow Wow	10:30a - 11:30a	Go online to register
Saturday Daytime Session: Business Session	12p	<a href="http://www.dar.org/Congress Live">www.dar.org/Congress Live</a>
Saturday Night Session: National Defense Night	6p	<a href="http://www.dar.org/Congress Live">www.dar.org/Congress Live</a>
<b>Sunday, June 28</b>		
Sunday Session: Memorial Service/Installation	9:30a	<a href="http://www.dar.org/Congress Live">www.dar.org/Congress Live</a>
<b>Ongoing Events</b>		
Junior Membership Firefly 5K	June 2020	Go online to register
Kansas Chapel Virtual Open House	June 21 - 27	Go online to register
Junior Shoppe	June 21 - 27	Located on the DAR Store Website
Donor Ribbons and Photo Opportunity	June 21 - 28	<a href="http://www.dar.org/sellingsunshine">http://www.dar.org/sellingsunshine</a>
Balcony Volunteers	June 23 - 27	Go online to register



## How to Attend Continental Congress Online

You do not have to register to watch the live sessions of Continental Congress. However, you will not be able to vote on Saturday, June 27 unless you were elected as a delegate by your chapter and registered by the deadline in April. If you are a delegate, you would have received an email from DAR asking that you confirm your email and a note that additional information on how to vote will be arriving shortly to delegates. Some events such as the luncheons and special presentations ask that you register online which is free – they will send you a link to enter the online presentation once you register.

By holding the Congress virtually, all Daughters can be a part of this first ever online event. Encourage your members to attend at least one of the evening events. If you have non-DAR member friends or family who would like to watch Virtual Congress, you can give them this link so they can bypass the member login page: <https://www.youtube.com/DARCongressOnline/live>.

It is advised that members go to the DAR.org members section to find all the information available from NSDAR about Continental Congress and to get links for attending the virtual events. You will want to download the Congress App for in-depth information on all aspects of Continental Congress – go to your app store on your device to download. If you use social media, there are Continental Congress Facebook, Instagram and Twitter pages that you can follow for addition content and updates.



## DAR Insignia Store

At the 128<sup>th</sup> Continental Congress, members voted to bring the Insignia sales in-house. That vote was just one year ago, and during the last 12 months the Insignia Team has worked to bring this plan into operation. Kansas' Kathryn West, Corresponding Secretary General has been responsible for this program and has spent countless hours in preparation for this launch. On Friday, June 26, The DAR Insignia Store will officially begin operation!

The Insignia Store is offering a chance to win a \$250 Gift Certificate with a purchase Friday the 26<sup>th</sup> through Sunday the 28<sup>th</sup>. There will be some additional exciting news this week concerning the Insignia Store so watch for announcement on the Continental Congress Facebook page and the Members' Website.

Please remember that due to the pandemic and the closure of DAR Headquarters, the Insignia Team has been working off-site and everyone will need to use patience during these first weeks of operation. The inventory of some items has been delayed due to the economic shutdown caused by the pandemic. Manufacturers, all of whom are located in the United States, were regrettably, but understandably, impacted by stay-at-home orders that shuttered operations; the shutdown also precluded the turnover of Hamilton Insignia's inventory. As a result, in-stock inventory has been drastically reduced from the amounts originally projected.



### Virtual Door Prize Drawing

Join us for the DAR Insignia Store launch during the virtual 129<sup>th</sup> Continental Congress.

Make a purchase from the DAR Insignia Store on the Friday, Saturday, or Sunday of Continental Congress and be entered into a random drawing to win a \$250 gift certificate!

One entry per person. Winner will be notified by email. Other restrictions may apply.

# Virtual Tour of the Kansas Chapel

For Daughters that have never had the opportunity to visit our "House Beautiful" in Washington, D.C., they have not had the privilege of seeing the Kansas Chapel. It is such a serene beautiful space, and Kansas Daughters have been extremely supportive of the Chapel and renovations that have taken place.

From Sunday, June 21 through Saturday, June 27, a virtual tour of the Chapel will be available to view at <https://youtu.be/wUOFwhadHGU>. This beautiful video is accompanied by beautiful sacred works performed by our very own Denise Bullock.



# Congress Watch Parties and #sharemydarcc20

Congress Online is allowing our entire membership to participate in the annual Meeting of the DAR. The only thing that will be missing is the excitement of seeing each other and sharing this experience with each other. In an effort to bring together the Daughters during Congress, NSDAR is encouraging Daughters to have watch parties for the Congress Sessions.

Watch parties can be done by holding Zoom meetings, or socially distanced in person meetings. If you or your chapter chooses to have a watch party, please take photos and share them on your Facebook, Twitter or Instagram with the hashtag #sharemydarcc20, and on the KSDAR Facebook page. By using this hashtag you are agreeing to allow DAR to use your photos on the DAR website, social media and print media. Show your Congress Style!



# Congress Online Viewing

Congress sessions are going to be on the Congress Online YouTube Livestream just as they have been in the past when people watched from home and are accessed through the DAR members site. If friends or family want to watch they can access the sessions here:

<https://www.youtube.com/DARCongressOnline/live>





President General Denise VanBuren's Project "DAR Constitution Hall: The Next Act – Rise and Shine for Our National Historic Landmark," will undertake extensive renovation of our beautiful Constitution Hall. Included in this project is the replacement of the flooring and seats, laylight restoration, renovation of the state boxes, as well as many non-cosmetic items to update technology, lighting and sound systems. This multi-million dollar project is currently underway and should be ready for the 2021 Continental Congress.

During the 2020 Continental Congress, NSDAR is asking members to donate to support the laylight restoration. To [DONATE](https://app.mobilecause.com/vf/SellingSunshine/SusanMetzger?fbclid=IwAR2c_jK5qH9E6LNyzVNVF105tmhUHYMKZ8rV4xFsBRb8B-3cDPI-Q4-X30) to this important project, follow this link: [https://app.mobilecause.com/vf/SellingSunshine/SusanMetzger?fbclid=IwAR2c\\_jK5qH9E6LNyzVNVF105tmhUHYMKZ8rV4xFsBRb8B-3cDPI-Q4-X30](https://app.mobilecause.com/vf/SellingSunshine/SusanMetzger?fbclid=IwAR2c_jK5qH9E6LNyzVNVF105tmhUHYMKZ8rV4xFsBRb8B-3cDPI-Q4-X30).

The KSDAR Executive Committee made the recommendation to support the renovation of the Kansas box in Constitution Hall. This will be paid with a combined contribution from the State Regent's Project and General Funds. With the cancellation of our State Meeting this spring, we were unable to share this opportunity with our members for approval prior to meeting our pledged commitment. The KSDAR Executive Committee looks forward to sharing the details of this project and our state support to the members for review and consideration at the State September Meeting.



## Congress Facebook Frames and Zoom Backgrounds

Show your DAR pride by downloading the Congress Facebook profile frame and the Zoom backgrounds. To get the Facebook frame, hover your cursor over your Facebook profile picture and it will ask if you want to update and you click on the update. It will then ask if you want to update your photo or frame and you select frame. If the Congress frame is not an option provided, in the search bar type DAR Continental Congress and when it appears click on it and you can adjust the photo then save!

To download the Zoom backgrounds, go to the Members' section of the DAR website, and on the home page under Virtual Continental Congress and click on the Congress Insider's Guide. Scroll down and click on Zoom Backgrounds and follow the instructions. Every day of Congress a new background will be released!

## Publicize Your Chapter's Success

Does your chapter have a success story from the 129<sup>th</sup> Continental Congress? If so, got to the Members page on the DAR website and go to the Congress Insider's page and click on Press Release Service. Fill out your information and let the Press Team get you the well-earned recognition your chapter deserves!

## Congress Herald

You can stay up to date with all the activities of Continental Congress by viewing the daily *Congress Herald*. It is published at 10am Wednesday, June 24 – Sunday, June 28 and can be found by going to the Members page of the DAR website and is a button on the Congress Insider's Guide. The Herald is full of all the latest winners, events and information. It can also be found on the Congress App.



## American Heritage Awards

On Tuesday, June 23, 2020, the American Heritage Committee will unveil their national winners at 4:00pm. Kansas's Julie Crawford from the Mary Draper Chapter won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the music category. To watch the awards go online to the Members section of the DAR website and on the home page click on Virtual 129<sup>th</sup> Congress Schedule and scroll Down to the Tuesday events where you will find Information to register for this event. Let's all "tune in" to support Julie!



## State Regent's Report

On Friday, June 26, the State Regents will make their annual reports to the Continental Congress. Be sure to watch at 6:00pm for our own State Regent Susan Metzger as she gives her report. This report will be an overview of the activities of the Kansas Society as well as the highlights from the Kansas Chapters during the past year.

Kansas Daughters have a lot to be proud of and should take pride that we are able to achieve such national success knowing we are one of the smaller states. Kansas Daughters know how to Rise and Shine!

**Don't forget: to log into the KSDAR members only website, the username is ksdar and the password is sunflower!**

## National Committee Reports

Most Daughters have heard the term "CMR" or Chapter Master Report. But most don't understand what this report is, why it is important, and what it is used for. The Chapter Master Report is completed by chapters each year and covers the many DAR Committees and asks for Chapters to share their accomplishments for these committees. This is an opportunity for Chapters to share all the important projects of the and the chapter members who have been integral in the success of the projects.

The reason that chapters are asked to complete the CMR is it provides NSDAR a snapshot to evaluate the success of the committees and their programs, but it is also a way to determine a chapter's health. If a chapter is struggling with membership, participation in programs, or there is inner turmoil, the CMR provides early warning signs and allows the state organization to offer assistance and education to help the chapter to improve their foundation.

Once the chapter submits the CMR it is sent to the State Chairs for them to take the information and prepare a report for the division on all the activities of their committee in the state. These reports are compiled and the Division Vice Chairs award certificates based on outstanding projects and forward the information to NSDAR where the national chairs review and determine which chapters and individuals are given awards.

Using the information from the CMR, the national chairs prepare an annual report of the activities from the chapters and individuals and present it at Continental Congress. This year, the reports have been compiled into slide presentations and can be found at <https://www.dar.org/members/continental-congress/national-committee-presentations>. It is rewarding to see how many Kansas Chapters and Daughters are highlighted in these reports. E sure to review the reports as there are great ideas and projects that can provide chapters with great ideas to utilize themselves.

