Each of you has received a gift to use to serve others." 1 Peter 4:10

Dear Daughters,

How thankful we are that the hot, dry days of summer are behind us and we can look forward to Thanksgiving and Christmas.

This has been a very busy year filled with visits to your chapters, attendance as you marked your Vietnam Veterans events. Grave markings, Anniversary Teas and to top off the year we celebrated our beloved Society’s 125th Birthday. Our chapters celebrated this by performing community service, honoring our Veterans and volunteering at other worthwhile events.

The October National Board of Management was a whirlwind of activities. A new granite monument has been installed and rededicated in the Memorial Garden in honor of the nearly 1,000,000 women who have nurtured and sustained the DAR since our founding in 1890. This was done as a lasting legacy of the National Society’s Quasquicentennial. You are encouraged to honor the special Daughters who have inspired your DAR journey. You may do this on “The Daughters Tribute” electronic database accessed via the National Society’s Digital Donor Wall. Go to www.DAR.org/DaughtersTribute.

We visited the property in Fredericksburg, Virginia where George Washington spent his childhood. Archeologists have excavated the area and found the cellar to the original house and plans are underway to rebuild and furnish the home as it was then. We went to Kensington
House where George’s sister and her husband lived. Following this tour, the DAR Daughters went to the grave of George Washington’s mother, Mary Ball Washington, where a wreath was placed by the President General Lynn Fornay Young and Honorary President General Presley Waggoner. After this, we went to the grave of Eugenia Washington, one of our founding members, where a wreath was placed by Mrs. Young and Mrs. Waggoner.

The Board of Management meeting on Saturday was short in time but filled with much business. Application papers are pouring in at a record pace in order to get in by the end of October and get the special seal on them. The President General discussed the Guardian Trust Campaign which is underway. Sue Thompson, Past Vice President General and Honorary State Regent, has agreed to spearhead the project for our state. Please consider what you can give to this worthwhile fund. It will establish a permanently restricted fund to support the preservation, restoration and conservation of our historic home so we can “preserve what our founders built.” Sue will be contacting chapters and individuals to bring this to your attention. I am so grateful to her for taking on this project.

My wish for all of you as we approach our Holiday Season is that you remember to be thankful for all the blessings we have received from God and may all of you enjoy a Blessed Christmas as you gather to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Happy Thanksgiving, Blessed Christmas and a New Year filled with Peace and Goodwill.

In Dar Service,

Mary

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**State Regent’s Travel Schedule**


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**In Memoriam**
by Gale Markley, Chaplain, ASDAR

“Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.” John 14:27 (KJV)

**Akansa:**  
Elsie Pearce 28 Aug 2015  
**Charlevoix:**  
Anne Berry 14 Sep 2015*

**Fort Smith:**  
Joanne Swafford 8 Sep 2015  
Marilyn Beam 17 Sep 2015

**Pine Bluff-John McAlmont:**  
Lea Sweatt 25 Aug 2015  
Marjorie Jones 10 Sep 2015  
*date of NSDAR notification

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**Registrar’s Report**
by Barbara Lewis, Registrar, ASDAR

Congratulations to all our Hard Working Registrar’s! Our January 1 membership count was 2494 and our current membership is 2501. That includes 117 new members this year. We also have 29 pending applications, with 1 verified and pending. There are 14 of those in the ‘AIR’ slot (additional information requested) and 2 that will probably be returned in the next month not having been verified after two years. **National has changed the “HW” terminology to “AIR”**. Ladies, keep up the good work and let me know if you get stuck and need help.

Please welcome the following new members from August 2015 through November 2015:

- **Abendschone**
  - James Bright
  - Charlotte Guyot

- **Akansa**
  - James K Polk
  - Cortez Copher

- **Bette Salzedo**
  - Anne Dahm

- **Rebecca Barry**
  - Mary Cooper (JR)

- **Sarah Brackett**
  - Helen Towns (TI)

- **Andrea Hudson-Rialal**
  - Margaret B. Jones (TI)

- **Brenda Matthews**
  - Robin Williams (REIN)

- **Jinny Leech**
  - Jonesboro

- **Rosa Buenos (REIN)**
  - John Percifull

- **Arkansas Post**
  - Helen Towns (TI)

- **Dardanelle Rock**
  - Margaret B. Jones (TI)

- **Bonnie Pope**
  - Robin Williams (REIN)

- **Enoch Ashley**
  - Pepper Smith

- **Julie Wooten**
  - Jane Benton

- **Fort Smith**
  - Lovely Purchase

- **Patricia Westbrooks**
  - Katherine Pflugradt (JR)

- **Frederick Van Patten**
  - Linda Van Meter

- **Maureen Thomas**
  - Major Jacob Gray

- **Gilbert Marshall**
  - Rose Frame

- **Lou Jones**
  - Faye Jones

- **Anne Orsi**
  - Mary Veazey

- **Lisa Douglass**
  - Anne Whitledge

- **Terri Tribby**
  - Sharon Whitledge

- **Harrison Colony**
  - April Como

- **Jean Travis**
  - Peggy Whitledge (TI)

- **Mary Dinwiddie**

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Codes: JR=Junior member, TI=Transfer In, REIN=Reinstatement
News from the Districts
Quapaw District

The Quapaw District met Sept 19, 2015 to celebrate Constitution Day. Members enjoyed a luncheon while listening to a talk by Richard Mason on some of the men who helped to write the Constitution. State Regent Mary Deere shared a report and the district voted to donate $50.00 to the Arkansas Freedom Fund, the State Regent’s project. The nominating committee was chosen to select next year’s officers.
Stephanie Mason, Director, Quapaw District

Committee Corner
American History

Here are a couple of reminders for you. The student essays and your three chapter judging sheets are due to State Committee chair by January 8, 2016. The judging sheets are required to be forwarded on to the division contest. The Women in History forms and pictures are due to the committee chair by April 1, 2016.

These items are to be mailed to: Jayne Spears, American History Committee Chairman, 2201 Evelyn Ln, Beebe, AR 72012.

If you have any questions, please contact me at jayne.spears58@gmail.com or call 501-288-0574 after 4:30.

Chapter Development and Revitalization

The goal of the Chapter Development and Revitalization (CDR) Commission is to encourage chapters to achieve a net increase of 10% during the Young Administration through the development and promotion of resources that support chapters in: Gaining new members; engaging and retaining current members; and assisting chapter leadership to strengthen skills that enhance effectiveness, teambuilding, and flexibility.

Each DAR Chapter is a garden consisting of many valued members. Is your chapter, a flourishing garden or gone to WEED? WE CAN HELP YOU. The members of this team include the State CDR Chairman, State Registrar, State Organizing Secretary, and State Chairman of Membership, Lineage Research and Volunteer Genealogical Committees.

I would love to come to help your chapter and assist you with any problem that you may have.
1. Come to your chapter and train your chapter officers
2. Assist in helping your chapter find what state officer would be best to help your chapter.
3. Give eMembership training to your chapter officers

WE ARE HERE TO HELP YOU. PLEASE CONTACT ONE OF US AND REQUEST ASSISTANCE

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THE DAR IS ONLY AS STRONG AND INFLUENTIAL AS OUR WEAKEST CHAPTER. WE ARE ALL STRONGER BY WORKING TOGETHER.
**Community Service Hours**

Arkansas contributed 11,330 Community Service Hours in 2013. Arkansas contributed 11,459 Community Service Hours in 2014. The President General will visit Arkansas at State Conference in March 2016. Let’s try to get 12,000 Community Service Hours in 2015 and make Arkansas proud. Start reporting those hours now!

**DAR Good Citizens**

REMINDER:
Deadline for getting the DAR Good Citizens essay winner to the State Chairman is Tuesday, December 1, 2015. Send only one entry. Please contact me if you have any questions. MarJo Dill, DAR Good Citizen Chairman

**DAR Service for Veterans**

The annual joint review for the AR DAR Voluntary Service for Veterans was held Thursday, Oct. 29th at the John L. McClellan VA Hospital in Little Rock with Michael Dobbs, Chief Voluntary Services. It was truly gratifying to know that we had increased our volunteer hours to 627 from 521 last year. Unfortunately, the number of volunteers had a decrease of 2 from last year’s 15. The total estimated value of non-cash donations was $18,897 which is up $2,306. Cash donations were $541 compared to $1,585 for last year. I reminded Mr. Dobbs that most chapters make their donations before filing state reports which are due later in 2015 so these totals will probably change.

Arkansas Daughters have earned Excellent Ratings in 5 Categories:
1. Very Supportive of Veterans needs in providing variety of items to meet those needs such as lap robes and other personal items for hospitalized Veterans.
2. Very Supportive to provide needs of Veterans on the Hospice and Palliative Care Ward 6 E and North Little Rock CLC
3. Provide and support needs of Veterans, with $18,897 provided for necessities, support coffee calls, magazines, basic hygiene items as well as other needed clothing items.
4. Continues to be a supporter of Monthly Coffee Calls, VAVS sponsored events and provided support to the “drop in center” that assists Veterans with needed clothing and other support for potential homeless Veterans.
5. In 2015 the DAR provided several “In Kind” donations which increased nearly $2,306.00

Ladies as we near the end of this year please double check to see if your chapter has recorded its “complete report” for all the volunteer hours, work and contributions to our Veterans.

Appreciate All You Do for our Veterans,
Shirley P. Coppock, Co-Chair, DAR Service for Veterans

**Special Projects Grant**

NSDAR has changed the rules to apply for a Special Projects Grant. Now, it is open to public charity 501(c)(3) entities only. Please see the new application forms and information found on the members’ only web site. It also gives specific examples of grant funding in the areas of Historic preservation, Education, and Patriotism.

Mary Miller, Special Projects Grant Chairman
Arkansas Hereditary Societies Partner to Plan Event

For the 12th year, leaders of Colonial hereditary societies met to plan the annual luncheon to celebrate the birthday of George Washington. Societies represented included Sons of the American Revolution, Daughters of the American Revolution, Colonial Dames of America, General Society War of 1812, New England Women Diamond Colony, General Society Mayflower Descendants, Daughters of Founders & Patriots of America, Sons & Daughters of the Pilgrims, Magna Charta Dames & Barons, Colonial Dames XVII Century, Daughters of the American Colonists, Dames of the Court of Honor, Daughters of Colonial Wars, Jamestowne Society, National Huguenot Society and the Continental Society Daughters of Indian Wars.

The first George Washington Birthday Luncheon was held February 22, 2005. Concern that the Father of our country was not being remembered due to the changing of the Federal holiday from George Washington’s Birthday to Presidents Day, the annual luncheon was the brain-child of Col. Duane Vandenberg, his wife, Peggy Vandenberg, and Col. Bill Cox. The luncheon, held every year at the Hot Springs Country Club, is attended by people from across the state and is known for its excellent speakers.

The next celebration of George Washington will be held Tuesday, February 23, 2016 from 11:30 to 2:00. The public is invited and reservations are required. Please make checks for $20 payable to Akansa Chapter, NSDAR and mail to Sheila Beatty, 27 Doblez Circle, Hot Springs Village, AR 71909-5109. Seating is limited.

[Pictured left to right: Jimmie Weber, Sheila Beatty, Susan Veal, Peggy Vandenberg, Cindy Smith, Pat Bertnolli, Nancy Luehring, Judy Coleman, Frankie Ochsner, John Ochsner and Linda Jester]

Amidst the beautiful fall foliage in the header of this edition sits St Elizabeth’s Catholic Church in Eureka Springs. The church was built in 1906 and dedicated in 1909. It has been in continuous service since then. The unique entrance through the bell tower was probably built due to the topography of the surrounding area.
Within the Chapters

Akansa

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution is 125 years old. The Akansa Chapter, NSDAR celebrated our anniversary on October 3, 2015 and October 4, 2015. Our first celebration was during our chapter’s regular meeting. An award winning 2-act play written by an Akansa Chapter, NSDAR, founding member, Elizabeth Case, “Remembering Our Heritage”, was performed by several of our very talented members. The play told personal stories about Miss Mary Desha portrayed by Pat Bertnolli, Mary Lockwood portrayed by Susan Childs, Mrs. Ellen Hardin Walworth portrayed by Shirley Goff, and Miss Eugenia Washington portrayed by Pat McLemore. Susan Veal was the narrator and Peggy Cara was the maid. They all wore wonderful period costumes. After the play, Daughters were treated to a lovely tea.

We continued our celebration on October 4, 2015, with a Community Wide Flag Retirement. Well over 150 flags that had flown proudly over Hot Springs Village were prepared for retirement. The canton field of stars was removed first, thus rendering it no longer a flag. Akansa Chapter ladies read a short history of each of the 13 colonies in the order of entry into the Union, before 13 stripes were individually removed. It was a beautiful day to honor “Old Glory”. Garland County Girl Scout Troop #6228 acted as color guard, first raising the tired, tattered American flag and then lowering it to be honorably retired with the utmost dignity and respect. Many in attendance had never seen an American Flag retirement ceremony. The Spa City Brass played a medley of wonderful patriotic music throughout the ceremony. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance after the new American Flag was raised. The Spa City Brass reverently played Taps. Please visit Akansa Chapter, NSDAR Facebook page to view a video of the ceremony taken by Richard Martin, Retired, United States Navy and Air Force.

Cadron Post

In partnership with the United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration to observe the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War, members of Cadron Post Chapter in Conway presented a commemoration flag to Faulkner County Judge Jim Baker. The flag
was to be raised at the Faulkner County Courthouse on Veterans Day and fly there for several days.

Chapter members taking part in the presentation ceremony included Nikki Reid, regent; Mary Mosley, chaplain; Suzann Waggoner, vice regent; Carolyn Frazier, secretary; Carol Rolf, past chapter regent and current state corresponding secretary; Kimberly Jones, historian; and Judy McKnight.

Charlevoix

Charlevoix Chapter, as commemorative partners with the National Defense Act, conducted two events honoring Vietnam Veterans. The first program was on the lawn of the Mississippi County courthouse in Blytheville, where family, friends and community gathered. Over one hundred people attended. Vietnam Veterans were recognized and they gave their names and branch of service. Regent Lue Reid presided and there was an advancement of colors by DAR members and special guest singing the National Anthem. Allen Bush was guest speaker. There was a remembrance service and wreath laying for those in Mississippi County who died serving their country.

The second event was an ice cream social on August 29 for Vietnam Veterans and their families. Homemade ice cream and cookies were served and certificates were presented to each veteran honoring them for their valor, service, and sacrifice during the Vietnam War. We had a drawing for door prizes.

Col. David Love

Monticello Intermediate School EAST program received a Community Service Award from Col. David Love Chapter, NSDAR for their work on the old Monticello Cemetery in the past year.

They and their parents worked to clear the cemetery of limbs and leaves several times through the year, giving of their personal time. Principal Julie Workman and Mayor Zack Tucker wrote letters of recommendation for these students. The award was approved by both the State and National Societies

[Picture: left to right are: Madison Norris, Megan Stephens, Facilitator Crystal Grimes, Amelia Ward and Regent, Jody Gladden]

Dardanelle Rock

On Veteran’s Day, Dardanelle Rock Chapter honored Yell County veterans with our second annual VETERAN’S DAY PARADE. The events began at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, November 11th, commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War by laying a wreath at the Vietnam Memorial at Brearly Cemetery. The parade started at 4:30 P.M. with the public, all veterans, fire department, police, and local clubs participating. Chapter members handed out American flags along the way, and our DAR Good Citizen and Scholarship Recipient was recognized. Ceremonies began with the High School Jr. ROTC posting the colors followed by the High School band trumpet section leading everyone in the “National Anthem.” After the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, four
veterans from WWII, Vietnam, and Iraqi Freedom were honored with “Quilts of Valor” made by Dardanelle Rock Chapter members. All veterans in the audience received flag pins and a personal “thank you” from our members. Aaron Hetland, an Eagle Scout from Boy Scout Troop 221, closed the program by playing TAPS.

After sunset, the scouts performed a flag retirement ceremony and Renaissance, a group of business owners and citizens working for the restoration of Front St, served chili, cornbread, coffee and hot chocolate. While not a large event by any means, it is a memorable time of honoring all veterans.

**Ft Smith**

Barbara Jacobson, Joan Stratmann and Lori Jarrett of the Fort Smith Chapter organized a display of DAR items in the display window of Fort Smith Main Library entrance. The display will remain thru November, 2015. Pictured with the display are Joan Stratmann, left, and Barbara Jacobson, right.

**Gilbert Marshall/ Little Rock- Centennial**

On October 11, 2015, on the 125th anniversary of the founding of D.A.R., the Gilbert Marshall and Centennial Chapters co-hosted an event at the MacArthur Museum of Arkansas Military History. The occasion was to honor veterans and/or their families of the Vietnam War. Some 100 people were present with 84 presented certificates and pins honoring service, sacrifice, and valor. Dr. Robert Seibert was the guest speaker who shared his slides from the time period 1970-71. He served in the Navy as a surgeon at a civilian hospital. It was his experience that led to his choice of specialty, which was subsequently to serve over forty years at the Arkansas Children’s Hospital in Little Rock. This day of service was a success in the eyes of all who participated, and the chapters look forward to hosting other events in the two years to come. The Regent of Gilbert Marshall is Dr. Lisa Brandom, and the Regent of Centennial is Betsy Barnes.

[pictured are Dr Lisa Brandom and Garland Brandom who accepted certificates for Dr Robert Sanders and Dewayne Vance Brandom]

**Hot Springs of Arkansas**

Hot Springs of Arkansas members dressed as their ancestors during the signing of the Constitution at the Fordyce Bath House Visitors’ Center on September 17th. Left to right are Rita Byram as Quaker Mrs. Bunch, Linda Jester as Dolley Madison, and Nena Butler as Dorothy Quincy Handcock.

Nena Butler and Regent Linda Jester delivered 27 homemade pillows of love for
breast cancer patients to hug to Marianne Gragson, BS, RN at the Breast Cancer Center of Hot Springs. This annual gift is in honor of Nena Butler’s daughter, a breast cancer survivor.

Hot Springs of Arkansas Chapter celebrated the NSDAR 125th anniversary with high tea. Five other chapters; John Percifull, Akansa, Benjamin Culp, Dardanelle Rock, and Texarkana joined the celebration. The Sweet Sound Dulcimer Club serenaded the attendees with music from the 1800s. Egg salad and cucumber sandwiches, lemonade, cookies, and tea were served. Special guest, Mrs. Vyron Schmidt was presented a Certificate of Appreciation for her donation of angels in honor of her mother Eva Lee Jones for the chapter’s use in decorating tables at our 2015 state conference, and for raising funds in a silent auction during the tea.

[The lovely ladies pictured are left to right: Dorothy Carden, Rita Byram, Connee Ellis, Linda Jester, Nena Butler, Margie Hill, Martha Koon, Jimmie L. Jones, hiding behind Martha’s hat is Edith Selph.]

James Bright

There were 40 present at the reception for the Vietnam Veterans counting our members and all the guests. Regent Frances Rankin opened the ceremony leading the Pledge to the American Flag. Veteran Derl Horn spoke about his book of his Viet Nam experiences. Robert E Walker shared images from his personal photos about his Vietnam experiences in a moving PowerPoint presentation. The program concluded by presenting certificates of gratitude to the Veterans present after which TAPS was played.

THANK YOU, VETERANS, for your service!

Jonesboro

Jonesboro Chapter and Nettleton High School co-hosted “as part of their Vietnam War Commemorative Partner commitment Their Legacy…Our Freedom” luncheon and program on Friday, November 6, 2015. The event was free to all veterans and their guests, and was open to the public. All veterans were recognized during the program, with special recognition given to
Vietnam veterans, as part of Jonesboro Chapter’s Vietnam Commemorative Partner commitment. Arkansas Adjutant General, Major General Mark H. Berry; Jonesboro Mayor, Harold Perrin; and ASDAR Honorary State Regent, Jo Ann Cooper were among those in attendance. Jonesboro Chapter made a special award presentation to William E. Thomas, a former Marine who suffers Alzheimer’s disease as result of Agent Orange exposure during his service in Vietnam. Lance Corporal Thomas received a bronze star, combat “V”, and two purple hearts for his heroic actions in Vietnam. Jonesboro Daughters funded the program, procured services to provide lunch, and plated the food for a total of 350 people, including 295 veterans. Leftovers were donated and delivered to the local homeless shelter (which has served 6 homeless veterans to date in 2015) for their dinner that evening. Jonesboro Daughters also purchased/distributed 360 green light bulbs as part of Wal-Mart’s “Greenlight A Vet” advocacy campaign. On Saturday, November 7, 2015, Jonesboro members had a float in the annual Jonesboro Veterans Day Parade and distributed over 500 flags to parade attendees.

**Little Rock/Centennial**

After much preparation and anticipation, Little Rock-Centennial Chapter celebrated Constitution Week 2015 in fine form with two schools in the Little Rock School District, including four presentations to four grade levels and a high pinnacle of participation.

Students from the 4th grade classes at Williams Magnet School read the skit “To Sign or Not to Sign,” which is about the importance of one’s signature on a document. Afterward replicas of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence were shown so that the students could see the handwriting of that era as well as the signatures of the men who had agreed with each document. Then, they were given the choice of signing the Constitution themselves. All the students in all classes chose to sign!

The same skit was provided for the 2nd and 3rd grade students at Jefferson elementary with the help of a teacher recruited to read the skit with Little Rock /Centennial Daughters Teresa Lineau and Elisabeth Daley

The chapter Daughters came prepared with plenty of treats to leave the students at each school. There were booklets containing the Constitution, small United States flags, plastic bracelets with the words “We the People” and bookmarks printed with the Preamble to the Constitution. All four items were equally popular with the students who could only choose one! Over the course of 4 days 35 booklets, 70 flags, 26 bookmarks and 41 bracelets were distributed. A total of 172 young people were reached, each learning a bit more about their Constitution.

**Marion**

Marion Chapter hosted a Tribute to Vietnam Veterans on August 21st at the Veterans Healthcare of the Ozarks in Fayetteville AR. Local veteran and author of "Blood, Sweat and Honor: Memoirs of a "Walking Dead Marine in Vietnam", Derl Horn, spoke of his experiences in Vietnam. An explanation of
the "Missing Man Table" was followed by the listing of POW/MIA from the State of Arkansas who have been recovered, and the list of those who have not.
The auditorium was nearly filled with family and friends as 34 Vietnam veterans proudly accepted their certificates of appreciation.

Many thanks go to State Regent Mary Deere, State Vice Regent Jerrie Townsend, State Commemorative Events Chair Vive Allen, and State Project Patriot Chair Junelle Mongno for participating in the program. Members of Marion Chapter Commemorative Events Committee; Sue Thompson (Chair), Caroline Hamilton, Jane Millette, Barbara Lee, Donna Rowley and Mary Cotton worked very diligently to make the program a success.

**Major Jacob Gray**

Members participated in two Celebrate America service projects. Chapter Regent Jayne Spears and her HODAR Martin, Sharon Bode, Eleanor Swineford, Mary Ford, and Junelle Mongno met at the Jacksonville Museum of Military History in Jacksonville and did a bit of “spit shining”. Glass display cases were dusted off and historical military uniforms displayed throughout the museum were dusted off, readying them for Veterans Day celebrations.

The second project took place at Woodland Hills Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Jacksonville. Sharon Bode, Tammy Guelich and her sister, Mary Ford, Nora Hildreth, Mary Lee Schultz, and Junelle Mongno visited residents who seldom have visitors (per staff). Members had made and bagged cookies for these residents. As we visited the residents, we invited them to sign Christmas cards to be included in care packages being sent to female service women. The reactions from the residents were so interesting – most were excited to be able to wish the service women safe journeys home along with wishes for a Merry Christmas.

A Constitution Week program was presented to the 3rd grade classes at a Cabot Elementary School by Mary Lee Schultz, Jessie Johnson, and Junelle Mongno. Mary Lee Schultz, Jonna Parrish, Carolyn Soles, and Junelle Mongno presented a program on the Stamp Act and American Revolutionary Women and the roles they served during the war to 80 5th graders at Sylvan Hills Elementary students.

Mary Ford and Junelle Mongno manned a vendor booth at the LRAFB Retiree Appreciation Day event. 32 Vietnam War appreciation certificates were presented to veterans of the Vietnam War. A GRS search for another retiree verified his ancestor was an established Patriot. Membership information and patriotic literature was shared with attendees. Registering with the Women in Military Service for American Memorial was promoted and information on how to register was provided.
**Honorariums/Memorials**  
August-October, 2015

**ASDAR Scholarship [Stevenson-Westbrook]**  
Memorial for Grace Gervasi  
Susan Veal through Akansa  
Chapter

**Bacone College**  
Memorial for Samuel Billison, Navajo  
Code Talker in WWII  
Sally Jo Gibson through  
Harrison Colony  
Memorial for Samuel Billison, Navajo  
Code Talker in WWII  
Sandra Hillier through Harrison  
Colony

**Tamasssee School**  
Memorial for Peggy Taylor  
Akansa Chapter  
Memorial for Gene Reid  
Akansa Chapter  
Memorial for Elsie Pearce  
Akansa Chapter

Memorial for Hubert Korbus  
Akansa Chapter

**State Regent’s Project - Arkansas Freedom Fund**  
Memorial for Edith Foster and Pearl Jones  
General William Lewis Chapter  
Memorial for Charlotte McMillian  
Robert Crittenden Chapter  
Honorarium for Mary Deere  
Quapaw District  
Honorarium for Mary Deere  
Jane Moore through Little  
Rock-Centennial Chapter  
Honorarium for Sylvia Matthews  
Susan Veal through Akansa  
Chapter  
Honorarium for Mary Deere  
Tate’s Bluff Chapter

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**Announcements**

**Yearbook/Directory Corrections - Fall 2015**

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**Captain Robert Abernethy Chapter,**  
Change in Officers  
Nichols, Carolanne, Regent (Already in directory, new office)  
Rudder, Carol, Vice Regent (Already in directory, new office)  
Forrest, Kimberly, Recording Secretary  
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870-226-6254, kimforrest@gmail.com  
Peck, Eleanor, Treasurer  
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870-226-5644, neterpeck@yahoo.com  
Dudley, Lola, Registrar (Already in directory, new office)

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**Diamond Chapter,** Change in Officers  
Mugno, Floria, Vice Regent (Already in directory, new office)  
Herron, Mary, R & C Secretary (Already in directory, new office)  
Plumlee, Nina, Treasurer (Already in directory, new office)

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Markley, Gale Registrar (Already in directory, new office)  
Remove Clark, Mary Elizabeth, Historian

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NSDAR CONTINENTAL CONGRESS BUS TRIP
125th Anniversary Celebration Trip
Washington, D.C.
June 12-21, 2016

The 125th Anniversary of NSDAR will culminate at the 125th Continental Congress in Washington, D.C. and you won’t want to miss it. Get on board the chartered bus for the trip. Bring your husband, travel buddies – non-DAR members are welcome. ALSO, we celebrate a new ASDAR State Regent sashing!

The bus will depart Little Rock Sunday, June 12, 2016, and stop for the night in Knoxville, TN. We will arrive in Washington, D.C. on Monday, June 13, 2016. We will check in at the JW Marriott Hotel for the next 7 nights. After an action-packed week of NSDAR business, optional side trips, fun and sightseeing, the bus will depart for the return trip to Little Rock on Monday, June 20, 2016. We will stop in Knoxville again for the night and arrive back in Little Rock on Tuesday, June 21, 2016. (We are working on a stop at Monticello, too, on the way home!!)

Included in the $1700 travel package are:
- Bus transportation to, from and around Washington, D.C.
- Daily travel schedule between the hotel, DAR building and Grand Hyatt Headquarters
- Hotel accommodations – 2 nights in Knoxville, TN, and 7 nights at JW MARRIOTT HOTEL
- Excursion trips in D.C. area (more details later)
- Two meals on the road
- The BEST bus driver

Reservations must be made for the trip by 1) notifying Junelle Mongno and 2) sending a $425 per person, non-refundable deposit to Barbara Drye, ASDAR Treasurer, by February 1, 2016.

Installment payments for the remaining balance are due as follows:
- March 1, 2016 $425
- April 1, 2016 $425
- May 1, 2016 $425

A $25 discount is offered if full payment of $1675 is received by February 1, 2016.

Checks are to be made payable to ASDAR (with memo for CC bus trip) and mailed to:
Barbara Drye, ASDAR Treasurer, 4750 Hwy 212, Rison, AR 71665-8723

Make plans now to attend! A donation to your trip fund would make a wonderful gift from family and friends!!

Remember…… what happens on the bus, stays on the bus!

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2015 Arkansas Delegation
Thank you for your interest in helping Veterans through our gifts and donations program. Here are some of the ways your generosity will serve those who served.

**Bus tokens,**
**Cab fare vouchers**
**Combs, brushes**
**Hair oil, hair spray**
**Denture - Fixodent adhesive**
**Liquid laundry soap**
**Deodorant – women’s and men’s**
**Event tickets for recreational activities: baseball**
**football, theater etc.**
**Gift cards, gas cards,**
**Disposable emery boards - large** (TOE manicure sets women and men)
**Coats, gloves, hats blankets**
**Coffee, creamer & sugar packets for Outpatient Clinical Areas**
**Larger containers shampoo- men and women**
**Body wash-women and men**
**Canteen books (Can be purchased at Medical Center Canteen)**
**Tooth brushes and toothpaste**
**Underwear: men’s med-large**
**Chapstick and other protective emollients**
**Women’s underwear: socks t-shirts, sports -bras/underwear (all sizes)**
**Lap & full length Americana blankets**
**Reading glasses 1.00 -2.50**
**House shoes non-slip**
**Shower shoes, flip-flops**
**Large PRINT puzzle books**
**New or used shoes 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13**
**Packaged snacks, bottled drinks, bottled water**

**VETERANS NEEDS LIST**
**Blue jeans or kakis waist 30-44 men’s (dire need size 30-34)**

**Tennis shoes with or without Velcro straps sizes 8-12**
**Earbuds or earphones (in-patient TV privacy)**
**Gloves, mittens**
**Hoodies, jackets fleece**
**Long and short sleeve pocketed t-shirts L to XXXL**
**Long sleeve color t-shirts L-XXX L**
**Short sleeve t-shirts, white & colored L -XXXL**
**Sweat shirts, dark colors XL- XXXL**
**Sweat pants, dark colors XL-XXXXL**
**Single-blade razors only (much needed!)**
**Ball caps with military insignia**
**Crafts items, models to construct for recreational therapy**
**Tickets to events and entertainment activities such as sporting or musical events**

**Large Items**
**Military insignia fleece blankets,**
**Golf cart 8-seater to transport veterans in parking areas**
**Televisions 40”-50” inch for patient rooms and outpatient waiting rooms**
**Pool tables and cues the dom areas**
**DVD players/E-readers, IPODs, musical devices**
**Park benches -wooden or metal for patient areas (Out Doors NLR )**
**Gardening items: plants sand, soil, plants, etc. for greenhouse and 1H patio garden**
**Holiday items for holiday tree**
**16 new commercial LED 100-lamp light strings**
**Bingo prizes need for recreational therapy such as men’s cologne or body spray, magnifying glasses, body wash, pocket calculators, sugar free candy, aftershave lotion may leave it undesignated where it will be used for whatever is most needed at the time to benefit Veteran patients**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT DONATING OR VOLUNTEERING, CONTACT VOLUNTARY SERVICE AT 501-257-3288 (Little Rock) or 479-443-4301(Fayetteville) http://www.volunteer.va.gov/**