

# From the chapters

## Cadron Post and Tate's Bluff Chapter

The Cadron Post and Tate's Bluff Chapters of NSDAR (National Society Daughters of the American Revolution) honored Revolutionary War Patriot Priscilla Elliott in historic Oakland Cemetery, Camden, AR. A ceremony marking her grave was held Saturday, April 4, 2009 and recognized her contributions to the Revolutionary War cause. A gathering of local citizens and out of town guests joined DAR members (from nine Arkansas chapters) under towering magnolia and oak trees for the event. Jo Kilduff of the Cadron Post Chapter portrayed Priscilla in period costume and entertained visitors with her life story. Priscilla was born in North Carolina about 1763 and outlived three husbands. During the Revolutionary War Priscilla provided wagons and other supplies to the Colonial Army. In her later years she moved with her son, George Elliott, to the young town of Ecore Fabre where she lived until her death in 1847.

Several of Priscilla's many descendants contributed to the development of Arkansas – one even ran for governor of Arkansas. Others included a druggist, hotel owner, postmaster, and Camden town recorder. Jim Tom Elliott, builder of the Elliott-Meek-Nunnally home in Camden, started a railroad which failed with the beginning of the Civil War, and another descendant helped establish the State Parks system in Arkansas.

The ceremony included presentation of the Flags by the VFW Post 4554, bugler from the 106<sup>th</sup> Army AR National Guard Unit, Wendell Hall, bagpiper, and flowers from descendant, Mr. Bob Wilson. An American Flag, flown over the Nation's Capitol in honor of Priscilla's efforts, was presented to the family. Following the ceremony, Dr. and Mrs. Robert Nunnally and the DAR Chapters hosted a reception in the historic Elliott-Meek-Nunnally house on Washington Street. Guests were entertained with lively stories about historical memorabilia in the Nunnally's collection. Arkansas DAR State Regent, Mary Lee Schultz of Jacksonville, AR was among the guests attending the event..



Jo Kilduff as Priscilla



Shirley Barham (Cadron Post), Becky Ives (Tate's Bluff), Jo Kilduff as Priscilla, ASDAR State Regent Mary Lee Schultz, Amanda Wunnenberg (Tate's Bluff Regent) and Nancy Thompson (Caldron Post)

## Marion Chapter

Marion Chapter has recently honored a Real Daughter, a Daughter who had never been forgotten, but whose final resting place had gone unmarked for more than 100 years. Catherine Robards Stirman joined the DAR in 1895. Her father had joined the cause of our country's freedom in 1777. Under a cloudy sky on April 18th, some 75 people listened as Marion Chapter Regent Jeanne Tackett welcomed us and described Mrs. Stirman's history. Fayetteville's mayor, Lioneld Jordan read a proclamation declaring April 18, 2009, to be Catherine Robards Stirman Day. This honor was followed by remarks from State Regent Mary Lee Schultz, who reminded us that there are only two Real Daughters now recognized in Arkansas, one of them being Mrs. Stirman. Reverend Ryan Pfeiffer, who serves in the First Christian Church of Fayetteville, which Mrs. Stirman and her husband helped found, then described some of its history, Mrs. Stirman's commitment to the church, and to the cause of education. Afterwards, during photos, the state regent and chapter regent joined in placing a wreath on Mrs. Stirman's engraved granite tablet. The chapter was assisted during the ceremony by members of Girl Scout Troop #5669 and Eagle Scout Michael Brian Sigulinsky



### More photos from Marion Chapter



Mary Lee Schultz and Kathy Clark

### Coffee for Veterans

Yesterday I delivered \$510.00 in coffee and misc. small comfort items to the NLR VA. These were 2/3's of the donations brought to state conference. Valerie Scott picked up her 1/3 share for Fayetteville during conference

### Marion Chapter

#### The Great DAR Murder Mystery



Isobel Parsons (Jean Greenwood), Helen Delaporte (otherwise known as Sue Thompson), Elizabeth Wheeler (Lisa Carper), Harriet Bushrow (Mary Sturdevant) and Margaret Chalmers (Caroline Smith) from the Old Orchard Chapter, NSDAR. Marion Chapter member Denise Bembenek adapted a short skit from a book called "The Great DAR Murder Mystery" by Graham Landrum and this is what resulted. It was a great program. We have five ladies that could have a second career acting.

*You can easily judge the character of a man by how he treats those who can do nothing for him.*  
James D. Miles

### Submarine Visitor



June Eubanks will go to any depth to collect news for ASDAR. She is pictured here exiting the USS Razorback after getting pictures of Jim Franks, National Defense Luncheon speaker, ASDAR State Conference.

### Independence County Chapter

Hoon Daisy Kim, Korean born daughter-in-law of Dora Kate Lee of the Independence County Chapter, shown with the Honorable David G. Bernthal, United States Magistrate Judge, following the Naturalization Ceremony held in Urbana, IL. Thirty-two individuals from twenty different countries became naturalized citizens on February 27, 2009 in the U.S. District Court, Central District of Illinois. Judge Bernthal conducted an impressive ceremony

The Alliance Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, Urbana-Champaign, gave each new citizen a small U.S. Flag along with the *DAR Flag Code* brochure. After the ceremony, members of the DAR chapter provided a reception, where representatives from the Social Security Administration, Champaign County Clerk's Office and the Champaign Post Office were available to assist with passports, voter registration and Society Security issues.

It was an overwhelming experience for Dora Kate to attend the ceremony, to meet and visit with the local DAR chapter members and thank them for kindness shown and their participation in the event. The DAR members were very cordial and made an impression on Daisy, when explained that these ladies, like her mother-in-law, were descended from an American Revolutionary Patriot.



## Wounded Warrior Ride 2008



Major Jacob Gray Chapter Librarian, Katherine Presley, is seen here donating the NSDAR book titled Forgotten Patriots - African American and American Indian Patriots of the Revolutionary War: A Guide to Service, Sources and Studies to Branch Manager, Kathy Seymour, of the new Esther DeWitt Nixon Library in Jacksonville

Arkansas National Guard

Diamond Award

To All Who shall these present, Greetings:  
Know Ye, that The Adjutant General of the  
State of Arkansas, in the name and by the  
authority of the

people of said State, as vested in him by  
the Constitution and Laws of the State of  
Arkansas, reposing

special on for

**Hot Springs Village Daughters  
of the  
American Revolution, Akansa  
Chapter**

For support and remarkable service you  
are hereby commissioned as an awardee  
of the Arkansas

National Guard Diamond Award and  
authorized to display said award for all to  
see. This certificate

is presented in grateful appreciation.

In Testimony Whereof, I hereunto set my  
hand at Camp Joseph T. Robinson,  
this Seventh day of March in the Year of  
our Lord, Two Thousand Nine.

signed by

William D. Wofford

Major General



## Robert Crittenden Chapter

Robert Crittenden Chapter held its annual Chocolate Celebration with home-made confections and the ever popular Chocolate fountain with strawberries, pretzels, and chips for dipping on February 7, 2009. This year Robert Crittenden daughters added a Cake Walk to the event, which alone raised over \$200 in sales. Ticket sales, profits, and donations are still coming in, but the net so far exceeds \$2000. The proceeds fund scholarships for Crittenden County students at Mid-South Community College in West Memphis and provide yearly operating expenses. Attendance



## State Conference Awards

### AMERICAN INDIANS

#### Indian Activities

- 50: Chicot Trace
- + 50: John McAlmont
- +100: Akansa

Programs : Akansa

up Labels: Akansa

### AMERICANISM

- 50: Abendschone
- + 50: Akansa

### C.A.R.

Outstanding leadership/opportunities

Chicot Trace

Reorganizing a Society in Progress

Jonesboro

Program – Dardanelle Rock

Hospitality - Marion

### COMMEMORATIVE EVENTS

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- + 50: Dardanelle Rock
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### CONSERVATION

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Best Chapter Report: Marion

### DAR SCHOOLS

Most Clothing: Col. David Love

Most Money : Akansa

Best Program: Abendschone

Most boxtops: Independence County

Certificate: Dorothy Vaughn, Little Red River

Crocheted 25 caps for Tamassee

### DAR SERVICE FOR VETERANS

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Volunteer of Year: Valerie Scott, Ozarks Mtn.

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- + 50: Lovely Purchase
- +100: Akansa

Best Flag Fact: Arkansas Post

### GENEOLOGICAL RECORDS

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### HISTORIC PRESERVATION

- 50: Benjamin Culp
- + 50: Harrison Colony
- +100: Marion

### HISTORICAL MARKERS BOOK

Most books delivered: Akansa

### JUNIOR AMERICAN CITIZENS

Most Children Involved

- 50: Robert Crittenden
- + 50: Charlevoix
- +100: Jonesboro

Most Entries

- 50: Persis Lovely
- + 50: Charlevoix
- +100: Marion

Most Pictures/Articles Published  
- 100: John Percifull/Robert Crittenden  
+100: Marion

**LITERACY PROMOTION**

Individual: Natalie Schlesinger, Marion

**PROGRAM**

James Bright

**PROJECT PATRIOT**

Most Money & Goods

- 50: Independence County
- + 50: Akansa

Most Events

- 50: Captain Nathan Watkins
- + 50: Akansa

Special Recognition for Events/Money  
Ozarks Mountain

Outstanding Individual Contributions  
Sylvia Matthews, Akansa  
Dora Kate Lee, Independence County

**PUBLIC RELATIONS/MEDIA**

Best Newsletter: Marion

Best Media Campaign: Akansa

Best Pressbook: Akansa

Best Overall PR:

- 50: General William Lewis
- + 50: Akansa

**SPEAKERS STAFF**

Susan Veal, Akansa

**VOLUNTEER INFO. SPECIALIST**

- 50: Ann Pounds, Benjamin Club
- + 50: Marilyn Sickel, Arkansas Post
- +100: Cheri Coley, Marion

Special Award: Martha Poplin, Websites

**WOMEN'S ISSUES**

- 50: Captain Nathan Watkins
- + 50: Arkansas Post
- +100: Akansa

**Recruit** *New Members*

~ Reach prospective members by advertising in the right places such as public libraries, Junior League or Junior Women's Club meetings, genealogical and historical societies, book stores, and college campuses. Make sure you represent the good works DAR does.

~ Suggest that your Lineage Research Committee become volunteers at your local library where they can assist prospective members with their applications.

~Contact prospective members immediately to extend an invitation to your next meeting. Stay in touch with them and assist them with their documentation throughout application process.

~ Ask members for referrals. Reward members that make referrals.

~ Set goals to add a specific number of new members every year. Remember that each application can specify TWO "Member for Member" referrals.

~ Have meetings for prospective members to learn about your chapter and the DAR. Work with your chapter registrar, Membership Committee and local volunteer genies to make these value-added events.

~ Welcome new members into your chapter with open arms. Nurture and educate them. Assign mentors for each new member and provide a New Member Orientation.

**~Ask your new members to complete an Membership Interest form which will allow you to determine her areas of interest. Then assign your new members to one or two committees immediately, so that they can be a part of your chapter's achievements**



*Lovely Purchase  
sadly announces  
the death of Ann  
Basore*



## Strawberry River



Jan Lusk became a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution in February, 1984. Strawberry River recognized Jan as a 25 year member on April 4, 2009. Jan teaches vocational business at Highland High School in Sharp County. She is a native of Hardy, Arkansas. Jan was recently named to the Sharp County Library Board. When not otherwise engaged, Jan loves to read.

## Chapters Who Met 100% Participation in President General's Project

GENERAL WILLIAM LEWIS	2-27-09
CAPTAIN BASIL GAITHER	2-27-09
OZARK MOUNTAINS	2-27-09
AKANSA	2-27-09
MAJOR JACOB GRAY	2-27-09
CADRON POST	2-27-09
ABENDSCHONE	2-27-09
INDEPENDENCE COUNTY	2-27-09
PRUDENCE HALL	2-27-09
MINE CREEK-PARACLIFTA	2-27-09
MARION	2-27-09
JONESBORO	2-27-09
JOHN MC ALMONT	2-27-09
GRAND PRAIRIE	2-27-09
CHARLEVOIX	2-27-09
BENJAMIN CULP	2-27-09
STRAWBERRY RIVER	2-27-09
TATES BLUFF	2-27-09

## Harrison Colony

The Harrison Colony Chapter held their annual Boone County Women's Honor Roll as part of their celebration of Women's History Month that celebrates activities of women in all areas of endeavor.

Vive Allen, Regent of the Harrison Colony Chapter NSDAR, was the Mistress of Ceremonies. The program was started with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America led by Kathleen McMurrin. Marilyn Breece, Leota Edwards and Vita Saville were honored.

PARACLIFTA

## Arkansas Historical Markers including Revolutionary War Soldiers

128 pages;65 markers; 127 photos;  
9 page index; Arkansas map  
Number of books ordered \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15.00  
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City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

DAR Chapter Name \_\_\_\_\_

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