“Let everything you say be good and helpful so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.”

Ephesians 4:29

State Regent’s Message

Hello Daughters,

And, just like that, we are looking at spring! It seems like the holiday season flew by and tossed us into the new year. I hope everyone is looking forward a busy DAR schedule.

I appreciate all of your hard work in completing the end-of-year reports. Many of you have already sent copies to me and to our Recording Secretary for the yearbook. The information you included will provide a good summary for preparing your brief reports for state conference.

Speaking of state conference – well, plans are shaping up for a wonderful meeting March 29-30-31 at the DoubleTree Hotel in Little Rock. The conference registration materials are included with this newsletter. As you may recall, our special guest of honor will be President General Ann Turner Dillon. She will be the program speaker at our Friday evening banquet. My other special guest is Honorary State Regent Genora Canon from New Mexico. She will be speaking at the State Officers Club dinner on Thursday evening.

Other guest speakers will be Michael Polston on Thursday evening on the topic of “The Arkansas Great War Letter Project.” Our Friday luncheon will feature Jo Ellen Maack from the Old State House Museum staff. Both speakers come from a discipline that concentrates on historic preservation, one of NSDAR’s fundamental missions. In addition, we will have a Friday afternoon workshop on Conflict Resolution presented by Sandy Pollack from the NSDAR Development Office.

Saturday morning is always a fun time when we recognize our Outstanding State History Teacher and our student scholarship and award winners. It is a very important time in the life of our state as this year we elect officers for the 2018-2020 cycle. In keeping with past conference traditions, instead of chapters furnishing items for a silent auction, I am requesting that each chapter pledge $1 per member. This collection will be used for the DAR Room at the Old State House. I hope that each of you will make an effort to attend and participate in our state conference.

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I attended the National Board of Management meeting at the end of January-first of February. The Classroom Grant program has been authorized again for 2018. Very exciting is the news that instead of just one grant award two $500 grants will be awarded this year. Please share the application information with your local teachers and encourage them to submit a project proposal. The information flyer and application form are included with this newsletter.

NBOM members approved the artwork submitted by Hamilton Jewelers for two new pins. The first one is for the Genealogy Education Program. The pin will include enamel bars for each course successfully completed: GEP I, GEP II, GEP III, and DNA. The second approval is for a Member Training pin and will include enamel bars for New Members, New Horizons, and Coordinator achievements.

Plans for this year’s Continental Congress were approved. I understand that we have filled a bus to take us to Philadelphia and Washington, DC.

Best wishes for the new year. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Jerrie

State Regent’s Calendar for February 2018—June 2018

Feb. 15  Ozark Mountains Chapter 10th Anniversary
Feb. 17  Daughters of 1812 State Council
Feb. 19  Gen. William Lewis Chapter Meeting
Feb. 22  George Washington Birthday Luncheon
Feb. 23-24 Colonial Dames XVIIIC State Conference
Mar. 2-3  Daughters of American Colonists State Conference
Mar. 10  Little Red River Chapter Meeting
Mar. 17  Arkansas C.A.R. State Conference
Mar. 28  Executive Committee Meeting
Mar. 29-31  Arkansas DAR State Conference
May 05  Shawnee District Meeting
May 12  Little Rock-Centennial Chapter Meeting
May 21  Provincia De La Sal Chapter Meeting
May 24  Gilbert Marshall Chapter Meeting
June 14  Caddo District Meeting
June 20-24  NSDAR Continental Congress
New members, transfers and reinstatements are a result of hard work on the part of our Arkansas registrars. Thank your registrar for her hard work and support her efforts by encouraging the prospective members and welcoming them to our chapters.

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Codes: JR=Junior member, TI=Transfer In, REIN=Reinstatement

Please welcome these new members — November 2017 thru January 2018 National BOM
ASDAR Honorariums and Memorials

November 2017 through January 2018 by Carol Miles, Treasurer

Jerrie Townsend, State Regent’s Project
  Honorarium to Jerrie Townsend from Jo Kilduff, Cadron Post Chapter
  Honorarium to Jerrie Townsend from Tate’s Bluff Chapter
  Honorarium to Jerrie Townsend from Junelle Mongno, Major Jacob Gray Chapter
  Honorarium to Susan Veal from Pine Bluff – John McAlmont Chapter
  Honorarium to Jerrie Townsend from Marion Chapter
  Honorarium to Augustus Redmon from Jerrie Townsend, Arkansas Post Chapter
  Memorial to Virginia White from Jerrie Townsend, Arkansas Post Chapter
  Honorarium to Honorary State Regent Sue Thompson from James Bright Chapter
  Memorial to Cassandra Pierson from Little Rock-Centennial Chapter
  Memorial to Mary Dean Sawyer from Carol Miles, Lovely Purchase Chapter
  Honorarium to Jerrie Townsend from Quapaw District
  Honorarium to Jerrie Townsend from Fort Smith Chapter
  Honorarium to Jerrie Townsend from Colonel David Love Chapter
  Honorarium to Jerrie Townsend from Hot Springs of Arkansas Chapter

DAR Room
  Honorarium to Frances Jernigan from Prudence Hall Chapter
  Honorarium to Mary Deere from Pine Bluff – John McAlmont Chapter
  Memorial to Virginia White from Susan Veal, Akansa Chapter

ASDAR Scholarship Fund
  Honorarium to Professor Robert Ficklin from Pine Bluff – John McAlmont Chapter

Stevenson-Westbrooke Scholarship Fund
  Memorial to Virginia White from Jo Ann Cooper, Jonesboro Chapter

Veteran’s Hospital – Little Rock
  Honorarium to Brenda Doucey from Pine Bluff—John McAlmont Chapter

Veteran’s Hospital – Fayetteville
  Honorarium to Olivia Olson from Pine Bluff – John McAlmont Chapter

ASDAR C.A.R.
  Honorarium to Rev. Ken Thornton from Pine Bluff – John McAlmont Chapter
Photo Releases

With the increased use of online services to share the DAR message, the issue of when to have a signed photo release form has risen. It is accepted practice that if a person has a photo taken in a public place, it can be used in the public domain for non-commercial purposes. The key here is that the photo is taken in a public place and the image is NOT used for any commercial purpose whatsoever.

The inclusion of non-members in DAR public relations is a bit different. If the photo is taken in a public place, the image can be used – although as a courtesy a signed release form could be requested. In the case of minor children, the child’s name, photo, and identifying information are not to be used or posted without the written permission of the parent or guardian. The photo release form should be used in those instances. Chapters/states retain signed forms as they remain in force unless rescinded by the individual or parent/guardian. As a special caveat, remember that images of children should be used with care and always with a release form signed by the parent/guardian before inclusion on any social media pages.

As most chapter meetings are not open to the general public, chapters may want to encourage their members to sign the photo release form. This is one way to avoid any difficult situations in the future regarding the use of any images – and the chapter can be well aware of anyone who does not want their image used for any purpose. Again, this signed form remains in effect until rescinded by the individual – although having members periodically (e.g., annually) re-sign this form will ensure that should a member change her mind, her wishes can be followed.

Chapters including other DAR members in their public relations efforts must be mindful of the wishes of these members. Be courteous and always ask before posting!
Back to Studying with the New Horizons Course

Back to school – and I thought I would never take another course in my life!! As I near completion of the New Horizons Course, that is what I am thinking. But, it has been a great refresher course, and it has brought better understanding in areas with which I had minimal experience. As with any course, I had to get myself organized. I reviewed the modules and with instructions from the course director, determined how I needed to proceed. Even as I first reviewed the modules, I was able to answer a good number of questions, surprisingly. The modules provided resource information on what to study via archived webinars and/or reading materials. I learned to navigate webinars and DAR You Tube videos and even more of the organization’s websites. It took an average of 30-40 minutes to complete most modules, including watching the webinar. Some modules involved just answering the questions, but some involved projects such as writing articles for newsletters (chapter, state, national), reviewing documents (financial, bylaws, handbooks, scrapbooks), internet searches, and planning and organizing activities. The module that required the most time involved reading 3 books – 1 a DAR book and 2 leadership books selected from a list in the module. As I progressed through the modules, there were opportunities to reevaluate some things within my own chapter and communicate with chapter leadership about those topics. I do see the end and I am glad I enrolled in the New Horizons course. I, also, am glad I can see the end of my school studying days!

Junelle Mongno

New Horizons Course

Major Jacob Gray Chapter NSDAR
Within our chapters

Hot Springs of Arkansas Chapter in Hot Springs

Hot Springs of Arkansas Chapter Regent, Linda Jester delivered 31 pillows to Pamela Howlett MNSC, APRN, BP-1C at the Breast Cancer Center in Hot Springs. The pillows are handmade for the patients following their breast cancer surgery. Sharing in the sewing of the “pillows of love” were Chapter Treasurer Nena Butler and her granddaughters, Kayley and Ave Smith. The granddaughters wanted to help in honoring their mother, Jennifer Butler Smith, who is a 6 year cancer survivor. This is an annual project by them as their contribution to women’s issues programs for the Daughters of the American Revolution.

The chapter meets every 2nd Saturday at 10:00 a.m. each month at the Melting Pot Genealogical Society Library. Women 18 years and up are always welcomed guests. The chapter will hold its Christmas meeting on December 9th. This year the chapter will be collecting toys for children in Malvern.

Hot Springs of Arkansas Chapter DAR members, friends, husbands, grandchildren, Boy Scouts, Adventure Scouts, and Cub Scouts proudly honored our veterans by placing 290 American Flags in the Morning Star Cemetery on Veterans Day. Shari Holcomb, cemetery association president, and nephew were there to help the volunteers with their questions and placement of the flags. The chapter is very grateful to all who participated. Many hours went into researching and updating the names of the interred veterans by member Sue Rogers. Her husband created a tool to help push holes in the hard ground for the flags. Previous research and publication was done by member Jimmie Lois Jones in 2007. All the volunteers recorded those whose names were not on the list. They also checked off those who were on the list. Many veterans did not have grave markers. This endeavor could not have taken place without the generous contribution of American Flags from the Modern Woodmen of the World and dedication of the volunteers. Further work will be done by Shari Holcomb and member Carol Nash Smith.
**Within our Chapters**

**Maria Van Buren Chapter in Clinton**

Maria Van Buren DAR members celebrate Veterans Day in three Counties.

November 10th Regent Carolyn Marshall and Vice Regent Alice George posted Colors at Clinton High School for Clintons’ first ever annual Veterans celebration in Van Buren County.

On the 11 month, 11 day, 11th hour in Searcy County, DAR members Carolyn Marshall, Virginia Kelley, Janie Fullilove, Alice George, along with members Joyce Tudor, and Lucinda Rolen who are residents of Marshall, presented Poppy’s to attendee’s. The Veterans Day program was presented to a full house.

In Cleburne County, Maria Van Buren member Diane Hall presented a wreath at Veterans Day program in Heber Springs Park.

**Little Red River Chapter in Heber Springs**

Ladies of the Little Red River Chapter filled Christmas boxes at their December chapter meeting. The boxes were delivered to the Pine Mountain Veterans Home and were opened on Christmas morning.

Merry Christmas Veterans!!
Within our Chapters

Akansa Chapter in Hot Springs Village

The Akansa Chapter in Hot Springs Village several years ago placed collection boxes in each of our Fire Stations for area residents to drop off flags that were ready for retirement. In late Summer Flag Chair, Karen Serwatka, and Regent, Peggy Cara, made the rounds and picked up a “car load” of flags. A date was set, a committee formed and plans were made for a Community Wide Flag Retirement Ceremony.

On a beautiful day in late October, Daughters gathered at the home of Bettie Ann Salzwedel and prepared the flags we had collected for retirement. The weather was wonderful and we were able to work out on Bettie Ann’s porch. Saturday, November 18th -- The day finally came for our Retirement Ceremony. The storm clouds rolled in, the cold winds picked up, and bad weather was a good possibility. Not to be deterred, Daughters gathered and the Ceremony began with beautiful patriotic music by the Spa City Brass.

Garland County Girl Scouts braved the weather and fought the wind as our Color Guard.

Daughters, prospective members, families and guest gathered. Daughters shivered as they cut away the stripes and moved to the fire circle. The cut away stripes were laid across the fire by Daughters – the red stripes first, then the white. Last our Flag Chair and Veteran, Karen Serwatka, placed the blue field or Union. We ended by giving thanks for our Country and a pledge to love our flag, respect it and pay honor to it. Taps was played by new member and Veteran, Michele Hellstern.

On December 16, 2017, Daughters were humbled and honored to help at the two area Veteran Cemeteries in Little Rock and North Little Rock placing wreaths on the graves of our Veterans.

Earlier in the month wreaths were also placed at the National Cemetery in North Little Rock. Special accolades to DAR Akansa Daughter, Mary Ellen Larsen.

Just a few years ago this Cemetery had very few Christmas wreaths. Through her inspiration, much effort and with support from numerous organizations, businesses and individuals, the “Wreaths of Honor” group was formed and this National Cemetery is now covered with beautiful wreaths. Many DAR hours were spent making bows for these wreaths.

Pictured: Martha Mayland, Arkansas State DAR Project Patriot Chair, Bryna Mathis (Girl Scout and future DAR) Peggy Cara, Regent Akansa Chapter, Marjorie Griffith and Liz Mathis (prospective members), Susan Veal (Honorary Past State Regent of Arkansas) and kneeling, Maddie Mathis (Girl Scout and future DAR).

Within our chapters

Pine Bluff-John McAlmont Chapter in Pine Bluff

Pine Bluff-John McAlmont Chapter honored member, Helen Campbell, recently on the anniversary of her 75th year as a DAR member! Helen received a certificate signed by President General Ann Turner Dillon recognizing this remarkable member!

Helen credits her mother for her membership first in CAR and later DAR. Helen did not remember when she first became a CAR member, but in checking with CAR National Headquarters they show her membership date as November 8, 1934! Helen was a young girl in Abilene, Texas when she first became involved in CAR. December 2, 1942, is her anniversary date for DAR, again in Abilene, Texas.

Helen and her husband, George, moved to Pine Bluff in the early '50s. Not long after the move she transferred her membership to the Pine Bluff Chapter and the rest is history! Helen has been an active and vital part of DAR in Pine Bluff. She served as Public Relations Chair for fourteen years before becoming Program Chairman, a job she has held for 40 years!! She rarely misses a chapter meeting and is a great supporter of all chapter projects.

The January meeting program for the day was "Literacy", originally to be presented by Angela Hammond, Director of the Conway County Literacy Council. In her absence, Judy Calhoun offered specifics about the organization. She explained that the fundamental mission of the Literacy Council is to interrupt “intergenerational cycles of illiteracy” in our county by offering free and confidential, one-on-one tutoring by trained volunteers in reading, writing, math, and English as a second language.

General William Lewis Chapter in Morrilton

Pictured: Mara Cawein and Judy Calhoun

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Within our chapters

Harrison Colony Chapter in Harrison

Harrison Colony Chapter celebrated Native American Heritage Recognition Month at their November 14, 2017, meeting. Co-hostesses Lisa Whitmer and Valerie Waterman presented an array of Native American arts and artifacts collected over decades by their family as they served Native People through On Eagle’s Wings, an outreach of Ron Hutchcraft Ministries. Guests Lani Liew and Cynthia Davenport wore authentic Native costumes and told stories of their youth experiences as well as historical details of Native American life and culture. Nick Liew told some of his personal story as well as describing some of the unique challenges faced by Native Americans. He mentioned a newly released film “Wind River”. It is inspired by true events and is a reference to the thousands of actual stories involving sexual assault of women on reservations and Native communities. The attendees were served traditional holiday fare as well as Native American specialties such as Indian Fry Bread and ingredients to make Navajo Tacos.

Frederick Van Patten Chapter in Searcy

The Frederick Van Patten Chapter decorated a Veterans Christmas Tree on the East Portico of the White Co. Courthouse to honor our veterans during the month of December. The top held a gold star to honor the Gold Star Mothers. Under the star were the flags of each branch of the military along with the POW flag. All ornaments were red, white and blue, as was the tree, which was painted by a Chapter member.
Within our chapters

Grand Prairie Chapter in Stuttgart

Grand Prairie’s display at the Stuttgart Public Library for the Christmas holiday season. GPC keeps a themed display at the library continually. Veterans, schools, holidays, etc. have been featured since September, 2015. The Flag of the United States & our chapter DAR flag is included in all displays.

Grand Prairie Chapter members, Regent Allison Holland & Glenda Fread, visited the Voluntary Services Department at the Eugene Tobin VA Medical Center to deliver miscellaneous items in December. They were assisted by Junelle Mongno who was there representing her chapter, Major Jacob Gray.

Fort Smith Chapter in Fort Smith

Earlier this month Nancy Raney (Regent) and Cindy Osborn (Historian) were alerted from the National DAR offices that there were certain items listed for sale on eBay that pertained to our chapter from it’s early years. We pursued this information and contacted the seller who was located in Fort Smith. After many phone calls, texts and emails we were able to obtain these items. Among these items were the minutes of the first official organizing meeting on May 24, 1912, of the Martha Baker Thurman Chapter (renamed in 1960 to the Fort Smith Chapter). Also included were scrapbooks dating from 1944 to 1966, yearbooks from 1912 to 1957, minutes from 1912 to 1943, and many loose items including artifacts from Continental Congress’ of 1922, 1925, 1930 and 1931. These items are of great historical significance to our chapter, and will soon be relocated to the secure archival storage facility in Little Rock that the ASDAR has for just such as this.
**Within our chapters**

**Gilbert Marshall and Little Rock-Centennial Chapter in Little Rock**

Veterans Shoebox Drive Project—The Little Rock-Centennial Chapter and the Gilbert Marshall Chapter joined forces to collect various items to be put into shoeboxes for Christmas presents for veterans. On November 16, 2017, members from both chapters met to assemble and wrap the shoeboxes in Christmas paper. In each box were small personal items, gifts, candy and thank you notes in Christmas cards. A total of 50 shoe boxes were wrapped and delivered to The Veterans Shoebox Drive Project. On December 21-22 members from both chapters unloaded over 1400 shoeboxes and helped deliver them to the veterans at Towbin Medical Center and McClellan Veterans Hospital facilities under Central Arkansas Health Care System. In addition, members from both chapters helped deliver 50 boxes to the Veterans Home at Fort Roots, North Little Rock. Both Little Rock-Centennial Chapter and Gilbert Marshall Chapter are dedicated to continue working together on this project.

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**James K. Polk Chapter in Mena**

In November, we participated in the Polk County Veteran's Day Parade, and chapter member Kathy Adams presented a program on preserving the Mena train depot. Our December guest speaker was Bridget Martin from the Polk County Extension office. Her presentation on how to talk to your doctor was very informative and helpful. In January, our members enjoyed a wonderful presentation on Arkansas Backyard Birds. This was presented by Cossatot State Park interpreter, Shelley Flannery. We also hosted our annual Heritage Tea. We were honored with the presence of our State Regent, Jerrie Townsend; State Vice Regent Junelle Mongno; State Registrar Jane Moore; Honorary State Regents Mary Deere and Susan Veal; and many more guests. Our guest speaker was 2016 ASDAR History Teacher of the Year, Reggie Fryar.
Within our chapters

Jonesboro Chapter in Jonesboro

Members of Jonesboro Chapter NSDAR took part in the annual Veterans Parade in Jonesboro today.

They are Sarah Dacus, Treasurer; Barbara Cart, National Defense Chair; Jean Pasmore, DAR Good Citizen Chair and Robin Yates, Regent.

Jean’s son drove the truck that pulled the trailer.

Colonel David Love Chapter in Monticello

Arkansas State Regent Jerrie Townsend spoke at the January 3, 2018, DAR meeting at the Monticello Library. She brought with her a doll named "Mrs. Carolyn", which will be displayed outside the DAR room at the Old State House in Little Rock. The DAR Room property is owned by Arkansas DAR and is an 1800 period room, therefore, Mrs. Carolyn cannot be displayed inside the room. Colonel David Love Regent, Jody Gladden is pictured with Ms. Townsend and "Mrs. Carolyn".
**Within our chapters**

**James Bright Chapter in Bentonville**

James Bright Chapter gave a Community Service Award to Donna Spragg, who founded the Teen Action Support Center, which provides free counseling and support for troubled youth and their families in Northwest Arkansas.

In January our chapter donated books to a Pre-K school.

**Major Jacob Gray Chapter in Jacksonville**

Major Jacob Gray Chapter members were invited to do a American Revolution program during the Magness Creek Elementary School's Colonial Week. The fourth grade had studied about the early colonies all semester, followed by a week of dress-up in colonial costumes and programs. Regent Sharon Bode, Lyn Hicks, Mary Ford, Elizabeth Conti portrayed several different women patriots, Mary Hayes (Molly Pitcher), Sybil Ludington, Penelope Barker, Elizabeth Zane, Margaret Molly Corbin (Captain Molly), Nancy Morgan Hart, and Sarah Franklin Bache. The students had studied some of these women patriots.
Birthdays within our chapters

Happy Birthday to a Special Lady!

From the Major Jacob Gray Chapter in Jacksonville, Eleanor Louise Ewing Swineford.
Eleanor turns 90 Feb. 27.

Dear Arkansas Daughters,

Sending thanks and appreciation to the many daughters and chapters that have sent our unit multiple packages! I can't tell you how happy everyone has been - our mailroom has DAR boxes everywhere! Thank you Martha Davenport Mayland, Kari Weis, Jennifer Mitten, Arlene Pulner, Myrna Daniel, Lynn Ward, and Jennifer Brola!!! Many, many thanks for the generous packages full of perfect goodies!!!! Jane Douglas Chapter in TX, Robert Culp Chapter, Polly Cooper Chapter in NY, Prudence Hall Chapter in AR...it is such an honor to serve and we appreciate your support!!!!!

(This is a thank you note from a fellow DAR member who is deployed)

Good afternoon

The attached is the NSDAR AJR for Little Rock and NLR.

The NSDAR in Arkansas is one of the best supporting organizations at LR/NLR I appreciate the genuine concern for Veterans and the kindness and generosity!

Just this week NSDAR out surpassed all last years donations with 1,421 Shoe Box gifts. Nearly $28,000 in community gifts for Veterans!

Thanks again, should you have any questions please contact me

Michael R. Dobbs
Chief, Voluntary Services (135/NLR)
Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System
2200 Ft Roots Drive
North Little Rock Arkansas, 72114
Arkansas State Regent
Jerrie Townsend
and the
Chapters of the Osage District:

Abendschone                James Bright
Enoch Ashley                Lovely Purchase
Fort Smith                  Marion
Harrison Colony             Ozark Mountain

Cordially Invite You to Attend
The One Hundred Tenth Annual Conference of the
Arkansas State Society
Daughters of the American Revolution
March 29, 30, and 31, 2018
DoubleTree Hotel
Little Rock, Arkansas
Dear Cameo Society Members and Prospective Members:

Please join us for the Cameo Society Annual Meeting and Luncheon at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, March 29, 2018 in Salon B of the Double Tree Hotel in Little Rock. The cost of the luncheon is $30. Reservations must be received on or before March 6, 2018. Cancellations will be honored if received on or before March 6, 2018.

When you pay for your lunch, please send your $3.00 annual dues. If you will not attend the meeting and lunch, please mail your $3.00 annual dues with the form below. Alternatively, you may pay a lifetime membership of $40.00.

Would you like to join Cameo Society? NSDAR members who can prove active membership in conjunction with a mother, daughter, grandmother, granddaughter, sister, niece, or aunt are eligible to join. Our objectives are to promote understanding and fellowship between generations and to encourage the passage of genealogical information, family histories, and patriotism to subsequent generations. Please complete the application included with this letter and mail it with your one-time $5.00 application fee and $3.00 for the first year’s dues for both generations to our Cameo Society Treasurer, Joyce Wood, whose address is listed below.

Judy Coleman
Cameo Society President

Cameo Society Lunch Reservation and Membership Dues

Name________________________________________________________

Chapter Name________________________________________________

Street Address________________________________________________

City/State/Zip/Email____________________________________________

__Luncheon ($30) __Dues ($3) __Lifetime Dues ($40) __Application Fee ($5)

___ I wish to be served a vegetarian meal (same price applies)

Make checks payable to ASDAR Cameo Society and mail them to:

Joyce Wood
1 Alcazaba Way
Hot Springs Village, AR 71909-7763
wood-joyce@sbcglobal.net
Cameo Society

Application for Membership             Date:________________

Name_____________________________________ National No.__________

Address_______________________________________________________

City/State/Zip +4________________________________________________

Phone___________________ Chapter_______________________________

District_______________________ Date Accepted to NSDAR______________

Email address__________________________________________________

Proof of Eligibility

Name of Mother/Daughter/Grandmother/Granddaughter/Niece/Aunt in DAR: _____________________________

Your relationship_____________________

Her National No.____________ Date Accepted to NSDAR___________________

Address_______________________________________ City/State/Zip +4  ____________________ _________

Phone_____________________ Chapter_____________________________

District____________________ Email address_________________________

Years of Joint Membership: _________ to _________

List other Daughters eligible to join through this line:

____________________ Relationship to member___________

____________________ Relationship to member___________

Fill out ONE APPLICATION PER MEMBER, make check payable to ASDAR – Cameo Society and mail to:

Joyce Wood, 1 Alcazaba Way, Hot Springs Village, AR 71909-7763

wood-joyce@sbcglobal.net

Application Fee $5.00; Annual Dues $3.00; Lifetime Dues $40.00
Dear Chapter Regent:

Does your chapter have a 50-year Club member? If so, and if she will attend 2018 State Conference, please inform her of her invitation to sit at the special table for our members at the “Fanning the Flames of History” Luncheon on Friday, March 30, 2018, at 12:00 noon. This is the time when these long-time Daughters are officially recognized.

Also, please inform me when your 50 year member makes her luncheon reservation, so I can be sure that we will have a large enough table for all of us. An e-mail or phone call will do.

Your help in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Pat Richardson, President
50-Year Club

My e-mail: patriciarichardson799@yahoo.com
Phone: 501-227-0470
ARKANSAS ANNUAL STATE CONFERENCE MARCH 29 – 31, 2018

CREDENTIAL FORM for__________________________________________________________ CHAPTER

CHAPTER REGENT’S NAME________________________________________Will __ Will not __ Attend

CHAPTER VICE REGENT’S NAME________________________________Will __ Will not __ Attend

NAME____________________________________________________________Delegate__ or Alternate__

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CHAPTER REGENT’S SIGNATURE__________________________________________________

CHAPTER REGENTS - PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM BY March 6, 2018, TO:

Barbara Lewis, 11454 Long Tate Rd, Elkins, AR  72727-3520

Please copy this form as necessary for your chapter delegation

***Please bring a copy of the signed form(s) to the conference***
Chapter Regents Club
Arkansas State Society Daughters of the American Revolution
March 2018

Dear Chapter Regents,

The Chapter Regents Club Dinner will be Thursday, March 29, 2018, at 5:30 p.m. in Salon B of the DoubleTree Hotel in Little Rock. Please invite and encourage past Chapter Regents from your chapter to attend. You may copy this registration form as needed.

Dinner reservations should be made no later than March 6, 2018. Cancellations are honored if received by March 6, 2018.

Sincerely,

Mary Wynne
Chapter Regents Club

NAME:       Last - ____________________________First - ____________________________
ADDRESS: Street - ____________________________City - ____________________________
          State - ____________________________Zip - ____________________________
CHAPTER: _________________________________________________________________________

**________I wish to be served a vegetarian meal** (same price)

Make your $44.00 dinner reservation check payable to CHAPTER REGENTS CLUB – Mail to:

Frances Ryals
6422 S 41st St
Rogers, AR  72758-8604
479-899-7501 or fmryals@yahoo.com

RESERVATIONS ARE DUE BY: March 6, 2018

Cancellations are honored if received by March 6, 2018
Dear State Officers Club Members,

The State Officers Club Dinner will be held Thursday, March 29, 2018, at 5:30 p.m. in Salon A of the DoubleTree Hotel, Little Rock. This form may be photocopied for those who do not have e-mail.

Dinner menu includes: DoubleTree Salad, Marinated skirt steak, Mashed potatoes, Asparagus, Rolls, Butter, and Carrot Cake. The price includes coffee, herbal tea, and iced tea. A vegetarian option is available for the same price. Please note on form below.

Dinner reservations, with gratuity and sales tax included, are $44.00 per person. Your check and reservation must be received no later than March 6, 2018. If your letter arrives after that date, you will not be included. Cancellations are honored if received by March 6, 2018. DUES are $2. The Life Member dues are $40.00.

Sincerely,
Barbara Lewis, President

STATE OFFICERS CLUB DINNER RESERVATION

NAME____________________________________________________________

ADDRESS_________________________________________________________

Street

City ________________ State _______ Zip Code ____________

VEGETARIAN OPTION REQUESTED:________________________

Make check for $46.00, (dinner & annual dues), $44.00 (dinner only & already Life Member), or $86.00 (dinner & Life Member dues) payable to ASDAR State Officer’s Club, and mail to: Carol Miles
DOUBLETREE HOTEL REGISTRATION FORM

Complete Form & Mail to: DoubleTree Hotel, 424 West Markham, Little Rock, AR 72201
OR Phone: 501-372-4371 or 1-800-222-TREE (ASK FOR CODE:DAR) OR ONLINE by clicking on this link: https://secure3.hilton.com/en_US/dt/reservation/book.htm?

Send Confirmation To: Name ____________________________________________________
Address _____________________________________________________________________
City __________________________________________State _____  Zip ______
Phone (          ) ___________________

Reservation Cut-Off Date: March 6, 2018

Date/Time of Arrival:_______________       Date/Time of Departure:______________

Type of Accommodations (check): __one person __ 2 persons __ 3 persons __ 4 persons

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Concierge floor -- $20 above standard rate

Rates are subject to the applicable state and local occupancy taxes 15%.

Reservations must be guaranteed by an advance of one night’s lodging or an acceptable credit card number with current expiration date. Either guarantee is due thirty (30) days prior to the reservation date. If ONE of these guarantees is not received by the date due, your reservations will be cancelled.

Parking in the parking garage at the DoubleTree will be billed at the rate of $12.00 per day, PER ROOM, even with a validated ticket. The DoubleTree does not own or operate the garage. Ticket validation simply insures that you, as a hotel guest, are only charged ONE TIME PER DAY, PER ROOM, rather than every time you exit the garage.

Checks are not accepted unless presented with a valid driver’s license and one of the following credit cards: American Express, VISA, MasterCard, Diner’s Club, Discover, or Carte Blanche.

CREDIT CARD TYPE ___________________ NUMBER _______________________________________

NAME ON CREDIT CARD ___________________ EXPIRATION DATE _____________
MEAL RESERVATION AND REGISTRATION FORM
ARKANSAS STATE SOCIETY DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
Annual State Conference March 29-31, 2018
DoubleTree Hotel, 424 West Markham, Little Rock, Arkansas

We must have EVERY meal reservation and registration form by March 6, 2018. Only members of ASDAR pay the $7 registration fee but Chapter Regents must complete a separate registration form for each person attending Conference. A $10 late fee applies to registrations received after the deadline.

NAME_________________________________________ CHAPTER____________________________________
ADDRESS____________________________________________________________ PHONE (___) __________________________
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** _______I wish to be served Vegetarian Meals** (same price)

Please make checks payable to the ASDAR 2018 Conference and mail your check with this form on or before March 6, 2018, to:
Little Rock Convention and Visitors Bureau, c/o ASDAR, P.O. Box 207, Little Rock, AR 72203-0207

Please mark all that apply

_____National Officer_____ National Vice Chairman_____ Honorary State Regent_____ State Officer
Member _____State Chairman_____ District Director_____ Chapter Regent_____ Page_____
Junior _____HODAR_____Guest

NAME TAG SHOULD READ__________________________________________________________________ TITLE_________________________________________________________________________________

TOTAL ENCLOSED $____________________________
** _______I wish to be served Vegetarian Meals** (same price)

CREDENTIALS

_____ I am delegate _____ I am an alternate

**NO REFUNDS AFTER MARCH 6, 2018**

Please bring LRCVB registration confirmation with you to conference
A Newcomer's Guide to State Conference

Or

What I forgot since the last time I attended conference!

The ASDAR is thrilled to welcome new/newer active Members to State Conference!

Following are some frequently asked questions by newcomers.

What is State Conference and how do I find out the information?

Once a year in the spring, the State Society meets to report and celebrate the activities and accomplishments of the chapters and committees. In January "The Call to Conference" is sent to your chapter regent who shares it with chapter members. It includes information about the different banquets and the cost, as well as the special room rate at the designated hotel. Be sure to observe all deadlines. The forms are also available on the ASDAR State website http://members.arkansas-dar.org under the ASDAR State Conference tab.

What part can I play in a State Conference?

Attend the meetings and meals to learn more about the DAR. Every state officer and state chairman will give a report about the activities of her office or committee and each chapter regent will report about the activities of her chapter. Some reports include recognizing chapters for outstanding work within the committees, as this is part of the mission of the state conference.

What do I need to know about the meetings at the conference?

There is an aspect of the business meetings and meals that is quite formal. As the event begins, the State Regent enters the room preceded by someone applauding, and everyone in the room stands and applauds. When she gets to the platform, she welcomes everyone, leads the group in the opening exercises and asks everyone to be seated. Most of what we recite is quite familiar, including the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem. Other less familiar items include the American's Creed and the Salute to the Arkansas Flag. All are printed in the program.

There is also an opening ritual for the meal functions. The salad is often already on the table upon arriving. It is expected that no one picks up her fork to eat until the State Regent (presiding officer) has picked up her fork. After the salad is cleared, it is also polite not to begin eating the main course until everyone at your table is served. You cannot attend the meal function just to hear the speaker or the entertainment. You must have a meal ticket to attend. HODARs (Husbands of Daughters of the American Revolution) may purchase a ticket to attend the meal function and the entertainment or speaker. They cannot attend any of the business sessions.

Every chapter has a number of delegates who vote on the chapter's behalf. Get involved and get elected as a delegate. The best way to learn about DAR is to have the responsibility of making decisions that better the organization. As a delegate you may ask questions about an issue. To do so, stand and wait to be recognized by the State Regent. When recognized, address the State Regent ("Madame State Regent"), state your name and your chapter name and then your question. Never be embarrassed to ask a question. We all learn from them. Every registered attendee will receive a name badge. If you are a delegate, there will be a blue dot on your name badge. Only delegates may address the chair or vote on an issue.

Do not to move around the room when someone is speaking (i.e. the State Regent, a speaker, or someone giving a report). Move (including entering or leaving the room) between speakers. A page is usually stationed at the door to let you know when to come and go.
I heard someone mention DAR Pins, when is it proper to wear them?

State Conference is the perfect place to wear your pins. Wear them only to conference sessions; remove them or cover them with a scarf if going outside or eating in a restaurant. Remember that the insignia should not be worn on the street, in a restaurant, cocktail lounge, or other public place unless a DAR or allied function is taking place then and there. Wear the insignia pin with attire appropriate for DAR occasions. These include suits (skirted or pants), dresses, or pants with a suit jackets. The insignia pin should be worn over the left breast and only by active members. No other jewelry is to be worn on the left side when wearing the insignia pin with the exception of a flag pin, which is worn on the left lapel.

What kind of clothes do I need to bring?

You should dress appropriately for the climate and the dignity of the occasion. Business-casual is recommended for the daytime sessions. More formal or cocktail attire is recommended for the night sessions (i.e. long or tea-length dresses or appropriately formal pantsuits). Many members also bring a pair of white gloves for the teas, evening sessions, and receiving lines. Hats are worn by some at the Memorial Service although it is not required. Shoes should be comfortable. Since many members visit after hours, bring some comfortable clothes, too.

What else do I need to bring?

A suggested packing list:

- evening wear for two nights (it is perfectly acceptable to wear the same formal attire for both nights, or add a different jacket to change it up a bit)
- business or business-casual attire for three days
- money for meals not included in your registration
- comfortable clothes to wear after the evening activities
- jacket/sweater/wrap for the meeting room (it can be cold)
- white gloves (if you are a page, optional for others)
- hat for the Memorial Service (optional)
- camera (There is a hired photographer who will be selling prints of the photographs taken each day if you’d rather buy them)
- notebook and pen to take notes during the meeting
- DAR Insignia and other fun pins to wear on the right side
- spending money for shopping in the DAR Boutique and or from the Junior Shop-including those white gloves for the Memorial Service and the receiving line, DAR note pads, jewelry, etc!
- a tote bag for all of the goodies you will acquire, or you can buy one at the conference
SCHEDULED EVENTS

**Wednesday, March 28, 2018**
7:00 P.M. Executive Board—State Regent’s Suite – Presidential Suite, 12th Floor

**Thursday, March 29, 2018**
9:00 A.M.—6:00 P.M. Registration—Second Floor Lobby
10:30 A.M. Cameo Society Luncheon—Salon B
1:00 P.M. State Board of Management Meeting—Salon C
1:00 P.M. Page Rehearsal—Salon D
1:30 P.M. Chorus Rehearsal—Salon D
3:00 P.M. Memorial Service—Salon D
5:00 P.M. Group pictures—Second Floor Lobby
5:30 P.M. State Officers Club Dinner—Salon A
5:30 P.M. Chapter Regents Club Dinner—Salon B
7:30 P.M. 110th Annual Conference Opening Ceremony—Salon D
Following Opening Ceremony Hospitality Room—State Regent’s Presidential Suite, 12th Floor

**Friday, March 30, 2018**
7:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. Registration—Second Floor Lobby
8:30 A.M. - 11:45 A.M. Business Meeting—Salon D
12:15 Noon Luncheon—Salons A, B, C **50 Year Club Members Recognition**
Following Luncheon Business Session Continues—Salon D
2:30 P.M.—3:30 P.M. Conflict Resolution Workshop—Salon D
3:30 P.M.—4:30 P.M. Heritage and Founders Club Reception
3:45 P.M.—4:45 P.M. Chorus Rehearsal—Salon A, B, C
6:00 P.M. Group photos—Second Floor Lobby
7:00 P.M. Banquet—Salons A, B, C
Following Dinner Receiving Line—Second Floor Lobby

**Saturday, March 31, 2018**
7:00 A.M. Registration—Second Floor Lobby
8:30 A.M. Business Session—Salon D
10:00 A.M. “Celebrate Excellence” Award Ceremony—Salon D—Student & Teacher Award presentations
11:00 A.M. Award Winners Reception—Salon D
MENUS FOR 2018 STATE CONFERENCE
All meals inclusive of drinks of water, tea, or coffee and tax and gratuity

CAMEO SOCIETY LUNCHEON
THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 2018

DoubleTree Cobb Salad—Mixed Greens topped with Grilled Breast of Chicken, Bacon, Tomato, Boiled Egg, Avocado, Swiss Cheese, Crumbled Gorgonzola, served with choice of two dressings, rolls, crackers, and Key Lime Pie

Vegetarian -- Mixed Greens topped with Tomato, Boiled Egg, Avocado, Swiss Cheese, Crumbled Gorgonzola, served with choice of two dressings, rolls, crackers, and Key Lime Pie

STATE OFFICERS CLUB and CHAPTER REGENTS CLUB DINNERS
THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 2018

Skirt Steak—Marinated skirt steak served with Mashed Potatoes and Asparagus, DoubleTree Salad, Rolls, and Carrot Cake

Vegetarian — Ricotta Stuffed Manicotti topped with Marinara and Three Cheeses, French-Cut Green Beans with Red Peppers, DoubleTree Salad, Rolls, and Carrot Cake

****FRIDAY BREAKFAST IS ON YOUR OWN****

FRIDAY LUNCHEON
MARCH 30, 2018

Spinach and Tomato Airline Chicken – Spinach and Tomato Airline Chicken, Rice Pilaf & Broccolini, Ceasar Salad, Rolls, and Raspberry Crème Brulee’ Cheesecake

Vegetarian – Quinoa with Sautéed Vegetable Medley, Caesar Salad, Rolls, and Raspberry Crème Brulee’ Cheesecake

FRIDAY EVENING BANQUET
MARCH 30, 2018

Shaved Roast Beef – Shaved Roast Beef, Au Gratin potatoes, Vegetable Medley, Governor’s Salad, Rolls, and White Chocolate Mousse with Fresh Berries

Vegetarian – Grilled Portabella Mushroom, Stuffed with Seasonal Vegetables, Au Gratin potatoes, Governor’s Salad, Rolls, and White Chocolate Mousse with Fresh Berries

****SATURDAY BREAKFAST IS ON YOUR OWN****

If other dietary arrangements are needed, please contact Gretchen Magee, gretchenmagee@gmail.com or 479-866-0880
State Conference Protocol – A Guide for Attendees

For new and for old attendees, here is a little Protocol refresher for State Conference.

1. Don’t forget to stand at the entrance of the processional and the beginning of the beginning recessional. The processional usually begins with a bugle call or something sounding like it from the piano and that is to alert you to get to your feet because something special is about to begin. You will remain standing until after the opening exercises when the State Regent will tell you to be seated. The last person to enter the room is ALWAYS the State Regent and she is ALWAYS the first person to leave the platform at the beginning of the recessional. Even with the President General in attendance, the State Regent is considered the highest ranking member in the State and is always given that honor. Standing is a courtesy and honor to our State Regent and is a deserved recognition and tribute to her office and to her service to the organization.

2. When your Chapter Regent gives her report at State Conference, stand briefly to show pride for her work and the work of your chapter. You may stand briefly during the Memorial Service when names of your deceased chapter members or friends are read.

3. At meal functions, keep in mind, the meal doesn’t begin until the presiding officer picks up her fork. (At State Conference this will be the State Regent or the President of the clubs, i.e. Chapter Regents, State Officers, or Cameo Society)

4. When giving a report, address the chair only. (Madam State Regent) In addressing the chair, the State Regent will recognize you and in calling your name, gives you the floor. At a State business meeting, if you are a delegate and have a comment and/or question, rise to be recognized. When the State Regent recognizes you, please state your name and chapter name clearly, for the record.

5. It is always up to the State Regent as to whether or not to wear gloves for different functions. If you are to be part of the processional on Opening Night, the State Regent tells me that only long dresses and white gloves are appropriate. NO TEA LENGTH PLEASE. If you are a Chapter Regent, and will be taking part in the Opening Night Processional carrying your banner, please step into the Page Rehearsal immediately following the Board of Management meeting Thursday afternoon and get a quick tutorial so that you will know how to properly carry your banner. These banners can be difficult to carry unless you do it correctly. Also, during opening exercises, please remove the right glove for the Pledge and keep it off until after the singing of the National Anthem. Have nothing else in your hands while you recite the Pledge and while you are singing the National Anthem. Gloves will not be required for any other sessions. Those taking part in the Memorial Service, hat and gloves are optional. Members taking part in the opening night exercises (processional) and Memorial Service are asked to please arrive at least 20 minutes prior to the beginning of the function.

6. Only suits (pants or skirted), dresses, or pants with a suit jacket, are to be worn with our DAR insignias. Dress accordingly to show respect for our wonderful organization. That means never wearing your DAR pins with Capri’s, shorts, or jeans and never on a tee shirt. They are not to be worn in public places unless a DAR function is taking place there and then. State Conference attire is business casual for day sessions and formal or cocktail wear for evening events. Gloves are requested if you want to go through the receiving line. A large number of our State Conference attendees are anxious to meet our visitors, try to make your way through the receiving line quickly. Pages may encourage you to move along if you visit a too long. Some rooms in the hotel can be somewhat cool so a wrap might be considered.
7. Several years ago our State chapter banner stands self-destructed. Having no stands to put our banners in during Conference, we will use our chapter banners **only** on Opening Night during opening exercises. Please leave your banner stand at home and be prepared to take your banner following the Opening Night session.

**HODARS** – You know we welcome HODARS. They need to be registered, although you don’t have to pay a registration fee for them. They must have tickets for any meal/speaker function they attend. **Business sessions are for members only.** We look forward to meeting your HODAR at State Conference.

**DELEGATES** – If you are attending State Conference as a Delegate, you are there to help make the important decisions for our wonderful State Society. You will receive a name badge complete with a “blue dot” on it to signify your ability to vote. Your vote will not be counted if you are not wearing your name badge, complete with the “blue dot”.

All meal functions must have a ticket. No one will be allowed to attend, **JUST** to hear the speaker.

Please don’t hesitate to touch base with me if you have any questions.

See you soon,

Teri Bethge
State Protocol Chairman teri@bethge.net
Student & History Teacher Award Ceremony
REGISTRATION FORM
Student/Parent/Teacher and/or Guest
Saturday March 31, 2018

ARKANSAS STATE SOCIETY DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
Annual State Conference March 29-31, 2018
DoubleTree Hotel, 424 West Markham, Little Rock, Arkansas

We must have EVERY REGISTRATION FORM by Tuesday, March 6, 2018. Chapter Regents MUST complete a registration form for EACH person attending the Conference Awards Ceremony. NO REGISTRATION FEES REQUIRED.

NAME______________________________________________________________

CHAPTER___________________________________________________________

Guest name Sponsoring

ADDRESS______________________________________ PHONE (___) ________

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Guest address

CITY/STATE/ZIP____________________________________________________________________

Please mail this form on or before March 6, 2018, to:

Barbara Lewis
11454 Long Tate Rd
Elkins, AR  72727-3520

Please indicate your status

___Teacher___ Student___ Parent___ Guest
Classroom Grant Award Program

Why Classroom Grants?

Since its inception, the Helen Pouch Memorial Fund has traditionally supported the DAR’s mission of Education. The history of the fund has shown a desire by Juniors to help as many students as possible.

Supporting a classroom in each state allows for states and Juniors to see the impact of our fundraising, no matter their proximity to a DAR supported school.

We can easily grow this program to impact more classrooms and more students across the country. The greater our gifts to Helen Pouch, the greater our give to children and education can be.

Two grants are available for each state and the District of Columbia.

Applicants must be a classroom teacher for grades kindergarten through 12th grade.

Must be sponsored by a local DAR chapter and complete the grant award application.

Proposed projects must directly benefit students in the classroom. Funds may be used for supplies and educational resources but the applicant must detail how these items help to further the educational goals of the DAR. Grants must directly impact students and may not be used for continuing education/workshops for the teacher.

How do teachers apply for the grant? How does a state determine their winner? Let’s talk program administration!
Application process will begin in February each year, once funding availability has been determined.

Once the application period has ended, a panel of three judges will review the applications for their state and determine a Winner and Runner-Up.

The panel of judges will consist of the State Junior Membership Chair, a Junior Member, and a DAR member who is an educator.

The DAR member who is an educator may also be a Junior member.

The educator does not have to be a current teacher, she may be retired or currently working in a different field.

The State Chair submits her state’s winner and runner-up to the National Junior Membership Chair by the designated date.

The National Chair and the National Vice Chair will certify each state’s winner.

Should a state not submit a grant award winner, the National Chair or Vice Chair may award that state’s grant to the runner-up of another state. No more than three grants will be issued to one state if a runner-up is awarded.

Preference will be given to states within the same division as a state not submitting a grant award winner.

Grant Award Winners will be announced at Continental Congress.

Awards will be distributed in July/August upon verification of current employment with the school district.

The grant is a one-time award and recipients are not eligible to re-apply in future years.

**Timeline**

**Early 2018** - Applications sent to State Junior Membership Chairs to then forward to chapters.

**February 15 through April 1, 2018**—Application process open to classroom teachers.

**May 15, 2018**—Deadline for submitting the state winner and runner-up to the National Junior Membership Chair.
August 31, 2018
Awards mailed to teacher.

December 31, 2018
Report of project sent the National Vice Chair or upon project completion of the project.

How to distribute information.

Each applicant should receive the application and information sheet.
Distribute to chapters in your state via email, snail mail, social media.
Get the word out however you can and as quickly as possible.

Anticipated Questions

How will this program effect our commitment to the DAR Schools?
It won’t! The Junior Membership committee and Helen Pouch Memorial Fund have an annual commitment of $120,000 to the DAR Schools. Priority for fundraising will always be given to the DAR Schools.

How will this program effect the Helen Pouch Memorial Fund National Project?
It won’t! After our commitment to the DAR Schools, the Junior Membership Committee will fulfill our obligation to the adopted National Project for that year prior to accepting grant award applications.

The annual grant award amount will be approved by the Executive Board of Management at the February Board of Management meeting after reviewing the total amount available for disbursement for the Helen Pouch Memorial Fund from contributions and fundraising for the prior year.

Are DAR members who are classroom teachers eligible to apply for grants?
Yes, though we recommend that you seek out non-DAR members in order to broaden awareness of our organization.
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Should we do anything to recognize our grant award winner?

Of course! Consider making a ceremonial check presentation to the winner at your state’s fall meeting or holding a special ceremony at the recipient’s classroom or at a meeting of the sponsoring DAR chapter. You could also recognize your winner during your State Conference in the spring and allow the teacher to speak about the impact the grant has had on their classroom. Write an article about the project for your state’s newsletters. Submit details to the National Junior Membership newsletter, The Explorer.

Can we “break up” our award to address the needs of multiple recipients?

No, just one winner will be chosen per state so that our dollars may have the most impact possible in per classroom.

Who is considered a classroom teacher?

A classroom teacher is a teacher that teaches in a public or private school system. They can teach core subject or other group setting classes in grades K-12. Subjects relating to special individual programs like speech or occupational therapy would not be eligible. The teacher holds a contract for the following school year and can have the application endorsed by a principal, headmaster, or superintendent. Home school teachers are not considered classroom teachers. The goal of the classroom grant program is to do the greatest good for the great number of students. Thank you for your interest in the program.

Can a state award grants from their own funds?

All funds raised by the Juniors for the Helen Pouch Memorial Fund must be submitted to the Treasurer General for the Helen Pouch Memorial Fund. The more we grow the Helen Pouch Memorial Fund, the more we can give! We are better together and can make a stronger impact working as one. If states begin to hold back money to give their own grants, our fund total will suffer and we will see a decrease in what we have available to disburse to the DAR Schools, National Project and Classroom Grant Program.