



# Illinois

## DAR NEWS

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**State Theme:**  
Education Rings the  
Bell for Liberty

**State Symbol:**  
Liberty Bell of the West

**State Motto:**  
Educate, Celebrate,  
*America 250!*

**State Scriptures:**  
“Now the Lord is that  
Spirit; and where the  
Spirit of the Lord is,  
there is liberty.”  
*2 Corinthians 3:17 [KJV]*

“For the entire law is  
fulfilled in keeping this  
one command: ‘Love  
your neighbor as  
yourself.’”  
*Galatians 5:14 [NIV]*

**State Song:**  
“You’re a Grand Old  
Flag!”

### State Regent’s Message

Dear Illinois Daughters-

These past few months have taken me on a joyful journey throughout Illinois as chapter visits and program presentations continued statewide. In September, I traveled to District VI; in October, District VII; and in November, District V. With harvest season in full swing, the views along the way were breathtaking—golden fields, bright skies, and the welcoming charm of rural Illinois.

I am deeply grateful to the chapters for their flexibility in scheduling. Your willingness to adjust dates and accommodate my travel needs is sincerely appreciated. To date, I have completed 37 chapter visits. During the winter and spring months, I will continue scheduling the remaining chapters through May of 2027. If your yearbook lists a TBD or you have a speaker cancellation, please contact me to see if I have an opening in my schedule.

My sincere appreciation goes to District Directors Barb Buchanan, Lynda Kerstein and Jeanne Bierman for arranging schedules, transportation, and assistance with the State Regent’s Store. I am also thankful to Barb Easter, Doda Starkey, Liberty Bell of the West Chapter, Jesse Gordon, Daniel H. Brush, and Wabash Chapters for providing accommodations along the way.

To every chapter I visited: thank you for your warm hospitality, gracious welcomes, and the meaningful conversations we shared. Illinois DAR is truly thriving in all areas of our state, and I am grateful for the wonderful memories that will stay with me for a lifetime.

- Please review the **Important Deadlines** calendar to be aware of essential dates for dues, CMR, CAA, delegate election and credentials.
- Keep up the great membership work and remember that our State Registrar and Volunteer Genealogists are ready to assist you with workshops in your area.
- Please plan to attend our 130<sup>th</sup> State Conference, April 23-26, as we celebrate **America 250!**
- Join us to attend the 135<sup>th</sup> Continental Congress – let’s show strong support for Honorary State Regent Debra Ross Coe, Vice President General Candidate!

Wishing you a very Happy Holiday Season!

*Marria*

Marria Elliott Blinn  
State Regent 2025-2027





## State Regent's Itinerary:

### December

6: Ansel Brainerd Cook AM  
7: Perrin-Wheaton PM  
9: Signal Hill AM  
11: Letitia Green Stevenson  
AM  
13: Swallow Cliff AM  
24 : Christmas Eve  
25: Christmas Day

### January

3: Sauk Trail PM  
8: Eli Skinner PM  
9: Elias Kent Kane PM  
10 : Founders Crossing AM  
11: Aurora Chapter PM  
17: Swallow Cliff Chapter –  
Memorial Service PM

### February

4-7: National Board of  
Management, DC  
14: Isle a la Cache AM  
20: Illini AM  
21: Fox River Valley AM  
21: Carroll Jo Daviess PM

*If your chapter has not yet hosted the State Regent for a visit and you have a Yearbook TBD date or a speaker cancellation, please contact the State Regent to see if she is available for a visit.*

## State Chaplain's Corner

Dear Daughters,

In many ways, this is my favorite time of the year! The leaves changing colors, seeing pumpkins in the fields, the bountiful harvest, and the first snow of winter, which makes the world seem quiet for a moment.

Yet, this time of year can be especially challenging, and emotions can trigger feelings of loss or loneliness, even feelings of being overwhelmed. I encourage you to take time for self-care even if you are not experiencing these feelings; the holidays can be a stressful time. Here are a few suggestions:

- Get a massage or a pedicure.
- Join a book club (DAR has many of those).
- Call a friend, someone you haven't seen in a while.
- Take a DAR class; visit [DAR Leadership Training Overview | Daughters of the American Revolution](#).
- Join a Daughter's Online Community.
- Connect with your faith and the traditions you hold dear.

Always remember you are not alone, and the connection we have as Daughters is a genuine bond of friendship and purpose. I pray that you will have a blessed and beautiful holiday season! Psalms 133:1

Blessings,

*Debby Katzman*

## News From the State Registrar

The Organizing Secretary General has announced a "Special Gift to Celebrate America 250." The first 5,000 members to rejoin will not be required to pay the \$10 reinstatement fee during the campaign period.

How Chapters Can Get Involved:

- Reach out personally to former members with a note or call-your invitation makes all the difference.
- Share campaign posts and graphics on your chapter's website and social media pages.
- Host a "Welcome Back" event to celebrate returning members.
- Encourage chapter officers to assist with reinstatement steps and answer questions about the process.

The fee will be paid by the National Society as a gift to support continued membership and to celebrate the enduring spirit of service, patriotism, and fellowship that defines the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Another gift from National is that all Genealogical Education Program (GEP) courses are "buy one, get one half off" for a limited time.

*Carol Borner*

## Update from the State Historian

A huge thank you to all the chapters who have contacted me with questions regarding the upcoming Illinois History Book project; we have fielded some great questions. We appreciate the chapters who have already submitted their updated histories. Just a reminder, your chapter histories are due by January 15, 2026. If you have further questions or need help with the project, please contact me at [bosslady5761@gmail.com](mailto:bosslady5761@gmail.com) (309) 212-8746 or Luanne Bruckner at [lubuckner49@gmail.com](mailto:lubuckner49@gmail.com) (563) 212-8514.

*Paula Garrett Weiser*



## America 250!

Jacqueline S. Joines, State Chair

There are less than 220 Days until July 4, 2026, and it is time for your chapter to plan, execute, and document your Semiquincentennial Celebration activities. Chapters learned about Club 250 at DAR Days and will want to be recognized in that club at State Conference. The deadline to be included in Club 250 is March 1, 2026, and the activity must take place between July 1, 2025, and March 1, 2026, to qualify. If you need more information on Club 250 guidelines, go to the Illinois State Organization members website, go to the SIP section, and to America 250! Committee. Submissions should be sent to [jsjoines@gmail.com](mailto:jsjoines@gmail.com). The goal is for ALL chapters to be included, so get busy!

## Americanism

Susan Burgess, State Chair

Chapters are encouraged to distribute the *DAR Manual for Citizenship* and celebrate new citizens through “Welcome New Citizen” events. Honor an outstanding U.S.-born citizen with the DAR Medal of Honor for exceptional service to community and country. Nominate a naturalized citizen for the DAR Americanism Medal, requiring at least five years of citizenship and service helping others gain citizenship. Applications are due **December 15** for consideration at the 2026 Continental Congress. Visit the national website for details.

<https://www.dar.org/members/committees/service-committees/americanism/forms>

## Community Classroom

Jennifer May, State Chair

### **American Revolution Legacy Grants**

The DAR is offering grants to PreK-College teachers and administrators who support education initiatives or student programs, enhance student academic performance, and reward creative approaches to support higher levels of student learning. Winning grants will be for new projects/initiatives that focus on the theme of “Illuminating Our Legacy.”

Up to 20 grants will be awarded during the 2026 program. The maximum amount that can be requested is \$5,000. Deadline for applying is January 30, 2026. The teacher must be endorsed by a chapter. For more information, check out the Community Classroom website and click on Legacy Grants. The website is:

<https://www.dar.org/members/committees/service-committees/community-classroom/dar-american-revolution-legacy-grant>

For more information, please contact me: [Jrmay1@att.net](mailto:Jrmay1@att.net)

## DAR Leadership Training

Peggy Wilken, Members Course Coordinator

### Expanding your knowledge and skills!

Are you looking for something to do over the holidays?

Consider completing one or more of the DAR's course programs! You may begin a course independently at any time or join us in January for a Fast Track option, where members will work together to complete the Members, New Horizon or Leadership courses.

As part of the Fast Track, we will host Zoom meetings every other week to help members stay on schedule. This is an excellent opportunity to learn alongside your state coordinators and other DAR members. These engaging courses will deepen your understanding of DAR's many opportunities that will help you grow as a leader within your chapter. We hope you will join us to make your DAR journey even more rewarding!

For more information or to register for classes, contact:

Members Course: Peggy Wilken / [peggy@siu.edu](mailto:peggy@siu.edu)

New Horizon Course: Selena Levitt / [selenamlevitt@msn.com](mailto:selenamlevitt@msn.com)

Committee Leaders Course: Cyndi Valencia / [iscardar@gmail.com](mailto:iscardar@gmail.com)

## DAR Records Preservation

Christine Harmon, State Chair

The DAR Records Preservation Committee is launching the Texas Reparations Claims Indexing Project and seeks volunteers to help preserve valuable genealogical history. The project features typed records from 1716–1994 containing names, relationships, and locations of individuals who documented lineage for reparations claims. Indexing is simple, can be done from home, and includes full instructions and online training. Interested volunteers may complete the brief registration form.

To participate, click the link below and answer four brief questions:

[Volunteer Registration Form](#)

For questions, please contact me: [cdharmon1227@gmail.com](mailto:cdharmon1227@gmail.com) or 630-707-7709.

## DOC / Daughters Online Community

Jennifer May, State Chair

Have you heard? There are two ways that you can get onto the Daughters Online Community?

One way is to go to [community.dar.org](http://community.dar.org) and log in on your computer and the other way is now the new app! Both Apple and Android versions are available and give you the ability to receive real-time notifications, post and reply to conversations in DOC Communities, and stay informed without needing to log in from your computer. Get all the details in the DOC App Toolkit here: <https://www.dar.org/.../daughters-online.../doc-app-toolkit>

Questions? Just let me know. [Jrmay1@att.net](mailto:Jrmay1@att.net)

## Insignia

Cathy Carlton, State Chair

The First Generation pin is now available to eligible members. To purchase, members must first prove that they are the first in their families to have joined DAR within three generations. This means that no relative, from the grandparents' generation down, nor children or grandchildren, have joined DAR before the applicant.



Members must complete the First Generation Pin Verification form, found under one of the following sections of the DAR Members' website: Resources, Insignia Committee, Application Verification Support Committee, or the

DAR Insignia Store. Be sure to read the Frequently Asked Questions list. And yes, you may complete the application for a relative or friend who may be eligible. You will be notified once authorized.

## JAC / Junior American Citizens

Laura Kwak, State Chair

Junior American Citizens (JAC) Committee has a deadline of 1/1/26 to submit Art, Creative Expression, or Community Service contest entries to the state chair. Additionally, the Illinois America 250! Youth Poster Contest entry deadline is 1/15/26.

## Around the State

### District III



DAR Daughters wear Red on Friday for support of service men and women. District III Fall Meeting November 7, 2025.

### District IV



On November 14 and 15, fourteen Illinois District IV Daughters and one HODAR from six chapters participated in the Winter 2025 Chicago Veterans Stand Down. Over 375 disadvantaged veterans received winter clothing and coats collected by District IV including over 200 hat/gaiter sets which were hand-made by a 92-year old mother of one of our members.

### Captain William Penny Chapter

The Captain William Penny Chapter presented treats for the firefighters at the Chatham Fire Department on First Responder's Day, October 28. Pictured with the firefighters are Diana Weyhenmeyer, Past Chapter Regent and State American History Chair, Francie Staggs, Chapter Regent, and Leslie Gumm, Chapter Historian/Librarian.



### Christiana Tillson Chapter



The chapter held its 10<sup>th</sup> annual Trivia Night on Saturday, 11/8. We collected over 250 Christmas/Thank you for your service cards for veterans.

On Sunday 11/9, we held a wreath presentation and poetry reading at the Ware's Grove Lutheran Church Veteran's Memorial dedication where our Revolutionary War flags were on display. The flags were also displayed at the Hillsboro Veterans Memorial on Veterans Day in which we participated.

## Elias Kent Kane Chapter



In October, the Elias Kent Kane Chapter was honored to welcome firefighters from the St. Charles Fire Department for a program on the Role of the First Responder. Chapter members brought treats; the visit concluded with a behind-the-scenes tour of Station 1. Members also delivered treats and thank-you cards to first responders throughout our communities.

## Fort Massac Chapter

Fort Massac Chapter NSDAR celebrated America250! During State Regent Marria Blinn's visit. On October 17 and 18, at the Fort Massac Encampment, members distributed postcards featuring the statue of George Rogers Clark and information about his and his men's role in conquering the West during the Revolutionary War. Visitors signed a replica of the Declaration of Independence. On Veterans Day Fort Massac Chapter distributed flags at the ceremonies in Metropolis. At their November 22 meeting, they awarded a Quilt of Valor to a female Vietnam-era veteran.



## Fort Payne Chapter

Naperville's Fort Payne Chapter celebrated its Day of Service Saturday, October 25 at Veterans' Valor Memorial in Central Park. The chapter has participated in the park district's Adopt-A-Park program for many years by planting and maintaining garden plots on both sides of the memorial plaza at the entry to Central Park. Fort Payne has managed these gardens every year since 2015. Our America 250 summer will certainly bring a patriotic red, white, and blue display in the garden! With respect and gratitude, we place a Christmas holiday wreath annually at this memorial.

## General John Stark Chapter



The chapter decorated the childhood bedroom of NSDAR Curator General Patience Ellwood Towle at the Ellwood Museum in DeKalb. The America250! committee decided that part of the decorations would be a "Patriot Tree" with the patriot names of chapter members. Each room in the mansion is decorated by a different organization for the holiday tours.

Mrs. Towle grew up in DeKalb and was the Missouri State Regent (1983-1985) before her national position as Curator General (1986-1989). Chapter members involved in decorating were Carol Iskowich, Debbie Gross, Dawn Wexell, Angie Titus, Jan Scheer, Mary Pritchard, Jeanne Burau, and Donna Willrett.

## George Rogers Clark Chapter

Mary Ann Porcznik with the League of Women Voters of Oak Park-River Forest spoke at the chapter meeting on Saturday, November 8th. She addressed the rich history of the League in the area. She also outlined the League's current programs and upcoming projects, leaving many possibilities for partnering with the League in future collaborations.



## Isle a la Cache Chapter

Members spent Saturday, November 8, stuffing 100 Christmas stockings and sorting donations at the Operation Support Our Troops warehouse in Lisle. C.A.R. members and spouses assisted. We donated over 1,200 items—69 pounds total—to be sent to military members in care packages and Christmas stockings.



## Jesse Gordon Chapter



### The Oldest Church in Jackson County

Chapter member Sharon Jones provided help in preserving the artifacts for the oldest church in Jackson County and for the Methodist Church exhibit.

At our September 9, 2025 meeting, we honored two members for their years of service: Pictured: **Dorothy Karsten** (left) 20 years of service; **Ruby Sendek** (right) 5 years of service

## Looking Glass Prairie Chapter

The chapter recently celebrated 15 years of service with a party with State Regent Marria Blinn and District VI Director in attendance.

The chapter organized a lunch and bingo for homeless veterans at a local shelter in East St Louis, Illinois. We purchased much-needed supplies for the kitchen, and members also donated games, puzzles, books, and furniture for the center. After lunch, we played bingo and provided prizes. Each veteran also received a goodie bag to go with candy, personal supplies, and a deck of cards. The funds came from a State Regent grant, chapter funds, and personal donations.



## Ninian Edwards Chapter



Ninian Edwards Chapter donated almost 9,000 patriotic pencils to the grade schools in the Riverbend area to encourage them to plan a celebration in their schools for America's birthday.

## Pierre Menard Chapter

Pierre Menard Chapter (Petersburg) was greatly pleased to welcome State Regent Marria Blinn to our November chapter meeting. Standing next to our fall decorated bell, Madame State Regent was gifted with several items honoring her bell theme including our Chapter's America 250! logo, designed by one of our Junior members, which was printed on the Menard County Historical Society 2026 calendar and on the chapter's fundraising tote bags.



## Sauk Trail Chapter



Marilyn Tapajna, Natalie Littva-Mitchell, Suzette Frederick, Sharron Hanson, & Robin Willis

On Saturday, September 27, Sauk Trail Chapter Secretary Loleta Knight and her husband, Jim Fernandes, picked up the [American Revolution Experience Traveling Exhibit](#) from Carol Stream and brought it to the Crete Public Library. On hand to assemble and set up the exhibit were past regents Robin Willis and Marilyn Tapajna and Librarian Natalie Littva-Mitchell, Treasurer Suzette Frederick, Sharron Hanson, and her son Kal.

After their October meeting, Sauk Trail Chapter Daughters prepared and delivered fruit and snack bowls for First Responders for Day of Service 2025.

## Constitution Week in Springfield

Springfield and Sergeant Caleb Hopkins Chapters commemorated Constitution Day by holding their annual "Bells Across America" event where they received a proclamation from the City of Springfield. State Regent Marria Blinn and Constitution Week Chair Suzie Wurth were in attendance. Wurth delivered a moving speech, and event participants rang handbells 238 times to represent the 238<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the U.S. Constitution.



## Thomas Walters



At a genealogy workshop, held for the Thomas Walters Chapter area, (L to R), Sharon Bittner, State Organizing Secretary; Karen Ghigi, Registrar for the Black Partridge Chapter; and Carol Borner, State Registrar, examine applications and proofs for new members. Also assisting were Chapter Regent Ellie Toomer; Genealogy Group Advisor Honorary State Regent Gloria Flathom and Gail Chambers, Volunteer Genealogist Chair. The workshop brought in seven possible members!

## Toussaint Du Bois Chapter

In fall 2025, the chapter received a state grant to restore and conserve a historical doll collection belonging to the Lawrence County Historical Society. One of only a few complete collections in the U.S., these Kimcraft Company dolls date from 1940s - 1980s and were handmade by Aileen McKim, a professional doll designer in Independence, Missouri. Therefore, no two are exactly alike. Some of the silk dresses had deteriorated, stuffing needed to be refreshed, and each doll needed a thorough cleaning. Chapter members, working with the Historical Society and a doll restorer, undertook a conservation project to preserve these priceless artifacts, that serve as a visual reminder of our American history. The newly conserved collection is ready to commemorate the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United States.



Illinois State Organization DAR

# Pages Needed

Members ages 18-40 can serve as pages at State Conference and Continental Congress!

State Conference  
April 23-26, 2026

Continental Congress  
June 24-28, 2026

**We Need Help With**

- ✓ Assisting attendees
- ✓ Carrying flags in processions
- ✓ Personal pages for visiting regents
- ✓ Selling voices

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February 10, 2026

## Important Deadlines

### December 2025

- 1 – Postmark deadline to remit chapter dues to National and State to be “on-time” and have voting delegates at State Conference and Continental Congress
- 1 – National donation deadline to be counted in 2025 CMR and CAA

### 2026

#### January

- 30 – Submission deadline for CAA and CMR Report (online)

#### February

- 10 – Submission deadline for March 2026 newsletter
- 28 – Last day to submit member dues to National. Unpaid members will be dropped by National.

#### March

- Election of delegates to Continental Congress **must** occur no later than March
- 20 – State Credentials form due – firm deadline

#### April

- 15 – NSDAR Credentials deadline – Necessary to vote at Continental Congress
- 23 – 26 Illinois 130<sup>th</sup> State Conference

#### June

- 24 – 28 NSDAR 135<sup>th</sup> Continental Congress

## List of Deceased Members from Past Administration

### DISTRICT I:

#### Peoria

Violet Sulaski,  
51-year member

#### Chief Shaubena

Mary Worthington  
45-year member  
Chapter Honorary Regent

### DISTRICT III:

#### Chief Pontiac

Joan Welch  
43-year member

#### Governor Bradford

Carol Courson  
34-year member

Margaret Powell

46-year member

#### Stephen A. Douglas

Barbara Gerichs

### DISTRICT IV:

#### North Shore

Mary Harroun  
21-year member

### DISTRICT V:

#### Dorothy Quincy

Mary Bates  
68-year member  
Chapter Honorary Regent

#### Reverend James Caldwell

Ruth Lepper

### DISTRICT VI:

#### Cahokia Mound

Margaret Watson  
56-year member  
Chapter Past Regent

#### Toussaint Du Bois

Marie Null  
49-year member

#### Whiteside Station

Linder Osterdock  
36-year member

### DISTRICT VII:

#### Beaucoup Creek

Ruby Porter  
47-year member

## Memorials, Honoraria, and Gifts

State Regent Marria Blinn would like to express her gratitude for the outpouring of generosity in the form of Honoraria, Memorials and Gifts. Thank you for your support and commitment to Illinois DAR's America 250! legacy project - the Liberty Education Plaza.

### Memorials

To State Regent's Project for Marilyn Earnest by Deborah Coe, Chief Shaubena  
To State Regent's Project for Mary Lulu Bates by Dorothy Quincy  
To Illinois State Good Citizens Committee for Chloe Hoaglin by Carol Wylder, DeWitt Clinton  
To Illinois DAR Genealogical Library for Ethel Miner by Stephen A. Douglas  
To Illinois DAR Service for Veterans for Claude Wesley Davis Jr. by Swallow Cliff  
To Illinois DAR Conservation for Betty Ford by District VI

### Honoraria

To State Regent's Project for Marria Blinn by District II; Abraham Lincoln; Daniel H Brush; Fort Massac; Governor Thomas Ford; Jesse Gordon; Michael Hillegas; Silver Creek; Lois Adams, Pierre Menard; B.A. Church, Chicago; Bill Maglin; Sue Maglin  
To State Regent's Project for Mary Arvidson by Louis Joliet  
To State Regent's Project for Nancy Gillfillan by District II  
To State Regent's Project for Honorary State Regent Luanne Bruckner by District II  
To State Regent's Project for Honorary State Regent Gloria Flathom by Barb Buchanan  
To State Regent's Project for Michelle Wilson by District IV  
To State Regent's Project for Cyndi Valencia by District II  
To State Regent's Project for Laurie Perry by General John Stark, Kishwaukee Trail  
To State Regent's Project for Jane Faust by Governor Bradford  
To Illinois DAR Genealogical Library for Jan Hardy Berning by Eldonna Willrett, General John Stark  
To Illinois DAR Service for Veterans for Dawn Wexell by Eldonna Willrett, General John Stark  
To Monument and Marker Maintenance for Mary Pritchard by Eldonna Willrett, General John Stark

### Gifts

To State Regent's Project Illinois Liberty Bell by Eldonna Willrett, General John Stark  
To Illinois Genealogical Records Binding by Eldonna Willrett, General John Stark  
To State Regent's Project by Sauk Trail

### PLEASE NOTE:

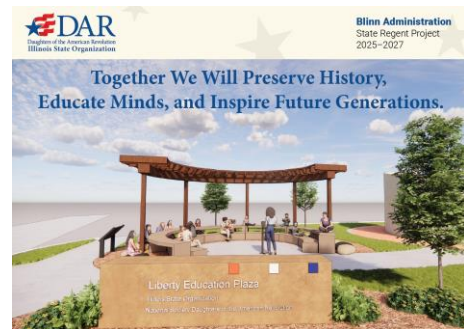
Chapter Treasurers, it is your responsibility to complete the Illinois DAR News Money Donation form and send it with the donations to the State Treasurer, who verifies the donations and forwards them to be printed in the newsletter. A separate form should be used for each fund to which the chapter or member is making a donation.

Donations to the DAR Schools and American Indian Schools should be sent directly to those entities.

Donations to NSDAR funds should be sent directly to NSDAR.

We are happy to continue recognizing donations to Illinois DAR funds in the Illinois DAR News.

### You Asked / We Listened!



A convenient QR code is now available to make donations to the Liberty Education Plaza, the Illinois DAR America 250! project.

Thank you for supporting this important initiative—your gift will help create a lasting legacy. Together, we will preserve history, educate minds, and inspire future generations.





## New Members

### DISTRICT I

#### Chief Shaubena

Emma Thurman  
Nora Thurman

#### Peoria

Georgia Pastucha

### DISTRICT II

#### Kishwaukee Trail

Barbara Christ  
Pamela Kampwerth  
Jennifer Seegers  
Lois Wenkel

#### Princeton-Illinois

Kristine Donarski

#### Rock River

Wendy Dugger  
Deana Hermes

### DISTRICT III

#### Alliance

Marianne Baker  
Roberta Hendrick  
LaNita Schuster  
Rebecca Spennetta

#### Chief Pontiac

Rita Hoch

#### DeWitt Clinton

Jennifer Harris

#### Governor Edward Coles- Sally Lincoln

Karen Bushur

#### Letitia Green Stevenson

Jenifer Banks  
Elda Churchill  
Christine Gonos  
Sadie Short

Irma Talbert

Marianne Wozniak

#### Stephen A. Douglas

Dianna Lust

### DISTRICT IV

#### Amos Kendall

Jerri Baker

#### Anan Harmon

Diane Dolan  
Kristen Doty  
Myra Essman  
Erin Pieta  
Judith Russo

#### Ansel Brainerd Cook

Alice Carter

#### Aurora

Leslie James  
Lauren Laskowski  
Patricia Purifoy  
Ann Stark

#### Chicago

Gabrielle Dykema  
Kelly Fahey  
Lauren Gamache  
Caroline Mason  
Janet McCormack  
Megan Robbins

#### Culper Ring Agent 355

Camilla Ziel

#### Downers Grove

Beth Hicks

#### Eli Skinner

Mary Hahn  
Bretta Hammerstrom  
Christine Jarrett

#### Elias Kent Kane

Laura Anderson

#### Fort Payne

Lynn Engel

#### Kankakee

Marcia Jackson  
Marjorie Suprenant

#### LaGrange-LePortage

Mary Mann  
Katherine Olsson  
Kristina Olsson

#### Martha Ibbetson

Krista Awrey  
Jessica Browne  
Kathryn Roll  
Kathryn Watson  
Janelle Zehme

#### North Shore

Therese Bugaj  
Diane Palendech  
Julia Sieth

#### Perrin-Wheaton

Joan Oestry Carpenter

#### Signal Hill

Colleen Koebel  
Mary Madsen

#### Swallow Cliff

Stacey Backley  
Madeleine Carlson  
Rhianna Carlson  
Caitlin Lamb  
Megan Lamb

#### Twenty-first Star

Phoebe Helm

### DISTRICT V

#### Abraham Lincoln

Patricia Birk

#### Sergeant Caleb Hopkins

Linda Norris  
Vera Walker

### DISTRICT VI

#### Ann Crooker St. Clair

Misty Curl  
Paige Drone  
Sarah Hillebrand  
Victoria Overton  
Kiersten Shamhart

#### Isaac Hull

Bailey Sigrist  
Holly Sigrist  
Heather Wilkins  
Olivia Wilkins

#### Silver Creek

Julie Stangl

#### Toussaint Du Bois

Emily Connor  
Jill Irwin  
Nancy King  
Judith Phipps

#### Whiteside Station

Allison Pierron  
Amy York

### DISTRICT VII

#### Daniel H. Brush

Patricia Luebke  
Gayla Mondino  
Karen Whitt

#### Old Goshen Trail

Tracy Martin  
Jennifer Owen  
Karen Owen



**DISTRICT I**

**Peoria**

Violet Sulaski  
51-year member  
Ruth Ann Wilson Byrne

**Spoon River**

Sally Weaver Gunderson  
43-year member

**DISTRICT II**

**Rochelle**

Donna Hopwood Dodd  
21-year member

**Rockford**

Jean Anne Killian Ortland  
51-year member

**DISTRICT III**

**Chief Pontiac**

Ruth Priscilla Carr Steinhilber

**DeWitt Clinton**

Rosemary Ellen Brady Brady-Craven

**Letitia Green Stevenson**

Linda Lucretia Sternberg Shirk  
Karen Wroan  
50-year member  
Judith Ann Pietsch Dickinson  
54-year member  
Mary Alice McNamara Wills

**DISTRICT IV**

**Anan Harmon**

Phyllis Gwen Gerhold Scanlan  
20-year member

**Ansel Brainerd Cook**

Dorothea Rehn Betke

**Aurora**

Nancy Haas Clausen  
41-year member

**Elias Kent Kane**

Sara Vaughn Lohr  
30-year member

**Fort Dearborn**

Constance Davis Du Canto  
42-year member

**Fort Payne**

Sandra Kay Carie Johnson

**Martha Ibbetson**

Dulcenia Brashear Salvitti

**Midewin Prairie**

Carol Ann Frazier  
28-year member  
past chapter regent

**Skokie Valley**

Susan Roberts Chadd  
51-year member  
honorary chapter regent

**Swallow Cliff**

Marilyn Halverson Earnest  
57-year member  
past State Vice Regent, Recording  
Secretary  
past District (Division) IV Director  
organizing chapter regent  
VAVS & VISN Deputy Representative  
VAVS Medal Recipient 2000  
various state and national  
committees

**DISTRICT V**

**Dorothy Quincy**

Terry Thiele Girardin  
51-year member

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