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Volunteer Information Specialists (VIS)

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WHAT IS VIS (Volunteer Information Specialists)?

We promote public awareness of DAR and its objectives through the use of technology.

The VIS Committee:

- Helps with the creation of chapter and state public websites, and helps ensure websites are up-to-date.
- Keeps members informed through electronic distribution of a quarterly newsletter, *Illinois DAR News*.
- Sends periodic email messages through VIS News.
- Provides web and social media development, and computer assistance to Illinois Daughters.
- Reviews all new websites and social media pages to ensure they meet VIS standards before submitting to the State Regent for her approval.
- Promotes use of, and assists Daughters with, e-Membership.
- Encourages chapters to use their VIS chairman to produce newsletters, yearbooks, flyers, and special projects.
- Develops and maintains the Illinois Members Only website (ildar.org/ members), for access to everything Illinois DAR!

At the Chapter Level: The regent, vice regent, treasurer, and registrar have electronic access to e-Membership. With e-Membership, officers can log into a password protected site to view current chapter information, make up-dates, view reports and search the membership database. If you do not have log-in information, contact organizing@dar.org. VIS is here, if you need help!

Chapter Regents: All public DAR web and social media pages must be submitted to the National Society for approval before going public; see the NSDAR Online Guidelines for correct procedures and tips for developing strong web and social media sites.

Chapter VIS Chairs and Webmasters: Please review your websites regularly to keep the content up-to-date and be sure all links are working properly. Housekeeping updates do not need to be submitted for national approval.

If you would like a new chapter website or need your current site updated, contact VIS. Each website should reflect any changes in national, state, and chapter officers, themes, programs, and dates.

The Illinois DAR News and VIS News are for all members. Encourage your members to sign up for a <u>free</u> electronic subscription at ildar.org/subscribe.

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VIS PIN

Members who use their computers to assist with projects unrelated to their appointed positions and who log their hours and activity are eligible to earn the VIS pin and bars. Eligibility and VIS Log Form is on the VIS Committee Webpage. Please follow instructions on the form regarding required signatures.

All members who have served as a chapter VIS Chairman are eligible for the VIS Pin.

Information and Resources

NATIONAL SOCIETY

Public Website: dar.org

Members Website: members.dar.org eMembership: emembership.dar.org/ Facebook Page: facebook.com/TodaysDAR

Twitter: @TodaysDAR

YouTube: youtube.com/user/TodaysDAR

President General Blog: blog.dar.org

Daughters Online Community (DOC): community.dar.org

Handbook and Bylaws: dar.org/handbook_bylaws

Contact Information:

dar.org/members/nsdar-contact-information

American Spirit Subscription:

dar.org/discover/american-spirit-magazine

National Defender:

dar.org/members/forms-publication-category/sec_natdef

Log Service Hours:

services.dar.org/members/committees/ServicetoAmerica

ILLINOIS STATE ORGANIZATION

Public Website: ildar.org

Members Website: ildar.org/members

ILDAR News & VIS News: ildar.org/subscribe Follow prompts, select IL DAR News (quarterly newsletter), VIS News (e-mail news flashes),

or both!

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