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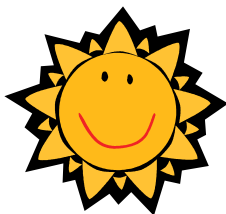
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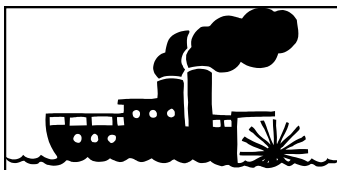
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Summer Packet Picnic in West Des Moines August 25.

Join your CAR friends in West Des Moines on Saturday, August 25. This meeting will begin at noon with a sack lunch followed by a brief meeting. Please bring your own sack lunch, beverages will be provided. At the meeting we'll review the national packet and what you can do to make your own society more exciting this year. Make sure to bring copies of your state contest with you for distribution. All state office holders and chairman should have a contest available. Design your own state contest from those listed in the national packet. Your senior society president should have a copy. After our meeting we will tour the state capital! Don't miss this great opportunity this summer. See page 9 for directions to the state packet meeting location.



Great Plains Regional Meeting Held in Hannibal, Missouri.

Members of the Great Plains Region C.A.R. were rolling down the river in Hannibal, Missouri. The rich culture of Mark Twain and his fictional characters of Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn created a great backdrop to learning our own history and firing up the engines to a great C.A.R. year. Members of the National Board, led by National President Katie Stanley, presented the national packet this year in what was again an entertaining presentation of skits and break-out sessions outlining the national contests for the new C.A.R. year. Members were also treated to a tour of Tom Sawyer's cave, as well as pool party, banquet and dance. Iowa Society members attending this year were

Jeralyn Westercamp, Little Muddy Society and **David & Robbie Franks** from the Benjamin Bell Society. Next year, the regional meeting will be hosted by the Kansas Society in Overland Park, Kansas. Make plans now to join us for a great year in C.A.R.





From Your State President Chelsea Hoyer.

Dear Iowa CAR members,

I want all of you to know that I completely understand if anyone is a little overwhelmed with collecting the supplies for the state project, Project CARE. I want us to start small so we can build our way up to the final goal. So what I'm asking you to do first is to just find shoeboxes. Each person at the veterans hospital is going to be receiving their own personal shoebox full of toiletries, so we are going to need a lot of shoeboxes. I will bring a couple of samples to the Summer Packet meeting on August 24.

Something really special happened at the CAR national conference that I want to share with you. The original gavel made in 1793 for use by President George Washington to lay the cornerstone of the U.S. Capitol was brought for all of us to see and touch. It was an honor to learn about the history of this historic gavel!

I hope your summers are going well. I can't wait to get farther along with this year's state project.

Sincerely, Chelsea



Chelsea Hoyer and Katy Davis, National Vice President, Great Plains Region, are shown following the Wreath Laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier of the American Revolution, during the National Convention in April.



From Your Senior State President

Mrs. Peggy Powell.

Dear Seniors and Members,

I am looking forward to seeing you at the Summer Packet Meeting. We will be going over the National Packet that you received in June. This will be a casual dress meeting.

A good time was had by those who attended the Great Plains Regional meeting. Please make plans now to attend next summer's regional meeting in Overland Park, Kansas.

Our State President, Chelsea Hoyer, has chosen her state project to be **PROJECT CARE**. She is asking all societies to collect large shoe boxes this fall and then collecting items for the Veterans. Have you got yours started? Please be prepared to give the group an idea what you have already collected. Have you asked your DAR sponsor to help?

State Officers and State Chairman, please bring 10 copies of your State contests. A complete list of officers are listed on the front page of this issue. The list of chairmen is listed in the Spring issue of the newsletter. Your contest can be the same as the National contest printed in your National Packet (your senior society president should have gotten one) or you can change your contest to suit you and your Senior Officer. If you can not attend, please send them to me ASAP so I will have them to hand out.

Please remember to send Kathy Ehmcke news & photos about your activities so she can share them in our State Newsletter. The activities your society does are important to all Iowa societies. Your activities could spawn new ideas for others. Be sure to include your Pee Wees in your activities. See you in West Des Moines on August 25th.

Sincerely, Peggy Powell

C.A.R. Candids



Robert & David Franks, Benjamin Bell Society, are looking dapper during the Great Plains Regional Meeting.



Robbie Franks & Cassie Sickau



David Franks, Benjamin Bell Society, was an aid at this year's Great Plains Regional Meeting in Hannibal, Missouri. The look on his face says he had a great time!



David Franks



**This News Hound Wants
Member/Society News.
Contact Kathy Ehmcke at
ksehmcke@msn.com.**

Member Kudos.



Congratulations to **Jeralyn Westercamp**, Little Muddy Society member and past ISSCAR President, for being honored by Nestlé as one of the most successful, most inspirational young people in America. She is the first lowan ever to be so recognized. She received her award in Los Angeles last month. C.A.R. has certainly benefited from many of Jeralyn's talents, however the list goes on. Read all about the many accomplishments of Jeralyn online at DesMoinesRegister.com. Click on the July 22, 2007 issue of the newspaper. "I have an obligation to help people," said Jeralyn in the article, "I think of a quote from Winston Churchill, who said, "We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give."



Congratulations again to Iowa State President **Chelsea Hoyer** (center) who was installed during ceremonies at Mount Vernon during the 2007 NSCAR National Convention.



Allison Wegner &
Betsy Ehmcke (seated)

Betsy Ehmcke, Mary Bailey Potter Society, & her dance partner won third place at the Tremaine Dance Convention National Finals in Orlando, Florida in July. The duet also won 1st place and Best of Show at the Rivercade Dance Competition in Sioux City later that month. The duet will compete in the Bill Riley Talent Search competition at the Iowa State Fair in Des Moines August 10 at 12 Noon on the Bill Riley Stage.



Frances Conley

Congratulations to **Fran Conley**, Mary Bailey Potter Society, for winning 1st place in the 2nd Grade Spelling Bee at Cherokee Community Schools. Her twin sister **Clare** won the Bee last year as a 1st grader.

Way to Go **Hannah & Abby Ehmcke**. Hannah won 2nd place in the 3rd grade girls' basketball free throw contest at Sunnyside School. Abby received 3rd place in the same category. The competition took place in late May.



Hannah Ehmcke



Congratulations to **J.D. Alberhasky**, Little Night Society, for testing for his Blue Decided belt in TaeKwondo.



Fran Conley



Abby Ehmcke



David Ehmcke



Clare Conley



Hannah Ehmcke

Memorial Day Candids



The Society Pages



Benjamin Bell Society.



David Franks, Kara and Cassie Sickau, Benjamin Bell Society, present gifts to the President General DAR and other visiting dignitaries during the Daughters of the American Revolution State Conference May 3rd. Also pictured is State Regent DAR Diane LaRue-Chubb.

Little Night Society.



Rick Vector, Revolutionary War re-enactor, supervises as Sabrina Alberhasky assists son **JD Alberhasky** in handling a colonial era fire piece replica.

Mary Bailey Potter Society.



Members of MBP Society visited the gravesite of namesake Mary Bailey Potter, as well as participated in Memorial Day services at Oak Hill Cemetery in Cherokee, Iowa on Memorial Day 2007. Left to right: **Hannah Ehmcke, Frances Conley, Betsy Ehmcke, David Ehmcke, Clare Conley and Abigail Ehmcke.**



JD Alberhasky of Little Night Society recently attended "Time Camp" put on by the Johnson County Historical Society. Time Camp is 5 1/2 day sessions covering a variety of topics including Archeology, Prairie Eco-systems and planes, trains and automobiles. Camp is held at the new Johnson County Historical Society and Automotive and Train museum in Coralville.

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Little Night Society.



Group picture of Grinnell Chapter Flag Retirement Ceremony on July 14, 2007 held at the farm home of Terry and Shelly Brannian, rural Brooklyn. First row: CAR Little Night Society—**Riley Brannian, JD Alberhasky, Jessica Alberhasky** and Sabrina Alberhasky. Second row: Ruth Hill, Cheryl Cocking, Hazel Brannian, Dora Gritsch, Sue Johnson, Leta Hollmann. Third row: Re-enactor Rick Vector, Betty Carr, DAR Southeast District Director Marsha Hucke, DAR State Organizing Secretary Pat Larson, Nancy Bender, Nancy Smith, Maretta Grattan, Terry Brannian, Shelly Brannian, and Pat Beckham.



Members of the Grinnell Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution met Saturday, July 14, at the farm home of Shelly and Terry Brannian, rural Brooklyn, along with members of the Children of the American Revolution's Little Night Society based in Iowa City, for a flag retirement ceremony. Nearly 300 flags were retired at the event. Terry Brannian, the Grinnell Chapter Regent, led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a ceremony during which each member had the opportunity to add a symbolic stripe or star to the fire as Shelly Brannian flag chairman, explained the meaning of each stripe and star. Riley Brannian read a poem about the flag and led the group in singing the National Anthem. Patriotic sayings and essays were presented. The ashes were properly buried following the ceremony. Rick Vector, Newton, a costumed American Revolutionary War interpreter, answered several questions about his uniform, about the War and the life style of the colonial soldier and his family. He showed how to load his musket and demonstrated its use. The flag retirement ceremony is a semi-annual event. The next scheduled ceremony will be July 2009.



Little Night Society.



(front row) **Jessica Alberhasky, JD Alberhasky, Riley Brannian** with Sabrina Alberhasky & Rick Vector (Revolutionary War re-enactor) at a DAR flag retirement ceremony near Brooklyn, Iowa on July 14, 2007.

Benjamin Bell Society.



Benjamin Bell Society posted flags at the gravesite of their society's namesake Benjamin Bell, as well as checked on their bird houses at the cemetery on Saturday, June 9. Left to right: **Kara Sickau, David Franks, Cassie Sickau and Robbie Franks.**

Mary Bailey Potter Society.



In June, **Hannah Ehmcke** & other Society members collected backpacks & school supplies for needy kids within the Sioux City Community School district.

Tall Grass Prairie Society.

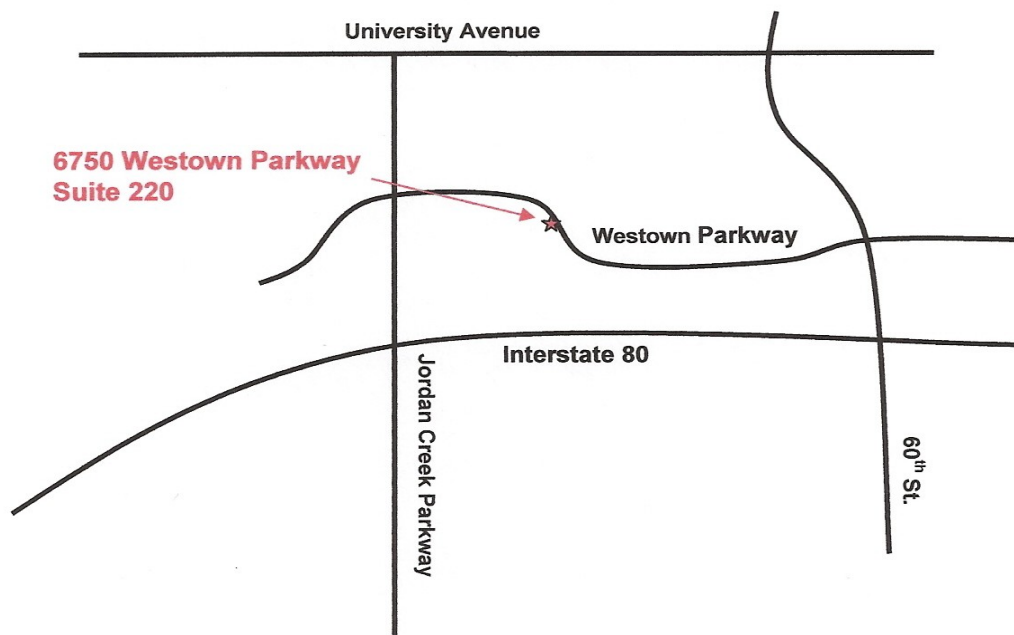


Members of the Tall Grass Prairie Society participate in flag retirement ceremonies in Des Moines along with members of the Jean Marie Cardinell Chapter of the DAR, the SAR of Iowa, and the Urbandale American Legion Post. Shown in the photo are **Kennedy Rieger, Evan Nichols, Dillon Rieger and Grace Nichols.**

How to Get to the State Summer Packet Meeting.



INFORMATION CENTER
6750 Westown Parkway, Suite 220
West Des Moines, IA 50266 ♦ (515) 270-6789
www.wesleyedgewater.org



If you're coming from Interstate 80:

- Go North on Jordan Creek Parkway to Westown Parkway
- Turn Right (East) on Westown Parkway
- Follow the street until you see the building with green awning on the right, front signage reads "The Plaza"
- Turn in the first entrance
- We're in Suite 220 on the West end of building

If you're coming from University:

- Go South on Jordan Creek Parkway to Westown Parkway
- Turn Left (East) on Westown Parkway
- Follow the street until you see the building with green awning on the right, front signage reads "The Plaza"
- Turn in the first entrance
- We're in Suite 220 on the West end of building

N.S.C.A.R. National Project

LEADING THE AMERICAN ADVENTURE



Support the National Project.

Help Yorktown National Battlefield put its Junior Ranger Program on the worldwide web. The money raised this year will help hire a web designer to create a program accessible to all children as well as provide badges children receive when they become Junior Rangers. This website will enable children across the nation to become a Junior Ranger and learn about our ancestors' legacy at Yorktown. To contribute to the National Project, please contact your local C.A.R. Society President or DAR Chapter Regent.

I.S.S.C.A.R. State Project



This year's State Project asks all Iowa C.A.R. members to assemble CARE packages for Veterans of the U.S. armed services. Each society is asked to collect items and deliver them to veteran's hospitals throughout

Iowa. Our veterans deserve our gratitude and respect. We can let them know just how much we care with Project CARE. This project is inspired by recent news of the neglect experienced by veterans at facilities at Walter Reed Army Medical Center just 5 miles from the White House in Washington, D.C.

To organize your society's PROJECT CARE, follow this timeline:

SUMMER/FALL 2007

--Collect large shoe boxes

--Collect donations & shop for items

WINTER 2007/2008--Each C.A.R. chapter delivers all their CARE shoe boxes to the Veterans facility nearest to them; take a photo and submit it to your local newspaper.

What to include in each CARE shoe box

- T-shirts, underwear, socks
- Toothbrush, toothpaste, dental floss
- Shampoo
- Soap or body wash and washcloth
- Deodorant
- Razors, shaving cream
- Nail clippers
- Breath mints, gum, candy
- Lip balm
- Small notebook and pen, deck of cards

If you have a specific question(s), please email Iowa State **President Chelsea Hoyer** at car_chelsea@hotmail.com. The four U.S. Veterans Administration Medical Centers serving Iowa are located in Des Moines, Knoxville, Iowa City and Omaha. In addition, there are VA community-based outpatient clinics located in Sioux City, Fort Dodge, Mason City, Waterloo, Dubuque and Bettendorf. Chelsea Hoyer will provide you with specific information for the closest one to your local society, or you may choose to assign someone from your society to do this.