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National President's Project: Saving the Light.

The Morris Island Lighthouse is located near the Charleston Harbor just off the coast of Folly Beach.

When it was built in 1876, the lighthouse stood three-fourths of a mile inland. It now stands in the Atlantic Ocean, leaning to one side and in danger of falling.

The good news is that many people love the lighthouse and are working hard to help protect it. Save The Light is a grassroots organization which has raised money to buy the lighthouse from its former owner and then given it to the state. The lighthouse is now owned by all the people of South Carolina.

Despite love and devotion, Save The Light has encountered obstacles at almost every turn, and the lighthouse remains in danger.

If you would like to learn more about the lighthouse, please visit Save The Light and join the members of N.S.C.A.R. in raising funds for this national project and help renovate this historic lighthouse. Check the web at www.nscar.org.



Hello from Your State President Maja Sunleaf.

I have been as busy as a bee this fall, how about you? Starting high school, playing volleyball and cello, and planning C.A.R. activities has kept me very busy. Luckily, the National Packet, which each Society's Senior President should have, lists all of the National C.A.R. programs and makes it really easy to plan your local Society's meetings and activities for the year. So far, my local society, Captain Thomas Overton, has learned more about the National President's program; toured President Hoover's Presidential Library; and have also studied the Apollo 11 flight. C.A.R. State and National programs and contests are a fun and educational way to make history come alive! By now, you should also have received your new copy of the State C.A.R. Directory (honey gold cover) and the I.S.C.A.R. Bylaws (scarlet cover). These are helpful resources that will prove useful to you as you plan your C.A.R. meetings and activities.

The State President's Project is buzzing along...did you know that a display board with pictures of C.A.R. and an explanation of the project, and bee pins were at the Iowa State Fair? Thanks to the Dirksen family of the Patrick Henry Society, who contacted the Iowa Honey Producers. I was also able to supply them with bee pins and the display board for the event. This extra exposure was great for spreading the word about both Iowa C.A.R. and the Youth Beekeeping Scholarship Program which the President's Project is supporting. I hope that your bee pin sales are going strong. Remember--bee pins will make great Christmas presents!

As we head closer to another Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving, take some time to remember and appreciate the sacrifices of the U.S. troops currently serving our country as well as Veterans of all wars, especially the Revolutionary War forefathers from whom we are all descended.

Bee Active!

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Greetings from Senior State President Lance Ehmcke.

It was great to see so many Iowa C.A.R. members and seniors at the Great Plains Regional meeting in Des Moines and at our Iowa C.A.R. summer packet meeting at the Hoover Presidential Library in West Branch. Lots of fun ideas for C.A.R. came out of those meetings. Now with the school year in high gear it's time to put those great local society activity ideas into action. If you have not scheduled your school year of meetings and activities, we encourage you to do that now. Even if all your members cannot attend every event, having a plan and a schedule will help you "bee active" in Iowa C.A.R. this year and to remember to do all the things you need to do to be National Merit Award qualifier.

This fall is the best time to collect dues and family C.A.R. Magazine subscriptions, and to renew our efforts to complete C.A.R. membership applications. This month each local society Senior President should have received a mailing from CAR-HQ that includes several report forms. The Annual Report and Credentials Report should be saved for later in March. The Treasurer's Report is to use now to report and pay C.A.R. dues to National and to start or renew C.A.R. Magazine subscriptions. Even though the deadline is December 31, I urge you to collect dues now and mail in your report before Thanksgiving. This is an important Merit Award item.

The early part of the school year is also a good time to renew your new member hunt. Our members are back in school and can ask their friends to join them in C.A.R. meetings and projects. This often leads to talk about joining C.A.R. Talking with elders about family history and assembling genealogy proofs make excellent family projects for members and prospects alike as we approach Thanksgiving. It's taking care of family business. C.A.R. membership applications provide excellent structure for doing that. Stir up interest in this.

Thank you for all you are doing for Iowa C.A.R. We look forward to hearing about your good work.

Lance Ehmcke

Kudos



Congratulations to **Fran** (left) and **Clare Conley**, Mary Bailey Potter Society, who participated in the Cherokee County Fair with several 4-H projects, including sewing, baking, arts & crafts and dogs and pigs.

Way to Go **Sarah Mooney**, Sgt. Charles Floyd Society, who received special honors for her family tree project at the Woodbury County Fair.

Congratulations to senior advisors David & Mary Dirksen and their family on the birth of baby **Rose** on August 19. Rose will join the family as a member of the newly organizing Patrick Henry Society.

Congratulations to **David Ehmcke** for qualifying in the 50 yard Breaststroke for the Tri-State Swimming Championships which will be held in February 2010.

Kudos to **Grace Nichols!** The West Des Moines Girls' Club Soccer Team won the Johnston soccer tournament on October 10-11 held at County Park . In the four games played, they were not once scored on by the opposing teams! Grace is a star team player.

Congratulations to **Alyssa Ragner** for auditioning and being named to the prestigious Chamber Choir—the most musically advanced ensemble of the Heartland Youth Choir of Central Iowa! In addition, she was given the placement of First Chair in Flute in the Concert Band at Valley Southwoods Freshmen High School ! Way to go!

The Heartland Youth Choir also counts in its numbers **Caleb and Ethan Ragner** in the Chanté Choir that focuses on three-part treble singing. And **Grant Ragner** sings in the Canto Choir. All four will be featured in the Autumn Songs festival on October 25 at the Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Congratulations to **Hannah & David Ehmcke** for being elected Student Council Representatives at East Middle School in Sioux City.

Caleb Ragner will be singing with the Westridge Singers, a musical tribute entitled - "Americans We" a for our United States Veterans, Wednesday, November 11, 2009 at Merle Hay Mall (inside just south of Sears) 10:00 a.m. Caleb Ragner is a Westridge 5th Grader.

Capt. Thomas Overton Society



At our August meeting, Mrs. Fran Kennedy came to tell us about meeting astronauts from NASA. Mrs. Kennedy is a retired elementary teacher and had many signed photos from NASA astronauts and interesting information from a space camp she attended that she shared with us. She told us that she even got to have moon rocks in her classroom at one time!



After Mrs. Kennedy's presentation, members listened to stories about the moon and astronauts, ate freeze-dried ice cream, decorated cupcake tops to look like moon rocks or space creatures, and then launched paper rockets off of Senior President Clara Burchett's deck.



Members of the Captain Thomas Overton Society are now featured on the website for Presidential Cookies cookbook. A picture from the Senior Hospitality Suite from the Great Plains Regional Meeting is also featured. You can check it out at: <http://www.presidentialcookies.com/media.html>

Members decorated bee whirly gigs on Saturday, Oct. 24.

**Attention Senior
Society Presidents:
Don't forget that all society dues
should be mailed to
National Headquarters by
December 31, 2009.**

Little Night Society



CAR Senior Treasurer for Little Night Society and DAR State Newsletter Editor Julie Davis, Little Night Senior Registrar Ann Hunter, and Little Night Regent Riley Brannian pictured at the Solon Community High School at the POW/MIA annual recognition ceremony, where former POW/MIA veterans and their families are honored with a dinner and a chance to share their experiences with the students and society members.

The Little Night will be participating in the Quad Cities Arts Festival of Trees in late November at the River Center in Davenport. Many wooden and silk stars, decorated by the members will be hung on the Children of the American Revolution tree. Pictured below working on the project at the Sept. 20 meeting were Sharon Stiff, Ann Hunter, Kathy Pezley and Ben Pezley.



Pictured while taking a break at the Sept. 20 meeting of the Little Nights are: Sharon Stiff, Ann Hunter, Ben Pezley, Riley Brannian, Shelly Brannian, Kathy Pezley and the front three are Colton Lowe, Sophie Lowe and Xan Pezley. During the meeting, the Little Nights gathered seeds for a conservation project to be completed later in the year, made plans for recognizing veterans at the Veteran's Hospital in Iowa City and discussed Constitution Week.

Little Night Society Continued.



Riley Brannian, President of the Little Night Society, presented "It's Just a Piece of Cloth" at a flag retirement ceremony held , at her farmhouse at Brooklyn, Iowa. Several flags were retired at the observance hosted by the Grinnell Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution in conjunction with the Little Night Society.



Little Night member Ellie Davis was recently pictured in her hometown newspaper along with her great uncle and his 15-pound kohlrabi from his garden.

Popcorn for Patriots



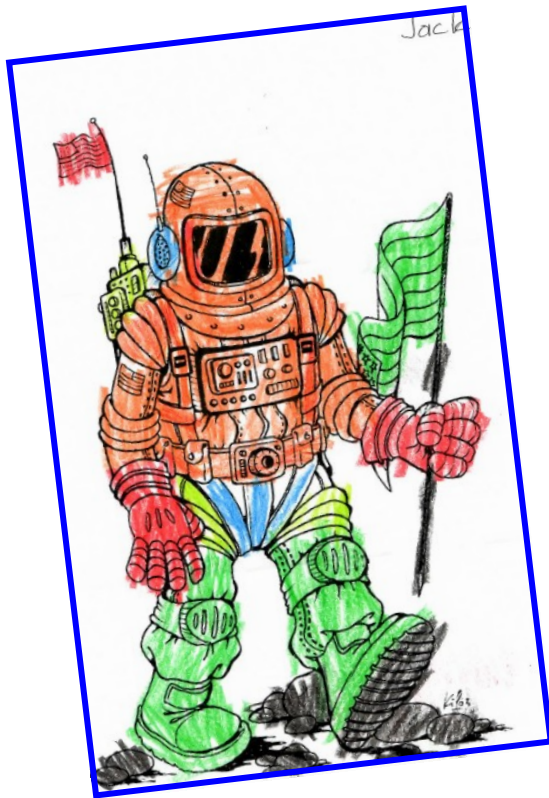
JD and his Dad Doug Alberhasky.

In 2008 boy scout and Little Night Society member **JD Alberhasky** thought it would be great if people bought popcorn and then it was shipped to soldiers serving overseas. That was last year, when 45 Scouting Units and 200 Scouts participated in securing sponsorships of popcorn from community members for Iowa soldiers serving in Afghanistan and Iraq. Each bag sent had a message of support from Scouting Units and community. A total of 992 containers of cheese popcorn were. Now you have the opportunity to help these patriots too, with your purchase of popcorn. You can make a donation to *Popcorn for Patriots* by following the link below. Your donation of \$17 per package of will send a yummy package of Boy Scouts Cheese corn to a soldier stationed overseas. A \$1 handling fee is included which covers credit card processing fees and postage for a thank you card. Please help JD, our scouts and our brave men and women serving overseas!

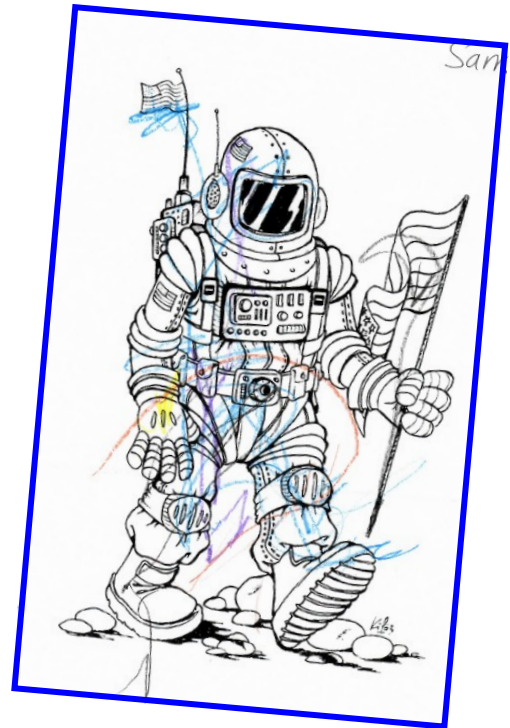
[Donate now.](#)

Loess Hills Society

Congratulations to these Pee Wee Patriots of the Loess Hills Society for submitting these terrific coloring pages for our Autumn Issue of the newsletter. It's always a great idea to celebrate the *Man on the Moon Landing* and the holidays with some festive artwork. Thanks guys!



Jack
Age 5



Sam
Age 3



Grant
Age 1

Mary Bailey Potter Society



David & Abby Ehmcke participate in the Ho-Chunk “Moccasin Game”.

On Thursday, July 30, four members of the Mary Bailey Potter Society visited the Betty Strong Encounter Center in Sioux City where they learned how to play traditional Ho-Chunk Indian games. Games were demonstrated by Janet “Nakay” Bird, Maria J. Scott and Darrell Fierro with Craig “Tuney” Cleveland, Jr., singer & drummer. While there, members also learned how Indians used colors as symbols for direction and how a cross was a symbol of where your road and my road cross paths. A place to rest. Also on exhibit were murals of early America painted by a local Native American artist.

Deborah Sampson Society

Congratulations to **Zachary, Amanda and Isaac Harris** on become Iowa’s newest members in C.A.R. Zachary, Amanda and Isaac officially were admitted in C.A.R. on August 8, 2009 and will be reorganizing members of the Deborah Sampson Society in Ames. Their grandmother Susan Harris will be their senior society president. Welcome!



Fran (left) & Clare Conley visited Crazy Horse while touring Mt. Rushmore National Park. While there, the girls learned a lot about the Native Americans from the area.



Members pose with a totem pole and discuss what symbols would best suit each other if a totem pole was made to represent them.

Sgt. Charles Floyd Society



Nick & Amber Bieler

Congratulations to Nick and Amber Bieler on their marriage on August 8th in Sioux City. Nick is a past Society President, an Honorary State President, as well as a past National Vice President of the Great Plains Region. Nick graduated from Maple Valley-Anthon Oto in 2006, WIT Cooling and Air Conditioning in 2007, and is now employed with the Sioux City Community School District in Maintenance. Amber is a photo tech at Sam's Club. They live in Sioux City.



Catlin Bieler with his sister Kelsey

Congratulations to Catlin Michael Bieler on completing his boot camp with the United States Navy. Catlin is a past Society President and an Honorary State President. Catlin graduated in 2008 from Maple Valley-Anthon Oto, joined the Navy in May 2009, graduating from boot camp on August 14th. He is currently in Great Lakes attending ATT school in the ET field. Remember our own serviceman on Veterans Day by sending Catlin a card or care package. His address is:

SR Catlin Bieler
BEQ 6301 Room 333A
320A Dewey Ave
Great Lakes, IL 60088

Tall Grass Prairie Society



Chelsea Hoyer went to the annual Meskwaki Indian Pow-Wow in Tama, Iowa on August 6 with senior society advisors **Jeanne Beardsley** and **Dianna Baker Hoyer**. They discovered many interesting things about the history, culture and legends of the Meskwaki Sac and Fox tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa.



Grace Nichols and **Chelsea Hoyer** pose with special hand-made greeting cards for Tall Grass Prairie members. The cards highlight this year's state theme of honey bees.



Chelsea Hoyer and **Leah Jessen** enjoyed a "Honey of a Tea Party" aboard the Scenic City Empress riverboat in Iowa Falls on September 20. A special honey tea punch and cookies were served. **Nancy Nichols, Leah Jessen, Chelsea Hoyer, Jeanne Beardsley** and **Dianna Baker Hoyer** hop off the boat following a spectacular autumn afternoon trip along the picturesque Iowa River where both an Indian totem and a lighthouse graced the river banks!



Tall Grass Prairie members, **Kennedy** and **Dillon Rieger**, join in the State Fair Parade in Des Moines, Iowa, this past August with members of the DAR and CAR senior advisor **Sabrina Alberhasky**.

Little Muddy Society



Maddy and Nic Losby, members of Little Muddy Society attended a meeting of Ashley Chapter NSDAR on Saturday, October 10, 2009, at the Meth-Wick Community in Cedar Rapids, IA to hear a talk on "White House Tea", given by Rosemary Pacha. Rosemary, a retired Family Consumer Services teacher, has become known as the "White House Tea Lady". Because of the extended education project she did on beverages, Rosemary was given the traveling exhibit of photographs of the presidents' wives serving tea by the Herbert Hoover Library. Together with examples of teas and tea accoutrement. We learned proper terminology and many funny stories of some of our presidents. It was amazing that Tea, all tea, comes from one plant! Different blends are perhaps different parts of the plant, or added flavors. We also learned how "herbal" tea isn't really tea.

State Contest Entries Due February 15, 2010.

State conference is even more fun if your society participates in the state contests.

What to do for STATE contests.

1. Make copies of your National Merit Award.
2. Send 1 copy of your National Merit Award entry to each STATE contest chairman (as printed in the directory).
3. Send a copy of your National Merit Award entry to Senior State President Lance Ehmcke.
4. The ONLY exceptions are the State President's Contest and State Librarian's Contest. These 2 contests are unique only in Iowa and require a individual contest entry.

What to do for NATIONAL Contests.

1. Send individual contest entries to each individual NATIONAL contest chairman as printed in the NSCAR Program Packet.
2. Send a courtesy copy of your entries (in 1 envelope) to Senior State Chairman Lance Ehmcke. 4908 Ravine Park Lane, Sioux City, IA 51106.

If you have questions regarding your National Merit Award entries or other contests, please contact Senior State President Lance Ehmcke at ehmcke-crew@cablone.net or call 712/266-0378 after 6pm. Remember: We want 100% participation in the National Merit Award entries from Iowa. Enter this contest no matter what you do this year.

Iowa C.A.R. State Project



DAR Lucille Sunleaf/Strawman made a special trip to the Iowa State Fair this past summer to check out the Iowa Honey Producers Association exhibit. IHPA graciously allowed President Maja Sunleaf to display a board explaining the Iowa State C.A.R. President's Project. They also sold President's project fund raiser honey bee lapel pins at their booth.

Iowa C.A.R. State Conference is March 27, 2010.

The Iowa C.A.R. State Conference will be held in Des Moines on March 27, 2010. We had such a great time last year, that we've decided to have it at the Iowa Historical Building once again. Registration begins at 11am with lunch and meeting to follow. Make plans now to attend this meeting. Winners of the state contests will be announced and our state project check will be presented. Check out the winter issue of this newsletter with more details. BEE Active in Iowa C.A.R.

Bee Nutty Choco-Chip Cookies

- Makes 16 servings -



Ingredients

- 1/2 cup honey
- 1/2 cup peanut butter
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine
- 1/4 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 egg
- 1-1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 cups flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 6 oz. chocolate morsels
- 1/2 cup roasted peanuts, coarsely chopped

Directions

Combine honey, peanut butter, butter and brown sugar in a large bowl; beat until light and fluffy. Add egg and vanilla; mix thoroughly. Combine flour, soda and salt; mix well. Stir into peanut butter mixture. Stir in chocolate morsels and peanuts. Using a 1/4 cup measure for each cookie, drop onto ungreased cookie sheet; flatten slightly. Bake at 350°F 8 to 10 minutes or until lightly browned. Remove to rack and cool.