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New State Officers Installed March 29, 2008.

Over 30 members and seniors attended the 61st I.S.C.A.R. State Conference in Urbandale, Iowa. The meeting featured the election of officers for the 2008/2009 year, state officers' reports, as well as presentation of chairman reports and awards for state contests. Thank you to the Tall Grass Prairie Society for hosting this event. Thanks also to the Maja, Annika & Eliza Sunleaf for presenting a very entertaining and interesting skit for us. Congratulations to the following new state officers:

Betsy Ehmcke	State President
Lance Ehmcke	Senior State President
Kennedy Rieger	1st Vice President
Nancy Nichols	Senior
Hannah Ehmcke	2nd Vice President
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Riley Brannian	Historian
Terry Brannian	Senior
David Franks	Librarian
Melissa Franks	Senior
Veronica Francis	Curator
Shalla Wilson	Senior

The following chairmen & their seniors were appointed at the 61st annual state conference.

David Ehmcke	American Heritage
Kathy Ehmcke	Senior
Kennedy Rieger	American History
Judy McNamara	Senior
Annika Sunleaf	American Indians
Clara Burchett	Senior
Abigail Ehmcke	CAR Mag & Newsletters
Kathy Ehmcke	Senior
Florian Jacobsen	Conservation
Clara Burchett	Senior
Maja Sunleaf	Government Studies
Lucy Zeimet	Senior
Hannah Ehmcke	Kids Helping Kids
Rachele Ehmcke	Senior
Chelsea Hoye	Membership
Dianna Hoye	Senior
Grace Nichols	Mountain Schools
Nancy Nichols	Senior
Riley Brannian	Merit Award
Terry Brannian	Senior
David Franks	Public Relations
Melissa Franks	Senior
Veronica Francis	Patriotic Education
Karen Francis	Senior
Evan Nichols	CAR-DAR-SR Relations
Nancy Nichols	Senior



State President Chelsea Hoye accepts a donation from Mr. Mike Rowley, SAR State President.

Congratulations to these local societies who received state contest awards this year.

American Heritage Contest
Capt. Thomas Overton Society

American History Contest
Capt. Thomas Overton Society

American Indian Contest
Capt. Thomas Overton Society

Conservation Contest
Benjamin Bell Society

Kids Helping Kids
Capt. Thomas Overton Society

Merit Award
All Iowa societies

State President's Contest
Tall Grass Prairie Society



**From Your Iowa
State President
Betsy Ehmcke.**

Hi. I'm Betsy Ehmcke. I'm your new state president. My goal this year is to make C.A.R. fun, because, at the moment, it's not. My first idea on how to make C.A.R. fun for both you and me is that we are going to have three state packet events; one in each region of the state. Yeah, I know. It's not fun yet. Well, after a short meeting, we are going to go someplace fun. For the eastern meeting, we are going to go to this awesome water park in Dubuque, whose name escapes me, for the central meeting we are going to go to Adventureland, and for the western meeting we are going to go to the Henry Doorly Zoo in Omaha, which, yes, is not in Iowa. Don't worry, it's close. Hopefully these trips will make the events more enjoyable. Next. We are going to have t-shirts. They will be awesome, believe me. We are going to pre-order them so you can wear them at the summer packet events. There is a form in here somewhere and it will explain the details. Finally, my project. Our theme this year is . . . drum role please . . . "Discover Iowa's Treasures". This year, you are encouraged to discover the historical and not-so-historical treasures in Iowa, the most important one being Iowa C.A.R. We are going to raise money for scholarships to send kids to the Victorian Day Camp at Terrace Hill. You may raise money however you want. One thing the state is doing is we're going to have a raffle for Samantha, the American Girl doll. Raffle tickets will be five dollars and we hope that each society can sell twenty tickets. That would send twelve kids to camp! There's more details in this newsletter. I'm really looking forward to seeing all of you this summer at one or more of the summer events. Bring your friends and get ready to have some fun this year.

Betsy



**From Your Iowa Senior
State President
Lance Ehmcke.**

I am Lance Ehmcke, Betsy's dad and your new Senior State President. We are excited about this year in Iowa CAR. This summer we want to focus on fun, completing new member applications, and helping you plan your school-year schedule of local society events, using ideas from the National CAR committee programs. In her letter, Betsy tells you about the fun and her state project. On membership, this is the last year that the CAR application fee is being rebated as a part of the National Society's Endowment Fund birthday celebration. Everyone should take advantage of this opportunity, and summer is a great time to visit family who have the information to finish the papers. Let's do it! Don't wait. For all our DAR and SAR friends, this is the year for you to help your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins (up to age 22) to join CAR. The application fee rebate makes it economical for you to extend your genealogies in our permanent records to the next generations. Later, your family members can transfer easily to DAR and SAR if we do this work now. This is important family history work. If we don't do it now, who will?

Those who can attend SAR's rededication for Revolutionary War veteran Cato Mead in Montrose, Iowa this Memorial Day will be treated to an event of national significance. The Great Plains Regional meeting in Kansas City, this June 23-24 will be another fun event. Please respond to the invitation that was sent earlier this month.

In closing, I want to thank all our DAR and SAR friends for your time and financial support, and for taking an active interest in Iowa CAR. Our young people are worth it. We will need them to be leaders later. Let's all help train them to be CAR leaders now. If you need information or have questions, please contact me at 712/266-0378 or email ksehmcke@msn.com.

Lance Ehmcke

Great Plains Regional Meeting to be held June 23-24.

Don't miss the fun of attending the Great Plains Regional meeting in Kansas City on June 23 & 24. The meetings will begin on Monday evening, followed by an informal member party. Tuesday morning meetings will be followed by lunch and a tour that afternoon and formal banquet and dance Tuesday evening. This is a great time to meet kids from Kansas, Missouri, South Dakota, Minnesota and Iowa who love C.A.R. as much as you do. Check your email. Registration materials were emailed on May 14.



Iowa C.A.R. Bring Greetings at DAR State Convention. Betsy Ehmcke, Iowa State President, Mrs. DiAnne Lerud-Chubb, State DAR Regent, Kennedy Rieger, Iowa 1st VP pose at the DAR State Conference on May 2, 2008 in Ames. Also attending were David & Robbie Franks. Betsy brought greetings and encouraged members of the Iowa DAR to register their children and grandchildren in C.A.R. this year.

Iowa Represented at NSCAR National Convention in Washington DC.

Five members and three seniors attended the National Society of the Children of the American Revolution's National Convention April 19-21. Those members attending were Chelsea Hoyer, Tall Grass Prairie Society and Elizabeth, Abigail, David & Hannah Ehmcke, Mary Bailey Potter Society. The weekend began Friday evening with national officers' reports followed by an informal *meet the candidates* party. Saturday featured the national candidates speeches, followed by the vote. Saturday evening included a formal banquet and ball. Sunday morning featured the installation of Elizabeth Ehmcke, our new state president, as well as her senior Mr. Lance Ehmcke. Following the installation, a memorial service was held at the old Presbyterian meeting house, and a wreath was laid at the tomb of the revolutionary war soldier.

Discover How You can Help Kids go to Camp on Page 16. Find out how you can win "Samantha" the

American Girl doll for just \$5.00! Contact any C.A.R. member and ask to purchase 1 or more raffle tickets to support our state project and get the chance to win this beautiful doll that any little girl would treasure.



Member Kudos.



Congratulations to **Betsy Ehmcke**, Mary Bailey Potter Society, who won 1st place in the 7th Grade Math Bee at East Middle School in Sioux City. Betsy earned the top spot from 310 7th graders.

She advanced to the AEA Math Bee on April 14, where she placed 4th in the individual competition and 1st place in the team competition. Betsy also received a division I+ rating on her saxophone solo during the Iowa Music Teachers Association's instrumental music contest. On May 5, 2008 Betsy was voted Student Council President for the upcoming school year.

Congratulations to **Abby Ehmcke**, Mary Bailey Potter Society, who won 2nd place in Sunnyside Elementary School's 4th grade girls free-throw contest on March 14.



Laura Jelinek, Capt. Thomas Overton Society, is approved for C.A.R. membership.



Laura is an 8th grader at Jefferson Junior High School in Dubuque. Laura is shown as the lead "Jasmine" in her school's spring play "Aladdin".



Congratulations to **Riley Brannian**, Little Night Society, who placed fourth in the Iowa State National Geographic GeoBee in Des Moines on April 4. Riley qualified by winning her school

bee at the Cedar Rapids Home School Assistance. The competition is open to fourth through eighth graders. The winner this year was an eighth grader and second place was a seventh grader, so as a 5th grader, Riley took an impressive 4th place and has hopes to rank even higher next year. Way to Go Riley!



Kudos to **Hannah Ehmcke**, Mary Bailey Potter Society, who's painting of the historic Evans Block Building in Sioux City was chosen to be showcased in the 17th annual Sioux

City History Projects exhibition at the Sioux City Public Museum. 832 students from Sioux City participated in the program and of these, 83 were chosen to be exhibited based on their uniqueness and quality of work. Hannah was honored at an awards ceremony at the museum on Sunday, May 18.

Member Kudos.

Congratulations to **Hannah & Abigail Ehmcke**. Each girls' artwork was chosen to be exhibited in the ARTWORKS 2008 exhibition, a celebration of the Visual Arts in the Sioux City Community School District. Artwork displayed at ARTWORKS is chosen as an outstanding representation of that particular grade level. Hannah & Abigail are in the 4th grade at Sunnyside School. The artwork was on display at the Marketplace Shopping Centre May 2-4 in Sioux City.

Iowa C.A.R. T-Shirts for Sale!

We'd like everyone to wear their new Iowa C.A.R. t-shirt at the packet events this summer. The cotton/poly t-shirt is a bright blue with the slogan:

***Discover Iowa's Treasures with
Iowa's Children of
the American Revolution***

on the front. A treasure map design is featured in the center. Cost is \$15.00 each. Clip this order form and send to the Sr. State Treasurer with your check. Orders must be submitted **by June 10**. T-shirts will be distributed at the summer meeting.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Size (circle one) : Youth L, Adult S, M, L, XL, XXL.

Society Name _____

One order form per order please. Make copies if necessary for multiple orders. Checks payable to Iowa C.A.R. Send to Rachele Ehmcke, Senior State Treasurer. 4549 DeRocher Path, Sioux City IA 51106.

C.A.R. Summer Fun Events in Iowa!

Mark your calendars now for some C.A.R. fun during our *Discover Iowa's Treasures Summer Tour*. We're going to three different locations this summer, so pick the spot that fits into your summer schedule. This is the time to bring friends and prospective members. You may go to any one or more events. Get ready for fun with C.A.R. this summer!

Central Iowa. Saturday, June 28.

Adventureland Park, Altoona

Deadline: June 20

Meet at the picnic tables immediately west of the park (near the parking lot) at 9:30am for a short meeting and then we'll proceed to Adventureland for the day. Cost: Group discount of \$23.00 (15 person minimum-group tickets must be purchased in advance). RSVP to Betsy and send check to Rachele Ehmcke, Iowa State Treasurer, 4549 DeRocher Path, Sioux City, IA 51106 **by June 20**.

Western Iowa. Saturday, July 26.

Henry Doorly Zoo, Omaha NE

Deadline: July 20

Cost: \$7.25 (ages 3-11) \$11.00 (12+) \$9.50 (seniors)

Meet inside the front gate at 10am.

RSVP with Betsy **by July 20** (tickets purchased at the zoo).

Eastern Iowa. Saturday, August 2.

**National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium
+ Grand Harbor Water park!**

Deadline: July 20

350 East 3rd Street

Dubuque IA 52001

Cost: \$15.15 group rate—Water park (pay at the park)

\$5.00 student, \$8.95 adult (group rate-15 or more/pay in advance)

We'll meet at 9am in the lobby of the museum. Lunch and Water park to follow museum. Locker/changing area available at the water park. RSVP to Betsy and send museum entrance fee to Rachele Ehmcke, Iowa State Treasurer, 4549 DeRocher Path, Sioux City, IA 51106 **by July 20**.

National Convention Scrapbook



Betsy Ehmcke, Mary Bailey Potter Society is installed as Iowa's State President at the installation service during the National NSCAR convention in Washington DC. Pictured left to right is incoming National President Kevin Baker, outgoing National President Katie Stanley and Betsy.



(upper right) Iowa's voting delegation: L-R: Hannah Ehmcke, Chelsea Hoyer, Senior Diana Hoyer and David Ehmcke.

(right) Members of the Iowa Society pose for a picture at the NSCAR banquet during national convention. Left to right: (front row) David, Abigail & Hannah Ehmcke, (back row) Betsy Ehmcke and Chelsea Hoyer.



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MBP members process with the flags during Pilot Rock Chapter Youth Awards Day on February 3 in Cherokee. Betsy Ehmcke brought greetings on behalf of Iowa State CAR. . **L-R. David Ehmcke, Clare Conley, Fran Conley, Abigail Ehmcke and Hannah Ehmcke.** During Iowa Society's State Conference, MBP won the Endowment Fund Contest. At the National Convention, MBP was recognized as a honor mention award winner for the National Merit Award Contest. On May 2, **Betsy Ehmcke**, Iowa State President and her senior Mr. Lance Ehmcke, brought greetings to the DAR State Conference in Ames.



The Ehmckes stop for a picture with National President Katie Stanley during the Sunday pilgrimage at National Convention.

The Benjamin Bell Banner

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Members **David & Robbie Franks**, of the Benjamin Bell Society made Patriotic bunnies to sell at the DeShon Chapter D.A.R.



Kara Marie Sickau is a graduating senior at Boone High School and a member of the Benjamin Bell Society. She is also involved in Girl Scouts, 4-H, the Turkey Federation and Trout Unlimited. She will be attending DMACC this fall with intent of transferring to Iowa State in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. She intends to pursue Animal Ecology under the Department of Natural Resource Ecology and Management with an interest in becoming a Naturalist. Congratulations Kara.



David Franks accepts the Conservation Contest Award from Senior State President Mrs. Peggy Powell at the Iowa State Conference.



David & Robert Franks help pass out gifts to dignitaries at the DAR State Conference.

Little Muddy News

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Jeralyn Westercamp, was recognized as one of the most successful, most inspirational young people in America as a result of her commitment to volunteerism. She was awarded the Daisy Award at the sixth annual *"It's All About Girls"* Awards Dinner of the Girl Scouts of Eastern Iowa & Western Illinois on April 22, 2008. Jeralyn has written acclaimed research papers that are displayed in the Smithsonian Institute, the White House and the Iowa State Historical Museum. Jeralyn was also featured in the Step Magazine for her volunteerism. Jeralyn founded the nonprofit Kids 2 Kids: Tools 4 Schools, which provides new equipment to economically disadvantaged students here and abroad. She also earned more than \$5,000 to purchase fabric and make more than 500 fleece blankets for the Iowa City Veterans' Hospital.

The Sgt. Charles Floyd Herald

The Newsletter of the Sgt. Charles Floyd Society

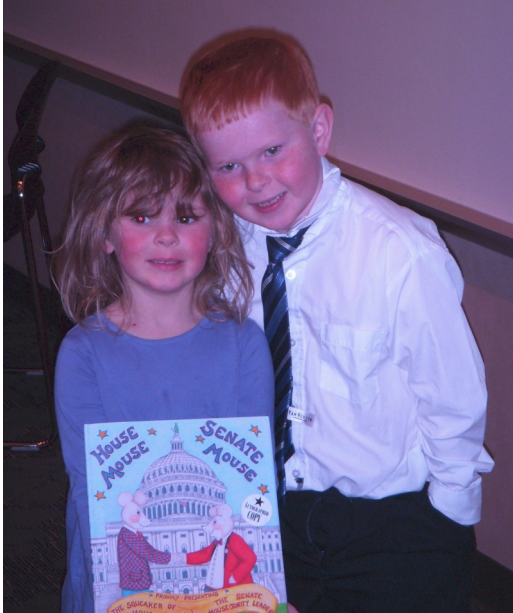
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In cooperation with the Martha Washington DAR Chapter, the Sgt. Charles Floyd Society members are collecting money and contributions of large (30x54 or 56") white bath towels. Towels are needed at the Council on Sexual Assault & Domestic Violence, where over 40 people are taking showers daily. Bath towels will be purchased with cash donations and all towels will be donated to the CASA & DV.

The Little Night News

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Jessica & JD Alberhasky show off the book they received on behalf of the Little Night Society during the merit award competition.

Little Nights met Saturday, May 10 in conjunction with the Pilgrim Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the Revolution, Iowa City. The event was held at the home of Shalla Wilson, Pilgrim Chapter Regent, Solon. The program was based on Jamestown. Plans were made for a June meeting, field trips, activities with the Veterans, and community service. **Riley Brannian** will become President of our Society. New officers will be installed in June.

The Captain's Log

The Newsletter of the Capt. Thomas Overton Society

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Annika, Eliza & Maja Sunleaf, Capt. Thomas Overton Society, accepts their society's awards during the 61st Iowa State Conference.

Captain Thomas Overton Society donated the book, *Code talkers* to the Bryant Elementary School library. Society member Maja Sunleaf was in the George Washington Middle School production of State Fair. Captain Thomas Overton Society members learned more about the Junior Ranger program and Smokey Bear, as well as made valentines for veterans and wounded soldiers in the past year.

Congratulations to the Capt. Thomas Overton Society who received 3rd Place in the National Government Studies Contest.

The Tall Grass Times

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Tall Grass members deliver 65 shoe boxes to the Iowa Veteran's Hospital in Des Moines as part of the State President's Project. They also presented 50 miniature state flags from the Iowa Society, C.A.R. L to R: Joe Padilla (Veteran's Hospital), **Chelsea Hoye**, **Mary Kate Koithan**, **Morgan Koithan**, **Nancy Nichols**, **Veronica Francis**.

In the News.

Veronica Francis placed 3rd in the state for poetry and has been published.

Chelsea Hoye was named to the Varsity Cheerleading Squad at Valley High School in West Des Moines for the 2008-2009 school year. This past season, her competition team won First Place in State Competition for large group.

Leah Jessen was named to the Varsity Dance/Drill Team at Iowa Falls High School for 2008-2009. Leah also has received special recognition for her ten years in Girl Scouting.

Morgan Koithan was selected to attend the Iowa PGA Junior Golf Academy this June in Cedar Falls.

Mary Kate Koithan was recently awarded 1st place in 3D art at the Central Iowa Metro League Arts Festival.

Tall Grass Society

Tall Grass Prairie Society received Honorable Mention for the 2008 National Merit Award.

Chelsea Hoyer attended NSCAR National Convention where she presented State President's report before the 650 members. She also received Honorable Mention for the 2008 State President's Award.

Emma Baker is the 2008 recipient of the Good Citizen's Award from the DAR Candlestick Society in Hampton. Earlier this year, Emma was inducted into the National Honor Society at the Iowa Falls-Alden High School.

Chelsea Hoyer will give the Gettysburg address during Memorial Day ceremonies in Hardin County, Iowa.

Grace Nichols has qualified for the Olympic Soccer Development Program in Iowa for a third year.

Welcome New Members

Emma Baker, Alden
Alexandra Caldwell, Waukee
Cathryn Caldwell, Waukee
Veronica Francis, Pella
Leah Jessen, Iowa Falls



Mary Kate Koithan and Chelsea Hoyer work on a puzzle the veterans were putting together at the Veterans' Hospital.



Society members Chelsea Hoyer, Alaina Hartley and sister Kaidi, tour the Iowa Historical Museum in Des Moines.

2008 Society Officers.

President, Chelsea Hoyer
Vice President, Mary Kate Koithan
Treasurer, Evan Nichols
Registrar, Morgan Koithan
Recording Secretary, Grace Nichols
Corresponding Secretary, Alaina Hartley
Chaplain, Veronica Francis
Historian/Librarian, Kennedy Rieger

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

Kevin Baker of Georgia is the new NSCAR National President. His National Project will help ***Ensure American Patriotism***. The project raises funds to produce and distribute DVDs to all school systems across the nation. The DVD, entitled "Liberty or Death" will feature the re-enactment (filmed on location) of the 2nd Virginia Convention, featuring the famous "Give me Liberty or Give me Death" speech by Patrick Henry. Each DVD will be packaged with an informative insert highlighting N.S.C.A.R. as an organization and it's role in the distribution of the production. Literature will also feature the N.S.C.A.R.

website and contact information will be included increasing awareness of and membership in the nation's oldest patriotic youth organization. The "Give me Liberty or give me death" speech delivered at the St. John's Church in Richmond, Virginia during the second Virginia Convention brought about the formation of a colonial militia under the command of George Washington and provided much of the inspiration for Thomas Jefferson to draft the Declaration of Independence. Please support this important project.

Iowa C.A.R. State Project

One important Iowa treasure is Terrace Hill, the residence of Iowa's governor. Terrace Hill was built in 1869 and is filled with historic treasures from that time period. Each summer, children between 1st-5th grade can come and be a part of the Victorian era through the Terrace Hill Foundation's Victorian Day Camp. This year, our state C.A.R. project is to help less fortunate kids go to this camp by raising money for camp scholarships. Just \$45 will send a kid to camp, our goal is to send 20 kids to camp. Each society is asked to sell at least 25 raffle tickets at \$5.00 each. The winning ticket will receive "Samantha" the American Girl Doll (\$110 value). The drawing will be held at our State Conference and the check for funds raised will be presented to the Terrace Hill Foundation that afternoon. Discover how good it feels to help other kids in Iowa. Sales deadline: March 10.



**Children of the
American
Revolution
Iowa State
Society
American Girl
Doll Raffle
Ticket Price:
\$5.00**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Raffle drawing will take place March 2008
at the Iowa C.A.R. State Conference.

Your contribution will provide camp scholarships for
Terrace Hill Foundation's Victorian Day Camp.

This contribution is tax deductible.