



**Marcia K. Shavlik Installed as Nebraska State Regent at 131st Continental Congress
*Washington, D.C. Conference May Set All-Time Attendance Record***

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(WASHINGTON, D.C.) - More than 4,000 members of the Daughters of the American Revolution gathered this past week in the nation's capital for their 131st Continental Congress, the service organization's annual meeting. The week-long convention, which was projected to draw the largest attendance in the organization's history, consisted of business sessions, committee meetings and social functions, in addition to formal evening ceremonies that honored national award winners and featured outstanding keynote speakers. This year's convention was the first in-person gathering in three years, after the 2020 and 2021 editions were conducted virtually due to the pandemic.

In attendance was Nebraska State Regent Marcia K. Shavlik, member of the Major Isaac Sadler Chapter in Omaha. Shavlik was elected to the office of State Regent in March at this year's State Conference held in Kearney. She was officially installed as the Nebraska State Regent on Sunday, July 3, 2022, at Memorial Continental Hall. She will serve a term of two years as State Regent of the Nebraska Society and will serve on NSDAR's National Board of Management. These National officers advise and guide the work of the society.

Wednesday's Opening Night Ceremony speakers included U.S. Secretary of the Navy Carlos Del Toro, who was honored with the DAR Americanism Medal; and philanthropist/business leader David Rubenstein, who was presented the DAR Medal of Honor. Friday's Historic Preservation Night Ceremony honored former Archivist of the United States David Ferriero, among others; and the Saturday National Defense Night Ceremony featured keynote remarks by Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Mark A. Milley. He was recognized with the presentation of the prestigious DAR Patriot Award, which honors those men and women who provide extraordinary service to protect America's freedom. Other national awards were presented throughout the week to outstanding honorees exhibiting excellence in historic preservation, education and patriotism.

"I am both proud and excited to welcome our members back to our DAR Headquarters, especially so that they may experience the grandeur of DAR Constitution Hall following its massive \$15 million restoration," said DAR President General Denise Doring VanBuren. "We have so much to celebrate, with more than 35,000 new members welcomed and 14 million hours of community service provided since we last gathered for our congress in person back in 2019. It is a pleasure to see our members return to our complex and to our nation's capital for the first time in three years. We will together rejoice in our vibrant mission of service, fulfilling our joyful obligations to the memory of our ancestors."

Marcia K. Shavlik has served the NSDAR since becoming a member in 2008. Shavlik has served as Chapter Regent of the Major Isaac Sadler-LaBelleVue Chapter in Omaha for four years and was named an Honorary Chapter Regent in 2016. She has served as State Recording Secretary, Historian, and Vice Regent for the Nebraska State Society. She has held numerous state and national committee chairmanships such as the America 250!, Celebrate America!, and DAR Good Citizens. Additionally, she has served as North Central Division Vice Chair for DAR Genealogy Preservation from 2019-2022. Shavlik holds a

Bachelor of Arts in Paralegal Studies from the College of Saint Mary and has been employed at Fraser Stryker PC LLO as a paralegal for 38 years. Shavlik is also a member of the United States Daughters of 1812, the National Society Descendants of American Farmers, and the League of Women Voters.

The DAR Continental Congress is a time-honored annual event that has been held in Washington, D.C. since the organization's founding. Members from across the country and around the world gather at the DAR National Headquarters to report on the year's work, honor outstanding award recipients, plan future initiatives and reconnect with friends. To learn more about its important work, visit www.DAR.org.

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The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution was founded in 1890 to promote historic preservation, education and patriotism. Its members are descended from the patriots who won American independence during the Revolutionary War. With nearly 190,000 members in approximately 3,000 chapters worldwide, DAR is one of the world's largest and most active service organizations.