



Grant news  
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## DAR Foundation's final round of grants for 2019 includes \$15,000 for Patriots Plaza project at USD

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. – The Patriots Plaza, a tribute area to honor military veterans that will be built on the University of South Dakota campus, will receive \$15,000 from the Mary Chilton DAR Foundation.

The funding is part of three Regular Grants and two Mini-Grants that the Sioux Falls-based DAR Foundation awarded during the organization's third and final grant-distribution period of 2019. DAR is short for the Daughters of the American Revolution.

The Patriots Plaza to be built in Vermillion will include a display of American, state, POW/MIA and university flags. It also will include displays for three Congressional Medal of Honor winners who were USD alumni, one or more donor walls to recognize other veterans, and recognition of the first century of Army ROTC at the school.

The grant from the DAR Foundation will be matched by the university to provide \$30,000 for the project, which is estimated to cost at least \$150,000. Additional funding might be raised to cover future maintenance, said John Holter, development officer at the USD Foundation. The plaza is expected to be built next summer and open in November 2020, he said.

The gift from the DAR Foundation for the project is generous and appreciated, Holter said. "It think this will be a valuable part of the USD campus going forward," he said.

The Patriots Plaza application appealed to the DAR Foundation in multiple ways, said Judy Goetz, who chairs the DAR Foundation's Grants Committee.

"No. 1, it's patriotism. In some ways, it's historic preservation because your preserving the memories of veterans. It's educational, too," said Goetz, who is also the vice regent of Mary Chilton Chapter, NSDAR. NSDAR is short for the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

The Mary Chilton DAR Foundation is affiliated with the Mary Chilton Chapter, NSDAR. The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution strives to perpetuate the memory and spirit of the men and women who gave their lives and fortunes for American Independence.

The DAR Foundation awards grants annually in three categories: Regular Grants (\$1,000 to \$15,000), Mini-Grants (for up to \$1,000), and Schoolroom Grants (for up to \$500 for educational projects in public schools with fewer than 300 students.).

In addition to the Regular Grant to the USD Foundation, the DAR Foundation awarded two other Regular Grants and two Mini-Grants during the funding period:

### **Regular Grants**

- American Legion Post 170 in Herreid, S.D., which is named after Jacob A. Heinrich, received \$5,084 to host the American Veterans Traveling Tribute Vietnam Memorial Wall. The wall will be on display in Herreid during the last weekend of June 2020. No admission fee will be charged.
- The Black Hills Chapter, NSDAR in Rapid City, S.D. received \$3,985 for the digitization of approximately 7,245 pages of records from the Black Hills and the Bear Butte chapters of NSDAR.

### **Mini-Grants**

- The Sioux Falls Veterans Association Health Care System received \$971 for archival materials to store veteran artifacts donated by families.
- \$1,000 was awarded to the West River History Conference in Deadwood, S.D. to support an annual conference.

The five grants awarded in the final distribution period totaled \$26,040. Over the three grant-distribution periods of 2019, the Mary Chilton DAR Foundation awarded \$123,195.

The Jan. 5, 2020 will be the next deadline for grant applications. Forms and filing information for DAR grant programs are available at online at [DAR-MaryChiltonFoundation.org](http://DAR-MaryChiltonFoundation.org).

The organization generally prefers that applications for regular grants be used for specific projects and not to partly fund larger programs.

Written inquiries about grant policies and procedures may be mailed to: Mary Chilton DAR Foundation, PO Box 90716, Sioux Falls, SD 57109-0716. Prospective grant applicants also may contact Grants Committee Chair Judy Goetz at [jgoetz6970@gmail.com](mailto:jgoetz6970@gmail.com) or (605) 413-3798