

Another KDS Graduate is a DAR State Regent

For the second time in the 95-year history of Kate Duncan Smith DAR School, a graduate is a DAR State Regent. Jane Morrow Mann was installed as State Regent of the Hawaii State Society Daughters of the American Revolution in June of 2019 during the 128th NSDAR Continental Congress in Washington, D.C. Her three-year term as leader of four Hawaii DAR chapters with 314 members will last until June of 2022.



Jane is a 1968 graduate of KDS DAR School, one of only two DAR Schools in the country. She joined the Aloha Chapter, NSDAR, of Honolulu, Hawaii in 1994. Prior to being elected State Regent, Jane held the office of State Vice Regent from 2016-2019 and has served as both Chapter Regent and Vice Regent.

"I am so honored to have been elected as a state regent for such a generous organization and so fortunate to have gotten my start in Grant, Alabama," said Mann.

The first KDS graduate to serve as a DAR State Regent was Tammy Clemons, who is currently the Regent of the Alabama Society DAR.

Jane received an education degree from Auburn University in 1972, following in the footsteps of her father John David Morrow, Sr. who attended the school when it was called Alabama Polytechnic Institute. His first job after college was with NACA, the predecessor to NASA, in Hampton, Virginia. When the German rocket scientists were transferred to Huntsville, Alabama, in 1952, Jane's father was asked to transfer as well, and he moved the family back to Grant.

Jane married her husband Steve, also an Auburn graduate, in 1974. Steve served in the Navy Reserve and then later in the Air Force Reserve as a commander. His last six years were active duty with the Air Force, retiring as a colonel. "He is the reason for my many moves over the years, and I have been truly blessed to live and work in many special places," she said.

Steve's work led the couple to stints in Huntsville, Alabama; Montgomery, Alabama; Cambridgeshire, England; Washington, D.C.; Warner Robins, Georgia; and Honolulu, Hawaii. Throughout their assignments, Jane worked in various capacities including education, administration, and financial services.

In 2008, Jane's husband retired from his civil service job and asked for an Air Force Reserve active duty assignment in Hawaii. The couple continued to work until both retired in 2012. They now divide their time between Hawaii and Grant.

"We are so blessed to have been able to purchase the home place in Grant and split our time in retirement between the two places. I'm able to spend around three months a year in Grant and my husband does the same," said Mann.

Mann added, "I can never do enough to thank the DAR for all they have done for our small town in the foothills of the Appalachians. It is a wonderful school that prepared me for all that came after. When it gets too hard to be in Hawaii – traffic, distance from family, etc. – we will end our days in Grant."