



Michigan Society of Sons of the American Revolution

TO: Community EDITOR

FROM: Joseph Conger, President of Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) Northern Michigan Chapter

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Northern Michigan Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution in a joint meeting with the Michigan Society of Sons of the American Revolution on **October 10, 2009** awarded Monica M. Bannigan of Bay City, MI the Michigan American History Teachers Award on Saturday in Traverse City, MI.

Monica Bannigan is a teacher at St. Stanislaus, Bay City, MI. She has been a teacher for 20 years. She believes in making history come alive by encouraging each of her pupils to research their favorite American Patriot. They write an essay on that historical person, then dress as the patriot and give a presentation to their class members. Mrs. Bannigan also teaches with cause and effect charts, pictures and encouraging her pupils to learn by listening, then writing notes and taking their own quizzes by meaning of a game played. This kind of participation helps each student learn and appreciate our American Heritage.

Mrs. Bannigan's name will be submitted to the National Society for consideration for an AHT award. As the winner she would be eligible for a week long sabbatical at Freedom Foundation Workshop and a cash award.

For additional information about the meeting or the American History Teachers Award, please contact Joseph Conger, President NMC at 231/929-7142 or ceventh7sun@gmail.com

NSSAR web site is www.sar.org

American History Teacher Award for NSSAR web-site is: http://www.sar.org/Youth/History_Teacher_Award

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- * Honor the institutions of American freedom
- * Foster an appreciation for true patriotism
- * Respect for our national symbols
- * The values of American citizenship
- * An interest in genealogy research methods and techniques

We do this by perpetuating the stories of patriotism, courage, sacrifice, tragedy, and triumph of the men who achieved the independence of the American people.