



## SHARLA LUKEN

Illinois Honorary State Regent  
**Candidate for the Office of  
 Vice President General**

Join Date: October 7, 1982  
 Chapter: Skokie Valley  
 Endorsed by: 127th Illinois State  
 Conference

### **National Service:**

Sharla Luken is a second-generation Life Member of DAR and Honorary State Regent of the Illinois State Organization. She has been a judge of the Richard and Elizabeth Dean National Scholarships for the past 3 years and the Head Judge of the Illinois DAR Service for Veteran Award and the Outstanding Veteran Volunteer Award.

Her past service includes representing the Illinois State Organization on the National Board of Management 2019-2021, Service to America National Chair 2016-2019, National Vice Chair, Women's Issues (Career) 2019-2022, National Vice Chair Congress Music 2004-2013, National Division Vice Chair, Program 1998-2001, and Public Relations, Motion Picture, Radio and Television 2004-2007. Sharla served at Continental Congress on the Credentials Committee 2007-2010, House Committee 2004-2007, National Chorus 2003-2013, DAR Speaker's Staff 1998-2001 and has been a delegate to Continental Congress for Dewalt Mechlin and Skokie Valley chapters.

She is a Life Member of the National Officers Club, Life Member of the National Chairman's Association, National Vice Chairman's Association, Life Member of the State Regent's Club (past Chaplain 2021-2023), Heritage Club member and is a DAR sustaining supporter. She is a graduate of the DAR Leadership Training Members Course and actively working on completing the Leaders Course this summer.

### **State and Chapter Service:**

Sharla is a 41 year member of the Illinois State Organization. She previously served as State Regent 2019-2021, State Corresponding Secretary, Assistant State Treasurer and District IV Director. Her State Regent's projects include raising \$25,000 for the four Illinois Veterans Homes special projects; \$25,000 for the Historic Preservation of the Susan Lawrence Dana Cottage in Springfield, Illinois; \$4,000 for the historic preservation of the Lincoln Markers and the restoration of Constitution Hall in Washington, D C. and the Illinois seal.

She has served as State Chairman of the following committees: President General's Project 2009-2010, 2013-2014, American History 2003-2005, DAR Good Citizens 2001-2003, Public Relations, Motion Picture, Radio and Television 1997-1999, Program 1993-1995, Genealogical Records 1991-1993, Junior American Citizens 1989-1991 and State Regent's Pressbook 1985-1987.

Sharla has been State Conference Coordinator 1995-1997, Meal Reservation Chair 1987-1989, Personal page to the President General 1983, and a member of the Illinois Chorus 2002-2015.

Sharla is a past President of the State Officers Club and was Chaplain in 2015. She has been past President of the State Chairman's Club (2019), past Vice President (2015), past Chaplain (2017), past Secretary (2016), past Treasurer (2016) and Director (2012-2014).

Sharla has served Skokie Valley chapter as Regent, Treasurer, Historian, Librarian, Parliamentarian. She is a member of the National Society of the Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America and past National Corresponding Secretary 2013-2016. Sharla has served as Illinois Chapter President 2006-2009, Vice President 2004-2007 and Chaplain 2013-2016. She is also a member of the Dames of the Court of Honor and was Second Vice President 2004-2006 and Parliamentarian 2007-2010. Sharla currently serves her chapter as Insignia Chair and delegate to the Illinois State Conference and Continental Congress.

**Non DAR Information:**

Sharla holds a B.F.A. in Art with a teaching certificate, a M.S in Audiology and a M.P.H. in Public Health Policy and Administration. She was last employed at the Division of Specialized Care for Children, Chicago North office. Sharla was an Audiologist with the City of Chicago, Department of Health, a Realtor on the North Shore and Head of the Art Department at Rosemary Hall in Connecticut.