



West Virginia DAR News

National Theme: "Preserve the Past, Enhance the Present, Invest in the Future"

State Theme: "Treasures of the Mountains"

State Scripture: "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:21

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Dear West Virginia Daughters:

The wallpaper is printed and ready to hang, the border is printed and ready to hang, the rug is being woven and the drapery is being dyed! Wow...in a matter of a few short weeks the transformation of the WV Period Room will begin and your State Regent is thrilled! I heard so many positive comments during the February National Board of Management from the Curator General to several other State Regents who saw me show off the wallpaper! Again the DAR Museum and our Period Room Curator, Patrick, is so excited about our project! Thank you WV Daughters!

I am so pleased to report that the new Chapter in Jackson County is generating much interest in their area. Currently there are 29 applications that are in various stage of completion and could be listed as Charter Members! Much thanks and appreciation goes to Brenda Chevront for her magnificent efforts in the organization of this new Chapter! I hope to be able to unveil the new name of the Chapter at State Conference once it is approved at the April National Board of Management meeting.

It is time for the 107th State Conference and I am so excited to share some of our plans with you! Please join us May 18-20, 2012 in South Charleston. Our theme is "Guarding American Dreams" and the Chapters of the Western District are working hard to show you a wonderful time. We will be honoring our veterans and active military and I know you will be bringing your patriotic pride with you! Enclosed you will find the contact information to make your room and meal reservations; please note that rooms must be reserved by May 1; please make those directly with the hotel and your meal reservations are also due by May 1 to Cora P. Teel.

Our very special guest will be Merry Ann T. Wright, President General, NSDAR and she will be our Opening Night speaker. We will have visiting State Regents from Arizona, Louisiana, Tennessee and Utah. Stephanie, Bonnie, Nancy and Cindy are dear friends of mine and I am so excited to make them welcome in West Virginia! Your Conference Co-Chairmen, Linda Parsons and Kathleen Bledsoe and their committee of "thousands" are working hard to bring you top-notch speakers and entertainment. I am also thrilled to announce that Hamilton Jewelers will be in attendance and Lois Thatcher of the NSDAR Development Office will be at our Conference to answer any questions you may have.

One special event will be the Q & A Session with our President General on Saturday afternoon of the Conference. Now is the time for you to get your burning questions answered. Mrs. Wright enjoys the time with the Daughters and this is the perfect opportunity for you to get a better understanding of the workings of the DAR.

Also in this edition of the *WVDAR News*, you will find information about the final round of District meetings for this Administration! Please plan to attend!

See you in a few weeks...don't forget your gloves! I treasure each of you and thank you for your hard work!

Fondly,

Charla

Charla L. Nutter, State Regent



Come and Meet our President General at State Conference

Merry Ann T. Wright, President General, NSDAR, will be our special guest at the 107th West Virginia State Conference. The theme for her administration, symbolized by three intertwined circles, is: "Preserve the Past, Enhance the Present, Invest in the Future." Her time with us will provide a good opportunity to be updated regarding the three prongs of her President General's Project: the continued repair and restoration work to our beautiful complex of buildings in Washington, DC; securing new members and education and training for members and current leaders; and to increase awareness of DAR objectives and programs by providing grants in local communities to support initiatives that promote historic preservation, education, and patriotism.

Meet our Visiting State Regents



Bonnie Cook
State Regent, Louisiana

Bonnie Pepper Cook, a 44 year member of NSDAR, is the first Louisiana Regent admitted as a Junior Member. She is descended from one of the founders of the cities of New Orleans and Old Mobile. She is the Organizing Regent of Francois deLery Chapter and was Louisiana's Outstanding Junior in 1975. She has served as 2nd Vice Regent (surviving Katrina during this term), First Vice Regent and was the 2008-2009 President of the State Vice Regents Club. She will lead the over 3000 members of LSDAR during the Bicentennial of the statehood of Louisiana in 2012. Her state project is to assist in the rebuilding and refurbishing of the kitchen at Oakley Plantation and to honor outstanding members of the state with a "Louisiana Legacy" award. She is a graduate of Loyola University at New Orleans where she was elected the first female President of Alpha Sigma Nu National Jesuit Honor Society. She is a retired Detective from the St. Bernard Parish Sheriff's Department where she was the first female to be promoted to the rank of Captain. She has received numerous awards for her civic, religious, patriotic and law enforcement activities including being named Woman of the Year in 2008. She is the mother of 2 sons and 2 daughters and "Granny" to 10 grandsons and 2 granddaughters.

Nancy Garrison Hemmrich is a native Nashvillian. Growing up in the Green Hills area of Nashville, she attended Peabody College, Vanderbilt University where she met Geoff Hemmrich on a blind date at the Vanderbilt/Tennessee football game. They married while Nancy was still in college and moved to Wichita, Kansas where Geoff was stationed at McConnell Air Force Base. She continued her university education and graduated from Wichita State University. She graduated from college, moved to Japan, where Geoff served as an Air Force Captain, and had baby Lee, all within 6 months. The Hemmrichs lived in the Tokyo area for 3 years and then returned to Nashville, where their second daughter, Susan was born. She has been active in church, civic and other hereditary organizations. Her professional life included Secretary/Treasurer of Hemmrich and Associates, where she worked with her husband in the office and attended trade shows throughout the country. In 1972, she joined Fort Nashborough Chapter NSDAR. During her time as a member, she has served as Chapter Regent, State Chairmen of ten committees, District Director, State Treasurer, State Organizing Secretary (4 chapters organized), State Second Vice Regent, First Vice Regent, and now State Regent. On the National level, she has been a National Chairman of three National Committees and has served on many Congressional Committees. When Geoff Hemmrich died unexpectedly in 2004, Nancy closed their business after a year. She now enjoys being grandmother to Geoffrey (7) and Mimi (4).



Nancy Hemmrich
State Regent, Tennessee



Cindy Toone
State Regent, Utah

Cindy McCoid Toone has been a member of the NSDAR for 21 years, when she joined as a junior member at the encouragement of her mother. She has served at the chapter level of both the Salt Lake Valley Chapter and the Segoe Lily Chapter, as regent as well as other offices and chairmanships. Cindy is currently serving as 60th State Regent of the Utah State Society. She has also served as Vice Regent, Organizing Secretary, and Corresponding Secretary, as well as DAR Schools, Flag of the United States of America, Junior Membership, and Children of the American Revolution committee chairman. She served as Southwest Division Vice Chairman C.A.R. She was a Utah State Outstanding Junior. She served as a Continental Congress page for 5 years, and has served on various house committees. Cindy has served as Senior National Vice President of the Rocky Mountain Region, Senior State President, and Senior Society President of the Dominguez y Escalante Society for C.A.R. She has been married to her husband "Toone" for 35 years; they have 3 children: a son living in California that was recently married, a daughter graduating from the University of Utah this year in Civil Engineering, and a daughter working at Zion National Park that is engaged to be married this spring. She works full time for JCPenney at their accounting center in Salt Lake City, but is NOT an accountant. Cindy and her husband are renovating a historic home built in 1891 and hope to move in sometime before it kills them. Between DAR, work, the weddings, and the house that might not be far off...

Stephanie Hill Troth was born in Van Nuys, California and grew up in the San Fernando Valley. She was a member of the School Orchestra from the third grade on as a violinist. In Junior High, she became a member of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls, which was her introduction to the world of community service. She held several offices in Rainbow including Worthy Advisor. During her term as Worthy Advisor she met her future husband, Alan. They attended Los Angeles Pierce College together. They were happily married for over 43 years until his death in March, 2008. Stephanie was a Group Life and Health Underwriter for the Occidental Life Insurance Company of California, retiring in 2007. She joined DAR in 1997. Her great Grandmother joined DAR in 1900, making Stephanie a 4th generation Daughter. She has held the positions of Good Citizen Chair, Vice Regent, Regent, Honorary Regent, Chaplain, ASDAR State Treasurer, State Corresponding Secretary, State Vice Regent, and now State Regent. On the National level, she served as Sales Room Manager for the Calvin Associates in 2007; National Vice Chairman DAR Good Citizens, Southwestern Division, 2007 – 2010 and Congressional Memorial Committee, 2007 – 2010. She also served as Vice Chairman, President General's Project Sales Table during the Wagner Administration. She is an associate member of the Rebecca Cravat Chapter in Jackson, Mississippi. Rebecca Cravat is her great Grandmother 4 times removed. In her leisure time she volunteers in the church office, reads, walks and golfs. The golf has taken a hiatus because of DAR. But she does find time to squeeze in a round of golf on that rare occasion when she doesn't have anything else to do...



Stephanie Troth
State Regent, Arizona

West Virginia State Society Daughters of the American Revolution

Charla L. Nutter, State Regent

Barbara "Barby" Frankenberry, State Vice Regent

Call to the One Hundred and Seventh State Conference

May 18-20, 2012

Charleston Conference Center, Holiday Inn, South Charleston, WV

THEME:

"Guarding American Dreams"

The State Conference being the Annual Meeting of the West Virginia State Society is called for the purpose of receiving reports of the State Officers, District Directors, Chapter Regents, State Chairmen, vote on recommendations and resolutions, and to act on such other business as may properly come before the Conference body.

Credentials/Registration—Conference Center

Friday, May 18	10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 19	8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Sales and Displays—Conference Center

Closed during all Business Sessions!

Friday, May 18	10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 19	8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Schedule of Events

Thursday, May 17, 2012

3:00-5:00 p.m.	Arrival and Check-in for Executive Board and Conference Guests
5:30-6:15 p.m.	Informal Reception—Clay Suite, 1st Floor
6:30 p.m.	Informal Dinner — <i>RSVP to State Regent if Attending!</i>
8:30 p.m.	Executive Committee Meeting —Kanawha Board Room, 1st Floor

Friday, May 18, 2012

8:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.	Set up Displays/Credentials/Registration
10:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.	Registration
12 Noon	Board of Management Luncheon and Annual Meeting, Capitol Room <i>(State Officers, District Directors, and Chapter Regents should attend!—Honorary State Regents are welcome!)</i>
2:00 p.m.	State Officers Club Meeting—Susan Arnold, President, Montgomery Room
2:30 p.m.	West Virginia DAR Chorus Rehearsal, Centennial Room
3:00 p.m.	Page Meeting and Flag Rehearsal, Centennial Room
3:30 p.m.	Cameo Club Meeting and Fiesta—Edna Barnes, President, Capitol Room
6:00 p.m.	"Service to Veterans" Dinner—Centennial A & B
8:15 p.m.	Processional Forms—Hallway near Centennial Room <i>(State Officers, Honorary State Regents, Conference Guests, Hostess Chapter Regents and Pages)</i>
8:30 p.m.	Opening Session of the 107th State Conference—Centennial Room

***Welcome Reception with Receiving Line—Following Close of Opening Session
Honoring The President General and Visiting State Regents and other Conference Guests***

Saturday, May 19, 2012

7:30 a.m.	Chapter Regents Club Breakfast —Randi Gray, President, Capitol Room	
8:45 a.m.	Processional Forms	Hallway by Centennial Room
9:00 a.m.	Conference Business Session	Montgomery Room
12 Noon	“In Defense of Our Nation” Luncheon	Centennial Room
2:00 p.m.	Workshop—“But We Have Only Just Begun”	Montgomery Room
	Leadership Training for Chapter Officers—Open to All	
2:45 p.m.	Q & A with our President General—Open to All	Montgomery Room
3:30 p.m.	Heritage Club Tea with the President General—open to Members Only	Capitol Room
5:15 p.m.	PHOTOGRAPHS—State Officers, Guests, Honorary State Regents, National Chairmen and Vice Chairmen from West Virginia	
5:30 p.m.	PHOTOGRAPHS—District Directors, Chapter Regents, State Chairmen, Pages, State Officers Club	
5:45 p.m.	PHOTOGRAPHS—WV Chorus, Cameo Club, Chapter Regents Club	
6:00 p.m.	PHOTOGRAPHS—Districts, Chapters, Individual photos	
6:30 p.m.	Processional Line-up—District Directors and Chapter Regents	
6:45 p.m.	Processional Line-up—State Officers, Honorary State Regents, Conference Guests	
7:00 p.m.	“Guarding American Dreams” Banquet	Centennial Ballroom

Sunday, May 20, 2012

8:30 a.m.	Memorial Service	Montgomery Room
9:30 a.m.	Friendship Brunch—Reservations Required	Centennial Ballroom
10:30 a.m.	Closing Business Session	Montgomery Room

◆ State Conference Fee

Each Chapter shall have paid dues for each member and must have paid the Chapter Conference Dues (\$1.00 per member) for the current year. No Chapter whose State Dues and Assessments, Conference and District Dues have not been paid shall be entitled to representation at the meeting of the State Conference.

◆ Representation at Conference

Chapter representation is based on the number of members whose dues have been received by the State Treasurer and Treasurer General by December 1, 2011, not by the number of members in the Chapter. Each Chapter shall be entitled to be represented at any meeting at the State Conference by three (3) times as many delegates and alternates as at the previous Continental Congress (120th Continental Congress 2011) one of whom shall be the Chapter Regent, Chapter Vice Regent or the Chapter Regent’s representative. State Chairmen and State Vice Chairmen are appointees, and therefore have no vote at the 107th State Conference unless elected as Delegates by their Chapter.

◆ Credentials

State Chairman—Rebecca Davis, 1910 Lazzelle Union Blvd., Madsville, WV 26541-8017. Please return one copy of the forms to the State Chairman by **May 3** and another copy to the State Regent as directed on the forms. Each Chapter Delegate must present with **Proper Identification** to the Credentials Desk in the Registration area the Chapter Delegate’s official voting card, completed and bearing the proper signatures to receive the voter’s ribbon and registration materials.

◆ Resolutions

All resolutions to be considered to be presented at the State Conference must be sent to the Resolutions Chairman at least fifteen (15) days before the State Conference (postmarked no later than **May 2, 2011**) to: Fern L. Nutter, State Resolutions Chairman, 166 Valley Street, Salem, WV 26426 or email blair166@frontier.com.

◆ Meal Reservations

Enclosed in this edition of the *WVDAR News* is the reservation form that lists the meal functions and prices. Prices quoted do include gratuity. **Deadline for reservations is May 1, 2012.** Requests for cancellations or refunds must be made no later than May 10, 2012. Reservations should be mailed to: CORA P. TEEL, 1551 Walker Court, Huntington, WV 25701.

◆ Hotel Reservations

Room reservations are to be made directly with Charleston Conference Center — Phone: **304-744-4641 before May 1, 2012**. A block of rooms has been reserved for our members under the Conference Code: **DAR \$89.00 plus tax per night.**

◆ Reports

Members of the Executive Committee, District Directors, State Chairmen and Chapter Regents shall prepare and submit a report for the State Conference of her work since **April 2011**. Reports shall be typed, double-spaced on one side of 8 1/2 X 11" paper with a 1.5" left margin, ready for printing in the State Proceedings. Prepare three (3) copies of the report; send one (1) copy to the **State Recording Secretary** Frances VanScoy 713 South Hills Drive, Morgantown, WV 26501 or email to francesvanscoy@aol.com; one (1) copy to the State Regent; and maintain one (1) copy for your files. Reports must be received by the State Recording Secretary either via mail or email no later than **May 4**.

- ⇒ Chapter Regents shall give a brief narrative of the **2 Best Programs** of their Chapter. Only the Chapter Regent or Chapter Vice Regent may give the Chapter's annual report. If neither are present, the report will be filed. Reports are limited to two (2) minutes.
- ⇒ District Directors and Chapter Regents will report during the Saturday evening banquet. Reports of the State Officers and State Chairmen will be given during the Business Session on Saturday morning. Any reports not completed during the Saturday morning Business Session will be completed during the Sunday morning Business Session.

◆ Voting Body

The voting members of the State Conference or at any special meeting of the State Society shall be its Officers: Honorary Officers of the National Society whose membership is within the State; the Honorary State Regents of the West Virginia State Society; the Chapter Regents, or, in their absence, the Vice or First Vice Regent or designated alternate; the District Directors; and the delegates or their alternates from the Chapters of the State that are entitled to representation at the Continental Congress or special meetings of the National Society (Article VIII, Section 5).

◆ Awards

State Officers and State Chairmen planning to present awards at the 107th State Conference must send the name of the recipient, committee/person giving award, designation of award (1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.) to the State Award Co-Chairman: Nancy Kornegay, Route 1, Box 710-T, Peterstown, WV 24963 or email Nancy at nkornegay@brewstermorhous.com **Deadline is May 4**. **All awards must be signed by the proper State Chairman or State Officer at the Awards Table on Friday, May 18, 2012**. Award certificates will be available for pick-up at the Awards Table on Saturday, May 19 after lunch. **District Directors are responsible to see that all Chapters in their District receive their certificates.**

◆ Exhibits/Sales

Exhibits, Displays and Sales Tables will be located in the Lobby area of the Conference Center. If interested in volunteering to help at the tables, please contact the State Regent or the State Conference Co-Chairmen, Kathleen Bledsoe and Linda Parsons.

◆ Literature

No literature may be distributed during the State Conference without the permission of the State Regent. No publications except materials from NSDAR or those authorized by the State Regent may be sold at Conference.

◆ Pages

Please encourage and invite your daughters, granddaughters, and nieces to serve as a Page for the 107th State Conference! Page invitations will be sent to those whose names have been sent to the State Regent, email charla.nutter@lmco.com and to the State Page Co-Chairman, **Jessica Davis** 1838 Lazzelle Union Road, Maidsville, WV 26541 or email her at jadgirl@msn.com.

◆ Photographs

Please see the schedule in your Conference Program for time and place of photographs that will be taken on Saturday, May 19, 2012. Convention Photography is the official photographer of the 107th State Conference. It is extremely important that you are **on-time** for the photography sessions. Members are welcome to take pictures, but the official photographer has preference and please do not interfere with the photographer!



◆ **Hostess Chapters**

The **Chapters of the Western District** will serve as the official hostesses of the 107th State Conference. Those Chapters are Anne Bailey, Barboursville, Buford, Colonel Charles Lewis, John Young, Kanawha Valley, Westmoreland, and William Morris. **Kay Craig** serves as the **Western District Director**. Kathleen Bledsoe and Linda Parsons are graciously serving as the General Conference Co-Chairmen.

◆ **West Virginia Chorus**

Calling all Voices! Those wishing to sing with the West Virginia Chorus, should contact the WV Chorus Director—Annabelle Vance, 246 Hill Circle, Mathias, WV 26812 or call her at 304/897-5634.

◆ **Memorial Service**

Names of deceased members must be postmarked by **May 1, 2012** and mailed to the WV State Chaplain, Susan Garrett, 94 Farm View Drive, Moorefield, WV 26836 or email her at tsgarrett@frontiernet.net. Please include: full name of deceased member, national number, chapter name, date of death, indicate if Past National or State Officer, Past National Chairman, or Past Chapter Regent.

◆ **Chapter Press Books and Scrapbooks**

Please bring your Chapter's Press Books and/or Scrapbooks to the Conference Center Lobby on Friday, May 18 before 4 p.m. The books will be judged on Saturday afternoon and the winners will be announced during the "Guarding American Dreams" Banquet.

- ⇒ **Press Book Requirements**—Clippings must be original; no photocopies! Each item in the book must include the name of the newspaper or publication and date of publication. Please do not write in the margin or underline names. Include items on Chapter-sponsored events, including C.A.R. You may use obituaries of Chapter members if DAR is mentioned. Please include one typed page that describes the number of inches of type that the Chapter received from April 1, 2011 to May 2012. The first page of the book should include the name of the Chapter, the dates covered and the name of the Chapter Regent and Press Book chairman. No Clip Art. Judging will be on the amount of inches of type, the amount of publicity given the Chapter and the accuracy of following the instructions. ***New Addition—many newspapers are now online and so your Chapter articles may be online. Reprints of these articles will be permitted, but must include the masthead or a print of the name of the newspaper.*
- ⇒ **Scrapbook Requirements**—Must have the name of the Chapter, name of the Chapter Regent, and the Scrapbook Chairman. With all photographs, please neatly identify members and identify the activity. Scrapbooks should contain activities and events from April 2011 to May 2012 only. Graphics and clip art are encouraged. Judging will be on neatness, creativity and completeness of coverage of the Chapter's activities for the year.
- ◆ **"DAR-Lings" Auction**—Once again, we will be having this great fundraiser...new name, same fun! All proceeds will go to areas where restricted funds cannot be used. Tickets will be sold as before— 1 for \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00. Use your imagination when selecting items to donate to our "DAR-Lings" Auction! We need many unique and interesting items to entice people to buy tickets. Drop off your items at the designated tables in the Conference Center Lobby! The winning tickets will be drawn at the "Guarding American Dreams" Banquet on Saturday.

*I encourage all WV Daughters to attend **their** State Conference. I look forward to seeing you at the 107th WVDAR State Conference!*

Charla

107th WVDAR State Conference

“Guarding American Dreams”

Meal Reservations

NAME: _____ **TITLE:** _____

ADDRESS: _____

CHAPTER: _____

Friday, May 18, 2012—

- ◆ State Board of Management Luncheon \$16.00 _____
(State Officers, District Directors, Chapter Regents and Honorary State Regents ONLY!)
- ◆ Cameo Club Fiesta \$10.00 _____
- ◆ “Service to Veterans” Dinner \$32.00 _____
- ◆ Welcome Reception—All WV Daughters and Guests No charge! _____

Saturday, May 19, 2012—

- ◆ Chapter Regent’s Club Breakfast \$20.00 _____
(Current and Past Chapter Regents Only!)
- ◆ “In Defense of Our Nation” Luncheon \$25.00 _____
- ◆ “Guarding American Dreams” Banquet \$36.00 _____
Choice: Please Circle— Stuffed Pork Tenderloin Surf & Turf—Sirloin with Shrimp

Sunday, May 20, 2012—

- ◆ Friendship Brunch \$22.00 _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Make checks payable to “WV State Treasurer, WVDAR”

RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY: *May 1, 2012*

******Dietary Restrictions MUST be sent with this form!******

MAIL TO:
Cora P. Teel
1551 Walker Court
Huntington, WV 25701

DIETARY RESTRICTIONS:

Please indicate if you served in the US Military—

Branch: _____ **Rank:** _____ **Years of Service:** _____

West Virginia Cameo Club Officers



Cordially invite Club Members to attend

Cameo Club Fiesta

Friday, May 18

Charleston Conference Center

3:30—4:30 p.m.

\$10.00

**MERRY ANN T. WRIGHT,
PRESIDENT GENERAL, NSDAR**



*Cordially invites all members of the Heritage Club,
Founders Club and the 1890 Giving Circle to a
Special Reception*

Saturday, May 19 Capitol Room

3:30 p.m.

*** Look for your special invitation to follow!***

“Miss Etiquette” Speaks...



PROTOCOL may be defined as the ceremonial forms and courtesies which are established as proper and correct... or as the proper etiquette for recognizing and honoring those in positions of leadership.

- ◆ **Members should rise whenever the President General or State Regent is presented or introduced.** This is not to honor the person, but is a deserved courtesy in recognition and tribute to her high office and to her sash.
- ◆ **Address the chair only.** There is only one presiding officer—address that person only.
(**Do say**—Madam State Regent or Madam Chairman—whoever is presiding. **Do not say**—Madam State Regent, Mr. Mayor, Honored Guests, Daughters, etc.)
- ◆ It is important to be seated **ten minutes** before the business session or meeting begins.
- ◆ Please **silence** your cell phones and avoid texting messages. If the phone call is important, please quietly leave the room during a break in the meeting to make your phone call. **Thank you for your consideration of others.**
- ◆ Members of each **District** may stand briefly as their District Director begins her report
- ◆ Chapter Members should stand briefly when their Chapter Regent begins her report.
- ◆ During the **Memorial Service** on Sunday morning, Chapter Members should stand while the names of their deceased members are read.
- ◆ **White Gloves** should be worn in all formal Processions and as a courtesy while going through the Receiving Line at the Friday Welcome Reception.



Room Reservations

107th WVDAR State Conference

Charleston Conference Center and Holiday Inn & Suites



Make Your Reservations by Calling

304-744-4641 (direct line)

Reservations must be made no later than **MAY 1, 2012**

Room Rate: \$89 per night, plus tax

Conference Code: DAR

But We Have Only Just Begun...

The Chapter Development and Revitalization Commission (CDR) is sponsoring another informative workshop to be held during the 107th WVDAR State Conference.

- ◆ *Planning for the Future—Transition of Chapter Leadership*

All Members and Guests are invited to attend the Workshop on Saturday, May 19 at 2:00 p.m. Finding and “training” interested members to take an active leadership role in the Chapters is becoming a critical need in WV.

Welcome to Our New West Virginia Daughters!

Anne Royall

Sandra Harper
Sherry Warner

Barboursville

Lillian Black

Blennerhassett

Nancy Daugherty

Buford

Maxine Baur
Tanya Bobo
Jessica Hooser
Linda Kennedy
Marisa Main
Cassandra Pittman
Elizabeth Ricks
Jennifer Sanders
Dixie Wilson

Col. Charles Lewis

Ashlee Filkins

Col. Morgan Morgan

Heather Neill

James Wood

Joan Donaldson
Margaret Logue
Diana Mayo
Stephanie Phelps
Jana Ruf

John Hart

Lorraine Moran
Wanda Pingley

John Young

Valerie Ellis
Claytus Freer
Vanessa George

Kanawha Valley

Karla Boyd
Betty Davis
Janice Dewberry
Janet Gagnon
Naomi Lamaster

Ohio Valley

Jennifer Ankrum
Melissa Sherman
Whitnee Young

Pack Horse Ford

Elise Baach
Joanne Huntsberry
Patricia Toffling

South Branch Valley

Winnie Vance
Kelly Williams

Westmoreland

Patricia Lee
Joy Vance

Wheeling

Barbara Eyer

Woodburn

Amber Garcia
Anne Smittle



Unusual Circumstance Results in New Member for Kanawha Valley Chapter

When Janet Gagnon accepted a calling card offered her by a DAR member last year in Spain, it not only resulted in membership in the Kanawha Valley Chapter but also renewed a friendship with a former neighbor.

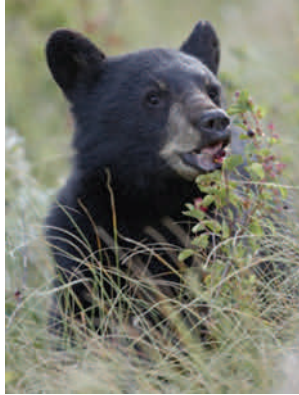
While vacationing with a tour group, Carol Rilling, Honorary Vice President General from Arizona, overheard Janet speaking of her ancestors in Hingham, Massachusetts and suggested that she might want to pursue DAR membership.

Prompted by a call from Ms. Rilling, State Regent Charla Nutter asked Carol Linger, Regent of Kanawha Valley Chapter, to contact a prospective member in Charleston. The prospect turned out to be Carol's next door neighbor some 15 years earlier.

"I figured there could be only one Janet Gagnon in Charleston so I emailed her right away to introduce myself as a member of the Kanawha Valley Chapter and reminded her that we used to chat across our adjoining back yard fences", Carol said.

That chance meeting so far away that brought old neighbors together and resulted in a new DAR member is a reminder of what a small world it really is.

Janet was welcomed as a new member by the State Regent at Kanawha Valley's November meeting. She has identified several other patriots and is working on supplemental applications.



*Make plans to attend the
West Virginia Beary, Berry Best Breakfast
during the 121st WVDAR Continental Congress
June 27, 2012*



*At the J.W. Marriott, Salon G
Washington, D.C.*

8:00 a.m. — 9:30 a.m.

\$38 per person

Reservations and/or refunds by June 20, 2012 to:

*Barbara "Barby" Frankenberry
State Vice Regent, WVDAR
79 Ye Olde McDonald Orchard Lane
Inwood, WV 25428-5311*

bfrankenberry@aol.com

304-229-3110 (home)

304-229-1696 (cell)

Chapter News

Colonel William Lowther Chapter



The Colonel William Lowther Chapter celebrated 50 years of service to the NSDAR on Saturday, October 29, 2011 at the Salem United Methodist Church. The Chapter was honored to have so many guests to help them celebrate and would like to thank the many friends who attended and the wonderful cards and notes that were received. The Chapter is energized for another 50 years!

Elk River Chapter

Recently, the Elk River Chapter in Gassaway presented the Board of the Braxton County Family Research Library with a certificate of appreciation for historical preservation. The Library was originally started by Elk River Chapter, but is now independent. It is staffed by volunteers, who help the public search family history.

Elk River is in the WVDAR's Chapter Development and Revitalization program. Dr. Marilyn "Susie" Rogers, CD&R Commission member and State Membership Chairman, has been instrumental in helping the Elk River Chapter rebuild.

Pictured below, Chapter Regent Ruth Mooney presents the certificate to Brenda Hickman, Glenn Nicholas, Lola Jackson & Elizabeth Stewart.



Sister Chapters Pay Tribute to Departed Sisters

Daughter Mary Hinkle Bailey and Daughter Charlotte Joan Hinkle, sisters in life and sisters in NSDAR, were remembered for their loving service and dedication to the society by a grave marking ceremony on October 27, 2011 at Heavener Cemetery, Buckhannon WV.

Shirley M. Gilkeson, Past Vice President General, Honorary WVDAR State Regent, began the beautiful ceremony with introductions of the participating Regents and Chaplains. Brenda Crosby Casto, Elizabeth Zane Regent, presented the Dedication of the marker for Daughter Mary Hinkle Bailey with a reading of the poem "A Gentle Woman." Percilla Waugh Bailey, Elizabeth Zane Chaplain and daughter-in-law of Mary, rendered a lovely tribute to her mother-in-law and fellow Daughter.



Carol Linger, Kanawha Valley Regent, presented the Dedication of the grave marker for Daughter Charlotte Joan Hinkle. Janet Parker, Kanawha Valley Chaplain, presented the Invocation and Benediction. A lovely tribute was rendered for Daughter Charlotte Joan by Shirley M. Gilkeson, Honorary Regent of the Kanawha Valley Chapter.

The day began cold, windy and rainy but the sky cleared and the glorious sun peaked through as a beautiful benediction for the heart-touching ceremony to honor the lives and DAR service of the two sisters and Daughters.



Chapter News

Kanawha Valley Chapter Special Projects



Vietnam veteran Roger Sullivan dances with Carolyn Rabalais during the second annual Christmas Party for the veterans at the Veterans Home in Barboursville sponsored by The Kanawha Valley Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution.

The residents of the Veterans Home in Barboursville were treated to a special afternoon at the second annual Christmas Party sponsored by the Kanawha Valley Chapter on Sunday, December 18, 2011. Tables were covered with crock pots of meatballs, platters of chicken nuggets, casseroles of vegetables, trays of cheese and cold cuts, trays of fresh vegetables and dip, and loads of cakes, cookies and candies prepared and donated by members and their friends. Other tables were covered with stacks of gifts. Carolyn Rabalais, Chapter Chairman of the Service to Veterans Committee, did an outstanding job of coordinating the event.

In an article in the *Herald-Dispatch* Newspaper, reporter Jean Tarbett Hardiman wrote "The veterans ate, they danced and they walked away with personalized gifts." Ms. Hardiman quoted several veterans who had this to say about the party: "Most of us look forward to it," said Angela Zayas, a Vietnam-era Army veteran who was enjoying the festivities. Navy veteran Jim Davis said "it's great to know that someone still cares about the veterans." "It's wonderful", said Lonnie Beller, an Army veteran who served in Korea. "You can't beat it," he said. "They take care of us veterans." For guys like Charles Antone, a veteran of the Marines, it's the only Christmas celebration they have. "I think it's great because I don't have nowhere to go", he said. "It's hard to get around (to visit family). This party is great. I appreciate what they did for us."

"We certainly do care! And we enjoy seeing them enjoying the homemade food, the music and the attention from the ladies", said Carolyn Rabalais, who with her husband, Roger, obtained volunteer musicians and donations of food and gifts from co-workers, businesses, and friends .

She added, "In addition to the members of the Kanawha Valley Chapter, many other people who read about the up-coming party called to ask how they could help." Members of the 130th Airlift Wing of the West Virginia National Guard brought gifts and visited with residents. Carolyn kept an itemized list of all donations and reported that the value of all contributions of money and gift items for the veterans totaled \$9,007.00.

Kanawha Valley Chapter also published a cookbook this fall of favorite recipes from members and their families. The cookbook, entitled *Recipes from Patriotic Kitchens*, is dedicated to our nation's veterans who have served our country from 1776 to the present with uncommon courage, devotion and sacrifice. Proceeds from the sale of the book are being used to support chapter projects that benefit veterans at the West Virginia Veterans Home, the VA Hospital, the Veterans Homeless Shelter, women serving in the military, and the Wounded Warrior program at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany. To date, cookbook sales have netted a profit of over \$2,500.

Since September, Carolyn Monk, Chapter Chairman of Project Patriot, has solicited donations of over \$2,600 for Project Patriot and \$425 for veterans locally. The efforts of this outstanding chairman and her committee have enabled the Chapter to send a box of needed items valued at \$500 to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany, a box of items valued at \$300 to the women in the military project, and a check for \$2,500 for the purchase of phone cards to the National Society. On February 11, the Chapter sponsored its fifth annual "Give Your Hearts to Our Troops" exhibit at the Charleston Town Center Mall to support Project Patriot and welcome our veterans home from Iraq. This project has become so popular with the Town Center Mall patrons that the management requested us to continue it again this year. In addition to collecting items for Project Patriot, this year's event celebrated the end of the war in Iraq and welcomed home veterans who had served in Iraq during the past ten years.

The children at Tamassae DAR School are special to our members. This year, in lieu of a gift exchange, members voted to donate what they would have spent to purchase gift cards for the children at Tamassae. The donations, totaling \$350, were added to the regular monthly Tamassae collection at meetings, enabling us to purchase a \$15.00 Christmas gift card for each of the 35 students at Tamassae.

Members of the Kanawha Valley Chapter enjoy working together on projects to support our veterans and children.



West Virginia DAR History Books


The Comprehensive History of the West Virginia State Society NSDAR, the State Regent's Project of the Gilkeson Administration, has netted a profit of \$8,700 for the West Virginia State Society. Through the sale of various items and donations, the books were paid for before they were ordered. We have approximately 175 books remaining, which is about 22 cartons containing eight books each.

The Comprehensive History of the West Virginia State Society NSDAR was published at the end of the Gilkeson Administration in 2007. It incorporates the 1928 and 1982 histories and updates the history from 1982 to 2007 of the West Virginia State Society and contains a list of all WVDAR members and their ancestors from 1899 to 2007. It is still a valuable resource for chapters and members.


In appreciation of all the support from the Chapters for this project, the remaining books will be given to chapters (at no cost) that would like to have them to sell as a fundraiser or to use as a gift to new members, speakers, libraries or genealogical groups. One copy should remain the property of the chapter. Chapter desiring copies of the book must contact Shirley M. Gilkeson by email or letter no later than April 7, 2012. Chapters will be informed of the number of books they will receive after April 12, 2012. No books will be delivered or mailed to chapters. Chapters may arrange to pick up their books at the home of Shirley Gilkeson or at the WVDAR State Conference at the Holiday Inn in South Charleston, May 18-20, 2012.

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More "Why I Joined DAR...."



"I initially joined the DAR because of my Mother. She was always slightly obsessed with genealogy and her love of the Captain James Allen Chapter has rubbed off. I love the fellowship and sisterhood and the doors and opportunities that have been opened to me. I value being able to interact with and positively affect my community. I have met many wonderful women who have changed my life for the better! Why wouldn't you be a DAR?" ☺



"I became a member of the NSDAR to honor my patriot...to honor all the sacrifices and hardships they had which gave me the life I have today!"

2012 District Meetings

WESTERN DISTRICT

Saturday, July 21, 2012

CHARLESTON

Berry Hills Country Club
1 Berry Hills Road
Charleston, WV 25314

Registration.....9:00 AM

Meeting.....10:00 AM

Price: \$20.00

Check payable to:
John Young Chapter

Mail to: Brenda Durham
HC 36, Box 66
Blount, WV 25025

Registration Deadline: 14 July 2012

EASTERN DISTRICT

Saturday, July 28, 2012

MARTINSBURG

Arden United Methodist Church
4464 Arden Nollville Road
Martinsburg, WV 25403

Registration/Coffee.....9:30AM

Brunch.....Time TBA

Meeting.....Time TBA

Price: \$15

Check payable to:
Shenandoah Valley Chapter

Mail to: Kathleen P. Merceruio
1144 Greensburg Road
Martinsburg, WV 25404
304-263-6502

Send names of deceased members to
Jan F. Chancey, 439 McDonald Drive,
Inwood, WV 25428. 304-229-5432
Email: janchancey@comcast.net

Registration Deadline: 14 July 2012

CENTRAL DISTRICT

Saturday, August 4, 2012

BUCKHANNON

The 88 Restaurant
88 East Main Street
Buckhannon, WV 26201

Registration/Breakfast.....9:00 AM

Meeting.....10:00 AM

Lunch.....12:00 noon

Price: \$25.00

Check payable to:
Elizabeth Zane Chapter

Mail to: Loretta Dawson
RR 2, Box 630
Buckhannon, WV 26201

Menu: Mixed Green Salad, Dinner Rolls,
Grilled Chicken Breast, Penne Pasta
Alfredo, Sauteed Vegetables, Cookies &
Brownies

Registration Deadline: 23 July 2012

NORTHERN DISTRICT

Saturday, August 11, 2012

HARRISVILLE

Windfall Station
Route 16
Harrisville, WV 26362

Registration/Hospitality.....9:00 AM

Meeting.....10:00 AM

Lunch.....12:00 noon

Price: \$18.00

Check payable to:
Anne Royall Chapter

Mail to: Kathleen Keith
420 McKinley Avenue
Harrisville, WV 26362

Memorial: Toni Kay Meador
300 Orchard Avenue
Harrisville, WV 26362

Registration Deadline: 28 July 2012

SOUTHERN DISTRICT

Saturday, August 25, 2012

LEWISBURG

St. James Episcopal Church
218 Church Street
Lewisburg, WV 24901

Registration.....9:30 AM

Meeting.....10:00 AM

Lunch.....12:00 noon

Price: TBA

Check payable to:
General Andrew Lewis Chapter

Other information will be
forthcoming at a later date.

- ◆ **All members** are encouraged to attend the District Meetings, especially state officers, state chairmen, new members, chapter officers and chapter chairmen.
- ◆ Please make your reservations by the deadline.
- ◆ When registering, please list the highest office you now hold.
- ◆ Directions will be sent by the District Directors with invitations to the meetings.
- ◆ Meetings will begin promptly at the time stated.



April 7, 2012

Requests for *WVDAR History Books* due to Shirley Gilkeson

May 1, 2012

State Conference meal reservations due to Cora Teel
State Conference hotel reservations deadline

May 1, 2012

Names for Memorial Service due to Susan Garrett

May 2, 2012 Resolutions due to Fern Nutter

May 3, 2012

Credentials forms for State Conference due to Rebecca Davis

May 4, 2012 Awards due to Nancy Kornegay

May 4, 2012 Reports due to Frances VanScoy

May 18-20, 2012

107th WVDAR State Conference at Charleston Conference Center,
Holiday Inn, South Charleston, WV

June 20, 2012

Deadline to have reservations to Barby Frankenberry for the West
Virginia Beary Berry Best Breakfast at Continental Congress

June 25—July 1, 2012

121st Continental Congress, Washington, DC

September 1, 2012

Submission deadline for the October issue of *WVDAR News*.
Please send news and photos to Susan Arnold at the address
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LIFE IS TOO SHORT
to wake up in the morning
with regrets. So, love the
people who treat you right,
forgive the ones who don't
and believe that everything
happens for a reason.
If you get a chance, take it.
If it changes your life, let it.
Nobody said it'd be easy,
they just promised
IT WOULD BE WORTH IT

—Dr. Seuss



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