



West Virginia DAR News

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Celebrating with so many West Virginia Daughters and our guests at the "WVDAR Treasurers of the Mountains Finale Breakfast" during the 122 Continental Congress was so delightful and fun! We swelled with pride at the dedication of our newly renovated West Virginia Period Room in Memorial Continental Hall! Listening to Charla give her report, learning of all the awards that West Virginia received, and absorbing all the many wonderful sights sounds of the entire Continental Congress created so many lasting memories! And then it was "official," I was the West Virginia State Regent-what an honor!

"Celebrating-DAR to the CORE!" is the theme for this 2013-2016 Administration. I chose the apple as the symbol for the term for many reasons, but one of those reasons is the fact that when an apple is cut across through the CORE one will find a star! Each of you shines bright as a star as you continue to be **D**edicated, **A**ctive and **R**esourceful to the CORE! You work hard to make the DAR programs so successful and believe to your very Core in what DAR has accomplished in the past and what we will strive to do as we remain dedicated, active and resourceful in carrying out projects to their completion!

The creative District Meetings were so entertaining and provided wonderful opportunities for making new friends and greeting old ones! The enthusiasm for the proposed State Projects and the Project Patriot Track Chair was overwhelming and greatly appreciated! I am so excited to present the following projects to those attending the 109th State Conference, April 4-6, 2014, for their consideration: "Here's to Jackson's Mill!"; "Stars of Remembrance for the Corp!"; and "The DAR American's Creed Challenge!"

I am so grateful for the officers of this Administration and the support that they have already given to the District Meetings, the proposed State Projects, and me! Special thanks, too, for all those Daughters who agreed to serve this Administration as a Chairman or Vice Chairman!

This summer, it was a pleasure for me to help commemorate the completion of two DAR Special Grant Projects! My appreciation to the Wheeling Chapter who initiated the renovations for the Madonna of the Trail in Wheeling and the Pack Horse Ford Chapter who worked to make the acquisition of a digital scanner for the Berkeley County Historical Society!

October 6-10, my husband, Bob, and I took "The DAR Tour!", as he called it! We participated in the Memorial Service commemorating the 239th Anniversary of the Battle of Point Pleasant and briefly visited in Charleston with our son, Ryan and daughter-in-law, Gretchen. Then it was on to our first visit to Tamasee DAR School which was truly a memorable experience for both of us! The West Virginia cottage was quite impressive, the events entertaining and the children delightful! After traveling over 1500 miles, I drove to the Greenbrier for my first visit and to meet the 2013 DAR Schools Bus Tour for a look at the now famous bunker and a delicious lunch!

Looking forward to working with and for you as we continue **Celebrating-DAR to the CORE!**



"Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings."
-Psalm 17:8



Celebrating-DAR to the CORE!

The National DAR Schools Bus Tour Visits The Greenbrier in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia!



The Greenbrier Resort was the final stop for the 2013 National DAR Schools Bus Tour, October 12, 2013! Barby Frankenberry, State Regent, WVDAR, greeted President General Lynn Young, and DAR School National Chairman Sally Bueno, upon their arrival. Many of the DAR bus group enjoyed tours of the Greenbrier Bunker while others took advantage of the time to seek out the many fabulous Greenbrier Shops! At the delightful luncheon, the West Virginia Daughters in attendance enjoyed welcoming the many DAR visitors to their Almost Heaven Mountaineer State!



WVDAR State Officers



Seated: Kelly Goodwin, Recording Secretary; Melinda "Mindy" Davis, Vice Regent; Barbara "Barby" Frankenberry, Regent; Deborah "Debi" Smith, Chaplain.

Standing: Joanna Alvarez, Librarian; Edna Barnes, Registrar; Susanne Horner, Corresponding Secretary; Ruth Mooney, Organizing Secretary; Susan Graves, Treasurer; Patricia Daugherty, Historian

Reminder from the State Corresponding Secretary, Susanne Horner

Reminder: Please send a copy of your chapter's yearbook to each of the following state officers:

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Lane
Inwood, WV 25428

Susanne Horner
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Road
Inwood, WV 25428

Ruth Mooney
200 S. Stonewall St.
Sutton, WV 26601

Cameo Club

The 2013-2016 officers of the West Virginia Cameo Club were elected at the club's annual meeting held at state conference in April.

President: Ginger W. Nalley; Vice President: Cindy Nicewarner; Secretary: Becky Davis; Treasurer: Theresa Blake; Registrar: Jane VanOoyen; Historian: Sally Ann Greenfield

Membership in the Cameo Club is open to any member of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution who can show current active membership in conjunction with a mother and/or daughter. Club members meet annually at State Conference. Lifetime membership cost is \$25.00 plus the \$5.00 application fee for a total of \$30.00. This is a one-time payment and no further dues are collected. Annual membership cost is \$3.00 yearly dues plus the \$5.00 application fee for a total of \$8.00. A completed membership application form and fee is needed to join. Please contact Cindy Nicewarner, Cameo Club Vice President at cnicewarner@verizon.net for a membership application.

Dates to Remember

*January 15, 2014—

Items due for the WVDAR News.

*February 1, 2014—

Master Questionnaire entry cut-off date.

*All reports must be reported electronically!

*Please call the State Regent or any other officer for assistance!

*February 1, 2014—

Chapter Achievement forms due to Betty Belcher:

babelcher1@frontier.com

*February 15, 2014—

All Awards due to Joan Gibson: botanyjrg@frontier.com



2013 West Virginia DAR Treasures of the Mountains Finale Breakfast during the 122nd Continental Congress!



Miss Etiquette Speaks

“Miss Etiquette” Speaks... Miss Etiquette wanted to remind the West Virginia Daughters of a few “electronic” protocol points:

**Please be mindful of when to hit “Reply All” on an email message. Do you really want everyone to see your comments and do your comments hurt or help the discussion?

**Take the time to re-read your message before hitting “Send”. A few extra moments will make all the difference to ensure you are sending the correct message.

**When posting information on Facebook or Twitter with regards to DAR activities, please be sure your photos and/or posts are accurate and correct. Be mindful that some members do not like to have their photos taken and/or posted on the Internet.

**With all forms of communication, think about your audience first...Will they understand your message? Are you sending this information to the correct people?



"Be Wise, Focus on the Future with Education" "Whoop Gives a Hoot about Education? DAR Gives a Hoot".

What a great theme for the DAR School Committee as the new administration continues the commitment to patriotic education for the students at our six DAR supported schools. As your State Chairman for DAR Schools, I encourage your chapter members to have "wise" fund raisers that will help aid all schools.

Some of the ways you can promote the DAR Schools are:

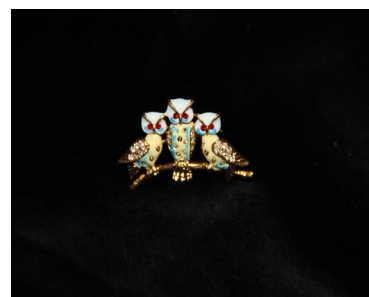
- *Educate, encourage, participate, and donate to our DAR approved schools
- *Plan a program on DAR schools
- *Participate by sending labels, box tops, and thrift items directly to participating schools
- *Sponsor a special project to benefit the DAR schools
- *Individual donations of \$200.00 to the Friends of DAR Schools Fund and purchase the "Friends of DAR Schools" pin to wear on your official DAR ribbon. Use form DEV-1003 to make this contribution
- *While attending Continental Congress in June, attend the DAR School Supper as well as the business session during which the DAR Schools Committee report is given. Each school will report to Congress at that time
- *Acquire and wear the 3 Wise Owls pin. This pin will be available at our State Conference. All funds from this project will be allocated to special projects identified at the six approved schools.
- *All funds given by chapters and states should be submitted through the State Treasurer. She, in turn, will submit your funds to the Treasurer General.
- *Education is vital across the country and chapters are encouraged to participate at DAR Schools as well as local schools promoting literacy, history, citizenship, and education.
- *Additional information about this committee and each school can be found on the member's web site. The National Information Packet (NIP Part 1, p. 25) and the DAR Handbook are other resources for information. If you have any questions concerning the DAR Schools, please either email me or call me at 304 242-8281.

Thanks for all you do for the DAR Schools!

Your State Chairman,

Joan McClelland

State Chairman DAR Schools



WVDAR State Project Patriot - Trans-Allegheny Chapter



WVDAR State Project Patriot Chairman Samantha Shleser and State Regent Barbara Frankenberry receive a \$5000 Project Patriot donation from Trans-Allegheny Chapter Vice Regent Kelly Goodwin, Regent Pat Goodwin, and members Theresa Blake, Christina Rumbach, and Erseline Rumbach during the Central District meeting held at Flatwoods' Day's Hotel on September 7.

On behalf of the members of Trans-Allegheny Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution Regent Pat Goodwin and Vice Regent Kelly Godwin presented donations to West Virginia DAR State Regent Barbara Frankenberry and State DAR Project Patriot Chairman Samantha Shleser for the WVDAR Wounded Warrior fundraising efforts during the WVDAR Central District Meeting held at Days Hotel Conference Center in Flatwoods on September 7. The meeting was hosted by Elk River Chapter NSDAR.

After an affirmative vote of the Trans-Allegheny membership in favor of making a \$500 donation to the WVDAR Project Patriot Committee, Regent Goodwin made the presentation before WVDAR State officers, Central District Director Christina Rumbach and her officers, ten Central District Chapters' members, and guests.

Following the Chapter donation announcement, Trans-Allegheny Regent asked permission for the Trans-Allegheny Daughters to join WVDAR State Regent Frankenberry and State Chairman Shleser at the podium. Vice Regent Kelly Goodwin, accompanied by Trans-Allegheny Regent Goodwin, Treasurer Erseline Rumbach, Secretary Theresa Blake, and Historian and Librarian Christina Rumbach, proudly reported that Trans-Allegheny had received several private, non-profit, and corporate donations to the WVDAR Project Patriot Wounded Warrior fundraiser totaling \$5000. Vice Regent Goodwin presented a check for \$5000 to WVDAR officials. Goodwin acknowledged the following contributors:

Andy Lang; Mick, Kelly, and Ben Goodwin; Dr. Catherine Connor, Garrett Frazier of Magnum Oil; Dr. Spencer Stiles; Jenny Garton of State Farm Insurance; Mick and Pat Goodwin, and Stonecoal Lake Fishing Club.

DAR Project Patriot is a special committee of the NSDAR that supports troops of our current conflicts abroad. The WVDAR State Chairman Samantha Shleser announced in July 2013 a special project for West Virginia Chapters this year. She urges WVDAR to raise enough money for the purchase of an all-terrain trackchair through the Independence Fund, a 501©(3) tax exempt organization of retired military veterans in Pensacola, Florida.

The trackchair is an all-terrain wheelchair that allows users the freedom to move on a wide variety of surfaces that regular wheelchairs do not provide. The user of the trackchair can take it to the woods for hiking, hunting, or camping. They can go to the lake and fish. A trip to the beach is made simpler or more ordinary pursuits like venturing out in their own yards to play with children. The chairs have track-like wheels enabling them to travel off of smooth flat surfaces regular wheelchairs require. An additional feature is that the user can be strapped into the chair and then raise the chair to a standing position. One Wounded Warrior used the standing ability of the chair to pursue his love of working on car engines.

Once the total amount for the trackchair is met, WVDAR Project Patriot Committee will present the all-terrain wheelchair to a West Virginia Wounded Warrior so he or she can maintain his or her previous lifestyle by being able to hunt, fish, camp, and enjoy our beautiful, wild and wonderful West Virginia.

Anne Royall Chapter dedicates Plaque

On June 22, 2013 the Anne Royall Chapter NSDAR dedicated a bronze plaque in memory of a Civil War General from Harrisville. General Thomas M. Harris was a doctor in Harrisville before the war, and at the beginning of the conflict recruited and later commanded the 10th WV Infantry Volunteers. His regiment took part in several battles including Winchester, Cedar Creek, and Appomattox.

After the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln, Harris was appointed to the military commission that tried the conspirators. After the war he resumed his medical practice in Harrisville, the town that bears his name, and passed away in 1906. His marker in the IOOF Cemetery in Harrisville had become almost unreadable so the chapter purchased a bronze plaque to be placed at his gravesite. The ceremony was presided over by Anne Royall Regent Patty Nutter and keynote speaker was local attorney Rodney Windom. Following the ceremony refreshments were served at the Thomas M. Harris Museum



Peter's Mountain Chapter Project Patriot

The Peters Mountain Chapter has provided five hundred, fifty minute long distance telephone cards to our military deployed overseas. These cards allow our soldiers, sailors, and airman to call home at no charge. Peters Mountain DAR members pictured, left to right are Faye Ramsey, Treasurer, Marjorie Allen, Vice Regent, Kathy Robertson, Registrar, and Patty Dishner, Chaplain.



Mason County woman's collection grows into regional history library

Please check the link below for an article written about Alice Click, member of Kanawha County and Mason County DAR chapters. This article appeared in the Charleston Daily Mail in June 2013.

<http://www.dailymail.com/foodandliving/201306110129>

Shenandoah Valley Chapter visits Fort McHenry



Shenandoah Valley Chapter members and guests toured Fort McHenry, the birthplace of "The Star-Spangled Banner," our National Anthem. "Its stirring words were written by Francis Scott Key inspired by the American flag defiantly flying over the fort after an intense British naval bombardment during the War of 1812. The group got the first hand opportunity to help take down a smaller flag and put up the much larger Star-Spangled Banner Flag!

Celebrating West Virginia's Madonna of the Trail's Facelift

A grand old lady of Wheeling has received a facelift, and civic leaders and historians are celebrating the restoration of this iconic figure - the Madonna of the Trail statue.

The Daughters of the American Revolution's Wheeling chapter, which launched the restorative project, conducted a ceremony to rededicate the famous statue Tuesday, July 16. The work, done with nearly \$30,000 in grants, entailed cleaning the statue's stone surface, replacing broken pieces and repairing cracks.

The Madonna of the Trail faces National Road on Wheeling Park property. Wheeling's Madonna of the Trail - one of 12 identical statues located along the old National Road from Maryland to California - has stood in this location for 85 years. The local monument - the second in the nation - was dedicated on July 7, 1928, with a crowd of 5,000 people attending the ceremony.

Jeremy Morris, executive director of the Wheeling National Heritage Area Corp., which assisted the DAR with the restoration, called the Madonna "one of the most important icons in Wheeling along the National Road." "It's not only a West Virginia icon; it's a national icon." Morris noted that the stone figure symbolizes "the struggle forward that women made in pushing west."

Wheeling Mayor Andy McKenzie expressed gratitude to DAR members for their dedication to preserving the historic statue and "not forgetting this grand old lady on National Road." Saying that it is "our responsibility to be keepers of the past," the mayor said the statue stands as "an indication of our uniqueness and greatness as a city."

Debi McClelland Smith, WV State Chaplain and Past State DAR Historic Preservation Chairman, said that after noticing cracks, moss growth and missing corners on the monument, she began a lengthy process of applying for grants to restore the Madonna. The chapter received \$10,000 from the national DAR president general's special projects grant program, a National Scenic Byway grant of \$17,828 and a \$1,000 gift from the Elizabeth Stifel Kline Foundation. Looking at the restored figure, she added, "It was finally done and it was worth the wait."

Barby Frankenberry, WV State regent, said, "I am so proud looking at the magnificence of this statue." She saluted the effort "to bring her (the Madonna) back to the glory she deserves." Frankenberry said she was "so proud to be a West Virginian and to have one of these (statues) in our state and to honor these women."

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Participating in the Daughters of the American Revolution's rededication of the Madonna of the Trail in Wheeling are, from left, Wheeling Chapter Registrar Sally Ezell; Wheeling Chapter Vice Regent Jeanne Finstein; WV State Regent Barby Frankenberry; WV State Chaplain and Past State Historic Preservation Chair Debi McClelland Smith; Past WV State Regent Ginger Nalley, and Wheeling Chapter Regent Joan McClelland.

Fort Ashby Chapter News



DAR member and Museum Curator Barbara Townsend speaking to the cub scout group during their visit on August 10th.



Fort Ashby Cub Scout Pack 69 at the Asbhy's Fort Museum



Barbara Townsend receiving a 2013 History Hero Award given by the WV Division of Culture and History. Beverly Chaney, Chapter Regent and Barbara Townsend Past Regent are pictured with Gov Tomblin's wife (Joanne Jaeger Tomblin). Mrs. Tomblin presented the award and our State Delegates and Senators joined us for a picture at the Cultural Center in Charleston, WV.

DAR Newsletter:

*Deadline for articles is January 15, 2014.

*Please send articles to Lahmeske@yahoo.com and in the subject line "DAR newsletter".

*There is a \$15 charge for **EACH** picture that is submitted with the article.

*Please make checks payable to WVDAR.

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