



Dear West Virginia Daughters:

The time is drawing near for the 109th State Conference and I am so excited to share some of our plans with you! Please join us April 4-6, 2014 at the Holiday Inn Martinsburg, where we will be "Celebrating West Virginia to the Core!" focusing on our 150 years sesquicentennial as our theme! The Chapters of the Eastern District are working hard to show you a most appealing time! Enclosed you will find the contact information to make your room and meal reservations; please note that rooms must be reserved by March 13th and your meal reservations are due by March 21st.

Our special guests include Lynn Forney Young; NSDAR President General; Elizabeth "Liz" Bicknell, State Regent of Vermont; Sandra "Sandy" McCann, State Regent of Ohio; and Sue Simpson, State Regent of Louisiana. We are "sharing" the President General with Connecticut that weekend, so Mrs. Young will be arriving for the Saturday luncheon. All of our speakers and entertainment are going to be memorable!

I hope you will plan on attending the casual dinner Thursday evening, April 3, 2014, at the Bavarian Inn, Shepherdstown, WV, one of West Virginia four-star rated restaurants! Friday morning, all are welcome to travel with the descendent of Col. Morgan Morgan to Bunker Hill to tour our first settler's cabin; have a brief memorial service; visit his grave; and view the monument to his honor him in the Bunker Hill Park. We will go directly to the Historic McFarland House for a luncheon hosted by the Cameo Club. The Board of Management will be meeting in this beautiful setting before returning to the Conference Center. Thanks to our Conference Co-Chairmen, Cheryl Brown and Susanne Horner, for their wonderful ideas! They are already hard at work to make sure the 109th State Conference will definitely be "Almost Heaven!"

While Conference is a fun time, please be aware that some important business must be conducted. You will be asked to vote on the proposed State Regent's projects. The first proposed project is, "Here's to Jackson's Mill"! During the 50th Jubilee of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution in 1940, the West Virginia Daughters erected the "Memorial Outdoor Theater" at Jackson's Mill in memory of their ancestors and for the inspiration and use of West Virginia's Youth". The State Regent's proposed project will be to repair the commemorative brass plaque to its original, beautiful state and place several benches in front of the original stone wall. Then in 2015, seventy-five years later, we can celebrate the 125th anniversary of DAR with a rededication! The second proposed project is, "Stars for the Corps!", where we make keepsakes from retired flags for those serving in the military and our veterans! The third project is, "DAR American's Creed Challenge!" This is an effort to encourage many other American's to learn the American's Creed! Certificates will be available to give to those who successfully meet the Challenge!

You will also find enclosed in this edition the invitations for the 2014 District meetings this summer! It is important to attend your District meeting and it is a great way to learn more about DAR. Looking forward to greeting you at State Conference and "Celebrating West Virginia to the Core!",



Barby Frankensberry
West Virginia State Regent



Celebrating-DAR to the CORE!

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

Special Guests who will be attending the West Virginia State Conference, April 4-6, 2014. Martinsburg, West Virginia

*Lynn Forney Young
NSDAR President General*



*Sue Simpson—
Louisiana State
Regent*



*Sandra "Sandy"
McCann—
Ohio State Regent*



*Liz Bickness—
Vermont State
Regent*

West Virginia State Society Daughters of the American Revolution

Barbara “Barby” Frankenberry, State Regent

Melinda “Mindy” Davis, State Vice Regent

Call to the One Hundred and Ninth State Conference

April 4-6, 2014

Holiday Inn Martinsburg, Martinsburg, WV

THEME:

“Celebrating-West Virginia to the Core”

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 and State Chairmen; voting on recommendations and resolutions; and acting on such other business as may properly come before the Conference body.

Credentials/Registration—Holiday Inn Martinsburg

Friday, April 4 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 5 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Sales and Displays—Holiday Inn Martinsburg

Closed during all Business Sessions!

Friday, April 4 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 5 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Schedule of Events

Thursday, April 3, 2013

3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Arrival and Check-in for Executive Board and Conference Guests

6:00 p.m.- Informal dinner at the Bavarian Inn, Shepherdstown, WV-Executive Board, Conference Guests, and ALL other DAR are Welcome

8:30 p.m.- Executive Committee Meeting

Friday, April 4, 2014

8:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m.- Displays Set-up / Credentials / Registration

10:30 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.- Registration / Chapter Press Book & Scrapbook Display / “DAR-lings Delights”

8:30 a.m.- Depart for Col. Morgan Morgan’s Cabin Tour, Bunker Hill, WV.

All are Welcome!

12:00 p.m.- Cameo Club hosted Luncheon-Historic McFarland House, Martinsburg, WV. Ginger Nalley, Cameo Club President & Honorary State Regent

ALL DAR Welcome & Encouraged to Attend

1:00 p.m.- Board of Management meeting, Historic McFarland House

- 2:45 p.m.- West Virginia Chorus Rehearsal
 3:30 p.m.- State Officers' Club Meeting—Melinda “Mindy” Davis
 3:30 p.m.- Page Meeting and Flag Rehearsal
 6:00 p.m.- “West Virginia-Giving Service to the Corps” Dinner
 8:15 p.m.- Processional Forms
 8:30 p.m.- Opening Session of the 109th State Conference

***Welcome Reception with Receiving Line—Following the Opening Session
 Honoring Visiting State Regents and other Conference Guests***

Saturday, April 5, 2014

- 7:30 a.m. - Chapter Regents' Club Breakfast/Meeting—Edna J. Barnes
 8:45 a.m. - Processional Forms
 9:00 a.m. - Conference Business Session
 12:00 p.m. - “West Virginia-Planting Seeds of Learning” Luncheon
 2:00 p.m. - Continuation of Business Session-if needed
 3:00 p.m. - Heritage and Founders Club Reception (Invitation only)
 5:00-6:15 p.m. - Photographs
 6:15 p.m. - Processional Forms
 7:00 p.m. - “West Virginia-Golden to the Core!” Banquet
 -Lynn Forney Young, President General, Guest Speaker-
 Receiving Line following the Banquet

Sunday, April 6, 2014

- 8:30 a.m. Memorial Service
 9:30 a.m. “West Virginia Friendship Breakfast”—Reservations Required
 10:30 a.m. Closing Business Session

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, 2013, 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 (122th Continental Congress 2013) 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 109th 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 March 21, 2014 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 Conference Appointed Resolutions Chairman at least fifteen (15) days before the State Conference (postmarked no later than March 21, 2014) to: Sally Ann Greenfield, 108 Jerry Court, Martinsburg, WV 25401-9213 304-263-8324(H) 304-886-2317(C)

email-Sagreenfield@aol.com

Meal Reservations

Enclosed in this edition of the *WVDAR News* is the reservation form that lists the meal functions and prices. Prices quoted include gratuity. **Deadline for Meal Reservations is March 21, 2014.** Requests for cancellations or refunds must be made no later than March 28. Reservations should be mailed to: Margaret Ways, 677 Montmorency Dr., Bunker Hill, WV 25413.

Hotel Reservations—Room reservations are to be made directly with the Holiday Inn Martinsburg, 301 Foxcroft Ave, Martinsburg, WV 25401. Phone-1-304-267-5500—Remember to ask for: Daughters of the American Revolution—Costs: \$92-Single/Double room—\$109-King. Room Reservations must be received by **March 13, 2014**. After this date reservations will be accepted on a space available basis only. A credit card will be required to secure the reservation but will not be charged.

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 2013. 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** Kelly Goodwin, 5104 Old Mill Road, Jane Lew, WV, 26378-8000 or email, preferred, Irishlady884@gmail.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 **March 21**.

State Chairmen may **volunteer to give a report on the work of their Committee during the morning Business Session. Report to the State Regent if you would like to volunteer!

Chapter Regents shall send a brief narrative of their **2 Best Programs of their Chapter to the State Regent. These reports will be used during the Saturday evening dinner.

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 109th 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: Joan Gibson, 1104 Koontz Avenue, Morgantown, WV 26505-3321 or email at botanyjrg@frontier.com. **Deadline is February 26, 2014.** All awards must be signed by the proper State Chairman or State Officer at the Awards Table on Friday, April 4, 2014. Award certificates will be available for pick-up at the Awards Table on Saturday, April 5, 2014, after lunch. **District Directors are responsible to see 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, Cheryl Brown or Susanne Horner.

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 the Conference.

Pages

Please encourage and invite your daughters, granddaughters, and nieces to serve as a Page for the 109th State Conference! Page invitations will be sent to those whose names have been sent to the State Regent, via email to BFrankenberry@aol.com.

Hostess Chapters

The **Chapters of the Eastern District** will serve as the official hostesses of the 109th State Conference. Those Chapters are: Bee Line, Fort Ashby, Pack Horse Ford, Shenandoah Valley, South Branch Valley, William Henshaw, and Ye Towne of Bath. **Cheryl Brown** serves as the **Eastern District Director**. Susanne Horner and Cheryl Brown 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 **March 21, 2014** and mailed to the **WV State Chaplain**, Debi Smith, 304 South Front St., Wheeling, WV 26003 or emailed to gandsmith@sscomcast.net. Please include: full name of deceased member, national number, Chapter name, and date of death. Please indicate if she was a 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, April 4, 2014, before 4 p.m. The books will be judged on Saturday afternoon and the winners will be announced during the "West Virginia-Glimmers to the Core!" 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 CAR. 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, 2013 to March 31, 2014. The first page of the book should include the name of the Chapter, the dates covered and the names 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. *Reminder—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—The scrapbook must include the name of the Chapter, location of the Chapter and names of the Chapter Regent and Scrapbook chairman. With all photographs, please neatly identify members and the activity. Scrapbooks should contain activities and events from April 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014, 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. **Reminder—all Press Books and Scrapbooks will be divided into 2 divisions based on size of Chapter: 1-49 members in Division One and chapters with 50+ members in Division Two!**

"DAR-lings Delights"—Once again, we will have this great fundraiser...slightly different name, same delightful fun! All proceeds will go to areas where restricted funds cannot be used. Use your imagination when selecting items to donate to our "DAR-Lings Delights"! We need many unique and interesting items to entice people to buy tickets. **Since we are "Celebrating-West Virginia to the Core!", let's focus on WV items as we endeavor to celebrate our Sesquicentennial!** ***Due to space and time restrictions, please limit your donations to one item per State Officer, District Director, State Chairman and/or Chapter! Thank you for all your support for this great fundraiser!!*

I encourage all WV Daughters to attend their State Conference. I look forward to greeting you at the 109th WVDAR State Conference!

Barby

Miss Etiquette Speaks

As we look forward to State Conference, Miss Etiquette wanted to remind the WV Daughters about a few important Protocol Points:

- It is important to be seated ten minutes before the session or meal 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.
- Flag Protocol: The Flag of the United States of America must be saluted while in motion; drop the hand when the Flag is at rest. Nothing is to be held in the left hand when reciting the Pledge of Allegiance or singing the Star Spangled Banner.



**Come ride the bus to the
WVDAR State Conference
April 3-6, 2014!**

****Thursday-Dinner at the
four Star Bavarian Inn, Shepherdstown, WV!**

****Friday Morning-visit Colonel Morgan Morgan's cabin in Bunker Hill, WV!**

****Friday-Luncheon at the Historic McFarland House, Martinsburg, WV**

****Friday Evening-Surprise Speaker**

****Saturday & Sunday-Share time with President General, Lynn Forney!**

Give Pat Daugherty a call at 304-525-4454 to secure your seat on the bus!

Hope to see you at the 109th State Conference!

Barby 🍎

Continental Congress West Virginia Breakfast



Celebrating-DAR to the CORE!

*Make plans to attend our
West Virginia – Celebrating DAR to the CORE Breakfast
during the 123rd NSDAR Continental Congress*

June 25, 2014

at the Grand Hyatt Washington

1000 H Street NW, Washington DC

Farragut/Lafayette Park 8:00 – 9:30 am

\$39.00/Reservation

Reservation by June 18, 2014 to:

Malinda “Mindy” Davis, WVDAR State Vice Regent

327 Horner Run, Pennsboro, WV 26415

jdavisfamily4@frontier.com

304-659-3222 (Home) or 304-588-3456 (Cell)

Sorry No Refunds

District Meetings

- 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.

Southern District

John Cook Chapter

National Society Daughters of the American Revolution

Sylvia A. Bragg, Regent

and

Southern District, West Virginia State Society NSDAR

Linda L. Whitman, Director

Southern District Meeting 2014

Saturday, July 12, 2014

Oceana United Methodist Church

Oceana, WV

Registration & Coffee -----9:30 a.m.

Meeting -----10:00 a.m.

Lunch -----12:00 p.m.

Registration Deadline: Tuesday, July 1, 2014

Lunch Cost: \$20.00

**Make checks payable to: John Cook Chapter,
NSDAR**

Mail Reservation to:

Anita Lusk, P.O. Box 1256, Oceana, WV 24870

Eastern District

William Henshaw Chapter NSDAR

Sylvia Orendorff, Regent

and

Eastern District, WV State NSDAR

Cheryl Brown, Director

Eastern District Meeting 2014

Saturday, July 26, 2014

Arden United Methodist Church

4464 Arden Nollville Road

Martinsburg, WV 25403

Registration -----9:00 a.m.

Meeting -----10:00 a.m.

Cost: \$18.00

Make checks payable to: William

Henshaw Chapter, NSDAR

Mail Reservation to:

Joanne Krishack

89 Drewery Lane

Falling Waters, WV 25419-4252

Mail names for the Memorial Service to:

Sylvia Orendorff

49 Wandering Pine Lane

Falling Waters, WV 25419-4066

x_stitcher@frontier.com

Registration Deadline— — — July 16, 2014

Northern District

Col. William Lowther Chapter NSDAR

Charla Nutter, Regent

and

Northern District, WV State NSDAR

Edna Barnes, Director

Northern District Meeting 2014

Saturday, August 16, 2014

The Fairview Route 50

West Union, WV 26456

Exit Route 50 E--at the Snow Bird Road also known as the Doddridge County Park Road. The Fairview Restaurant/Banquet Center is at the exit along with a Shell gas station and a Subway.

Registration & Coffee -----9:00 a.m.

Meeting -----10:00 a.m.

Cost: \$20.00

Make checks payable to: Col. William

Lowther Chapter, NSDAR

Mail Reservation to:

Cheryl Higgins

406 Columbia St.

West Union, WV 26456

Mail names for the Memorial Service to:

Fern Nutter

166 Valley St.

Salem, WV 26426

Questions? Call 304-629-6228

Central District

Director—
Christinia Rumbach

August 9, 2014

Western District

Director—
Kathleen Bledsoe

July 19, 2014



Elizabeth Zane Chapter News

On September 26, 2013, ten members of the Elizabeth Zane Chapter gathered at the Heavener Cemetery in Buckhannon for the rededication of a monument placed by chapter members in 1922. The bronze plaque was originally mounted on a granite boulder that had been placed at a vulnerable spot in the cemetery and was subsequently hit by at least two cars over the years. The boulder was severely cracked and the plaque discolored with age. The current chapter voted to have the plaque restored and have it placed on a new granite monument ... where it will hopefully stand proudly for another 91 years.

The monument marks the nearby site of Bush's Fort. The plaque on the monument reads: "Near this spot stood Bush's Fort built in 1773 by John Bush as a protection from the Indians. Erected by Elizabeth Zane Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, Buckhannon, WV, 1922."

Around this site ultimately grew the city of Buckhannon and several Revolutionary War soldiers are buried in Heavener Cemetery as well as in other cemeteries surrounding Buckhannon.

Pictured (L-R):

Front Row: Regent, Carolyn Crozier, Loretta Dawson, Marjorie Miles and Maureen Hull
Back Row: Sue Karickhoff, Jean Harris, Nancy Greenleaf, Percilla Bailey, Lorena Casto and Delores Wilson.



Pack Horse Ford Chapter News—2013 A Good Luck Year

If you're superstitious, you may have thought 2013 might be a bad-luck year, but for the Pack Horse Ford Chapter, NSDAR in Shepherdstown, it was great year! In September, our new DAR year began with a Constitution Week-related meeting. Shepherd University Director of the Robert C. Byrd Center for Legislative Studies, Dr. Raymond W. Smock, presented a slide program on "How I Became Ben Franklin." Smock traveled to Philadelphia where a plaster-like mold was made of his head and body, which was used to shape Ben Franklin's statue for the Signers' Hall National Constitution Center in Philadelphia. The Signers' Hall exhibit allows visitors to walk among 43 bronze life-size figures of the Founding Fathers who added their name to the Constitution—as well as those who dissented—on September 17, 1787. Figures of the signers include George Washington, James Madison, Alexander Hamilton, and Benjamin Franklin.

During the September meeting, Regent Cheryl Brown presented a Certificate of Award to Stewart B. Wharton for his dedication to and support of the "DAR/UDC Daughters Team," which has raised over \$8,000 in the past three years while participating in the Jefferson County Relay for Life. Pack Horse Ford Chapter member Polly Wharton and her husband Stewart have been pivotal figures in helping to grow and sell plants and organize other fund-raising activities for the team.

To commemorate Constitution Week Chapter members, led by Constitution Week Committee Chair Jane Snyder, distributed posters and 500 copies of the Constitution and Declaration of Independence to teachers at six schools in Jefferson County. They created an exhibit entitled "Extraordinary Men: The Signers of the Declaration of Independence" that was displayed in the window of Dickinson and Wait Craft Gallery in Shepherdstown. They also rang church bells on Tuesday, September 17 to signify the signing of the Constitution 226 years ago.

Despite the rain, on Sunday, October 13, about 50 members of the Chapter, guests, and family descendants held a grave marking for Ann Stephen Dandridge Hunter, daughter of Adam Stephen, Revolutionary War soldier and patriot. The ceremony was held in the Triple Brick Museum in Martinsburg, WV, and was followed by a reception at the General Adam Stephen house. Ann's obituary in the *National Intelligencer* stated she "could relate, with singular accuracy, many incidents of great interest connected with that memorable era in the history of these American States. From these early associations she imbibed an ardent love for her country and never failed, on all appropriate occasions, to furnish the most conclusive evidence of distinguished patriotism."

Special recognition went to Shepherdstown resident Richard H. Brown for setting a DAR bronze marker in concrete for Ann Stephen Dandridge Hunter's grave. CONT.

Regent Cheryl Brown also recognized the contributions of member Sandra Riggelman **for her suggestion of marking Ann's grave and arranging for a reception with the General Adam Stephen Memorial Association** following the ceremony.

In late October, the Chapter held its first yard sale at Domino's Pizza parking lot in Shepherdstown. Members of the DAR Project Patriot Committee Marilee Cunningham and Shauna Johnstone led the fundraising effort. The proceeds went towards the **WVDAR's purchase of a track wheelchair for a West Virginia Veteran and the chapter's Veterans Christmas stocking project.**

In November, a Chapter Veterans' luncheon was held at Cress Creek Country Club in Shepherdstown. The son of a World War II prisoner of war, LTC (Ret.) Don Amoroso served twice in Vietnam and also in Germany. During a 20-year career, he received the Distinguished Flying Cross, Purple Heart and many other medals. His slide presentation **"The Vietnam War 50 Years Later: An Aviator's Perspective"** was a pictorial history of Amoroso's first tour in the country.

Following the luncheon, a grave marking and dedication were held at Elmwood Cemetery for deceased Chapter member Patricia Ann Boyd Watson, who grew up in Kearneysville, WV. Pat became a member of the Chapter in 1995, served as Chaplain from 2000-2007, and was chairman and member of various committees. Pat also was a member of Shepherdstown Chapter #128, United Daughters of the Confederacy. UDC and DAR member Lucille Banks Waltz gave the remembrance of Pat.

With Christmas around the corner, Chapter members donated bags full of gifts for **their Veterans' Christmas stocking project.** Gift items donated included socks, playing cards, puzzle books, calendars, pre-paid phone cards, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and other small personal items. In December, Chapter members gathered at the Martinsburg VA Medical Center to fill individual stockings with these items for each of the 90 Veterans.

Also to celebrate Christmas, Chapter members participated in the Shepherdstown Christmas parade. Before the parade they decorated the Chapter float constructed by member Kim Sencindiver. Commemorative Events Chair Mary Wood led members in throwing candy to the onlookers along the route.

In December a tea was to be held, but due to snow, it was postponed until early January 2014. Regent Cheryl Brown and co-hosts Cris Kinsella and Mary Wood treated members to a delightful reception. Long-time members were recognized for their length of DAR service with a Membership Anniversary Certificate for the following: Kathy Klein – 40 years, Cindy Nicewarner – 30 years, and Barbara Nickell – 20 years.

All in all 2013 was a good year, and the Chapter looks forward to seeing what new and exciting activities 2014 will bring.

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Pack Horse Ford (Cont.)



Captain James Allen Chapter

WVDAR Project Patriot Raising Money for All-Terrain Track Chair for Wounded Warrior Communication Workers of American, Local 2007, Beckley, WV presented Captain James Allen Chapter, NSDAR a check for \$ 500.00 for WVDAR Project Patriot All-Terrain Track Chair Project.

Captain James Allen members present to receive the check were; Mrs. Karen Bonifacio, Chapter Regent, WY Delegate Linda Sumner, and Ms. Samantha Shleser, St. Chairman Project Patriot. Captain James Allen Chapter has raised a total of \$1,098.52 towards this project.

Please see back page for the newspaper article that was written.

Shenandoah Valley Chapter



The Shenandoah Valley Chapter participated in the **Veteran's Day** wreath laying ceremony at the Doughboy Monument in Martinsburg, WV on November 11, 2013. Members who participated are from l to r: Sylvia Rhodes, Susanne Horner, Sally Ann Greenfield, Janie Butts, Judy Bryant, Margie Ways, Kathleen Merceruio, Jerell Wright, Tabitha Porterfield, and Barbara Frankenberry.



The Shenandoah Valley Chapter also signed proclamations for the Martinsburg City Council, Musselman High School, and Berkeley County Council stating that it was Constitution Week, September 17-23, 2013.

Project Patriot raising money for all-terrain track chair for veteran

By Brandi Underwood
REGISTER-HERALD REPORTER

One West Virginia wounded warrior will soon be riding in style in an all-terrain track chair, funded by West Virginia's Project Patriot committee.

Project Patriot, a national committee under the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution, is currently raising funds for the all-terrain track chair, which will be properly outfitted and donated to a wounded warrior who applies as a potential recipient.

"Under Project Patriot, I wanted to do something that would make a huge difference, but on a small scale," said Samantha Shleser, West Virginia state chairman for Project Patriot.

Shleser got the idea to

raise funds for an all-terrain track chair, which is essentially an off-road wheelchair, after seeing Fox News commentator Bill O'Reilly lead a similar fundraiser benefiting the Wounded Warrior Project on his show.

"It doesn't run on wheels, it runs on a track like a tank," Shleser said, explaining that it could afford warriors a larger sense of freedom and a better quality of life.

The chairs cost between \$12,000 to \$18,000 depending on how the chair is outfitted for the soldier, Shleser explained.

"They're designed to accommodate what the warrior needs for his particular disability, and what he wants to do with the chair," Shleser said.

Chairs can be outfitted with places to secure

bows, rifles, fishing rods and anything a warrior would need, from practical to recreational uses.

While NSDAR is a women's service organization that focuses on historical preservation, education and patriotism, Project Patriot is a committee of NSDAR that focuses on wounded warrior support and women veterans.

NSDAR has 1,800 members statewide and 39 chapters, all of which can trace their lineage to soldiers, suppliers, or anyone who aided the cause of the American Revolution.

"We encourage all of our wounded warriors in the state to contact us if they'd like to be considered for the chair," Shleser said.

The Communications Workers of America Local 2007 of Beckley do-



BRANDI UNDERWOOD/THE REGISTER-HERALD

Communications Workers of America Local 2007 presented West Virginia's Project Patriot committee with a \$500 check Thursday to help fund their purchase of an all-terrain track chair for donation to a West Virginia wounded warrior. From left: Karen Bonifacio of Daughters of the American Revolution; John Blackburn of Communications Workers of America, Local 2007; Delegate Linda Sumner, R-Raleigh, of DAR; Duane Arrington, CWA 2007 treasurer; Samantha Shleser, state chairman for Project Patriot; Rick Zombro, Marie Mentz, David Kinsley, Michelle Dotson, and Angela Ritch, all of CWA 2007; and Rick McKinney, CWA 2007 president.

nated \$500 to the cause Thursday.

"We're making progress," Shleser said. "Our goal is to have the money by January. We currently have around \$10,000.

"At the national conven-

tion in June, our state region is planning to challenge other states to join the initiative," Shleser said. "We're hoping that other states will take on this project."

Shleser encourages

anyone wishing to apply for the chair or who knows someone eligible to receive the chair to contact her. To submit recommendations or to donate, contact Shleser at 304-673-4412.



Barby Frankenberry
State Regent, WVDAR
 Shenandoah Valley Chapter

Fundraiser Magnetic Nametags for Sale

2" X 3" with 3 text lines available
Comes in a velvet keepsake bag!
Coated so it will not scratch!

\$15 per nametag
 Make Checks payable to
 State Treasurer, WVDAR

Name Tag Order Form



\$15 per Nametag Order Form due by March 1, 2014
Make Check payable to: "State Treasurer, WVDAR"
 Mail to Charla Nutter 5102 Big Battle Run Salem, WV 26426

Name: _____ Chapter: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Please Print!!

LINE 1: _____

LINE 2: _____

LINE 3: _____

Dates to Remember

- Awards are due to Joan Gibson by **Feb 26, 2014**
- Reports due to your division chairman by **April 1, 2014**
- Continental Congress— Washington, DC **June 25-29, 2014**
- Fall deadline for WV News— Due to Laura Meske—Articles emailed to lahmeske@yahoo.com and \$15 checks PER pictures for the Fall newsletter **September 15, 2014**
 (Checks made payable to WVDAR)



Rebecca Bias, Regent of the Barboursville Chapter, was the 2013 DAR National Winner in the American Heritage Category of ceramics with her beautiful and creative jar! She has donated it to the State to raise money for the Track Chair! We will be selling voices for a chance to win this one-of-a-kind masterpiece! One ticket for one dollar or six tickets for five dollars! Will you be the winner?!

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