



Dear West Virginia Daughters:

The time is drawing near for the 110th State Conference and I am so excited to share some of our plans with you! Please join us April 17-19, 2015 at the Oglebay Resort and Conference Center, Wheeling, WV, where we will be “Celebrating-Patriotism to the Core!” as our theme! The Chapters of the Northern 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 16th and your meal reservations are due by April 10th.

We will welcome as our special guests to our Conference Brenda Dooley, State Regent, Kansas DAR; and Gail Terry, State Regent, Massachusetts DAR. There will be other surprises that will be entertaining and most memorable!

I hope you will plan on attending the casual dinner Thursday evening, April 16, 2015, at the Stratford Springs, Wheeling, WV, one of the area’s finest restaurants! Friday morning, all are welcome to take a ride on the Trolley for a tour of the “Capitol Theater”, “Madonna of the Trail” and the Wheeling area. At the conclusion of the tours we will go directly to the Wheeling Country Club 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. Friday evening we will focus on the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War with our own Heather Marshall, a member of the Pack Horse Ford Chapter, sharing her families’ story of her father’s death during that campaign. Saturday we will enjoy hearing the work of our Chapters during our business session and then celebrate the successes of our essay winners! The “125 Ways To Show WVDAR Cares to the Core!” Workshop will be lots of fun for all! Get ready for even more fun Saturday evening as we look back on the 125 Years of NSDAR! Sunday morning we will celebrate the lives of our members who are no longer with us here on earth and all that they contributed to WVDAR! Thanks to our Conference Co-Chairmen, Charla Nutter and Ginger Nalley, for their special assistance and hard work on planning our conference! They have been hard at work to make sure the 110th State Conference will definitely be “Patriotic to the Core!”

While Conference is a fun time, please be aware that some important business must be conducted. You will be asked to vote to help select a nominating committee who will present a proposed 2016-2019 WVDAR slate of officers at the 111th State Conference at *The Greenbrier*, March 11-13, 2016.

You will also find enclosed in this edition the invitation for the July 7, 2015, re-dedication of the Jackson’s Mill Amphitheater. Please save the date, make plans and reservations to attend.

Looking forward to greeting you at State Conference and “Celebrating-Patriotism to the Core!”,



Barby Frankenberry
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

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 Tenth State Conference

April 17-19, 2015

Oglebay Resort and Conference Center, Wheeling, WV

THEME:

“WVDAR-Celebrating-Patriotism 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 — Oglebay Resort and Conference Center

Friday, April 17 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 18 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Sales and Displays — Oglebay Resort and Conference Center

Closed during all Business Sessions!

Friday, April 17 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 18 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Schedule of Events

Thursday, April 16, 2015

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

6:00 p.m.- Informal dinner at Stratford Springs, Wheeling, WV-Executive Board,
Conference Guests, and ALL other DAR are Welcome

8:30 p.m.- Executive Committee Meeting, Oglebay Resort and Conference Center

Friday, April 17, 2015

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”

9:00 a.m.- Trolley Departs for “Capitol Theater” and “Madonna of the Trail”

All are Welcome! Make your reservations to ride the Trolley.

12:00 p.m.- Cameo Club hosted Luncheon-Wheeling Country Club, Wheeling, WV.
Ginger Nalley, Cameo Club President & Honorary State Regent

ALL DAR Welcome & Encouraged to Attend

- 1:00 p.m.- Board of Management meeting following the Luncheon
- 2:45 p.m.- West Virginia Chorus Rehearsal
- 3:30 p.m.- State Officers' Club Meeting—Melinda “Mindy” Davis, Presiding
- 3:30 p.m.- Page Meeting and Flag Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m.- “WVDAR—Celebrating Vietnam to the Corps” Dinner
- 8:15 p.m.- Processional Forms
- 8:30 p.m.- Opening Session of the 110th State Conference

Receiving Line—Following the Opening Session

Welcome Reception in the State Regent's Room-Honoring Visiting State Regents and other Conference Guests

Saturday, April 18, 2015

- 7:30 a.m. - Chapter Regents' Club Breakfast/Meeting—Edna J. Barnes, Presiding
- 8:45 a.m. - Processional Forms
- 9:00 a.m. - Conference Business Session
- 12:00 p.m. - “WVDAR-Celebrating Education to the Core” Luncheon
- 2:00 p.m. - Continuation of Business Session-if needed
 Voting to select the Nominating Committee for the 2016 slate of officers
- 2:30 p.m. – “125 Ways To Show WVDAR Cares to the Core!” Workshop-Bring scissors
- 5:00-6:15 p.m. - Photographs
- 6:15 p.m. - Processional Forms
- 7:00 p.m. - “WVDAR-Celebrating 125 years of NSDAR Service to the Core!” Banquet

Sunday, April 19, 2015

- 8:30 a.m. - Memorial Service
- 9:30 a.m. - “WVDAR-Celebrating Friendships to the Core” 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, 2014, 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 (123rd Continental Congress 2014) 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 110th State Conference unless elected as Delegates by their Chapter.

Credentials

State Chairman—Rebecca Davis, 1910 Lazzelle Union Blvd., Maidsville, WV 26541-8017. Please return one copy of the forms to the State Chairman by April 1, 2015 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 April 1, 2015) to April Gardner, 411 West Virginia Ave. Dunbar, WV, 304-992-7777 april_1_gardner@yahoo.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 April 10, 2015.** Requests for cancellations or refunds must be made no later than April 10, 2015. Reservations should be mailed to: Cheryl C. Higgins, 406 Columbia Street, West Union, WV 26456

Hotel Reservations — Room reservations are to be made directly with the Oglebay by calling 304-243-4000. A deposit equal to one night's rate plus taxes will be due with each room reservation request. Reservations will be accepted at the resort until Monday, March 16, 2015. Room requests after Monday, March 16, 2015 will be considered pending availability.

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 2014. 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 **April 1, 2015**.

****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!**

If you have given Awards for your committee, please plan on reporting and announcing the first place winners!

****Chapter Regents shall bring/send a brief narrative, on an 8 1/2" x 11" paper, of a: "Project or Program of which Your Chapter Is Most Proud of for this Year! or explain "How Your Chapter is Planning on Celebrating 125 years of NSDAR!" These will be posted on display for all the Conference attendees to read and enjoy!**

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 110th 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 March 18, 2015. All awards must be signed by the proper State Chairman or State Officer at the Awards Table on Friday, April 17, 2015.** Award certificates will be available for pick-up at the Awards Table on Sunday, April 19, 2015, before breakfast. **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, Ginger Nalley and Charla Nutter.

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 110th 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 Northern District** will serve as the official hostesses of the 110th State Conference. Those Chapters are: Anne Royall, Blennerhassett, Colonel William Lowther, James Wood, Ohio Valley and Wheeling. **Edna Barnes** serves as the **Northern District Director**. **Charla Nutter** and **Ginger Nalley** 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 **April 1, 2015** 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 17, 2015, before 4 p.m. The books will be judged on Saturday afternoon and the winners will be announced during the "West Virginia-Celebrating 125 years of NSDAR 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, 2014 to March 31, 2015. 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, 2014 to March 31, 2015, 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-Patriotism to the Core!”**, let's **have fun seeing how creative and patriotic we can be!** **Due to space and time restrictions, please limit your donations to two item per State Officer, District Director, State Chairman and Chapters! 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 110th WVDAR State Conference!

Barby



“Celebrating-DAR to the Core!”

110th WVDAR State Conference-Oglebay Resort and Conference Center
"WVDAR Celebrating-Patriotism to the Core!"—April 16-19-2015
Meal & Transportation Reservations

NAME: _____ TITLE: _____
ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: _____
CHAPTER: _____ EMAIL: _____

Thursday, April 16, 2015

Dinner at Stratford Springs-Dutch Treat-ordering from the menu-All are Welcome & Encouraged!

Please check if you will be attending the Stratford Springs dinner _____

Friday, April 17, 2015 –

Trolley Tour to visit the "Capitol Theater" and "Madonna of the Tail" \$10.00 _____

Luncheon Wheeling Country Club, Wheeling, WV—Hosted by the Cameo Club

All are Welcome & Encouraged! Select one choice.

- Grilled Steak Salad \$22.00 _____
- Grilled Chicken Salad \$21.00 _____
- Penne Pasta Primavera \$20.00 _____

Dinner—Oglebay Resort—"WVDAR –Celebrating Vietnam to the Corps" \$32.00 _____

Saturday, April 18, 2015-All Meals at Oglebay Resort

Chapter Regents' Club Breakfast \$15.00 _____

(Current and Past Chapter Regents Only!)

Luncheon-WVDAR-Celebrating Education to the Core!" \$16.00 _____

Banquet—"Celebrating 125 Years of NSDAR to the Core!" \$34.00 _____

Sunday, April 19, 2015

"WVDAR-Celebrating Friendships to the Core" Breakfast \$20.00 _____

Checks made payable to: State Treasurer, WVDAR TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY: April 10, 2015

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

MAIL TO:

Cheryl C. Higgins
406 Columbia Street
West Union, WV 26456

DIETARY RESTRICTIONS:

Please indicate if you served or are serving in the US Military: Years of Service: _____

Branch: _____ Rank: _____ Campaign when serving: _____

Room Reservation Form
 Daughters of the American Revolution WV Chapter
 Oglebay Resort & Conference Center
 April 16 - 19, 2015

<p>Oglebay Resort & Conference Center Rt 88 North Wheeling, WV 26003 Phone: (304) 243-4000 or (800) 624-6988 Fax: (304) 243-4143 Email: reservations@oglebay-resort.com <i>Visit our Web Site @ www.oglebay-resort.com</i></p>	<p>Group: Daughters of the American Revolution WV Chapter Check-in: Thursday, April 16, 2015 Check-out: Sunday, April 19, 2015 Cut Off Date: Monday, March 16, 2015 How to make your reservation: By phone, fax, email, US Mail</p>
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Room Rates (per night):

Traditional (two double beds) - \$119

Intermediate (two double beds or one king) - \$139

Deluxe - (one king bed in larger room with refrigerator) - \$149

Premium - (one king bed or two queen beds with wet bar and refrigerator) - \$169

Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: Office: _____ Home: _____ Email: _____

Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____

Name of person(s) Sharing room with you: _____

Room Type: _____ (Ex: Traditional, Intermediate, Deluxe, Premium, Suite)

Room request: _____ (Single or Double)

Please advise us of any special needs you may have during your visit to Oglebay's Wilson Lodge:

Reservations are to be accompanied by a deposit equivalent to one night's room charges plus 6% Sales Tax and 6% City Hotel Tax. Oglebay's Wilson Lodge accepts deposits made by check or credit card. Deposits made with a credit card are charged on the date the reservation is processed. Refunds/Adjustments will be made only when cancellations/changes are received at least 10-days prior to Thursday, April 16, 2015. All requests for lodging must be received no later than the Monday, March 16, 2015. Check-in/Check-out: Check-in time begins at 3:00 PM. Checkout time is 11:00 AM.

Credit Card Type: American Express Discover Diners Club Master Card Visa

Credit Card #: _____ CVB2#: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Signature Card Holder Name: _____

Printed Card Holder Name: _____

***Reservations received after Monday, March 16, 2015 will be confirmed on a space available basis only.**

***Room location cannot be guaranteed. Pets are not permitted.**

***Cribs and Rollaway Cots are available at \$20.00 each per stay. Limit (1) per room.**

***Weekend reservations must include Friday and Saturday nights.**

WVDAR Insignia

The Insignia Committee page on the NSDAR Member's Website is the go to place for Insignia. You may find the page by going to the Member's site, click on committees, and then on Insignia.

<http://www.dar.org/members/committees/special-committees/insignia/dar-official-insignia>

An attempt has been made to make all information for Insignia available there. Check back, as new information will be posted on the Insignia Committee page. Links include: DAR Attire, Let's Talk Pins FAQ, Ordering, Initiating New Pins, Sash, DAR Banner, Marking a Grave, Bylaws, Placement of DAR Pins and Insignia on Official Ribbon, Insignia Seal Banner Booklet, Handbook, Webinar, and a link to Hamilton's site for ordering.

The Pin Placement List is updated online as new pins are ready for sale. Check the date at the bottom of the list to make sure you are using the most current list.

“Three reminders from the Insignia Committee:

- The DAR Insignia pins and ribbon should only be worn with proper attire that upholds the dignity of both the pins and DAR. An excellent article by National Protocol Chair, Laura M. Reid, was published in a previous newsletter and has been linked to the Insignia Committee page concerning proper attire.
- A general policy for redesign and/or enlargement of previously authorized pins has been established by the Executive Committee. No pin should be redesigned more frequently than 25 years and no pin should be considered for updating if a large quantity of existing pins are available from Hamilton Jewelers.
- The Executive Committee reaffirmed that the use of logos and the insignia shall be solely limited to the official nationally approved logo and the insignia. Chapters and states shall not develop their own logo.
- The Pin placement list has been updated and the most current list is online on the Insignia Page on the DAR Members Website. The current date at the bottom of the page is January 29, 2015. Members may always make sure they have the most current list by checking this date online. Most changes will only be when new pins are ready for sale.
- A small change has been made on the Pin Placement list to place Outstanding Junior pins and Page pins together. Only two pins were moved but with this placement, a better protocol order is possible.

Please remember to check the Insignia Committee website first when insignia questions arise. Answers may be found there to many questions and includes links to other useful sites concerning insignia.”

Jimelle Rumberg Insignia Committee

*Join West Virginia Daughters on
A 1-day Bus Trip to Continental Congress
June 24, 2015*

Activities include:

West Virginia Breakfast

Membership Forum I & II

Registrar General's Forum

DA R Museum Tour

Shops & Sales Tables

Leave Shepherdstown, WV at 5:45 a.m.

Return from Washington, DC at 4:30 p.m.

For details contact:

Cheryl A. Brown

FrankK5600@aol.com

(304) 876-3817



“Celebrating-DAR to the Core!”

*Make plans to attend our
West Virginia – Celebrating DAR to the CORE Breakfast
during the 124th NSDAR Continental Congress*

June 24, 2015

at the Grand Hyatt Washington

1000 H Street NW, Washington DC

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

\$42.00/Reservation

Reservation by June 1, 2015 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

Make payable to: State Treasurer, WVDAR

*You are cordially invited to attend the
Rededication of the Amphitheater at Jackson's Mill,
Weston, West Virginia,
the seventh day of July, two thousand fifteen,
at fifteen after eleven in the morning.*

Seventy-five years ago, to help celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the NSDAR, the West Virginia Daughters gave the amphitheater at Jackson's Mill, Weston, WV, to the young people of West Virginia. 75 years later, the West Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution adopted Barbara "Barby" Frankenberry's State Regent Project to repair the bronze plaque on the wall of the Amphitheater and place green granite benches across the back and front of this beautiful area. Through the generosity of our West Virginia Daughters, individual DAR members, DAR families, 4-H families, the West Virginia 4-H All Stars and the Berkeley County 4-H All Stars, ten benches will be placed in the amphitheater. The Alpha I State 4-H Camp will be in session that week and those young people will be attending the ceremony. Please make plans to attend this event which helps to commemorate the 125th Anniversary of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution.

All will be having lunch in the Mount Vernon Dining Hall at 12:15 p.m. and take the tour of the Historic Area at a cost of \$12.00/person. After the 4-H Campers have finished lunch we will have the Dining Hall available for our use for a short period of time. I will be presenting awards and then the Districts will have time to meet to conduct any necessary business.



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Send reservations to: **Pat Goodwin, 5028 Old Mill Road, Jane Lew, WV 26378-8001**

All Reservations are due by **June 15, 2015**. Make checks payable to **State Treasurer, WVDAR**

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

Please make meal/tour reservations for # _____ X \$12=Total enclosed _____

Elk River Chapter

ELK RIVER'S 2014 "WOMEN IN AMERICAN HISTORY" HONOREE

Within the national American History Committee is a subcommittee called, "Women in American History". Chapters may select a notable woman who has made a difference in her community.

Elk River Chapter honored Virginia Rader Carr for her extensive work with genealogy. To assist others with family re-

search, Virginia and her DAR chapter established the Family Research Library at the Gassaway Public Library. She has compiled death certificate data on the Rogers family in the Braxton, Clay and Roane County areas concerning Amyloidosis, a congenital heart disease.

Virginia co-authored the book, "Heritage of Braxton County, West Virginia" and she wrote an article about her Revolutionary War ancestor, Andrew Skidmore, for Edmund Rogers' book on the "Skidmore Family History". As a literacy volunteer she often included family research as a motivational technique for reading.

She has served her chapter multiple times as Regent and she currently holds the office of Registrar. Her passions are genealogy, conservation, veterans, and preserving the memory of Revolutionary War soldiers.

The Elk River Chapter is proud to announce Virginia Lee Rader Carr as its 2014 honoree. The "Women in American History" certificate was presented to Virginia by Jill Mooney, state Co-Chairman for "Women in American History".



Pack Horse Ford Chapter

MSgt. Poe Receives DAR Distinguished Service Medal

On January 10, 2015, the Pack Horse Ford Chapter awarded the DAR Distinguished Service Medal to Master Sergeant (Ret.) Stephanie M. Poe, a recently retired Aerospace Science Instructor in the U. S. Air Force Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (AFJROTC) Program at Jefferson High School in Shenandoah Junction. The ceremony was held during the chapter's New Year's Tea at the home of Kathy Klein in Shepherdstown. Kathleen Murdock, whose family funds a scholarship for an outstanding AFJROTC cadet at Jefferson High School each year, joined Regent Cheryl Brown in presenting the award.

MSgt. Poe had already served in the U. S. Air Force (USAF) for over 20 years, specializing in forensic dentistry, before launching into her second career alongside her husband, Master Sergeant (Ret.) Will Poe. At Jefferson High School she was instrumental in leading the AFJROTC Program to the designation as a Distinguished Unit, or Distinguished Unit with Merit every year since the unit was established in 2002. To put that in perspective, less than 10 units of the 884 in all of AFJROTC have earned the highest designation during that same period, placing the unit in highly esteemed company.

Her diligent efforts on behalf of the Jefferson County shoe and coat fund helped result in raising more than \$44K for a very necessary benevolent undertaking. She helped cadets plan and organize more than 40 community service events per year and helped lead Red Cross blood drives, yielding an immense amount of blood donations that have saved countless lives.

For her efforts MSgt. Poe was selected by Headquarters, AFJROTC as an outstanding instructor multiple times and earned the coveted Gold Instructor Badge, designating her as the best of the best among more than 2000 instructors. She also was named the West Virginia Veterans of Foreign Wars Citizenship Education Teacher of the Year for 2013-2014.

At all times MSgt. Poe exemplified the USAF core values. Perhaps more important, she positively impacted the lives of hundreds if not thousands of young lives and most assuredly led by example every step of the way.



Regent Cheryl Brown, MSgt. Stephanie Poe and Chapter Member Kathleen Murdock

NEW C.A.R. SOCIETY FORMED

One of the most exciting accomplishments of the Pack Horse Ford Chapter in 2014 was the sponsorship of a new Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.) Society. This opportunity for the area children became a reality thanks to the leadership of Chapter member Tara Fritz, who served as the Senior Organizing President for the Society.

After six months of completing requirements, the new Society held its organizational meeting on December 13, 2014 at the Station at Shepherdstown in Shepherdstown, WV. Fifteen of the twenty-two charter members were in attendance as well as twenty-five DAR and seven SAR members.

Charla Nutter, Senior State President, W.V.C.A.R. and Honorary State Regent, WVDAR, installed the society and senior officers. Barbara M. "Barby" Frankenberry, State Regent, WVDAR, brought greetings from the State Society and presented certificates to two C.A.R. members who had learned the American's Creed. Joe Khare, President of the General Adam Stephen Chapter, NSSAR, brought greetings from his chapter. Regent Cheryl Brown presented a gavel from the Pack Horse Ford Chapter to the new Society President, Taylor Fritz. A reception planned and executed by chapter members followed the ceremony.

In February 2015, the new Society learned that the National Society Children of the American Revolution Board had approved its first choice for a name and is now officially known as the Henrietta Bedinger Lee Society. Henrietta was a Real Daughter, whose grave in the Elmwood Cemetery in Shepherdstown was marked several years ago by the Pack Horse Ford and Frederick Chapters in a joint ceremony.



Dates to Remember

- State Conference—Wheeling, WV **April 16-19, 2015**
- National Continental Congress—Washington, DC **June 24-28**
- Rededication of the Amphitheater—**Jackson's Mill, Jane Lew, WV July 7, 2015**
- Fall deadline for WV News— Due to Laura Meske—Articles emailed to lahmeske@yahoo.com and a \$10 fee PER picture (first one is free) for the Fall newsletter **September 15, 2015** (Checks made payable to WVDAR)

Visit us on the web

State website:

<http://www.wvdar.org>

National website:

<http://www.dar.org>

We are also on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/WVDAR>



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