



West Virginia DAR News

National Theme: "Moving Forward in Service to America"
State Theme: "Shining Stars of Service"

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Message from the State Regent

Dear West Virginia Daughters,

WOW! What a busy few months! October started with the National Board Meeting and then onto a charter bus for the 2016 DAR Schools Tour. (I think I have just now caught up on my sleep.) What a wonderful trip I had and seeing the schools again was great. Thank you to State Vice Regent, **Debi Smith** and **Joan McClelland**, State Chairman, for hosting the Open House at the Josephine C. Peters Cottage at Tamassee. The cottage looked very nice.

I have been so very glad to see the way that the chapters celebrated Veterans' Day and the 75th Anniversary of Pearl Harbor. I was pleased to help serve dinner to local veterans and to remember those who have served. A BIG Thank You to all the West Virginia Daughters who remembered those local veterans.

Congratulations to the Kanawha Valley Chapter and the William Morris Chapter. On December 3, 2016 these two chapters merged and a Merger Ceremony was held at the Edgewood Country Club in Charleston. Thank you to **April Gardner**, **Linda Hendrickson** and **Shirley Gilkeson** for a very successful day.

As many of you begin working on all of that lovely paperwork due at the beginning of February (please remember to include all work done by your members and to turn in those volunteer hours. Let's make West Virginia look good!!

Remember that **May 5-7, 2017** is our State Conference. The meeting will be held at the Embassy Suites in Charleston. The ladies of the Western District are busy planning for a wonderful conference. Look for the Call to Conference and Meal Reservation form to be included in the next issue! The next Continental Congress will be held **June 28 – July 2, 2017**.

I would like to end by wishing all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Shining in DAR,

Mindy

Malinda "Mindy" Davis
State Regent





Welcome New Members

Bee Line:

Stephanie Lacy
Colleen Werner

Blennerhassett:

Jody Haddox
Verna Kay Owens
Coleen Bumgarder
Charlene Herrington

Captain James Allen:

Tammy Mills

Daniel Davisson:

Tracy Zang

General Andrew Lewis:

Lois Beverage
Carol Sue Olson

John Chapman:

Susan B. Smith
Sarah M. Smith
Dreama Butcher

Kanawha Valley:

Nancy White
Martha Lilly

Shenandoah Valley:

Ruth D. Murray

Westmoreland:

Frances Ann Grimes

*** The new members listed in this edition of *The WVDAR News* were accepted at the NBOM meetings in November and December 2016.**

Your Ideas Needed

How does your Chapter "attract" new members? Share your Chapter's ideas on ways to market your Chapter and interest perspective members. Send your ideas to Brenda Chevront and Chris Painter.

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Support a C.A.R. Society!

Don't miss out on the opportunity to provide C.A.R. members with a solid foundation. Chapters can assist in the organization of new societies or become involved in an existing society. Contact the local Senior Society President or **Charla Nutter**, Senior State President for opportunities to volunteer. Your involvement can truly make a difference in the life of a C.A.R. member and can take many paths. You can serve as a senior leader yourself, provide refreshments or transportation, share family history, help with genealogy research, donate financially, or volunteer to help at a conference or regional meeting, just to name a few.

C.A.R. members are the investment in the future for DAR, SAR, and S.R. These young C.A.R. members are being prepared to join the ranks of DAR, SAR, and S.R. Young women 18-22 will be more likely to join DAR if they have had a positive C.A.R. experience.

Shining Stars of Service!

Neighbors Helping Neighbors...

In the weeks that followed the devastating floods in West Virginia this past summer, the Daughters from the Ohio State Society made generous donations to the town of Clendenin, WV totaling over \$14,000 in gift cards and school supplies!

Thank you to Nancy Schirm Wright, State Regent of Ohio and all the Ohio Daughters for this amazing gift of love and thoughtfulness!

Thank you for thinking of West Virginia and for being such great ‘Shining Stars of Service’ when it was needed the most!

Please take a moment to thank Nancy and the Ohio State Society. Cards and notes of appreciation may be sent to the Ohio Daughters at this address:

Nancy Schirm Wright
Ohio State Regent
12 N. High Street
Canal Winchester, OH 43110-1109



Pictured—Nancy Wright, Ohio State Regent, with our “Mindy” at the NSDAR Headquarters.

National and State Committees



Chapter Development & Revitalization

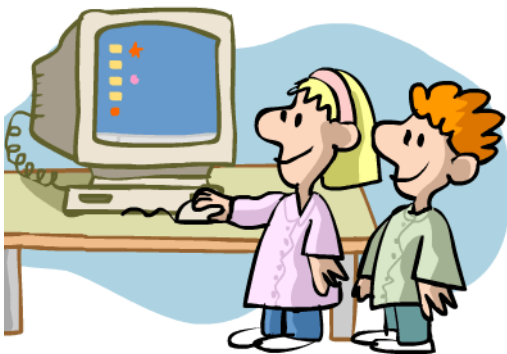
The Chapter Development and Revitalization Committee has planned a workshop which will concentrate on 1) Registrar and 2) Treasurer Assistance/Training and preparation.

Location: Hackers Creek Pioneer Descendant Library, Weston, WV

Date: March 4, 2017

Please plan to send at least two people from your chapter.

Chapter Regents should also try to attend. Watch for an email for more information!



Membership and DAR Magazine

The DAR Digital Magazine Archive on the Members web site is one of DAR's best kept secrets! It is a digital treasure trove of DAR chapter histories, activities and accomplishments. The archive contains magazines from 1892-2013, and has a fully searchable index for magazines published between 1892 and 1998.

The Digital Magazine Archive was made possible through the efforts of the President General's Project which paved the way for the technological upgrade to fiber optic networks.

What will you find when you search for your chapter's name? Perhaps a history of your chapter, a photo of chapter members from days gone by, or even an article about a prestigious award. Aren't you curious? Give it a try! Visit the Members website and explore the Digital Magazine Archive today!

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The Blanche L. Reymann Scholarship



Mrs. Reymann taught elocution and physical education at Grove City College in Pennsylvania before her marriage to Paul O. Reymann. She was a charter member of the Wheeling Chapter and served as Chapter Regent from 1923 to 1926 and served as WV State Regent from 1931 to 1934.

The theme of Mrs. Reymann's administration was "Education in West Virginia." Following her death in 1964, the Blanche L. Reymann State Scholarship Fund was established from personal monetary contributions from her three daughters: Elizabeth Spillers, Paula Steger and Nelda MacCorkle, who were also members of the Wheeling Chapter. The investment money was deposited with the WVDAR State Treasurer. Out of love and honor to the memory of their mother the following resolutions were established with the WVDAR:

- Money for the scholarship shall be taken from the interest earned on the CDs. The original amount of the investment is not to be used to provide funds for the scholarship.
- Assessments of the chapters per capita be made voluntarily to provide additional funds for the scholarship annually.
- The State Chairman of the Blanche L. Reymann State Scholarship Fund shall be a Wheeling Chapter member.

The West Virginia State Society NSDAR voted to award the scholarship annually to a female student in the upper one-third of her class academically and in need of financial support. The recipient must be entering her senior year in one of West Virginia's private colleges. The six approved private colleges in West Virginia at that time were Bethany, Broadus, Davis & Elkins, Morris Harvey, Salem College and West Virginia Wesleyan.

The reason for placing the Scholarship Fund in denominational (private) colleges rather than in public universities and colleges of the state was because they felt that everyone is taxed to support public college scholarships, and in presenting this scholarship it would be more fair to give it to a college which receives limited support from the tax payers.

Currently, the classification of private schools made by the West Virginia Independent Colleges and Universities Organization from which a recipient will be selected to receive the Reymann Scholarship on a rotating basis, are as follows: Alderson-Broadus College, Philippi, WV; Appalachian Bible College, Beckley, WV; Davis & Elkins College, Elkins, WV; Ohio Valley University, Vienna, WV; University of Charleston, Charleston, WV; West Virginia Wesleyan College, Buckhannon, WV; and Wheeling Jesuit University, Wheeling, WV.

Originally, the scholarship award amount was \$200. In 1984 the award was increased from \$200 to \$300, and in 1994 it was increased from \$300 to \$500. Most recently, the scholarship award was raised to \$1,000 in 2008. This January we will reach out to Davis & Elkins College to select the 2017-2018 recipient. Since the scholarship began, the WVDAR has played an important role in offering financial support to students to assist in the completion of their education. This important work is solely funded by the generous support of individual donors and Chapter contributions. What started as a loving gift to honor one WV Daughter continues to serve as a testament to the commitment of all WV Daughters to "Education in West Virginia."

Chapter News



Shenandoah Valley Chapter

The Shenandoah Valley Chapter met on Tuesday, October 11, 2016 and spent the morning meeting with the Veterans in the Life Center at the Martinsburg Veterans Administration. The visit was part of the Chapter's National Day of Service. The chapter members collected donations worth \$300 that included Personal items, CD's, Movies, Puzzle Books, Money and many

other items that were presented to the Veterans Volunteer Service. These items will be used by the in-house veterans. A basket of snacks was given to the nursing station to be distributed to veterans that did not have dietary restrictions. The members visited the rooms introduced themselves and thanked each veteran for their service. Each veteran received a thank you card and two canteen coupons.

Cheryl Brown, National Chair, DAR Service for Veterans and WVDAR State Treasurer, of the Pack Horse Ford Chapter helped to arrange the event and toured the Life Center with our chapter. Cheryl graciously donated the Canteen Coupons that were distributed to the veterans.

Pictured above, left to right: Cheryl Brown, National Chair, DAR Service for Veterans; Sally Ann Greenfield, Registrar; Margie Ways, Regent; Terry Stotler, Chief Voluntary Services, Veterans Administration; Janie Butts, Co-Chairman Project Patriotism; Alice Cogle, 1st Vice Regent; Kathleen Merceruio, Treasurer, and Jean Brown, member.

The Shenandoah Valley Chapter participated in the Veteran's Day Wreath ceremony on Friday, November 11, 2016 to honor our past and present veterans. The ceremony was held at the Dough Boy Monument in downtown Martinsburg, WV.

"This memorial is dedicated as an enduring tribute to the patriotism of the citizens of Berkeley County WV who rendered loyal service to our country in the great World War and to honor the memory of those who made the supreme sacrifice."

The presentation of colors, raising of the American Flag and Memorial Service was conducted by Air Force Junior ROTC from the four Berkeley County High Schools. Having these young individuals as part of the ceremony was very special.



Chapter members pictured in the photo are, 1st Row, left to right: Sylvia Rhodes, Chaplain, Margie Ways, Regent, Barby Frankenberry, Curator General NSDAR and Chapter U.S. Constitution Chairman; Jerell Wright, 2nd Vice Regent, ***2nd Row, left to right:*** Janie Butts, Co-Chairman Project Patriotism, Alice Cogle, 1st Vice Regent, Susanne Horner, Corresponding Secretary, and Laura Meske, Librarian.

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William Henshaw Chapter

On October 1, 2016, The William Henshaw Chapter celebrated the 100th birthday of the National Park Service with a driving tour of local historic sites.

The first stop was the Ferry Hill plantation on the Potomac River in Maryland overlooking Shepherdstown, a property in the care of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park. The tour group was met at the plantation house by Park Ranger Geoff Suiter who presented a comprehensive history of Ferry Hill, including the early commercial activity with ferries crossing the Potomac River and later with the traffic on the C&O canal. He told how the use of Ferry Hill as a military headquarters and camping site for both Union and Confederate forces disrupted the profitable farming and shipping operations and left much of the property in ruins.

He told the stories of the owners and of one of the most famous residents of Ferry Hill, Confederate Officer, Henry Kyd Douglas, who wrote the book, "I Rode with Stonewall." Regent Nancy Myers presented Park Ranger Suiter with a DAR Certificate of Appreciation for arranging for a special tour of Ferry Hill.



The next stop was the Clara Barton Monument in Antietam National Battlefield. Here, chapter member Andrea Hartman, who is a nurse, spoke passionately about her heroine. "Her actions on the battlefield," she said, "are what makes Clara Barton's life so important to me and to any nurse. She was selfless and had little concern for her own safety and was the obvious choice to start up the Red Cross." She well deserves the title, "Angel of the Battlefield," she added. Members were reminded that Clara Barton is among DAR's list of "Dazzling Daughters."

The final stop was the Antietam National Cemetery. A brief ceremony was conducted by chapter members, including a prayer by Chaplain Shelley Hamilton in remembrance of the 4,776 fallen who were re-interred at this cemetery. Chapter member Jessica Hayes gave a history of the founding of the cemetery for Union soldiers and told of the dedication ceremony that took place on September 17, 1867, before a crowd of 15,000 people. She also shared the speech that President Andrew Johnson gave at the dedication. In closing remarks, Regent Nancy Myers spoke of the colossal Private Soldier Monument that towers about 44 feet above the soldiers' graves. This granite monument, she said was dedicated on September 17, 1880, in the presence of another huge crowd. It features, she added, "a 21-1/2 foot sculpture of a Union infantryman standing at parade rest and facing homeward to the North."

One of the chapter members said, after the tour, "There is so much history in this area. It was so nice to visit these sites with the chapter because of the special programs that were presented along the way. I learned so much." The members enjoyed lunch was at the Battlefield Inn in Antietam.

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Pack Horse Ford Chapter

On Friday, October 28, 2016 Pack Horse Ford Chapter, of Shepherdstown provided refreshments for the Naturalization Ceremony at the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of West Virginia in Martinsburg.

Chief U.S. District Judge Gina M. Groh presided with U. S. Congressman Alex X. Mooney as keynote speaker. A video presentation by President Barack Obama was shown. Representatives from Senator Joe Manchin III and Senator Shelley Moore Capito gave welcoming remarks. Other government officials and civic organizations gave remarks including Chapter Regent Kathy Sholl, who read the American's Creed. The Chapter provided U.S. Flag lapel pins, Pledge of Allegiance bookmarkers, and the Flag Code brochures.

There were 40 new citizens that took the oath of allegiance. Countries represented included Vietnam, Pakistan United Kingdom, Germany, Mexico, Bangladesh, El Salvador, Cameroon, Peru, Philippines, Hati, Ghana, Guatemala, Trinidad and Tobago, Nicaragua, Egypt, Venezuela, Paraguay, Bahamas, and Eritrea.

For the reception, Chapter members greeted the new citizens and their families with a patriotic centerpiece and cake; flag cookies, homemade cookies, candy, and beverages. Co-committee chairpersons were Laura White and Patty Stealey. Committee members included Darla Ambrose, Mary Davis, Cheryl Brown, Mary Gageby, Dr. Becky Hill, Marsha Krashoc, Marie Snowden, Susan Smith, Connie White, and HODAR Joe Khare.

Special Ceremony

William Morris Chapter and Kanawha Valley Chapter Merge
December 3, 2016



State Regent Mindy Davis conducted the special Merging Ceremony and the Kanawha Valley Chapter welcomed the members of the William Morris Chapter into their Chapter. Best wishes for this wonderful new merger!

*Pictured above, l to r—*Shirley Gilkeson, Past Vice President General and Honorary State Regent, Kanawha Valley; April Gardner, State Historian and Chapter Regent, Kanawha Valley; Mindy Davis, State Regent, WVDAR; Linda Hendrickson, State Chaplain and Chapter Regent, William Morris Chapter; and Carolyn Snodgrass, William Morris Chapter.

Shining Stars of Service Pins for Sale

In support of the State Regent's proposed projects, this beautiful pin is now for sale! Perfect to wear for any occasion!

\$25 per pin + \$3 for shipping = \$28

Make checks payable to "State Treasurer, WVDAR"
and mail to:

Malinda "Mindy" Davis
State Regent, WVDAR
327 Horner Run
Pensboro, WV 26415-6050





February 1, 2017

Deadline—Chapter Master Report Due Online!

February 14, 2017

Valentine's Day—Celebrate!

February 20, 2017

Presidents' Day

March 4, 2017

Registrar and Treasurer Workshop—CDC Committee

May 5-7, 2017

WVDAR State Conference—Charleston Embassy Suites,
Western District Daughters Hostess

In Observance of the Holidays,
NSDAR Headquarters will be
closed beginning
Friday, December 23, 2016 and
will re-open on
Tuesday, January 3, 2017!

A new version of the Membership Application Form (PDF) is now available online: <http://www.dar.org/apps/software>.
Effective **February 9, 2017**, all applications and supplementals submitted to National Headquarters must use this new
version of the application. The 2012 version of the form will not be accepted after that date!

Remembering Pearl Harbor

Cheryl Haught, State Chairman of Commemorative Events, presented a powerful narrative of the events at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941 in commemoration of the 75th Anniversary during the Annual Christmas Luncheon of the Ohio Valley Chapter on Saturday, December 3 at the Sistersville Volunteer Fire Department.

Members from Anne Royall, Blennerhassett, Colonel William Lowther, James Wood and Wheeling Chapters were invited guests of the Ohio Valley Chapter and Tina Seese, Chapter Regent.



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