



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,

Please let me begin by saying how proud I am of the West Virginia State Society and what an honor it is to serve as your West Virginia State Regent.

We have just finished all five district meetings and are now preparing to kick off the DAR year with many interesting programs. I would like to thank the District Directors for a job well done. I would also like to thank the membership for their attendance and for making these meetings a huge success. Congratulations to all of those chapters who received awards from the National Society.

Please mark your calendars for May 5-7, 2017. This will be 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.

The next Continental Congress will be held June 28 – July 2, 2017.

Regents, please be watching your email for more information with regards to the Proposed State Regent's Projects. I look forward to hearing from you with regards to the Gold Star Mothers Project, Homeless to Home Veterans Project and the Thirteen Fold Program for our youth. In working together we can make these projects a success for West Virginia DAR.

The State Theme for this administration is the **"Shining Stars of Service."** The symbol is a shooting gold star. The National Theme is *"Service to America"* and will continue with our work to God, Home, & Country. Mrs. Dillon is looking to continue with the support of the Guardian Trust and our work with community service.

Again, thank you for making the summer successful and I look forward to meeting with many of you over the next few months as we begin a new DAR year.

With appreciation and love,

Mindy

Malinda "Mindy" Davis
State Regent



From the State Officers



TIPS FOR TREASURERS

The “Dues Invoicer - 2016-2017” is now available under the Status tab on *eMembership*. Instructions, a chapter dues worksheet, the final invoice and miscellaneous forms are available there for your use. Submit your chapter’s National dues to the Office of the Organizing Secretary General by **December 1st**.

Submit your chapter’s State and State Conference dues and National and State contributions with the WVDAR 2016-2017 Chapter Treasurer’s Report, audited/reviewed 2015 financial statement and 2015 IRS filing to the State Treasurer by **November 1st**.

The President General’s Project amount per member is now \$2.50 per year or \$7.50 for 3 years. The membership count date for the President General’s Project for the Dillon Administration is January 1, 2017. You can check your chapter’s progress towards 100% at the “President General’s Project 100% Status Report” on *eMembership*.

Please have checks for contributions from organizations or individuals outside the WVDAR for the proposed State Regent’s Project made payable to *State Treasurer, WVDAR* and include contact information for the contributing organization or individual. The State Regent will acknowledge each of the contributions with a letter.

*Cheryl Brown
State Treasurer*

One of the proposed State Regent's projects is *From Homeless to Home— Help for Our Homeless Veterans*

Please check with your area’s VA Hospital for needed items that would help a Veteran move into a new home or apartment.

Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center in Clarksburg suggests the following items:

- Buckets
- Brooms
- Mops
- Dust pans
- Dish soap
- Dish rack
- Kitchen garbage cans
- Garbage Bags
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Bathroom garbage cans
- Bathroom shower curtain with hooks
- Large Towels
- Wash cloths

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Welcome New Members



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Sandra Cogar
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Barboursville:

Karah Davis
Julie Davis

Bee Line:

Lynda Lancaster
Miriam Kleintop
Rebecca Morgan
Lauren Kelly
Brittney Jackson

Blackwater:

Mary Isaacson

Blennerhassett:

Kelli Fliter
Megan Brown

Buford:

Anna Beth Heinz
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Captain James Allen:

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Colonel Charles Lewis:

Rebecca White
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Elk River:

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Dolores Starke
Leigh Ashby
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General Andrew Lewis:

Karen Butler
Beverly Boswell

James Wood:

Amy Walton
Carolina Walton

John Hart:

Norma Gaston
Jamie Holbert
Debra Ricker

Kanawha Valley:

Katy Taylor
Katlyn Bratcher
Linda Asteris
Jessica Meadows
Julie Boggess

Matthew French:

Dawn Sparks

Ohio Valley:

Frances Caldwell
Rebecca Boggs
Suzanne Nowell
Kathy Eckert

Old Hickory:

Paula Knopp
Patricia Myers
Eleanor Mills
Shirley Mace
Mackenzie Dillon
Cynthia Norman
Barbara Miles

Pack Horse Ford:

Jeanine Hammond

Shenandoah Valley:

Laura Faircloth
Katie Rose

Trans-Allegheny:

Nancy Salai

Wheeling:

Cheryl Rawson
Martha Fato

Woodburn:

Kimberly Kincaid
Tammy Livengood
Elizabeth Durr

* The new members listed in this edition of *The WVDAR News* were accepted from January through September 2016 and are listed as each were accepted by the NBOM.

National and State Committees



Blanche L. Reymann State Scholarship

Pictured Left to Right—
Ms. Christie Tomczyk, Director of Financial Aid; Ms. Shelby Wade,
Scholarship Recipient; Mrs. Lisa McNeil, State Chairman Blanche
L. Reymann Scholarship and Mrs. Debi Smith, Honorary Wheeling
Chapter Regent and West Virginia State Vice Regent

WHEELING JESUIT UNIVERSITY NURSING STUDENT RECIPIENT OF THE WV DAR SCHOLARSHIP

On August 25, 2016, Shelby Wade, a nursing student at Wheeling Jesuit University, was presented with the 2016-2017 Blanche L. Reymann State Scholarship. Ms. Wade is the daughter of Lonnie and Christine Wade of Colliers, West Virginia. She is a 2013 graduate of Brooke High School. In addition to pursuing a nursing major and physiology minor, Shelby is also employed as a student worker for the University. She also serves as Secretary for Circle K, dedicated to campus and community service, and a member of the Student Nurses Association (SNA). Interestingly, this is not Shelby's first experience with NSDAR. When she was in the eighth grade, she won an essay contest sponsored by the Fort Steuben Chapter, in Steubenville, Ohio.

In 1967, the scholarship was established in the memory of Blanche L. Reymann, an Honorary State Regent of West Virginia State Society, a Wheeling Chapter Honorary Regent, and accomplished business woman in Wheeling. The initial scholarship investment was established by Mrs. Ryman's three daughters: Elizabeth Spillers, Paula Steger and Nelda MacCorkle, active members of the Wheeling Chapter.

The West Virginia State Society, NSDAR voted to award the scholarship annually to a female student who is entering her senior year in one of the West Virginia private colleges and universities. She must also be in her upper one-third of her class, academically. The Reymann Scholarship rotates among several private colleges and universities in the Mountain State. The 2017-2018 Blanche L. Reymann State Scholarship will be awarded to a student from Davis and Elkins College in Elkins, West Virginia.

Special Assistance to Vietnam Veterans—Agent Orange

Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 306 Morgantown, WV 26505 has created a special fund to assist veterans affected with being exposed to Agent Orange. Agent Orange—or Herbicide Orange (HO)—is one of the herbicides and defoliants used by the U.S. military as part of its herbicidal warfare program, Operation Ranch Hand, during the Vietnam War from 1961 to 1971. Studies have shown that veterans have increased rates of cancer, and nerve, digestive, skin, and respiratory disorders, in particular, higher rates of acute/chronic leukemia, Hodgkin's lymphoma and non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, throat cancer, prostate cancer, lung cancer, colon cancer, Ischemic heart disease, soft tissue sarcoma and liver cancer. There is a special application that needs to be filled out in full from the veteran requesting assistance. The veteran may contact Don Davis at 304-328-5491 or by e-mail at gmaudie@frontiernet.net. Don is the husband of Becky Davis of the Col. Zackquill Morgan Chapter in Morgantown.

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Women In American History

The emphasis of the Women in American History Committee is on the role of women, past and present, in American history. WVDAR encourages you to select a notable woman from West Virginia to honor.

Choose the woman by taking into consideration women who have made a contribution or a difference in their communities. She could be a historical entity or currently alive and worthy of recognition. Look for women who are, or have been, intellectual, educational, social, religious, political, scientific, or cultural innovators. The woman or women your chapter honors may be DAR members, prospective DAR members, or non-members. Your chapter may select more than one woman to honor.

Recognition could include the presentation of the [Women in American History certificate](#) a copy of which is contained in the state historian's packet and the Women in American History medal. The [DAR Store](#) sells both the certificate and medal as a set. If framed together, the medal and certificate would be suitable for both living or deceased and could be presented to family or given to the Chapter or State to hold in its archives if no family is available. Also, consider media publicity radio, TV, and newspaper coverage of the event.

Your chapter may want to focus one chapter function on your honoree. Chapters have had luncheons, teas, programs - literary and musical - at special locations to specifically honor their selected woman or women in American History. If alive, invite your honoree(s) to the chapter function.

Please prepare a 100-word report about your honoree, with a photo, if available. You may send your reports throughout the year to Mary Johnson, West Virginia American History chairwoman (Mary.E.Johnson2@wv.gov), but the final deadline is **April 1, 2017**. The member's only NSDAR website has compiled a database of women already honored.

Jill Mooney, State Vice Chairman



The official Continental Congress hotel is the Grand Hyatt Washington located at 1000 H Street NW. NSDAR has contracted a special block of rooms with the Grand Hyatt at a DAR rate. This block will open for reservations for the 126th Continental Congress on **Sunday, October 23, 2016 at 4 p.m.** (Eastern).

To make reservations, you must utilize the DAR private reservation system known as Passkey DAR online at: <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/2017Daughters>. It is also possible to make reservations through Passkey by phone at (888) 421-1442.

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American Heritage

Welcome to a New DAR Year!

The theme for the American Heritage Committee for **2016-2017** is: ***Moving Family Traditions Forward with the Arts***"

The American Heritage Committee was established to preserve our rich American heritage in the fields of art and sculpture, crafts, drama and literature, fiber arts, and music. Members are invited to participate in the various contests conducted by this committee.

Evelyn Cole Peters Awards for Excellence

Established in honor of Mrs. Albert G. Peters, the first national chair of the American Heritage Committee, these awards may be given in recognition of excellence in any of the contest categories.

Contest Information

Please read all instructions thoroughly. ALL entries must be accompanied by the American Heritage Contest Entry Form. You MUST send a duplicate Contest Entry Form to your state chair. Entries will not be accepted if transmitted electronically.

All entries must be postmarked between January 2, 2017 and February 14, 2017.

- **Art and Sculpture** entries are to be sent to:
Kathryn Bowling, 1323 Summit Drive #D, Charleston, WV 25302. E-mail: DAR.KathieBowling@yahoo.com
- **Crafts, Clay, Metal Works and Jewelry** entries are to be sent to:
Julia Gates, P.O. Box 932, Martinsburg, WV 25402. E-Mail: jgates@k12.wv.us
- **Fiber Arts** entries are to be sent to:
Marjorie Allen, Route 2, Box 22C, Lindside. WV 24951. E-Mail: allenrallen385@gmail.com
- **Music, Drama and Literature** entries are to be sent to:
Patricia (Pat) Bills, 204 Sun Street, Belmont, WV 26134. E-Mail: 1967patjoanne@suddenlink.net

General Contest Information

All entries must be completed by a member of the NSDAR, while a member of the NSDAR. No one can submit another person's work or sign a contest entry form on behalf of another Daughter.

A contest entry form must be submitted with each entry. You must send a copy of your entry form to your state chairman.

Group entries must be the original work created by the family, chapter, or state group members. Groups consist of 2 or more individuals who were all members of DAR at the time the work was created. The entry must incorporate the theme for the 2016 -2017contest: ***"Moving Family Traditions Forward with the Arts."*** All members should be involved in both the planning and creation of the entry. On a separate sheet of paper list each member of the DAR group and how she contributed to the entry.

Further information can be found on the Members Only DAR website under ***American Heritage Committee, the NIP Packet*** or please contact me at JMcclel471@aol.com I am looking forward to all the wonderful entries we will receive in our American Heritage Contests.

Joan McClelland
American Heritage State Chairman, NSDAR

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~**ATTENTION**~

West Virginia Daughters!

Being a new (or relatively new) member of DAR can be overwhelming at times. There is so much to learn! Speaking from personal experience, I know that as a new member I was constantly leaning over at meetings and whispering in someone's ear asking, "Who is that, and what does she do?" or "What does that mean?" Does any of this sound familiar to you? If so, we've got a solution for you - the **New Members Course!**

The New Members Course provides an opportunity for you to learn more about DAR and how you can become an active participant in DAR at all levels – chapter, state, and national. This course utilizes a self-guided curriculum structured around a series of on-line webinars, videos and activities, along with an independent project, and you can work through the course at your own pace as your schedule permits.

Still need more information? We are only a click away!
We look forward to hearing from YOU! Let's get started!

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State Membership Committee



True Confessions of a Reluctant Member

My path to membership was somewhat unorthodox. I neither thought nor sought to join the Daughters of the American Revolution. My views on the matter were shaped, to the extent they existed, by memories about Marian Anderson being denied the stage at Constitution Hall. If pressed, I would have seen DAR as an institution that was not only devoted to preserving the past, but living there.

My husband, however, wanted to join Sons of the American Revolution, and unbeknownst to me, he used the WVDAR Web site to forward my name and phone number to the Bee Line Chapter as a prospective member. When Register Emily Cooper phoned with her follow-up, I had no idea who she was or why she was calling. Meanwhile, Himself was in the background listening and trying to explain that he had contacted her on my behalf—or rather, on his behalf. Turns out, he had heard how helpful DAR registrars could be, and I was his path to soliciting that help! I think it's safe to say that my first conversation with “this registrar person” was rather awkward. I was annoyed—mostly with Himself. She was entirely patient and worked through the genealogical information that would lead me forward. I knew there was at least one Patriot in my family tree, but I was sketchy on who that ancestor actually was. With Himself on one side and my new registrar on the other, we managed to move forward. My first chapter meeting as a prospective member showed me more about what DAR really is. What I gradually discovered was that DAR is largely about service—service to veterans, service to young people, service to women and the community, and service in the form of historic preservation. In accomplishing all this, Emily worked her magic. She invited me to take part in the chapter's service projects for veterans, and these projects quite literally won my heart. Meanwhile, my registrar consistently guided me toward breaking the genealogical impediments that seemed to block my successful application. These efforts opened doors to my family's past in ways that I had not even imagined. I discovered the names and cursory histories of many of my ancestors—and gradually their lives became not only real but important. Ultimately, thanks to the help and encouragement of my long-suffering registrar, we broke the roadblocks. She reeled me in, dealt with my doubts, and encouraged me to see possibilities within DAR that mattered to me. Since becoming a member, I've had a number of opportunities to observe this remarkable registrar in action. Having fallen into Emily's wake, I've watched her walk into gatherings filled with strangers and come away with a list of prospective members. Case in point, at the annual picnic for the local historical society, she circled the event like the seasoned networker she is. Taking advantage of the fact that interest in history was a given, she led complete strangers into conversations focused on DAR, encouraged their curiosity, and took away notes containing not only their contact information, but genealogical data on their parents and grandparents. As a result of that one event, she has completed and mailed three new applications for membership.

So in the process of becoming a Daughter, here are a few of the lessons I've learned about growing a DAR chapter, lessons put into practice by an extraordinary registrar who has wheedled and cajoled our chapter into growth:

- **Assume there is interest.** Based on the surroundings and circumstances, talk with busy women and encourage them to see DAR as a valuable addition to their own lives.
- **Get the prospective member started.** Gather details about the near-in generations and help the prospective member begin making the connections that lead to membership.
- **Offer guidance.** Provide suggestions, assistance, and encouragement for overcoming roadblocks.
- **Be patiently persistent.** Be a presence that keeps prospective members motivated and interested.
- **Personalize your appeal.** Redefine DAR to suit each prospective member's needs and goals. For some, the appeal to lineage is enough. For others, the values of service and diversity win the day.
- **Get prospective members involved early.** Trust prospective members with meaningful tasks. Get them involved even before their applications are submitted.
- **Encourage other members to follow suit.** Be a resource to other chapter members for growing membership, offering assistance and guidance as needed and requested.

Our registrar's approach to her role is personal. It features one-on-one communication that models DAR's values and commitment to service. It neither specifically includes nor excludes workshops and membership drives. It persuades by example, and it works: When our register assumed her position in 2013, our chapter had 43 members. Despite normal attrition, we now have 66 members and the average age of our membership is declining rather than increasing. In addition, we have 20 prospective and pending members working their way through the application and approval process.

Abigail Blackwell Pressens, Regent Bee Line Chapter (seated) shown above with Emily Cooper, Chapter Registrar

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State Page Committee

Hi, I am Johnna Nicewarner, the West Virginia State Page Chairman.

I am also the National Junior Vice Chairman for the East Central District. Any DAR members, ages 18-40, are eligible to page at State Conference which is to be held May 5th - 7th 2017 in Charleston, WV and at NSDAR Continental Congress in Washington, DC which is to be held June 28th – July 2nd, 2017.

Pages wear white professional clothing and will assist with meetings and processions. They hand out programs to the members and guests, run errands, assist members and guests to their seating, answers any questions that members or guest might have, bear flags, deliver messages and various other activities. I have been a page now for three years and it is truly a fantastic and fun experience. You have the opportunity to create lifelong relationships with other Pages!

If you are interested in paging at State Conference or Continental Congress, please send me an email message so I can add you to my list. If you have any CAR members who wish to page at State Conference, please send me an email with their name, age and contact information.

I am truly looking forward to working with our West Virginia Pages!

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WV State Page Chairman
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Be a Shining Star for WVDAR!

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Genealogy Preservation Committee

Are you looking for a project to work on during the long winter months? If you have a computer at home, please consider joining the DAR Genealogy Preservation Team! The goal of this committee is to index DAR genealogical and membership information into computerized, searchable databases. The committee's current activity is the Supporting Documentation Project. Its objective is to categorize over 6 million documents that have been used by members to support the lineage submitted on their DAR applications.

All documents are assigned online. Actual documents appear at the bottom of the screen, and the volunteer chooses from various category choices at the top of the screen. Documents are categorized as vital records, legal records, Bible records, church records, census records, etc. Categorizing these documents makes it much easier for Registrars to find needed supporting documents in the DAR Genealogical Records System for a particular ancestor. Categorizing 12,000 documents entitles the volunteer to purchase the DAR Genealogy Preservation pin. You can read more about the committee at the DAR Members' website (<http://members.dar.org>) under *Committees*.

Volunteering for the project is easy. Simply send an email to darprojects@dar.org. In the subject line of your email, type "Volunteering for SD Project." In the body of the email, provide your name and national number, and indicate if you've ever had access to e-Membership. You will receive an email letting you know when your access to the project has been set up. If you have further questions, please feel free to get in touch with me at sarnoldwv17@gmail.com. I hope to see many West Virginia Daughters contributing to this important project!

Club News

West Virginia Cameo Club



The Cameo Club held its annual meeting and luncheon during our State Conference at the Greenbrier on Friday, March 11, 2016. New members Christina Rumbach, Erseline Rumbach, and Mary Edith Johnson were welcomed and presented their certificates.

The new Cameo Club officers for 2016-2019 were installed during the luncheon.

President: Cindy Jones Nicewarner
Vice President: Rebecca (Becky) Lazzell Davis
Secretary: Marilyn (Susie) Strickling Rogers
Treasurer: Brenda Noble Chevront
Registrar: Cheryl Alexander Brown
Historian: Frances Wright Weekley

Much appreciation and gratitude is extended to outgoing Cameo Club officers Ginger W. Nalley, Theresa Blake, Jane VanOoyen, and Sally Ann Greenfield.

Cameo Club members are asked to continue collecting photographs and Cameo Club memorabilia and please share these with historian Frannie Weekley.

We have enjoyed the recent tradition of holding our annual meeting during a luncheon at State Conference and have learned that this tradition will continue for our next conference. Please make plans to join us on Friday, May 5, 2017 in Charleston! More specific details for the time, cost and location will be announced along with State Conference registration information early next year.

Membership in the West Virginia 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 or daughter. Associate membership is available to anyone who does not meet the lineage requirements. Associate members enjoy all the benefits of regular membership without voting or office holding privileges.

The cost of lifetime membership is a one-time fee of \$30 (\$25 plus the \$5 application fee). No further dues are collected. Please contact Cameo Club Registrar, Cheryl A. Brown at FrankK5600@aol.com for a membership application.



Congratulations!

The West Virginia State Society is honored to share that Presley M. Wagoner, Honorary President General and a WV Honorary State Regent, was elected to serve as the new President of the National Officers Club for the next term during the Annual Meeting of the NOC at the beginning of the 125th Continental Congress week.

Proposed State Regent's Projects



Honoring Gold Star Mothers WV Capitol Grounds Statue Project



Shown with the proposed artist sketch is Project Chairperson Samantha Shleser and State Regent Mindy Davis at the Central District meeting.

To Honor and To Remember...Our State Regent is proposing to create a 6-8 foot bronze statue in memory of all Gold Star Mothers from West Virginia. In the tentative plans, the statue would be have a place of honor overlooking the War Memorials at the WV State Capitol grounds in Charleston. Donation opportunities will be available for other interested businesses, individuals or civic organizations. This is a wonderful opportunity for WVDAR to honor our West Virginia women who “gave” their sons and daughters to the ultimate military sacrifice!

The Thirteen Folds

Teaching Our WV Youth Respect for the U.S. Flag

What a great opportunity for WV Daughters to connect with elementary school aged children and teach them the Flag Folding Ceremony with the meaning behind each of the 13 Folds!



The first fold is a symbol of life. The seventh fold is a tribute to our armed forces...the ninth fold is a tribute to womanhood, for it has been through their faith, love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great have been molded. When the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost, reminding us of our National Motto, "In God We Trust!" (This is the 13th fold!)

Celebrations



100th Anniversary **Wheeling Chapter**

On May 14, 2016 the Wheeling Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) held its 100th Anniversary Celebration at River City Restaurant in Wheeling, WV commemorating one hundred years of service to God, Home and Country. The original Chapter was organized on May 14, 1916 at Old Linsly Military Institute.

Chapter Regent, Joan McClelland called the meeting to order and the Fort Henry Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) posted the colors. WVDAR State Chaplain and Wheeling Chapter Chaplain, Debi Smith, gave the Invocation and Chapter Vice Regent, Jeanne Finstein led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Shari Nuzum, Chapter Secretary, led The American Creed while local singer, Mary Blake, sang the National Anthem and later provided a rousing rendition of *America the Beautiful*.

WV DAR State Regent, Barby Frankenberry, was guest of honor and helped with the ceremony to welcome a new Wheeling Chapter member, Martha Fato. With Chapter Chaplain, Debi Smith, providing grace, the Wheeling Chapter DAR members and guests joined in eating a delicious buffet luncheon. Other guests included Malinda (Mindy) Davis incoming WV DAR State Regent and members from other Chapters throughout the State.

Chapter Regent, Joan McClelland began the afternoon's festivities with a Welcome and Introductions. WV DAR State Regent Barby Frankenberry provided greetings to all as did Jay Frey, President of the Fort Henry Chapter SAR. The phenomenal singing duo, the Pitts Sisters, entertained the group with beautiful religious and gospel selections closing with Amazing Grace.

Dressed in period clothing from 1916, seven members of the Wheeling Chapter DAR depicted the Chapter's founding members. Regent Joan McClelland spoke as the first chapter Regent, Mary Patterson, while Vice Regent Jeanne Finstein portrayed her successor, Mary Garden. Veteran's Chairman, Roseanna Keller represented Ann Stevenson McClure. Registrar Sally Ezell served as Blanche L. Reymann, and member Cheryl Rawson portrayed Blanche Steenrod. Historian, Lisa McNeil spoke as Angileen Graham and Chaplain, Debi Smith portrayed Mary Louise Reed. Each member spoke in character and revealed what her corresponding founding member had contributed to the DAR and to the Wheeling community.

Fort Henry SAR President Frey surprised Regent McClelland with the Martha Washington SAR Award. Chapter member Anne Hazlett Foreman designed beautiful patriotic note cards that were given to each member and guest. Closing the ceremony, Chaplain Debi Smith gave the benediction and wished all safe travels home.

Fortified with one hundred years of a goodly heritage filled with service and success, the Wheeling Chapter members look forward to the future with pride and determination.

Celebrations

75th Anniversary **Anne Royall Chapter**



The Anne Royall Chapter of Harrisville, WV celebrated it's 75th Anniversary on September 24, 2016. The chapter was organized on September 27, 1941, with Mrs. Eva Chenoweth Robinson as Organizing Regent. Meetings were held at her home "Chensoncrest". The new Chapter was named Anne Royall because Mrs. Robinson was an ardent admirer of the journalist. Ms. Royall married Revolutionary War soldier Maj. William Royall, who financed her career as a writer and journalist. She became known as the First Woman journalist in America.

The Celebration meeting was called to order by Regent Patricia Casper, who welcomed all guests. Congratulations were extended to the chapter by WV State Regent Malinda Davis and Northern District Director Carolyn Kesterson. Also present to congratulate the chapter was Harrisville Mayor Alan Haught.

The group enjoyed refreshments and fellowship with State officers, chairmen, and other chapters from around the state.

Vietnam War Commemoration

Certificate of Appreciation to Frances W. Weekley (West Virginia)
Commemorative Events National Winner



State Regent Mindy Davis presenting Frannie Weekley the National Award for her work on the Vietnam War Anniversary program.

On behalf of a grateful nation and the staff of the United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration, thank you, for your personal efforts and tireless devotion in thanking and honoring the nation's Vietnam Veterans and their families. Your passion, energy, and dedication are evident in the work you have done on behalf of the nation and your state to recognize these patriots' service and sacrifice. You may never know the true impact you have made on these veterans and their families, but a representative of a grateful nation, you have made a significant difference in each of their lives through your memorable events. Thank you for being a true example of what it means to be a member of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution by promoting patriotism, conducting community service and educating others on the legacy of the honor, and sacrifice of our Vietnam veterans and their families.

Celebrations

DAR Marker Dedication—Colonel Zackquill Morgan Statue Founder of the City of Morgantown

On August 7, 2016, a DAR marker dedication ceremony was held at the new Colonel Zackquill Morgan statue on Spruce Street in Morgantown, WV. Colonel Zackquill Morgan is a significant historical figure in West Virginia not only for his role in the cause of independence for our nation, but also because he was the founder of the city of Morgantown. The DAR marker commemorates the contributions of the three Morgantown DAR chapters, the Col. Zackquill Morgan Chapter, the Elizabeth Ludington Hagans – Col. John Evans Chapter, and the Woodburn Chapter, to the success of this project to commission and erect the statue of Col. Zackquill Morgan.



Susan Arnold, Regent of the Elizabeth Ludington Hagans – Col. John Evans Chapter, conducted the ceremony. The local chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America provided the color guard. Approximately 50 people attended the dedication, including four West Virginia DAR State Officers: Mindy Davis, State Regent; Debi Smith, State Vice-Regent; Jane Larke, State Organizing Secretary; and April Gardner, State Historian. Other special guests in attendance included Jamie Lester, the sculptor of the statue; and Marti Shamberger, the Mayor of Morgantown; as well as a dozen descendants of Col. Zackquill Morgan. The Chaplain of the Elizabeth Ludington Hagans – Colonel John Evans Chapter, Esther Starkey, gave the invocation and benediction. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Rebecca Davis, Regent of the Col. Zackquill Morgan Chapter. The American's Creed was led by Joan Gibson, Regent of the Woodburn Chapter. Brenda Kirby Shinkovich, Vice-Regent of the Elizabeth Ludington Hagans – Colonel John Evans Chapter and a Morgan descendant, presented a biography of Col. Zackquill Morgan. Remarks were also given by Marti Shamberger and Jamie Lester. The marker was unveiled by Mindy Davis, WVDAR State Regent.

A moving and beautiful part of the ceremony was the laying of wreaths around the statue by chapters represented at the dedication. Donald Davis of the color guard provided an escort for each DAR member presenting a wreath. Wreaths were presented by the following chapters and DAR members:

Colonel Zackquill Morgan Chapter, Morgantown, WV, Rebecca Davis, Chapter Regent and Morgan descendant
Elizabeth Ludington Hagans – Colonel John Evans Chapter, Morgantown, WV, Brenda Kirby Shinkovich, Chapter
Vice-Regent and Morgan descendant

Woodburn Chapter, Morgantown, WV, Carol Mills, Chapter Chaplain and Morgan descendant

Buford Chapter, Huntington, WV, Linda Blankenship, Morgan descendant

Captain James Allen Chapter, Beckley, WV, Samantha Shleser, Chapter Vice-Regent and Morgan descendant

Catherine Richards Chapter, Green, OH, Sharon Snowden, Chapter Regent and Morgan descendant

Kanawha Valley Chapter, Charleston, WV, April Gardner, State Historian and Honorary and Current Chapter Regent

Wheeling Chapter, Wheeling, WV, Debi Smith, State Vice-Regent and Chapter Regent

Two chapters did not lay a wreath that were represented at the dedication: the Ohio Valley Chapter from St. Mary's WV; and the Pack Horse Ford Chapter from Shepherdstown, WV.



After the dedication, those attending enjoyed a wonderful luncheon of tea sandwiches and a variety of salads and homemade desserts prepared by the women of the neighboring Spruce Street United Methodist Church.

Chapter News



Kanawha Valley Chapter

At the Spring luncheon of the Kanawha Valley Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution on April 9 at the Greenhouse of Teays Valley, the Avis C. Marcum West Virginia State Society DAR Outstanding Service to Veterans Award was presented to Carolyn Monk by State Chairman Linda Parsons.

Monk has served at the Kanawha Valley Chapter Chairman of the Project Patriot Committee, whose goal is to help those who serve and protect our country for twelve years. Monk has volunteered hundreds of

hours educating the public and collecting money and items needed at local veteran facilities and for active military, especially our wounded warriors.

In 2015, under her leadership, the Kanawha Valley Chapter contributed over \$5,000 to the Chaplain's Closet at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center; the Wounded Warrior and Family Support Center at the San Antonio Medical Center in Texas; Warrior Transition Brigade at Walter Reed National Military Center in Bethesda, Maryland; to the mobilization training center at Camp Atterbury in Indiana. She also helped with chapter projects benefiting the homeless veterans in Charleston and the residents of the WV Veterans Home in Barboursville.

The Avis C. Marcum West Virginia DAR Service to Veterans Award is named for the late Mrs. Avis C. Marcum, a member of the Westmoreland Chapter NSDAR in Ceredo, West Virginia, who was a long-time VAVS (Veterans Administration Services) Representative to the Huntington VA Medical Center and served as a volunteer at the hospital for over 10 years, earning more than 1,000 hours of service credit. Marcum passed away in 2011 and her dedication to our veterans has been continued by her daughter Linda Parson, WVDAR state chairman, Service to Veterans Committee.

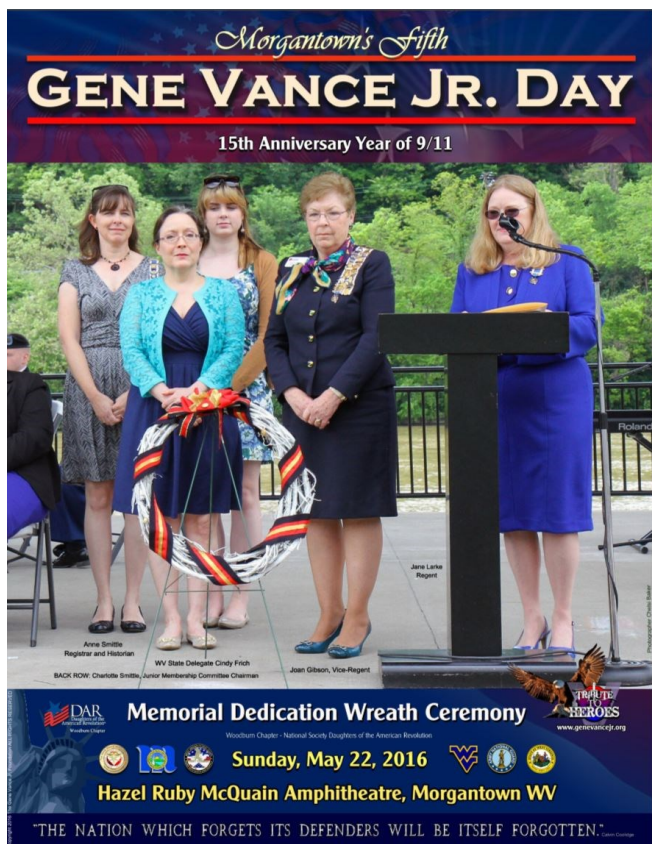
Parsons remarked that she was honored to attend the Kanawha Valley Chapter's meeting and present this special award because, not only is she the DAR Service for Veterans State Chairman, but as the daughter of Avis C. Marcum, Parsons said, "It truly was an honor to present an award named after my own Mother to a lady who is following in the steps that Mom trod."

"Carolyn's qualities exemplify those shown by my mother, Avis Marcum - selfless service and a desire to make life easier for our veterans.

—*Shirley M. Gilkeson, Public Relations and Media Chairman,
Kanawha Valley Chapter*

Chapter News

Woodburn Chapter



Woodburn members (left to right) Anne Smittle, Cindy Frich, Charlotte Smittle, Joan Gibson and Jane Larke present a wreath during the Gene Vance, Jr. Day Memorial Celebration.

Woodburn Chapter members conducted a wreath presentation during Morgantown's Gene Vance, Jr. Day memorial ceremony at the Hazel Ruby McQuain Amphitheater along the Monongahela River. In addition to the wreath presentation, the ceremony featured a full military band, a flag ceremony, a reading of the names of the fallen, a 21-gun salute, a street naming dedication, the West Virginia Patriot Guard Riders, as well as comments from state and local dignitaries. This year's program was a Tribute to Heroes and also honored first responders.

Gene Vance, Jr. Day was created in 2012 by officials representing the State of West Virginia, the City of Morgantown, the West Virginia Army National Guard, West Virginia University, the Gene Vance, Jr. Foundation, local businesses and media organizations. It was designed to honor the legacy of American soldiers, to remember the fallen and support the wounded, all in memory of Morgantown's own hero, Gene Vance, Jr.

Vance, a native West Virginian, was a highly skilled and decorated U.S. Special Forces (Airborne) Cryptologic Linguist citizen soldier. He was a graduate of Oceana High School in Wyoming County and attended WVU. He withdrew from the university after the attacks of 9/11 and was called to duty within months. He was a proud member of the West Virginia Army National Guard. Vance had recently married and cancelled his honeymoon to serve in Afghanistan.

Vance was killed in an ambush on May 18, 2002 while leading the hunt for Osama Bin Laden. He was credited for saving the lives of both American and Afghani soldiers. National Guard historians believe that Gene was the first Guardsman killed in direct combat since 1969 during the Vietnam War.

Both federal and state leaders in the United States government called Vance a national hero. Two US military intelligence staff buildings, a military camp in Bagram, Afghanistan, a US state bridge, a US based non-profit organization, an annual US citywide memorial day, biometric laboratory, hall of honor, city/ mountain bike path, trademarked coffee label and memorial drive have been named in his honor. He received 17 awards and decorations including the US Army Purple Heart, two Bronze Star Medals for Valor and the Legion of Merit that recognizes exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of sustained, superior achievement.

The foundation established to honor Vance advances healthcare for soldiers with devastating and catastrophic injuries. They work with surgeons, researchers, and clinicians to devise the best methods for treating wounds, many of which have never been seen before. You can read more about the Gene Vance Jr. Foundation here: <http://www.genevancejr.org/index.html>

Chapter News



James Wood Chapter

The members of the James Wood Chapter were excited to be able to help with a new addition to Henderson Hall in Boaz, West Virginia in August.

With a \$4,000 grant from the James Wood Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, clothing dating back to the 1700s which was preserved at Henderson Hall Plantation will now be available for viewing by Hall visitors. The new upstairs clothing display room had its grand opening Friday, August 19.

Randy Modesitt, Henderson Hall director, said the new display, complete with mannequins, would not have been possible without the aid of the DAR. Vintage clothing including the VMI cadet uniform worn by Jock Henderson is on display now at Henderson Hall. Clothing items date back to the late 1700s.

"Their funding is what allowed us to do this now, it would have taken us probably years to raise the funds to be able to do this. Some of volunteers helped out with the room and it will be a real treasure for visitors to the Hall to view," Modesitt said.

"We like doing these types of projects, not only because we are interested in historical preservation, but because this display is also educational," said Elizabeth "Betsy" Jefferson, past DAR regent who was in attendance for Friday's grand opening. The clothing on display includes men, women and children's outfits, the Virginia Military Institute's cadet uniform worn by Jock Henderson, shoes, hats, purses, wedding attire and many other items.

"These items were very well preserved, there is a good assortment; you just don't find vintage clothing in this type of condition most of the time; especially the men's clothing, it is very hard to find, the clothing was very well cared for," said Christy Little, a local historian who specializes in vintage clothing items.

Little researched and helped set up the room with the aid of Henderson Hall volunteers. "The clothing includes wedding attire, a mourning gown, children's clothing, shoes, a Red Cross headdress, hats, purses, and it's all in excellent condition. There are many more items we stored which will be rotated into the displays so new items will be out over time to give everyone a chance to see them," Little said.

The project took several months to complete.

"It took us several days just to sort through all the items, and I did research on some of items to get more information," Little said. "But this clothing tells a story and this room will be a very popular spot for visitors to the Hall. Some of the oldest items date back to the late 1700s up through the 1950s."

Henderson Hall volunteer docents Debbie Fenton and Rose Russell as well as Diane Moore assisted with the project. The cabinets were handcrafted by Pettyville artisan Orrin Lockhart.

"It is truly amazing to see these items have survived and are in such wonderful condition, it was an honor and a lot of fun to work on this project. It's our treasure for the Mid-Ohio Valley," Fenton said.

The Hall, located at 517 Old River Road between Boaz and Williamstown, is open for public tours March through December, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Admission is \$10 for adults; with special rates for students and schools groups. For more information check out the Hall's website at henderson-hallwv.com or call [304-375-2129](tel:304-375-2129).

Chapter News



95th Anniversary **Shenandoah Valley Chapter**

Shenandoah Valley Chapter turned 95 years old on April 28, 2016. The members celebrated the event during the May 12, 2016 meeting to honor the DAR American History Essay Contest Winners. This event proved to be a great celebration, as the new 2016-2019 Chapter Officers were installed

by the State Regent and Shenandoah Valley Chapter member, Barby Frankenberry.

A cake of red, white, and blue was served by the Chapter members to our Essay Contest Winners, their parents and friends. Officers pictured, left to right, are: chaplain, Sylvia Rhodes; 2nd vice regent, Jerell Wright; historian, Carol DeHaven, Recording Secretary, PennyKay Hoeflinger; treasurer, Kathleen Merceruio; back, Corresponding Secretary, Susanne Horner; registrar, Sally Ann Greenfield; 1st vice regent, Alice Cogle; Regent, Margie Ways; State Regent, Barby Frankenberry. Absent from photo is librarian, Laura Meske.



On May 31, 2016, the Shenandoah Valley Chapter hosted the thirteenth annual Veterans Dinner at the Arden United Methodist Church Family Life Center.

“Honoring our Veterans—The Apples of Our Eye,” was organized by our State Regent and Chapter member, Barby Frankenberry. She was instrumental in raising the funds for the dinner. Around 125 people and Veterans enjoyed a dinner served by the Four Corners Club of Inwood, WV. The event was sponsored by Randy Smith; Dave Piepenbrink, State Farm Insurance; Four Corners Club, Robbie Kern and the Shenandoah Valley Chapter, NSDAR members. The event was entertained with patriotic music by the popular Blue and Gray Chorus from Inwood, WV. Pictured above are the 55 Veterans that attend the event.

Chapter News

William Henshaw Chapter



The William Henshaw Chapter National Defense Chairman, Shelley Hamilton, presented a copy of David McCullough's book *1776* to Chief Deputy George B. Swartwood, the chapter's National Defense speaker at the dinner held June 2, 2016, at the Purple Iris in Martinsburg. In his book, McCullough tells the story of the struggles of those who marched with George Washington in 1776 when the entire American cause was riding on their success.

Chief Deputy Swartwood, a 32-year veteran of the Martinsburg Police Department, was recently promoted to second-in-command. As a Martinsburg native, he is personally passionate and professionally dedicated to the struggle to help turn around the area's drug-abuse crisis that threatens the safety and well-being of Martinsburg and the community at large. After outlining the offensive partnerships being forged between his department and area police departments, first responders, and civic groups, Deputy Swartwood described the nature of the dangerous drugs being brought into the area and stressed how prescription drug abuse is contributing to the current epidemic. His parting message was one of positive assurance: "The illicit sale and use of drugs, and the related crimes and personal tragedies that are breaking so many hearts, are totally unacceptable," he said, "and this will be turned around!"



Installation of Officers of the William Henshaw Chapter NSDAR

The William Henshaw Officers for 2016-2019 were installed at the National Defense Dinner on June 2, 2016, at the Purple Iris in Martinsburg. In the photograph, the officers are, left to right: Regent, Nancy Myers; Vice Regent, Jessica Hayes; Secretary, Pamela Brush; Treasurer, Laura Shifflett; Registrar, Joanne Krishack; Librarian, Eileen Southerly; Chaplain, Shelley Hamilton; and installing officer, Cheryl A. Brown, Regent, Pack Horse Ford chapter. Historian Joyce Michels will be installed at a later time.

The chapter's outgoing Regent, Julia Gates, a 58-year-member of NSDAR, was honored for her long-standing and continuing service to the chapter in remarks by the incoming Regent Nancy Myers and presented with a gift from the chapter.

State News

West Virginia DAR “Blossoming to the Core” Congress Breakfast Wednesday, June 15, 2016



**Thank you Mindy for this wonderful Congress Event that
brings so many friends together!**

**Thank you to everyone who attended this year's Breakfast and
we hope to see you in 2017
during the 126th Continental Congress!**

WVDAR Proudly Honors

Barbara "Barby" McDonald Frankenberry,
Curator General, NSDAR



Beautiful Smiles...Barby and The President General, Ann Turner Dillon, pause for a photo at the opening of the newest DAR Museum Exhibit "An Agreeable Tyrant: Fashion After the American Revolution," on display October 7, 2016 through April 29, 2017.

Congratulations...Our Mindy and Barby following their first National Board of Management meeting after their Installation on Sunday, June 19.

WVDAR is so very proud!



Wild N' Wonderful Welcome...Barby welcomes all guests to the reception following the opening of the newest DAR Museum Exhibit that runs through April 17, 2017!



October 23, 2016

4:00 PM: Rooms at Grand Hyatt can begin to be reserved for the 2017 Continental Congress

November 1, 2016

Deadline for Chapter Treasurers to submit State Dues

November 8, 2016

Election Day

November 11, 2016

Veterans Day

November 12, 2016

Deadline—Next WVDAR Newsletter
Send to charla.nutter@lmco.com

November 24, 2016

Thanksgiving Day

December 1, 2016

Deadline for Chapter Treasurers to submit National Dues

State Directories are still available for sale. \$5 Checks should be made to **WVDAR State Treasurer.**
Contact Marilyn “Susie” Rogers

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