



Dear West Virginia Daughters:

The time is drawing near for the 111th State Conference and I am so excited to share some of our plans with you! Please join us March 11-13, 2016, at The Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs, WV, where we will be **“Celebrating**



WVDAR- ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **to the Core!”** as our theme! The Chapters of the Southern 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 January 24, 2016, and your meal reservations are due by March 1, 2016.

We will welcome as our special guests to our Conference Claudia Onken, State Regent, Delaware DAR; and Dot Lind, Vice President General, Honorary State Regent, South Carolina 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, March 10, 2016, at the Lewisburg Elks Country Club, Lewisburg, WV! Friday morning all are welcome to take a complimentary tour of The Greenbrier and then attend the Cameo Club hosted luncheon in The Greenbrier Cameo Room. Friday evening we will focus on the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War by honoring all who served in the military during that time period and all others who served in other campaigns. We will also be learning facts about our famous Greenbrier! Saturday we will enjoy hearing the work of our Chapters during our business session and then celebrate the successes of our essay winners at our luncheon! Saturday afternoon you will have the opportunity to tour the famous Greenbrier Bunker, if you choose! Get ready for even more fun Saturday evening as we **“Celebrate** ★ ★ ★

★ ★ **WVDAR to the Core!** 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! Many thanks to our Conference Co-Chairmen, Jewell Fields and Samantha Shleser, for their special assistance and hard work on planning our conference! They have been hard at work making sure the 111th State Conference will definitely be a “★ ★ ★ ★ ★ event to the Core!”

While Conference is a fun time, please be aware that some important business must be conducted. We will hear important information about the NSDAR Guardian Trust, plus, the voting delegates will be asked to cast their votes to help select 2016-2019 WVDAR State Officers

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



Barby Frankenberry
West Virginia State Regent

“Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings.”

-Psalm 17:8



“Celebrating-DAR to the Core!”

West Virginia State Society Daughters of the American Revolution

Barbara “Barby” Frankenberg, State Regent

Malinda “Mindy” Davis, State Vice Regent

Call to the One Hundred and Eleventh State Conference

March 11-13, 2016

The Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs, WV

THEME:

“Celebrating-WVDAR  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 — The Greenbrier

Friday, March 11 - 12 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 12 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Sales and Displays — The Greenbrier

Closed during all Business Sessions!

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Schedule of Events

Thursday, March 10, 2016

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

6:00 p.m.- Informal dinner at the Elks Lewisburg Country Club-Executive Board,
Conference Guests, and ALL other DAR are Welcome

8:30 p.m.- Executive Committee Meeting—**The Greenbrier**, The Wilson Room

10:00 p.m.-Champagne Toast-Casino Foyer-FREE to all Greenbrier guests with their room key.

Friday, March 11, 2016

8:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.- Displays Set-up / Credentials / Registration/ “DAR-lings Delights!”-
Eisenhower Foyer

1:30 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.- Registration / Chapter Press Book & Scrapbook Display/“DAR-lings Delights!”-
Eisenhower Foyer

10:30 a.m.- Complimentary Greenbrier Tour-**All are Welcome! Make your reservations on the enclosed Meal Reservation Form!**

12:00 p.m.-WVDAR ★★☆☆☆ Luncheon—hosted by the Cameo Club—The Cameo Room

Ginger Nalley, Cameo Club President & Honorary State Regent

ALL DAR & Guests Welcome & Encouraged to Attend

1:45 p.m.- Board of Management meeting following the Luncheon-Eisenhower Room A & B

2:45 -3:30 p.m.- West Virginia Chorus Rehearsal- Eisenhower Room A & B

2:45 -3:30 p.m.- Page Meeting and Flag Rehearsal- Eisenhower Room A & B

4:00-4:45 p.m.-High Tea- FREE to all Greenbrier guests with their room key

6:00 p.m.- “WVDAR—Celebrating The ★★☆☆☆ Greenbrier & our Veterans to the Core” Dinner-Crystal Room

8:15 p.m.- Processional Forms-Eisenhower Foyer

8:30 p.m.- Opening Session of the 111th State Conference-Eisenhower A & B

Receiving Line—Following the Opening Session

10:00 p.m.-Champagne Toast-Casino Foyer-FREE to all Greenbrier guests with their room key.

Saturday, March 12, 2016

7:15 a.m. - State Officers' & State Chapter Regents' Club Breakfast/Meeting-Eisenhower Room C

—Shirley M. Gilkeson & Barbara N. Fish, Presiding

8:45 a.m. - Processional Forms-Eisenhower Foyer

9:00 a.m. - Conference Business Session-Eisenhower Room A & B

12:00 p.m. - “WVDAR-Celebrating ★★☆☆☆ **Winners** to the Core” Luncheon
—Crystal Dining Room

2:00 p.m. - Continuation of Business Session, if needed

1:30-2:30 p.m.-Voting to elect the 2016-2019 slate of WVDAR State Officers

2-4:00 p.m. – “Touring the ★★☆☆☆ **Greenbrier Bunker to the Core!**” - **Make your reservations on the enclosed Meal Reservation Form! Tours will start at 2:00 p.m.; 2:30 p.m.; and 3:00 p.m. We will fill time slots with 25 in a group beginning with the 2:00 p.m. and add other tours, as needed, depending on the total numbers. If there are not 25 individuals for a 2:30 p.m. tour, then that tour will be cancelled, and so forth. Individuals will still be able to tour the Bunker but not at the group rate. So, get our reservations in quickly!**

5:00-6:15 p.m. – Photographs—Eisenhower Staircase

6:15 p.m. - Processional Forms—Eisenhower Foyer

7:00 p.m. - “Celebrating ★★☆☆☆ WVDAR to the Core!” Banquet-Crystal Room

10:00 p.m.-Champagne Toast-Casino Foyer-FREE to all Greenbrier guests with their room key.

Sunday, March 13, 2016

8:30 a.m. - Memorial Service-Eisenhower Room A & B

9:30 a.m. - "WVDAR-Celebrating  Friendships to the Core" Breakfast"—
Reservations Required-Eisenhower Room C

10:30 a.m. - Closing Business Session-Induction of newly elected WVDAR Officers-2016-2019

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, 2015, 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 (124th Continental Congress 2015) 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 111th State Conference unless elected as Delegates by their Chapter.

Credentials

State Chairman—Rebecca Davis, 1910 Lazzelle Union Blvd., Madsville, WV 26541-8017. Please return one copy of the forms to the State Chairman by **February 25, 2016** 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 February 24, 2016) to Cheryl Brown; P.O. Box 688, Kearneysville, WV, 25430-0688; 304-876-3817; Frankk5600@aol.com.

Meal Reservations & Bunker Tour Reservations

Enclosed in this edition of the *WVDAR News* is the reservation form that lists the meal functions and prices. Prices quoted include gratuity. **Deadline for Meal Reservations is March 1, 2016.** Requests for cancellations or refunds must be made no later than **March 1, 2016.** Reservations should be mailed to: **Linda L. Whitman, 123 Travelers Lane, Beckley, WV 25801.**

Hotel Reservations — Room reservations are to be made directly with the **The Greenbrier** by calling 1-304-536-1110. 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, January 24, 2016.** Room requests after Sunday, January 24, 2016, will be considered pending availability and are not guaranteed the WVDAR State Conference rate of \$175 plus fees.

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 2015. Reports shall be typed, double-spaced on one side of 8 1/2 X 11" paper with a 1.5" left margin, ready for printing in the State Proceedings. Prepare three (3) copies of the report; send one (1) copy to the **State Recording Secretary Kelly Goodwin, 5104 Old Mill Road, Jane Lew, WV, 26378-8000 or email, preferred, Irishlady884@gmail.com**; one (1) copy to the State Regent; and maintain one (1) copy for your files. Reports must be received by the State Recording Secretary either via mail or email no later than **March 1, 2016.**

****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 with pictures if available, on an 8 1/2" x 11" paper, of an explanation of: "How Our Chapter Celebrated 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 111th State Conference must send the name of the recipient, committee/person giving award, designation of award (1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.) to the State Award Chairman: **Joan Gibson**, 1104 Koontz Avenue, Morgantown, WV 26505-3321 or email at botanyjrg@frontier.com. **Deadline is February 19, 2016-NO EXCEPTIONS!** All awards must be signed by the proper State Chairman or State Officer at the Awards Table on Friday, March 11, 2016. Award certificates will be available for pick-up at the Awards Table on Sunday, March 12, 2016, 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 Eisenhower Foyer of The Greenbrier. If interested in volunteering to help at the tables, please contact the State Conference Co-Chairmen, Jewell Field and Samantha Shleser.

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 111th 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 Southern District** will serve as the official hostesses of the 111th State Conference. Those Chapters are: Captain James Allen, General Andrew Lewis, John Chapman, John Cooke, Matthew French, and Peters Mountain, **Linda L. Whitman, District Director**. **Jewell Field** and **Samantha Shleser** 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 **February 19, 2016**, 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 Book and/or Scrapbook to the Conference Center Lobby on Friday, March 11, 2016, before 4 p.m. The books will be judged on Saturday afternoon and the winners will be announced during the "Celebrating  WVDAR 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, 2015 to March 1, 2016. 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 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, 2015 to March 1, 2016, 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"! Karen Bonifacio is coordinating this activity. We need many unique and interesting items to entice people to buy tickets, however, **NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ALLOWED!** **Since we are "Celebrating WVDAR  to the Core!", let's have fun seeing how creative we can be!** ****Due to space and time restrictions, please limit your donations to three items 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 111th WVDAR State Conference!

Barby

111th WVDAR State Conference-*The Greenbrier*

"Celebrating WVDAR  to the Core!"—March 11-13, 2016

Meals & Bunker Tour Reservations

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

Thursday, March 10, 2016

The Elks Lewisburg Country Club-Dutch Treat-All are Welcome & Encouraged!

—Beef Brisket \$32.00 _____

Friday, March 11, 2016 --All Meals at *The Greenbrier*

10:30.a.m.- Please check if you would like to take the Complimentary Greenbrier Tour

This **NOT** the Bunker Tour-**All are Welcome!** _____

WVDAR  Luncheon—All are Welcome & Encouraged to attend!—The Cameo Room—
Hosted by the Cameo Club

—Springhouse Sandwich Lunch Buffet, Greenbrier Cookies \$40.00 _____

Dinner—“WVDAR—Celebrating The  Greenbrier & our Veterans to the Core”—Crystal Room
—Truffle Butter Roasted Breast of Chicken \$80.00 _____


Saturday, March 12, 2016—All Meals at *The Greenbrier*

Breakfast—State Chapter Regents’ and State Officers’ Club—Eisenhower Room C

—The Greenbrier \$35.00 _____

Luncheon—WVDAR-Celebrating  *Winners* to the Core” —Crystal Room
—Greenbrier Chicken Salad, New York Cheese Cake \$45.00 _____

The Greenbrier Bunker Tour Reservation- \$35.00 _____

Banquet—“Celebrating  WVDAR to the Core!”—Crystal Room
—Scaloppini of Veal with Rosemary Butter \$80.00 _____

Sunday, April 19, 2015—At *The Greenbrier*

Breakfast—“WVDAR-Celebrating  Friendships to the Core”—Eisenhower Room C
—Country Kitchen- \$35.00 _____

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

RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY: *March 1, 2016*

*****The Greenbrier Staff will contact you by phone regarding your Dietary Restrictions!*****

***PLEASE CHECK IF YOU HAVE DIETARY RESTRICTIONS: _____

Please note type of dietary restriction. _____

MAIL TO: Linda L. Whitman, 123 Travelers Lane, Beckley, WV 25801

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

Branch: _____ Rank: _____ Campaign when serving: _____

Make Plans to Tour The Historic Greenbrier Bunker

Construction began in 1958 on the 112,544-square-foot bunker, which was built 720 feet into the hillside under The Greenbrier's West Virginia Wing. Once complete in 1961, the facility was maintained in a constant state of readiness by a small group of government employees working undercover as Forsythe Associates, a company hired by the resort for audio/visual support services.

During its Eisenhower-Era use, The Bunker provided the following:

- Four entrances; three to The Greenbrier's grounds and one to the main building
- 25-ton blast door that opens with only 50 lbs. of pressure
- Decontamination chambers
- 18 dormitories, designed to accommodate over 1,100 people
- Power plant with purification equipment and three 25,000-gallon water storage tanks
- Three 14,000-gallon diesel fuel storage tanks
- Communications area, including television production area and audio recording booths
- Clinic with 12 hospital beds, medical and dental operating rooms
- Laboratory
- Pharmacy
- Intensive care unit
- Cafeteria
- Meeting rooms for the House and Senate, the Governor's Hall and Mountaineer room

Over the 30 years that it was an active facility, communications and other equipment were updated, keeping The Bunker at full-operation status. The location of the facility, critical to its effectiveness, remained a secret for more than three decades.

On May 31, 1992, *The Washington Post* published an article which exposed the facility. As a direct result, the U.S. government began de-commissioning The Bunker and ended the lease agreement with The Greenbrier in 1995.

Make your reservations on the enclosed Meal Reservation Form! Tours will start at 2:00 p.m.; 2:30 p.m.; and 3:00 p.m. We will fill time slots with 25 in a group beginning with the 2:00 p.m. and add other tours, as needed, depending on the total numbers. If there are not 25 individuals for a 2:30 p.m. tour, then that tour will be cancelled, and so forth. Individuals will still be able to tour the Bunker but not at the group rate. So, get our reservations in quickly!



111th WVDAR State Conference

Dear Ladies,

The time for the 111th WVDAR State Conference will be here before we know it, March 11, 12, and 13, 2016!

Reservations can now be made at The Greenbrier Resort at the reservation desk, #1-304-536-1110. Please let the reservation desk know that you are with the WVDAR St. Conference to get the correct room rate. The room rate, per night, is \$175, a \$25 activity fee, plus tax, however, we will not be charged the 6.5% Historic Preservation Fund fee because the contract was signed before this fee went into effect! Please note, that the reservation desk will charge the first night's fee of \$175.00 plus tax on your credit card when you reserve your room. This is the charge for a double room.

For those of you wishing to start your Conference on Thursday night, March 10, 2016, we will be having dinner together off property at the Lewisburg Country Club which is about a 9 minute drive from The Greenbrier. It's a lovely Country Club, the food is excellent, and we know everyone will enjoy dining there.

The Executive Board meeting will be held after the dinner and all other members are invited back to The Greenbrier for "Champagne and Chocolate" in April Gardner's and Samantha Shleser's room.

We are excited about this year's Conference at our famous Greenbrier Resort in Lewisburg, WV, and we look forward to seeing all of our WVDAR Daughters there.

Sincerely,

Barby Frankenberry, State Regent, WVDAR

Samantha Shleser and Jewell Field, Conference Co-Chairmen

At the 111th WVDAR State Conference the 2016-2019 State Officers will be elected. The following is the slate of officers as presented by the WVDAR Nominating Committee. Voting will take place Saturday, March 12, 2016.

CANDIDATES FOR WVDAR STATE OFFICERS
2016 – 2019

Regent	Malinda “Mindy” Horner Davis	Ohio Valley Chapter	Northern District
Vice Regent	Deborah “Debi” Smith	Wheeling Chapter	Northern District
Chaplain	Linda Barker Hendrickson	William Morris Chapter	Western District
Recording Secretary	Patricia Goodwin	Trans Allegheny Chapter	Central District
Corresponding Secretary	Marilyn “Susie” Rogers	Ohio Valley Chapter	Northern District
Organizing Secretary	Jane Larke	Woodburn Chapter	Central District
Treasurer	Cheryl Alexander Brown	Pack Horse Ford Chapter	Eastern District
Registrar	Brenda Kay Noble Chevront	Old Hickory Chapter	Western District
Historian	April Leigh Williams Gardner	Kanawha Valley Chapter	Western District
Librarian	Linda Louise Link Whitman	Captain James Allen Chapter	Southern District

Respectively submitted:

WVDAR Nominating Committee;

Shirley M. Gilkeson, Chairman, Western District

Ruth Mooney, Central District

Sally Ann Greenfield, Eastern District

Charla Nutter, Northern District

Nancy Kornegay, Southern District

WVDAR Chapter Master Report Deadline

It's Time! It's Here!

It's Chapter Master Report(CMR) Completion Time!!

February 1, 2016, is the Completion Date!

All WVDAR Chapters please make sure that your Chapter Master Report is completed before **February 1, 2016!** I will be checking all our Chapters' status as to whether they are completed and will make sure all are marked completed just before midnight on **February 1, 2016!**

If your Chapter is sending additional information to any of the State Chairmen for consideration for a State award, your entry materials must be post-marked by **February 1, 2016, no exceptions!** All State Chairmen are to have their winners emailed/sent to Joan Gibson, State Awards Chairman, by **February 19, 2016, no exceptions!**

Please don't hesitate to contact me with questions and joys (that you have completed your CMR)!
Barby

Program/Yearbook Reminder

Has your chapter mailed three years of program/yearbooks to Barby Frankenberry, Susanne Horner and Ruth Mooney? If not, please take care of this obligation before state conference.

Not sure? Contact Ruth by phone or email (304.765.7478/dar.mooney765@yahoo.com). Let's have 100% completion of all chapters by the end of this administration.

Pages Requested for the 111th WVDAR State Conference

This is an invitation to all who are interested in serving as a Page for the 111th WVDAR State Conference to be held at The Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs, WV, March 11-13, 2016. Those interested persons need to contact :Barby Frankenberg,

BFrankenberg@aol.com, WVDAR State Regent; Dani Gray Boone, run_fast2208@suddenlink.net, and Jessica Davis, jadgirl@msn.com State Page Chairmen. Please include the following information for the person wishing to Page: Name; age; contact information, mailing and email addresses; and DAR relative's name, if the page is not a DAR member. Pages names must be received by January 24, 2016.

American Heritage Contest

Dear WV Daughters,

The American Heritage contest entry form gives you dates and addresses for all entries except Fiber Arts. Please follow the instructions and mail your Fiber Arts entries to me by February 1, 2016.

Lillian Eddy

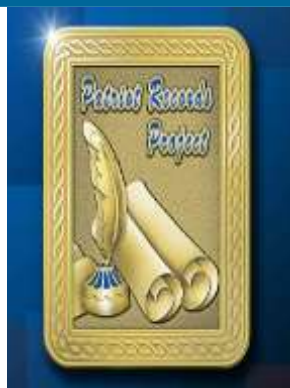
WVDAR American Heritage Chairman

2401 Thorn Ridge Road

Friendly WV 26146

Please note that a copy of your entry form for Arts and Sculpture, Crafts, Literature and Drama and Music is mailed or emailed to me for the report. Email: le67@yahoo.com

Thank you. Looking forward to your submissions!



Volunteers Needed for New Patriot Records Project

NSDAR is starting an exciting new project this year to make previously hard-to-search collections more accessible to genealogists, history students, researchers, scholars and teachers. The project involves indexing names in Revolutionary War era records that span a period of over 75 years—from the beginning of the war to the last petitions for remuneration. The names are coming not only from DAR collections, but also from records held by partnering organizations. The project is getting started with Continental Loan Books from Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey and New York. These books contain the names of men, women and businesses who helped to finance the War for Independence. Other collections scheduled to be indexed include South Carolina Audited Accounts, New Jersey Revolutionary War Miscellaneous Records, and North Carolina Audited Records. There will be many more collections added to this project in the future. Once the images are indexed, they will become part of the DAR's Genealogical Research System (GRS).

We would like for West Virginia Daughters to get involved with this project! To get started, go to <http://www.dar.org/members/committees/special-committees/patriot-records-project/volunteer-now> and complete the online form. You will hear back from the National Chairman with detailed instructions for getting started. All you need is a computer with an Internet connection and the ability to read 18th and 19th century handwriting! Once you receive your instructions, you simply log on through e-membership to the project and request a group of records to index. You will see the image to be indexed on the bottom of your computer screen and the indexing program above it. You can work on the project as you have time; it is only asked that you complete the current group of records assigned to you in a timely manner. If your schedule is hectic, there can be large gaps of time between your assignments.

Volunteers may earn the beautiful new Patriot Records Project pin by indexing 10,000 names. You will be able to see your progress towards this goal every time you log in to work on the project. Time spent indexing these records also counts toward Celebrate America! volunteer hours. Simply keep track of your hours with the project and enter them online with a description of *Online Indexing* and a category of *Historic Preservation*.

Please feel free to get in touch with me at sarnoldwv17@gmail.com if you have further questions about the project.

I hope to see many West Virginia Daughters volunteering!

Susan Arnold

State Chair, Patriot Records Project

125th Continental Congress, June 15-19, 2016

Exciting plans are well underway for the celebratory occasion of the 125th Continental Congress! And, it is my pleasure to invite you to encourage qualified members in your State to take part in a “casting call” for one portion of the exciting evening ceremony that is now being developed.

We are seeking women of all ages. In order to be considered, however, participants will need to:

- Have stage presence, and, ideally, theatrical experience;*
- Be able to memorize a short script;*
- Be capable of providing their own historically accurate costume (the theme for which will be assigned); and*
- Arrive at Continental Congress by Sunday, June 12, for a dress rehearsal.*

Those who are interested should submit a short video of no more than one minute portraying a woman from American history. This video must be emailed to DA Rcastingcall@nsdar.org by January 15, 2016, in order to be considered.

Participants will be notified of their selection by mid-February.

We have so many wonderfully talented women in DAR - it is my hope that you will forward this information to those whom you believe meet these requirements and would enjoy the unique, once-in-a-lifetime experience of performing at Constitution Hall during this historic anniversary year.

It is a joy to Celebrate America with you!

125th Continental Congress, June 15-19, 2016

Make your plans now to attend the 125th Continental Congress, June 15-19, 2016, as we “Honor our Heritage, Focus on the Future, Celebrate America.” This is the final year of the Young Administration and time to celebrate our achievements over the past three years!

*I encourage you to attend to show our support of the candidates for the Dillon Associates, especially our own Barby, as she is the candidate for Curator General!! As the WV Campaign Manager, I am so thrilled to show our love and enthusiasm for Barby as she embarks on this wonderful adventure to serve our National Society. Please make sure you and your Chapter represents WV during Voting on Saturday, June 18. **Don't forget to submit your Credentials in time to vote!***

Look for more information at our WV State Conference!

Charla Nutter

WVDAR Campaign Manager



Here's to Jackson's Mill Bench Dedication

Jackson's Mill, Weston, WV, is the boyhood home of General Stonewall Jackson and the home of the first State 4-H Camp in America! Seventy-five years ago the West Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution wanted a project to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of the NSDAR and give back to Jackson's Mill where they met each summer. The West Virginia Daughters were on a mission to give the perfect gift. The Memorial Outdoor Theater was constructed and dedicated, October 19, 1940. The bronze plaque reads: Memorial Outdoor Theater Jacksons Mill erected by the West Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution in memory of our ancestors and for the inspiration and use of the West Virginia Youth N.S.D.A.R.-Golden Jubilee 1940.

Seventy-five years later the bronze plaque was missing a bolt and the wording was difficult to read. It was time for the West Virginia Daughters to work on preserving this gift. "Here's to Jackson's Mill!" became one of State Regent, Barby Frankenberry's projects. Phase one was to restore the plaque to its original beauty. Phase two was to secure funding for benches to be placed in the amphitheater. Through the generosity of our Daughters, individual families and 4-H All Star organizations, the West Virginia Daughters and the Alpha I State 4-H Campers, dedicated ten Vermont green granite benches, July 7, 2015, to celebrate the one hundred twenty-fifth anniversary of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, a project totaling \$15,000! Our West Virginia Daughters continue

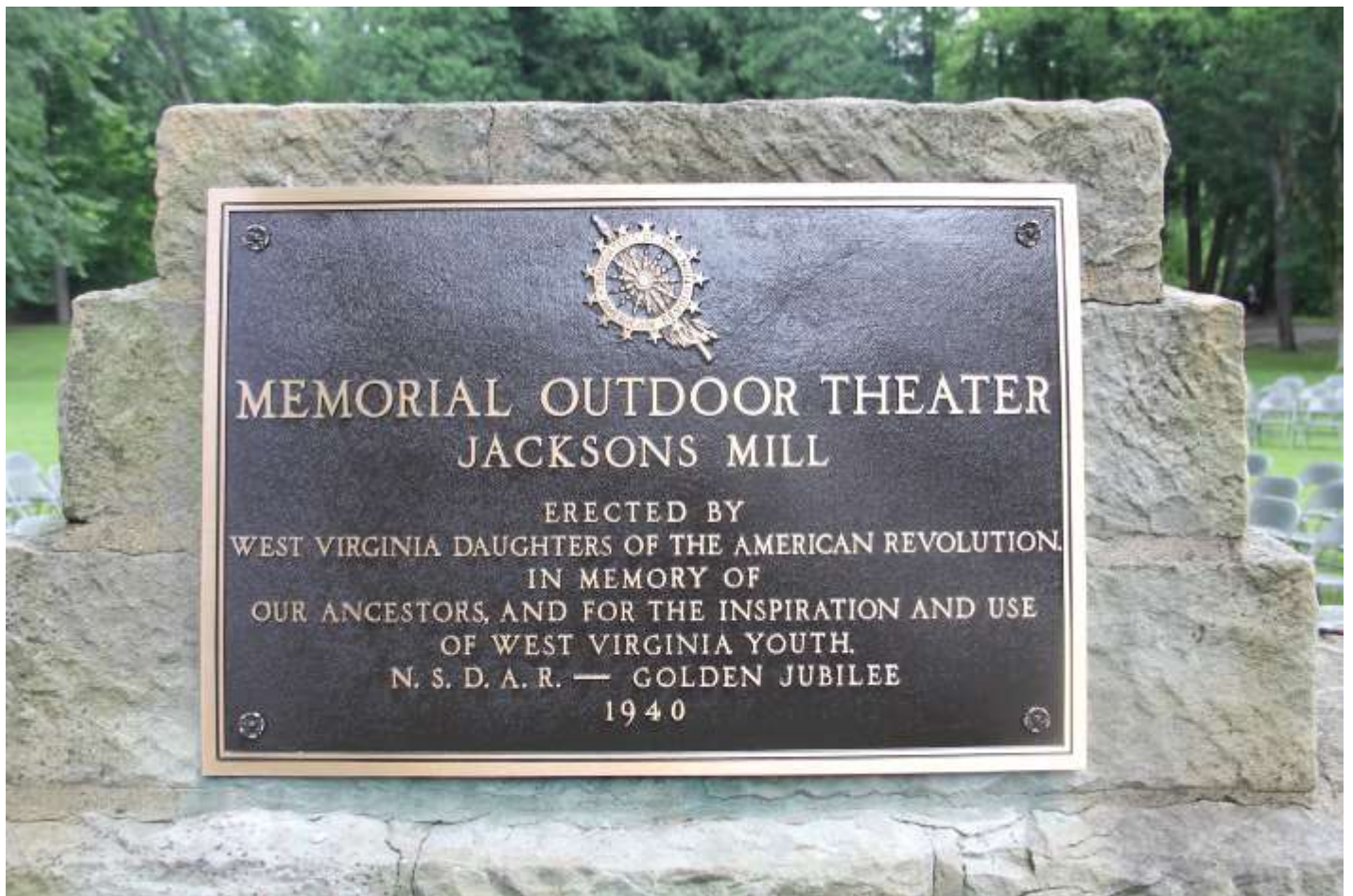
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“Celebrating DAR to the Core!” because they are Dedicated, Active and Resourceful!

Great appreciation to the following participants in the event: [Pat McKown Goodwin](#) & Mick Goodwin for taking the seventy-five year old plaque to Kingwood to have it restored to its original beauty; [Kelly Goodwin](#), Ben Goodwin, and Truman Wolfe for helping Barby McDonald Frankenberry to select the Vermont green granite benches; Debbi McDonald for all her help in organizing the entire dedication event; Dean Harden and those in the Historic Area for the Grind and Demonstrations; the Jackson's Mill Staff for all their help and support in the project; Jeff Ryman for taking pictures of the event; Debi McClelland Smith, Charla Nutter, Jan Frankenberry Chancey, Mindy Davis, and Bradley Meske for their part in the program; Alpha I Chorus for singing "My Home Among the Hills!"; Flag Bearers--Taylor Sizemore, American Flag; Taylor Fritz, WV Flag; Conner Chancey, 4-H Flag and Ben Goodwin, DAR Flag; pages Andrea Davis & Regan Chancey who distributed the program; and the Alpha I Campers and Staff for being such a fantastic audience!

Special thanks to the following for gifting the granite benches: the WVDAR Daughters for their generosity in securing four benches to those who came to help celebrate this momentous event; the WV 4-H All Stars; the Berkeley County 4-H All Stars; Kelly Goodwin, Mick Goodwin and Ben; Carolyn Elliott; Cheryl Brown and Joe Khare; the Bob and Barby Frankenberry Family!

Here's to Jackson's Mill Bench Dedication (cont.)



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Donated
by:
Cheryl
Brown &
Joe
Khare



Here's to Jackson's Mill Bench Dedication (cont.)



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Family



Here's to Jackson's Mill Bench Dedication (cont.)



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Trans-Allegheny Chapter

Joan Reynolds Gibson, a descendant of one of the leaders of the barons' rebellion that obtained the Magna Carta and a participant of the 800th Anniversary of the signing of the Magna Carta held in Runnymede, England this past June, presented a program "From a Meadow Called Runnymede to the United States Constitution" for the members of the Trans-Allegheny Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution on Saturday, September 12 at the Museum of American Glass in West Virginia on Main Street.

During Ms. Gibson's power point presentation, she explained her lineage that afforded her an invitation to attend the 800th Anniversary celebration of the Magna Carta. She descends from Roger Bigod of Framlingham, England, who was one of 25 barons who requested the Magna Carta. Gibson stated that 107 members of the Society of the Magna Carta Dames and Barons, of which she is a member, attended the 800th Anniversary at Runnymede, England. English royalty and dignitaries, such as Queen Elizabeth II, Prince Phillip, Prince Charles, Prince William attended the festivities with Princess Royal Anne as the main presenter. Prime Minister David Cameron also attended the festivities.

In its earliest form the Magna Carta was a grant of liberties extorted from King John of England (1199-1216) in 1215 by a group of rebellious barons. It was sealed, but not signed by King John and copies were sent to bishops, but not sheriffs of England. One copy Gibson saw was on display at Lincoln Cathedral, the third largest cathedral in England. There are only four copies of the original Magna Carta left in existence today.

It was reissued with modifications and omissions in 1216 by the regency headed by William Marshall, earl of Pembroke, ruling for the infant Henry III (1216-1272). In 1217 the regency reissued the charter as two separate documents: the charter of liberties and the charter of the forest. The Charter of the Forest required the King to relinquish possession of lands designated as the Royal Forest, making them available to the commoners.

The Englishmen of the later Middle Ages fully realized the importance of the Magna Carta as an admission of the king's submission to the law. Whenever barons or later the Parliament felt that the king was being too high-handed, they were inclined to insist that he confirm the Magna Carta. It was confirmed 44 times before the death of Henry V (1413-1422).

The Magna Carta was followed by monarchy reigns of Elizabeth I, two Stuarts, and Sir Edward Coke (1552-1634). It was Coke and his contemporaries and their immediate successors who wrote the legal treatises which shaped the thought of men like Thomas Jefferson. Thus Magna Carta forms part at least of the background of the political ideas which shaped the United States. Clauses in the Magna Carta that inspired many American

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governmental leaders were clause one, leading to our First Amendment of the Constitution; clauses 30, 31, 39, leading to Fourth Amendment; clauses 39 and 40, pertaining to the Fifth Amendment; and clause 40, pertaining to the Sixth Amendment.

Ms. Gibson concluded her presentation with a quote from Sir Robert Worcester, an American who was chairman of the Magna Carta 800th Anniversary Committee. Sir Worcester explained the lasting relevance of the 'Great Charter' in the 21st century: "Some people have said to me, 'ah, it is just about the Barons and their taxation' and I say 'yes, and much later it was called no taxation without representation and England lost a colony called America on that basis.' "



Daughters welcome 800th Anniversary of the Magna Carta and its connection to our Constitution program presenter, Joan Reynolds Gibson of Woodburn Chapter, NSDAR. Standing left to right are Sharon Kraus, Polly Leroy, Christina Rumbach, Joan Gibson and her British memento, Magna Carta rubber duckie;

Trans-Allegheny Chapter (cont.)

As all of America celebrates Women's History Month in March, Trans-Allegheny Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution bestowed upon Linda Chapman Turner the NSDAR American Heritage Committee's Women in the Arts Award on March 14 at the Museum of American Glass in West Virginia.

Regent Pat Goodwin welcomed participants to the award presentation. She stated, "It is wonderful to see so many enthusiastic supporters of a local artist who has and continues to make her own history."

Trans-Allegheny member Julia Bragg gave the invocation. Theresa Blake led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. Christina Rumbach led the American's Creed. Erseline Rumbach reviewed the history of the NSDAR American Heritage Committee's Women in the Arts Recognition Award. Providing the introduction of Linda Chapman Turner, Regent Goodwin said, "It gives Trans-Allegheny Daughters great pleasure to recognize and honor Linda Chapman Turner who has made significant achievements in Lewis County, West Virginia, and other states in her fine arts field of watercolor.

After earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in Art and Science from Glenville State College, Mrs. Turner taught school a few years, and then followed her dream in art by opening Laurelwood Art Studio in Buckhannon. She has inspired her students by teaching and demonstrating her artistic designs and by providing an excellent role model by winning many awards for her artistic creations. Her artistic inspirations evolve from nature, historic locales, events, and people in everyday life situations. Mrs. Turner's awe-

Trans-Allegheny Chapter (cont.)

inspiring creations have been published in magazines, calendars, and books.

She is a charter member of the West Virginia State Watercolor Society, serving as its president and holding many other offices and leadership roles.

Mrs. Turner's creations have appeared in juried shows and gallery exhibitions in West Virginia, nationally, and internationally. Throughout the years, she has received awards in the West Virginia Biennial Juried Exhibition, the West Virginia Watercolor Society "Best of Show" and the Tamarack "Best of West Virginia Juried Exhibition." Her works appear in the West Virginia Division Office at the Capital building in Charleston and West Virginia Artists permanent collection at the University of Charleston.

Regent Goodwin introduced the recipient, Linda Chapman Turner, the West Virginia DAR American Heritage Committee State Chairman Lillian Lee Eddy and Trans-Allegheny American Heritage Committee Chairman Kelly Goodwin. State Chairman Lee Eddy and Trans-Allegheny Chairman Kelly Goodwin presented the NSDAR Women in the Arts Recognition Award to Linda Chapman Turner.

Trans-Allegheny Chaplain Kathie Kemper closed the program with the benediction. Following the program, participants enjoyed refreshments.

In addition to Mrs. Turner, WVDAR State American Heritage Committee Chairman Lee Eddy, and Trans-Allegheny presenters listed above, the following participants attended the awards presentation: Trans-Allegheny members – Polly LeRoy, June Bright, Donna Henline, and Dinah Bright; WVDAR State officers: Kelly Goodwin, State Recording

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Secretary; Ruth Mooney, State Organizing Secretary; Marilyn Susie Rogers, State Parliamentarian; Christina Rumbach, WVDAR Central District Director; WVDAR State Committee Chairmen: Frannie Weekley, Genealogical Records; Erseline Rumbach, Community Volunteer ; Christina Rumbach, Junior Membership; Pat Goodwin, Conservation; Jane Larke, Volunteer Information Specialist; Joan Gibson, Awards Committee; WVDAR Chapter Regents: Betty Knicley, Blackwater; Ruth Mooney, Elk River; Marilyn Rogers, Ohio Valley; Jane Larke, Woodburn; and Pat Goodwin, Trans-Allegheny; WVDAR Chapter members: Carolyn Burnside, Daniel Davisson; Sue Silk and Paula Currance, Blackwater; Museum of American Glass in West Virginia : Dean Six, Executive Director; Sharon Pickens, Office Manager; Linda Osborn, Erseline Rumbach, Christina Rumbach, Vicki Blake; Mr. and Mrs. Roy White, Tom Felt, Bob Girady; Arts Council: Jill Stewart, Barbara Tucker, Cindy Shaver, Reggie Hawver, Ann Zirkle, Carol Thoms; Mrs. Chapman's art student, Deanna Gillum; Chapman Family: Lawrence Chapman, father; Mike Chapman, brother; Connie Chapman, sister-in-law; and aunt and uncle Doris and Roy White.



WVDAR State American Heritage Chairman, Lee Eddy (left) and Trans-Allegheny Chapter, NSDAR American Heritage Chairman Kelly Goodwin (right) present the NSDAR Women in the Arts Award to Linda Chapman Turner

Anne Bailey Chapter

Anne Bailey Chapter Celebrates 125 Years of the DAR

For its Celebrate 125 project, Anne Bailey Chapter conducted a non-perishable food drive at two Kroger stores in the Kanawha Valley on October 10, 2015. Donations at the Kroger store in Teays Valley, Putnam County, were for the benefit of the Christian Community Cupboard in Hurricane, and those at the store at Riverwalk Plaza in South Charleston, Kanawha County, were for the Union Mission of Charleston. Chapter members at the Teays Valley location collected 85 food items and more than \$180 in cash for the food pantry. At Riverwalk Plaza, members collected 179 food items and \$120 in cash. After the food drive ended, Regent Carolyn Holstein received an additional 77 food items for the Union Mission. The two organizations received a grand total of 341 food items—ranging from canned fruits and vegetables to pasta, cereal, and baby food—and \$300 in cash. In response to the chapter press release, a television reporter visited the chapter's food drive station at the Riverwalk Kroger and interviewed Carolyn Holstein about the chapter project and eligibility for the DAR.

(L-R) Jean Allen, Marsha Cobb, Linda Clark, Linda Weaver, and Helen Hall at the Teays Valley Kroger.



(L-R) Robin Kiriluk, Carolyn Holstein, Mary Johnson, and Joyce Echols at the Riverwalk Plaza Kroger. Members Patsy Adkins, Geraldine Jackson, and Cindy Lemarier also helped collect donations at that location but were not present when the photo was taken.

Elk River Chapter

Twenty fifteen has proved to be a successful and productive DAR year. Highlights include adding a nameplate of a proven ancestor to an existing monument, cosponsoring a genealogy workshop with Trans-Allegheny Chapter, presenting over sixty American Creed Challenge certificates to school-age and adults, and attending the “Here's to Jackson's Mill” dedication celebration. In addition, chapter members presented flag etiquette programs to kindergarten classrooms and participated in the day of service in celebration of NSDAR's 125th Anniversary. At the close of the year, relatives of chapter members who had served in the Vietnam War were honored for their service. Photo shows chapter members and some of the relatives recognized at this special occasion.



Captain James Allen Chapter

Members of the Captain James Allen Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution enjoyed a trip to Charlottesville, Virginia on October 15, 2015. They immersed themselves in colonial history by enjoying lunch and tour of historic Michie Tavern.

Michie Tavern is a historic tavern where travelers during the colonial times would stop for the night for lodging, meals and drinks. Colonial style meals are served on Jefferson style flatware, plates and cups giving the feel of that used during the period. The tour of the tavern gives a history of the tavern and grounds. Adding to the historic charm, staff is dressed in period costumes.

Members of the Captain James Allen Chapter were joined for lunch at the tavern by Mrs. Luvenia Rogers, Chapter Regent and Carroll White, Chapter Historian and Project Patriot Chairperson of the Albemarle Chapter, NSDAR of Charlottesville, VA. Those attending from the Captain James Allen Chapter, NSDAR of Beckley were Linda Whitman, Samantha Shleser, Jewell Field, Linda Sumner, Leah Stalnaker and Karen Bonifacio.



Shenandoah Valley Chapter

The Shenandoah Valley Chapter members gathered for their Christmas meeting, December 7, 2016. The group watched a DVD of Garnett Keisecome, now deceased and the husband of one of our current members, who was at Pearl Harbor serving in the Navy the morning of the Japanese attack in 1941. The video was taped over thirty years ago during another Christmas gathering. It brought back so many memories for those who had been in attendance and heard the retelling of the actual bombing and what the troops had to do to survive!

The members brought lots and lots of cookies to the party! However, the hostesses served delicious food since the cookies were not brought to eat but to “Honor Our Community Heroes”! Members boxed up the individually bagged cookies and took them to the local fire and ambulance departments; post offices; the Martinsburg Airlift Wing fire department; sheriff department, etc.



Susanne Horner, Jan Frankenberry Chancey, and Laura Horner Meske packing cookies for Community Heroes

Peters Mountain Chapter

Historic Marker Dedication in Monroe County

Nearly a hundred people gathered in Lindside, West Virginia on Sunday afternoon, May 31, to dedicate a WV historical marker honoring Dr. Henry Lake Dickason. Dr. Dickason was born at Lindside, the grandson of slaves, and had an illustrious career as an educator in southern WV. He was the first president of Bluefield State College among other achievements. The marker was sponsored by the Peters Mountain Chapter of the DAR and funded solely by private donations.

Peters Mountain DAR Regent Nancy Kornegay welcomed the guests and also led the Pledge of Allegiance and the American's Creed. Reverend Brent Brown of the Lindside United Methodist Church led the opening prayer. Local DAR Historian, Becky Crabtree, presented facts about Dr. Dickason and his accomplishments. She began with his grandparents and gave a brief history of his background and influence on southern West Virginia, primarily through his work at Bluefield State College.

Lindside resident William Broyles cited personal experiences with Dr. Dickason and praised his kindness and devotion to education.

WV DAR Regent Barby McDonald Frankenberg congratulated the club for recognizing Dr. Dickason.

Finally, Moses Hopkins and Clark Adkins, both young students at Peterstown Elementary School, did the unveiling honors, earning applause from the crowd. Rev. Brown led the benediction. Guests were treated to homemade cookies and lemonade after the ceremony.



Members of the Peters Mountain Chapter of the DAR along with the WV State DAR Regent at the new marker. Front row: Patty Dishner, Nancy Kornegay (Peters Mountain DAR Chapter Regent), Barby McDonald Frankenberg (WV State DAR Regent), Kathy Robertson, Faye Ramsey. Back Row: Becky Crabtree, Majorie Allen, Tanya Martin Reece, and Claire Reece



Barby McDonald Frankenberg, WV State DAR Regent, applauds efforts of Peters Mountain DAR Chapter.

South Branch Valley Chapter

On Saturday, November 14, 2015, the South Branch Valley Chapter, NSDAR honored Vietnam Veterans from the four counties our chapter serves in WV. Janie Lester and Annabelle Vance provided patriotic music during the celebration. Judy Bowyer, regent, welcomed the veterans and guests to the event. Boy Scout Troop 60 presented and retired the colors during our program. Carly Hershberger, a talented middle school student sang the National Anthem. Susan Garrett read "The Ragged Ole Flag". The five service songs were played and veterans were encouraged to stand for the song that represented their branch of service. Our guest speaker was Colonel Joe Khare of Shepherdstown, WV. The veterans were recognized with a certificate that was modeled after the certificate that was presented to our chapter by The United States of America War Commemoration. We also gave each veteran a Star for the Corp along with bumper stickers, pins and a proclamation. The local Hospice group gave each veteran and others present a Veteran Day Prayer card and a pin of the WV State Flag and US Flag. Brigadier General Earl Simms, a native of Moorefield, WV provided Department of Defense folders and a Vietnam Veteran pin. All of the Vietnam Veterans introduced themselves and shared some of their experiences during and after the war. The program was closed with Irene Mongold, chaplain, giving the benediction. A reception was held following the celebration and we enjoyed a time of refreshments and fellowship.



Joe Khare speaking at
the ceremony

Veterans who attended the
ceremony



Ohio Valley Chapter

On October 17, 2015, the Ohio Valley Chapter, NSDAR, presented the Stocking Family Bible to the Sistersville Museum with a ceremony and reception at the Museum. The chapter members attended the event with presentations made by Regent Marilyn Rogers and WVDAR State Vice Regent Mindy Davis. Frannie Weekley, chairman of this activity and researcher for the project, presented a background of the acquisition of the Bible and the importance of the items to the history of Sistersville. WVDAR Honorary State Regent Ginger Nalley and Ohio Valley Chaplain Neoma Spratt also participated in the program.

The Stocking Bible originated about 1867 in Sistersville, WV, with the marriage of George W. and Harriet Byrd Gillespie Stocking. Passed down through family members, the Bible eventually came into the possession of Robert and Dorothy Simmons DeYoung in Arizona. Dorothy contacted Frannie Weekley and the adventure began.

The Bible, along with a Journal of George Byrd Stocking (the son of George W. and Harriet Byrd Stocking) were placed on permanent loan to the Sistersville Museum. Frannie, an experienced genealogist, compiled information about the history of the families mentioned in the Bible as well as connected families in the Tyler County community. The information book also contains all of the entries in the Bible and journal information. This book is available at the Museum and at the Sistersville Public Library where it can be accessed for genealogy research and as a source of enjoyment for history enthusiasts. The Ohio Valley Chapter also donated a copy of this book to the National Library in the DAR Continental Hall in Washington, D.C.

Included with the Bible and journal was information from a Smith Family Bible. This information was presented by WVDAR State Vice Regent Mindy Davis to Estella Goodfellow, a resident of Sistersville and descendent of the Smith Family.



Ohio Valley DAR members on the steps of the Sistersville Museum following the presentation of the Harriet Byrd Gillespie Stocking Bible to the Museum.

Frannie Weekley, in period costume, presenting information about the Stocking Bible.



Bee Line Chapter

Bee Line Celebrates a Year of Service to Veterans

Under the leadership of our regent, Abigail Blackwell Pressens, 2015 has been a busy year for the Daughters of the Bee Line Chapter. We have welcomed a number of new members (special thanks to our energetic registrar, Emily Cooper), and we have worked to live up to the Daughters' commitment to honor the past by serving the present and securing the future through education.

Our members have participated in several national and statewide events on behalf of the chapter, but as is only right and proper, most of our efforts have been local. We have participated in local ceremonies honoring our nation's veterans, marched in the Christmas parade, and awarded scholarships and special recognitions to high school students in our area. Whenever we've come together, for whatever purpose, we've also found time simply to enjoy each other's company.

The activities on which we have expended the most effort, however, and of which we are most proud, have involved finding ways to serve our veterans—including women veterans. This commitment has grown over the course of the year and has been manifested in a variety of ways.

The most longstanding aspect of our veterans outreach is a monthly "karaoke coffee hour" for the residents at the Martinsburg Veterans Administration Medical Center's Community Living Center. Our members serve as hostesses for these events, where we spend time directly interacting with and entertaining the residents through karaoke, charades, refreshments, and seasonal/topical celebrations.

In May, we worked with the social work staff at the VA Center to host a bra-and-panty giveaway for women veterans. This activity was designed along the lines of a home lingerie party, complete with refreshments. Our guests were invited to pick and choose items they liked from an assortment of undergarments.

Women who could not find size matches to suit their needs were invited to leave "orders," which we fulfilled and delivered at a later date. This highly successful event earned a number of recognitions and accolades within the VA system, and we are in the planning stages for hosting another Bra-and Panty Party this coming spring.

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In the wake of the lingerie extravaganza, Bee Line has become increasingly active in providing support for the clothing closet for women vets at the Martinsburg VA. We routinely collect toiletries, and we work with staff to identify and fill special needs for the closet—including a number of new and gently used coats for the winter season. We are also in the process of establishing a network of local business to supplement the support our chapter provides.

In a separate but related activity, the chapter gathered toiletries, books, and other articles that were sorted into dozens of holiday care packages and sent to active-duty servicemen and women deployed overseas. Our members also collected over 250 Christmas cards to be distributed to overseas personnel.

Finally, on December 3, several members of the Bee Line Chapter provided refreshments and showed support for veterans' families after a solemn memorial observance at the Martinsburg VA in which the names of their loved ones were read aloud. The annual interfaith service featured a military honor guard, ringing the 'passing bell' for each departed veteran, and a bugler playing *Taps*.

Bee Line DAR Members Sue Kesecker, Emily Cooper, and Stephanie Lacy present winter coats for women veterans at Martinsburg's VA Hospital



Westmoreland Chapter

When National ask each chapter to choose a Service Project for 2015 and hopefully complete by October 11, our chapter chose an abandoned cemetery for the Black community in Huntington, Bethel Memorial Park. Created in about 1927 and abandoned in the late 1960's. Tress, brush and weeds took over. Due to a family dispute, the court sold this cemetery on the court house steps in 2005.

Finding 22 veterans graves in 2014 by one of our members prompted us to look further and do a lot of research. A Data Base was establish to document our findings. We began early in 2015 to collect death certificates, obituaries and government documents on each soldier. A website on RootsWeb indicates that 156 grave stones had been located in this cemetery. To date our chapter has documented over 820 people of the Black community buried in this cemetery. Our data base includes almost all information found on a death certificate.

Over 60 veteran graves have been documented. One of our ladies has researched and we have a write up on each of these Black soldiers. The Spanish American War, World War I, World War II and the Korean War are represented.

We did not quite complete the project by the October 11 deadline, but when our work is published in 2016, there will be a great interest. This was truly a wonderful project.

June Ashworth, Regent
Westmoreland Chapter NSDAR



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- 111th WVDAR State Conference, The Greenbrier, March 11-13, 2016
- 125th Continental Congress, Washington, D.C., June 15-19, 2016

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