



# West Virginia DAR News

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

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Dear West Virginia Daughters,  
Spring is in the air and I hope that the sun is shining on each of you. Many of you have been busy working on reports and preparing for that big weekend in in May. Yes, that would be our 112<sup>th</sup> State Conference. The ladies of the Western District and State Conference Chairman, Past Vice President General, **Shirley Gilkeson** have been very busy with the preparations for all of us to have a wonderful time in Charleston at the Embassy Suites. (Maybe we will even have a little bit of time set aside to do some shopping!!!)

I would like to say Thank You to all of the Chapter Regents that successfully completed the chapter's required paperwork. I am proud to say that the West Virginia State Society had 100% completion. It is because of all of the hard work of the chapters in our state that West Virginia is a success on the national level. I would also like to thank the many chairmen who successfully completed their reports. I have received good reports from the East Central Division Chairmen.

I am sad to report that we have lost a very special lady in our State Society. **Honorary State Regent Jean Ann Elliott** passed away and will be missed. Jean Ann proudly served the State Society and the Pack Horse Ford Chapter in many ways as well as many other organizations.

Looking forward to seeing you in Charleston May 5-7. And don't forget about the next Continental Congress which will be held June 28 – July 2, 2017! I hope you can join us for the WV Breakfast...see inside for more details! Hoping each of you has a wonderful day and that God's Blessings are shining on you.

Shining in DAR,

***Mindy***

Malinda (Mindy) Davis, State Regent

# From the State Officers

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## TIPS FOR TREASURERS

The IRS e-file system is now operational for 2017, and IRS form 990-N for chapters with fiscal year ending on December 31, 2016 should be filed along with any unfiled 2016 990-Ns. You may begin the process here:

<https://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits/annual-electronic-filing-requirement-for-small-exempt-organizations-form-990-n-e-postcard>

The old system in which there was a log-in and password for each chapter/state organization that could be passed from person to person is no longer functioning. Each preparer must now be individually registered with the IRS with her own personal identifying information and password. Once registered with the IRS as a preparer, the annual filing process takes less than five minutes.

Please keep in mind that you must file with the IRS by the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the 5<sup>th</sup> month after the end of the chapter's fiscal year. If you have questions or need assistance, contact the State Treasurer.

If you have not already done so, please send State Conference dues (\$1) to the State Treasurer by March 5, 2017 for any individual who was a member of your chapter on January 1, 2017 but whose State Conference dues for 2016-2017 were not paid previously. A West Virginia State Society, NSDAR 2016-2017 Chapter Treasurer's Report ("blue sheet") should accompany the payment. The official membership count for your chapter on January 1 may be found at the Membership Counts Report or PG Project 100% Status Report in eMembership.

Please send State dues (\$5) and State Conference dues (\$1) to the State Treasurer for all new chapter members who are accepted to membership by NSDAR between January 1 and May 1, 2017. A West Virginia State Society, NSDAR 2016-2017 Chapter Treasurer's Report ("blue sheet") should accompany the payment.

Be sure to check the PG Project 100% Status Report in eMembership to learn how much your chapter must contribute to the President General's Project in 2016-2019 to be 100%. Congratulations to the Peters Mountain Chapter for being the first WVDAR chapter to reach 100%.

*Cheryl Brown,  
State Treasurer*

The State Society is still missing some chapter's yearbooks for the 2016-2017 year. If your chapter has not yet sent your copies, please mail them to the following State Officers for the files:

WVDAR State Regent	State Corresponding Secretary	State Organizing Secretary
Mindy Davis 327 Horner Run Rd. Pennsboro, WV 26415	Marilyn "Susie" Rogers PO Box 569 Summersville, WV 26651	Jane Larke 108 Kennedy Store Road Morgantown, WV 26508

# Welcome New Members!

Please welcome the following new members that were approved by the National Board of Management at their meetings in February and March 2017.

Anne Bailey Chapter  
Phyllis Fulton

Kanawha Valley Chapter  
Sarah Prochaska  
Marcia Campbell

Anne Royall Chapter  
Phyllis Renee Haught

Ohio Valley Chapter  
Therese Schoolcraft  
Bobbie Hayes  
Nancy Pelphrey

Bee Line Chapter  
Sharon Carrigan  
Mary Carrigan  
Marlene Illyn  
Pamela Illyn  
Kalika Pitcher

Old Hickory Chapter  
Selma Humphreys  
Vickie Baker  
Joanna McKown  
Ruth Walters  
Susan Clay

Captain James Allen Chapter  
Eleanor Locklear  
Judith O'Brien

Woodburn Chapter  
Carolyn Brennan

Elizabeth Zane Chapter  
Linda Hinter

## *WVDAR State Conference Hotel Reservation Information*



**Hotel Reservations**-- Guest room rates single or double is \$129.00 per night plus any fees. Parking is included for DAR members staying at the hotel. Room reservations are to be made directly with Embassy Suites by phoning online

through the web address [www.embassysuitescharlestonwv.com](http://www.embassysuitescharlestonwv.com) or by **phoning 1-304-347-8700**. Individuals pay their own room accounts at departure. Reservations in the WVDAR Room Block must be confirmed no later than **Tuesday, April 11, 2017**.

# Call to Conference

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## **West Virginia State Society Daughters of the American Revolution**

**Malinda “Mindy” Davis, State Regent**

**Deborah “Debi” Smith, State Vice Regent**

*Call to the One Hundred and Twelfth Annual State Conference*

*May 5-7, 2017*

*Embassy Suites, Charleston, WV*

***THEME:***

***“Shining Stars of Service”***

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 — Embassy Suites**

Friday, May 5      10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 6      8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

### **Sales and Displays — Embassy Suites**

*Closed during all Business Sessions!*

Friday, May 5      10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 6      8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

### **Schedule of Events**

#### **Thursday, May 4, 2017**

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

5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Manager’s Reception with complimentary drinks and hors d’ oeuvres in the Atrium Lounge Area.

6:30 p.m.- Informal dinner at Embassy Suites for Executive Board, Conference Guests, and ALL DAR members and HODARs are welcome to attend

8:30 p.m.- Executive Committee Meeting, Capital Board Room, Embassy Suites

8:30 - 10:00 p.m.-Hospitality Room Open – Everyone Welcome!

#### **Friday, May 5, 2017**

7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Complimentary full cooked to order breakfast in the atrium for all guests staying at the hotel.

8:00 a.m.-10:30 p.m.- Displays Set-up / Credentials / Registration/ “DAR-lings Delights!”-Pre-Conference Area

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

***Friday, May 5, 2017 continued...***

12:00 p.m.- “We Are the Stars of DAR” Luncheon-Hosted by the Cameo Club, Cindy Nicewarner, Cameo Club President – Ballroom D & E

**ALL DAR & Guests Welcome & Encouraged to Attend**

1:45 p.m.- Board of Management meeting following the Luncheon-Ballroom A, B & C

2:45 -3:30 p.m.- West Virginia Chorus Rehearsal- Ballroom A, B & C

2:45 -3:30 p.m.- Page Meeting and Flag Rehearsal- Ballroom D & E

5:30 – 6:00 p.m. – Manager’s Reception with complimentary drinks and hors d’oeuvres -

6:00 p.m.- “Shining Stars of Service” Dinner-Ballroom D & E

8:15 p.m.- Processional Forms-Pre-Conference Area

8:30 p.m.- Opening Session of the 112<sup>th</sup> State Conference-Ballroom A, B & C

***Receiving Line—Following the Opening Session***

9:00 – 10:30 p.m. Hospitality Room Open

**Saturday, May 6, 2017**

7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Complimentary

full cooked to order breakfast in the atrium for all guests staying at the hotel.

7:00 a.m. – Chapter Regent’s Club members will meet in the Ballroom adjacent to the Atrium have their meeting. Pages will be present to assist. Carolyn Kesterson, Vice President

8:50 a.m. - Processional Forms-Pre-Conference Area

9:00 a.m. - Conference Business Session-Ballroom A, B & C

12:00 p.m. - “Shining Stars of Education” Awards Luncheon – Ballroom D & E

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

2:30 p.m.- State Officers Club Meeting, Kathleen Bledsoe, President – Ballroom A,B & C

3:00 p.m. – Visit the WV Cultural Center or the Charleston Town Center Mall

5:00-6:15 p.m. – Photographs – Charleston Boardroom

6:15 p.m. - Processional Forms – Pre-Conference Area

7:00 p.m. - “All-Star Banquet” – Ballroom D& E

10:00 p.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Hospitality Room Open

**Sunday, May 7, 2017**

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Complimentary full cooked to order breakfast in the atrium for all guests staying at the hotel.

9:00 a.m. - Memorial Service-Ballroom A

10:00 a.m. - Closing Business Session – Ballroom A, B & C

**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, 2016, not by the number of members in the Chapter. Each Chapter shall be entitled to be represented at any meeting at the State

# Conference Information

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## ***Representation at Conference continued...***

Conference by three (3) times as many delegates and alternates as at the previous Continental Congress (125th Continental Congress 2016) 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 112th State Conference unless elected as Delegates by their Chapter.

## **Credentials**

State Chairman—Rebecca Davis, 1910 Lazzelle Union Blvd., Maidsville, WV 26541-8017. Please return one copy of the forms to the State Chairman by April 20, 2017 and another copy to the State Regent as directed on the forms. Each Chapter Delegate must present with Proper Identification to the Credentials Desk in the Registration area the Chapter Delegate's official voting card completed and bearing the proper signatures to receive the voter's ribbon and registration materials.

## **Resolutions**

All resolutions to be considered to be presented at the State Conference must be sent to the Conference Appointed Resolutions Chairman at least fifteen (15) days before the State Conference (postmarked no later than April 26, 2017) to Marilyn Susie Rogers, P.O. Box 569, Summersville, WV, 26651 phone: 304-872-6267 email: [darmsrogers@gmail.com](mailto:darmsrogers@gmail.com)

## **Meal Reservations**

Enclosed in this edition of the *WVDAR News* is the reservation form that lists the meal functions and prices. Prices quoted include gratuity. **Deadline for Meal Reservations is April 20, 2017.** Requests for cancellations or refunds must be made no later than April 20, 2017. Reservations should be mailed to: **Michelle Hoffman, PO Box 39, Elkview, WV 25071.**

**Hotel Reservations** — Room reservations are to be made directly with the *Embassy Suites* by calling **304-720-5564**. A deposit equal to one night's rate plus taxes will be due with each room reservation request. **Reservations will be accepted at the hotel until Tuesday, April 11, 2017.** Room requests after Tuesday, April 11, 2017, will be considered pending availability and are not guaranteed the WVDAR State Conference rate.

## **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 2016. 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 Patricia Goodwin, 5028 Old Mill Road, Jane Lew, WV 26378 or email, preferred, [pmg48dar@gmail.com](mailto:pmg48dar@gmail.com)**; one (1) copy to the State Regent; and maintain one (1) copy for your files. Reports must be received by the State Recording Secretary either via mail or email no later than **April 15, 2017.**

**\*\*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!**

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**\*\*Chapter Regents shall bring/send** a brief narrative with pictures if available, on an 8 ½” x 11” paper, of an explanation of: **“How Our Chapter Promoted Service to America”** 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 112th State Conference must send the name of the recipient, committee/person giving award, designation of award (1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.) to: **Charla Nutter**, 5102 Big Battle Run, Salem, WV 26426 or email at [charla.nutter@lmco.com](mailto:charla.nutter@lmco.com)

**Deadline is April 21, 2017-NO EXCEPTIONS!** All awards must be signed by the proper State Chairman or State Officer at the Awards Table on Friday, May 5, 2017. Award certificates will be available for pick-up at the Awards Table on Sunday, May 7, 2017, 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 Pre-Conference Area and Coat Room of the Embassy Suites. If interested in volunteering to help at the tables, please contact the State Conference Chairman, Shirley Gilkeson, Honorary State Regent.

## 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 112th State Conference! Page invitations will be sent to those whose names have been sent to the State Regent, via email to [jdavisfamily4@frontier.com](mailto:jdavisfamily4@frontier.com).

## Hostess Chapters

The **Chapters of the Western District** will serve as the official hostesses of the 112th State Conference. Those Chapters are: Anne Bailey, Barboursville, Buford, Colonel Charles Lewis, John Young, Kanawha Valley, Old Hickory, and Westmoreland, **Mary E. Johnson, District Director. Honorary State Regent, Shirley Gilkeson** is graciously serving as the General Conference Chairman.

## 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.

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## Memorial Service

Names of deceased members must be postmarked by **April 15, 2017**, and mailed to the **WV State Chaplain**, Linda Hendrickson, 12 Meadowood Estates, Scott Depot, WV 25560 or emailed to [jlhendrickson@suddenlink.net](mailto:jlhendrickson@suddenlink.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, May 6, 2017, before 4 p.m. The books will be judged on Saturday afternoon and the winners will be announced during the "All-Stars" 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, 2016 to March 1, 2017. 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, 2016 to March 1, 2017, 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! All proceeds will go to areas where restricted funds cannot be used. Use your imagination when selecting items to donate to our "DAR-Lings Delights"! We need many unique and interesting items to entice people to buy tickets. **\*\*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 112th WVDAR State Conference!*

*Mindy*

# 112th WVDAR STATE CONFERENCE

Embassy Suites, Charleston, WV

“Shining Stars of Service”



May 5 -7, 2017

## MEAL RESERVATIONS

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
CHAPTER: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_



*Complimentary full cooked to order breakfast is included for all guests of the hotel.  
Breakfast is served in the beautiful atrium for 7:00 – 9:00.*



*All guests of the hotel are invited to the Manager’s Reception in the atrium area from  
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. for complimentary wine, soda and cocktails, and hors d’ oeuvres each evening.*



Thursday, May 4, 2017 *All Welcome & Encouraged to Join the Executive Board for Dinner* \$43.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
6:30 p.m. \*Italian Dinner Buffet Salon A (reservations required)



Friday, May 5, 2017 Cameo Luncheon—All are Welcome Attend! \$30.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
12 noon \*Marinated Sliced Roasted Pork Loin Ballroom DE

Friday, May 5, 2017 Celebrating the Stars of Service Dinner \$40.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
6:00 p.m. \*Stuffed Chicken Breast Ballroom DE



Saturday, May 6, 2017 Awards Luncheon “Our Stars of Education”  
12 Noon \*Panko Crusted Chicken with Country Gravy Ballroom DE \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday, May 6, 2017 Banquet “The Stars of DAR—Honoring Chapter Regents” \$50.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
7:00 p.m. \*Grilled beef filet accompanied by broiled salmon filet Ballroom DE



*All plated lunches and dinners include: entrée, salad,  
two vegetables, hot rolls & butter, dessert and beverage*



TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY: April 20, 2017**

Checks are to be made payable to: State Treasurer, WVDAR

**PLEASE CHECK IF YOU HAVE ANY DIETARY RESTRICTIONS** \_\_\_\_\_

*Please note type of dietary restriction* \_\_\_\_\_

**MAIL TO: Michelle Hoffman, PO Box 39, Elkview, WV 25071**

# National and State Committees

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## Service to America Committee

There are a few changes from National coming this year for the Service to America Committee. These are:

- ◆ **Starting February 1, 2017, DAR work will be counted** as service hours.
- ◆ Web pages have been updated. The National Chairman is working with everyone at National to get this all done so that it is “rolled out” at the same time.
- ◆ All Service Hours must be entered starting 1/1/17 onto the Service to America Tally. **This committee will no longer be counting those hours put on the CMR that are NOT put onto the Service to America Tally.**
- ◆ As the State Chairmen, I want to stress to chapters that it is imperative that they **START NOW to input hours** onto the Service to America Tally. Do NOT wait until December to do this.

If you have members that are not computer savvy you will need to find a member that can assist in adding their service hours online. One way that I do this with my chapter is to use the Service to America Tally form and have the members write down their hours at each meeting. Then I add their hours online. This is one way that will help you or the designated member in recording hours each month.

If you have questions for me please do not hesitate to call or email me.

*Judy Bowyer*

[rjbowyer@frontier.com](mailto:rjbowyer@frontier.com)

304-856-3320

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## Children of the American Revolution Committee

# Ready, Set, READ!

Thank you for everyone who has participated in the State WVC.A.R. Project,  
“Ready, Set, Read!”

What an impact a donation of a book to a child can have on their future!

If you have photos of your Chapter making the book donations to your local libraries, shelters, doctors’ offices or hospitals, please send those to our State Society President Taylor Fritz at [hblnscar@aol.com](mailto:hblnscar@aol.com)

# National and State Committees

## The Chapter Development & Revitalization Committee

The WVDAR Chapter Development and Revitalization Commission hosted a workshop on Saturday, March 4, at Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants' Genealogy Library in Horner, West Virginia, for Chapter Registrars and other members interested in genealogy.

Ruth Mooney, WVDAR Chapter Development and Revitalization Commission Chairman, opened the workshop with an introduction of the HCPD Executive Director, Patty Lesondak, who explained the purpose of the library and future genealogy workshops. Chairman Mooney introduced the WVDAR State Regent, Malinda "Mindy" Davis and Chapter Development & Revitalization members who were present: Jane Larke, State Organizing Secretary; Brenda Chevront, State Registrar; Lee Eddy, Lineage Research Chairman; Margaret Ways, Volunteer Genealogist Chairman; and Randi Gray, Junior Membership Co-Chairman. She also recognized Weston's Trans-Allegheny Chapter members who were in attendance.

State Registrar, Brenda Chevront, presented an overview of the DAR application process to the representatives of 21 of 37 WVDAR Chapters. Discussion of resources applicants may use as documentation for proving lineage to a Revolutionary War Patriot followed with a question and answer session. Many experienced Chapter Registrars added their suggestions and expertise of the application process.

State Organizing Secretary, Jane Larke, reviewed ways to avoid a pre-letter or an Additional Information Requested (AIR) letter from the DAR genealogists. She discussed correct signatures, costs, paper, correct data and format, check writing procedures, and other pertinent information relating to the application process. To conclude the presentation, Mrs. Larke asked true/false questions based on a collection of DAR Horizons videos about genealogy the participants had previously been instructed to view before attending the workshop. Blye Grove, Ohio Valley Chapter, gave grace before the HCPD volunteers served lunch.

Following the luncheon, State Registrar, Brenda Chevront, presented a power point program on the use of the new Build-An-Application on the DAR website. The use of the Build-An-App saves many hours in the preparation of the four-page application. If the prospective member is tying into an established member's completed application, the Registrar may assist the applicant by securing the member's number and after locating their data on the DAR website, they may download the Build-An-App and begin to complete the prospective member's application using some or all of the established member's information. The first page of the four page application consists of the prospective member's personal identification information, the Chapter Registrar's information, and locations for signatures. Page two contains the names, locations, dates, marriages, etc., of each generation from the prospective member to the Revolutionary War Patriot. Page three is the documentation page where all names, dates, locations, marriages, etc. stated on page two are supported with copies of actual birth, death, and marriage records, or other documents accepted by DAR. Page four is the Revolutionary War Patriot page which cites the Patriot's name, his or her residence during the Revolutionary War, service, and documentation proving his or her service and residence. Also, his or her spouse is listed and children, though this information is not required.

The Chapters represented were: **Anne Bailey**- Patsy Adkins, Patty Montgomery; Anne Royall- Patricia Casper, Sandra Harper, Lora Ingram; **Blackwater**- Wanda Booth, Sue Silk; **Blennerhassett**- Randi Gray; **Buford**- Linda McMahon; **Captain James Allen**- Jewell Field, Samantha Shleser; **Col. Zackquill Morgan**- Becky Davis; **Daniel Davisson**- Charlotte Orrahood; **Elizabeth Ludington Hagans**-**Col. John Evans**- Anna Chandler, Susan Arnold; **Elizabeth Zane**- Georgette Ward; **Elk River**- Elizabeth Stewart, Meg Ashby, Mary Stewart, Ruth Mooney; **Gen. Andrew Lewis**- Karen McClung, Sandy Cowan; **James Barbour**- Diana Davide; **John Hart**- Cheryl Kane, Barbara Tedford; **John Young**- Wanda Dettinger, Brenda Durham; **Ohio Valley**- Mary Lamp, Tina Seese, Susie Rogers, Blye Grove, Lee Eddy, Mindy Davis; **Old Hickory**- Brenda Chevront, Geneal Bailey, Sandy Isner-Johnson, Carolyn Flinn; **Shenandoah Valley**- Sally Ann Greenfield, Margie Ways; **Trans-Allegheny**- Theresa Blake, Christina Rumbach, Pat Goodwin, Kelly Goodwin; and **Woodburn** - Joan Gibson, Jane Larke, and Carol Mills.



CDR Committee members: (left to right): Randi Gray, Jane Larke, Ruth Mooney, Margie Ways, Brenda Chevront and Lee Eddy

# Chapter Celebrations

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## A 10-Chapter Gift

The Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center in Clarksburg received a gift of bundled greeting cards for each patient from 10 West Virginia DAR chapters this past Holiday Season!

VAVS Representative and Deputy Marilyn “Susie” Rogers thought this project might make it easy for chapters to donate something the patients could use during the Christmas holiday. The greeting cards were three to a bundle, no writing inside, stamped and ready to be sent to the patient’s loved ones. The bundle was also tied with a ribbon, placed in a plastic baggie and each had a message from one of the chapters that contributed to the project.

The ten DAR chapters that volunteered to donate to this project included: **Colonel William Lowther, Colonel Zackquill Morgan, Daniel Davisson, Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans, Elizabeth Zane, Elk River, Ohio Valley, Pack Horse Ford, Trans-Allegheny** and **Woodburn**. We exceeded our goal of 100 bundles, with some going to the WV Veterans Nursing Home. Special thanks to **Elk River Chapter** for purchasing and assembling the bundles. The bundles were personally distributed to the patients by Ruth Mooney and Susie Rogers on December 12, 2016. Patients, their families and the staff gave very positive feedback. Thanks to all the contributing chapters!



Pictured at left with the bundles of cards are left to right: Craig Pruett (Volunteer Service), Deputy Susie Rogers, Representative Ruth Mooney and Cynthia Panasiewicz (Chief, Voluntary Service and Recreation Therapy).

Pictured with Ruth Mooney and Susie Rogers is VA patient, Vincent Bombodiere.



# Chapter Celebrations

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## Anne Bailey Chapter 60th Anniversary

The Anne Bailey Chapter celebrated its 60th anniversary at the February meeting.



Pictured left to right: Carolyn Holstein, Chapter Regent; Kay Craig, Past Chapter Regent; Mary Jean White, Organizing Charter Member; Geraldine Jackson, Past Chapter Regent; and Joetta McCallister, Past Chapter Regent

Member Mary Johnson gave a short history of the chapter, which was organized on February 23, 1957, at the home of Organizing Regent Nina Somerville Hall and received its charter on April 13. Three past chapter regents and one of the chapter's two surviving organizing members provided additional information.

Very few active members of Anne Bailey Chapter have been in the DAR for more than 20 years, and so much of what Johnson shared was new information to those in attendance. She even surprised longtime members when she reported her discovery in the chapter records of a very short-term regent in the 1980s that none of them remembered. When she discussed the Founders Day event, which took place every February for the chapter's first 40 years, organizing member Jean White and her daughter Pamela Todd noted that members of the local chapter of Children of the American Revolution, which Anne Bailey Chapter had organized, were servers at Founders Day in the early years. A boy would be dressed as George Washington and a girl as Martha Washington!

The former regents and members also reminisced about more recent events, including the years when the chapter held joint meetings with the Charleston and William Morris chapters, both sadly now gone. Johnson's presentation included a small display with photos of many of the former regents and the chapter's first scrapbook, which Nina Hall had passed on to her mother Mary Alice Johnson (regent, 1993-1995) many years ago. The real highlight of the day, however, was the presence of a few members who had been unable to attend regularly in some time.

# Chapter News

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## Blennerhassett Chapter



Memorial Day Service and  
Grave Marking Ceremony of  
Revolutionary War Patriot  
Private Richard Mayhew (1774-1841)

*Pictured from left to right are Mindy Davis, State Regent; Charlotte Gray; Sarah Little; Susan McCauley; Dottie Cornell; Nancy Daugherty; Cheyenne Hunt; Mary Ellen Hunt; Margaret Hattman; Emma Hunt and Karlyn Lowers. Pictured from left to right in front are Cynthia Buskirk; Dina Braniff; Carol Sams; and Randi Gray, Regent.*

What originally began as **Karlie Lower's** sheer determination for a new American Flag for the Tracewell Cemetery flag pole led to a magnificent Memorial Day event!

Karlie and Blennerhassett Chapter set plans in motion for the Flag Dedication and Karlie was approached by the Capt. James Neal Chapter WVSAR in regards of their plans for a Revolutionary War Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony for Private Richard Mayhew. Richard Mayhew was Blennerhassett Chapter deceased members, Jean Sams and Sylvia Bargeloh's Revolutionary War Ancestor. The two groups joined forces and it was indeed a successful endeavor.

The James Neal SAR Chapter has an impressive Color Guard and their presence at any event adds dramatically to the Presentation of the Colors. The Color Guard also performed a Musket Salute. The SAR also presented the SAR WAR Service Medal to LTC Jason Nulton, retired from the Air Force for distinguished service.

Karlie arranged for Carlin's Battery "D" to perform a Cannon Salute which added significantly to the event. It was History Alive in the Tracewell Cemetery! Special thanks to Capt. James Neal Color Guard; Capt. James Neal Chapter Grave Memorial Committee; Carlin's Battery "D;" John Ferguson; Kirby Monument Company; Trustees, Tracewell Cemetery and the Wood County Rural Cemetery Alliance. Members from the James Wood Chapter in attendance were Regent, Carolyn Kesterson; Elaine Cook; Barbara Fish and Marge Cunningham and their participation and support is always appreciated.

# Chapter News

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## William Henshaw Chapter

“Native Plants Thru the Seasons,” was the title of an exceptional program given by Virginia Winston for the February 4, 2017, meeting of the William Henshaw Chapter NSDAR of Martinsburg, Nancy Myers, Regent.

Conservation Chair Laura Shifflett introduced Virginia Winston, a Master Gardener, a graduate of the Master Naturalist Program, and a founding member of the Eastern Panhandle Native Plant Society.

Using watercolors and pastels, Winston is also painting wild places and historic farms to promote appreciation of the natural landscapes and to stress the importance of their preservation.

Members jotted down “favorites” as their speaker took them on an ecological journey featuring the region’s native plants. Winston used slides to illustrate trees, shrubs, flowers and vines that occur naturally in our region and that should be used in our gardens to create a healthier place to live while also brightening our landscapes year-round. Month by month, January through December, the color slides were illustrative of the particular beauty of particular plants during particular months, shown as Winston spoke to the particular purposes of each of the plants in the ecological chain upon which life depends. She also touched upon the lower-maintenance qualities of native plants.

Meeting hostesses Pamela Brush and Joyce Michels used myriad shades of green and a living plant on the refreshment table filled with sandwiches, scones and hot cider.

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## Elk River Chapter



Elk River Chapter members Lillie Robinson and Carolyn Patrick presented a flag program to kindergarten classes of thirty-three children at Davis Elementary School in Gassaway on November 9.

The children were excited about the program and loved having their very own flags, a certificate, and book about the flag. Teachers Paula Frame and Jeanne Harris had already been talking about the Flag of the United States of America with the children and had led the children in drawing and learning about the United States flag. The students recite the Pledge of Allegiance every day.

The eager little faces were a joy to be around and the Daughters of the American Revolution were honored to take part in this program.



# Chapter News

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## Pack Horse Ford Chapter

Pack Horse Ford Chapter held its annual Christmas tea in the home of Richard and Kathy Klein's home in Shepherdstown on Saturday, January 21, 2017. About 25 members and guests enjoyed dainty sandwiches, homemade cookies, punch, and warm hospitality.



As part of the holidays, on December 5, eleven chapter members met to stuff 90 handmade Christmas stockings with small gifts for Veterans. The gifts included pocket dictionaries, 2017 calendars, note pads and pens, playing cards, puzzle books, white socks, candy, and comfort items. Female program participants also received hair bands, pedicure sets and hair brushes.

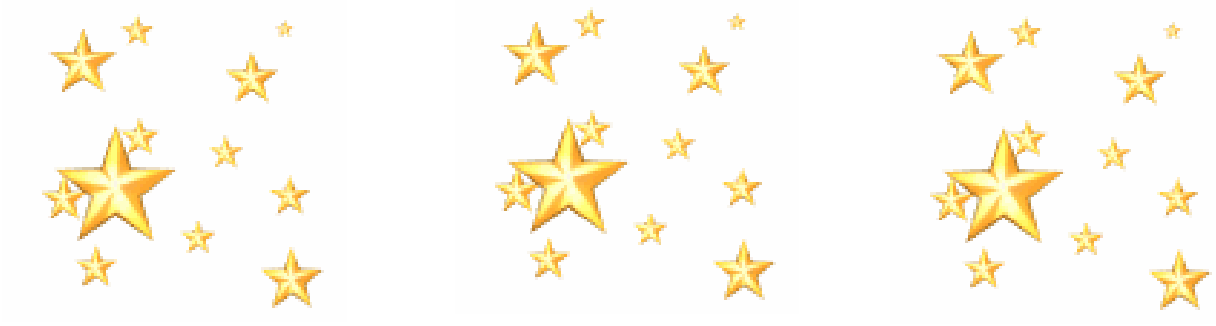
Tucked into each of the stockings was a colorful handmade Christmas card made by students in four classes at Valley View Elementary School in Martinsburg – a project initiated by Chapter member Laura Huffman. Students drew pictures, pasted cut-outs, and wrote heart-warming messages.

For another holiday project, Chapter member Marilee Cunningham sent Christmas card bundles and monetary contributions to the Elk River DAR Chapter for Veterans in the Clarksburg area.

In December, the Chapter was honored to award two Shepherd University scholarships in memory of one of our most honored members, Ruth Power Thacher. The two students selected by Shepherd University Foundation were Hannah French and Jacob Younker. Hannah is a graduate of Jefferson High School and is a junior Elementary Education major with an endorsement in Mathematics Education for grades 5-9. Jacob graduated from Hedgesville High School and is a Historic Preservation major. He plans to graduate from Shepherd in the spring of 2018.



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**April 21, 2017**

**Deadline for Awards—All State Chairmen—If you are presenting awards from your Committee, all award listings must be sent to Charla Nutter at [charla.nutter@lmco.com](mailto:charla.nutter@lmco.com) or mailed to 5102 Big Battle Run Salem, WV 26426 **1st, 2nd, 3rd, Honorable Mention, Special Mention, etc.****

**Important Reminder: Regents—Please send copies of your Chapter By-laws to our State Parliamentarian, Cora Teel. Her address is **Cora Teel, 1551 Walker Court, Huntington, WV 25701****

Look for the 2017 Annual District Meeting information to be emailed to the Member Email List soon! All 5 Districts are finalizing their fun, informative meetings! You don't want to miss this opportunity to learn more about the National and State Society and upcoming activities!

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