



West Virginia DAR News

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

Vol. 42 No. 8



Message from the State Regent

Dear West Virginia Daughters,

I would like to begin by saying a BIG THANK YOU for all of your work with your local veterans. Many of you work with your local veterans groups and hospitals in remembering those who have proudly served our country. As we just celebrated the 100th Anniversary of the end of World War I several of you participated in your hometown's Veterans Day Celebration and promoted your Patriotism to your communities.

Please make sure that you see the information with regards to the Sustaining Supporter Contest that will conclude at the next Continental Congress. What a wonderful opportunity for us to give to our National Society. The good thing is that you are able to select the cause for which you would like to support.

Please continue to collect the names of those Gold Star Mothers for our Book of Remembrance. You will need to keep in mind that the deadline for names to be placed in the Book for State Conference is December 31, 2018. I hope that your chapter will proudly sponsor those Gold Star Mothers in your area.

Remember that April 5-7, 2019 is our State Conference. The ladies of the Eastern District are busy planning for a wonderful conference and Mrs. Dillon's official visit to the state. The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn in Martinsburg. The next Continental Congress will be held June 26-30, 2019.

Just as a friendly reminder to report those service hours online for the Service to America Committee. If you have not started reporting your hours for the 2018 year please start now so that your chapter receives the credit earned for all of your hard work. Please keep in mind all of those deadlines that are fast approaching. Your chapter's work is what makes me proud to represent you at Continental Congress.

Wishing all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Shining in DAR,

Malinda (Mindy) Davis, State Regent

News from State Officers

Sustaining Supporter

DAR SUSTAINING SUPPORTER PROGRAM PILLARS OF PATRIOTISM

Your monthly gift provides DAR the necessary resources to continuously support and grow our mission of preserving history for today and tomorrow. Your monthly donation provides a reliable source of revenue to ensure that our nation's stories are told for generations to come.



YOU ARE ELIGIBLE to purchase the official Sustaining Supporter donation pin after the completion of your sign-up and first automatic donation.

Following the first year of consecutive monthly giving, you will receive the Sustaining Supporter one-year charm.

After that, you will be eligible for additional charms in recognition of uninterrupted monthly giving.



Ready to Become a
**SUSTAINING
SUPPORTER?**

Sign up now at:
[www.dar.org/
monthlygiving](http://www.dar.org/monthlygiving)

*Will YOUR Chapter be Recognized
at Congress for Sustainer sign-ups?*

Visit the Development Committee page on the Member Site for information, or sign up today at:
www.DAR.org/MonthlyGiving

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BENEFITS OF BECOMING A SUSTAINING SUPPORTER!

- When you become a Sustaining Supporter, you gain the satisfaction of knowing that you are making a difference for so many each and every day!
- Reaching the minimum donation requirements for recognition pins has never been more convenient.
- If you choose to support the General Fund through your monthly gifts, your Sustaining Supporter contributions could qualify you for recognition in the 1890 Annual Giving Circle.
- All monthly gifts count toward your Heritage Club total AND other recognition pin minimums (excludes President General's Project Benefactor).

OUR SUSTAINING SUPPORTERS ARE PILLARS OF PATRIOTISM!

You can become a Sustaining Supporter by contributing automatic monthly gifts via a credit card charge or electronic funds transfer. Just visit www.dar.org/monthlygiving to sign up online. It's easy, safe and secure.



*Will YOU Accept
the Sustainer Challenge?*

5,000 Sustainers by June 1, 2019:
THAT'S the Sustainer Challenge!

www.DAR.org/MonthlyGiving



SUSTAINING SUPPORTER CHALLENGE-5,000 Sustainers by Year 5!

State and Chapter Recognition – Continental Congress 2019

Sustaining Supporter generates a continuous, reliable source of revenue every year to support vital NSDAR projects
Help us continue this important program.

THE TOP 5 States and the top 5 Chapters as of COB May 31, 2019*, will each be recognized during Continental Congress in two achievement categories:

- Total Sustaining Supporter donations processed in the Month of June, 2019
 - Highest % of member participation
1. **President General Recognition on the platform** - The Regents from each of the top 5 States and Chapters will be recognized on the platform by the President General. All sustainer members of those states and chapters will be asked to stand in their places while their regent is being recognized.
 2. **All chapters achieving at least 5% member participation** will be introduced and recognized from the platform. Sustaining Supporter members of those chapters will be seated in the hall in the PG Reserved section and will be asked to stand in their places while their chapter name is read.
 3. **The State with the largest % increase** in Sustainer sign-ups since July 1, 2018 will be introduced and recognized from the platform. Sustaining Supporter members in that State will be seated in the hall in the PG Reserved section and will be asked to stand in their places while their State is being recognized.
 4. **Daughters Newsletter Recognition:** The Top State and Top Chapter in the category of “% of Member Participation” will be featured in the May/June Daughters Newsletter for their achievement.
 - Members should sign up **by December 1, 2018**, to qualify for this recognition.
 - REMEMBER that Chapters receive TEN points for EACH Sustainer EACH year!
 - Members must sign up **by December 1, 2018**, to qualify for 2018 Chapter Achievement points.
 5. **Members can sign up** to be a Sustainer at www.DAR.org/MonthlyGiving and can call the Office of Development at **(800) 449-1776** with any questions. Sustaining Supporters may donate a minimum of \$5 per month to the fund(s) of their choice (8 funds maximum per month), including such featured funds as the President General’s Project, NSDAR General Fund and the Guardian Trust Endowment.
 6. **Flexibility to change at any time of the day or night!** Sustaining Supporters can make changes to their monthly giving profile, including payment methods, which funds they support and their donation amounts by accessing the Sustainer Portal at www.DAR.org/SustainerPortal
 7. It is recommended that States and Chapters **Set a Goal** for number of sustainers that they want to sign up and **Name a State Sustaining Supporter Champion** to promote the Challenge. States and Chapters will be updated on their progress regularly. Member Marketing Materials are available and can be requested through Tom Adams at **(800) 449-1776** or (202) 879-3247.

Sustaining Supporter is an easy and convenient monthly program for members to support any of the 26 NSDAR funds while working toward various donation recognition pins. (Note: except for the President General’s Project Benefactor which requires a one-time donation for pin eligibility.)

*Unless otherwise noted, all recognition included on this Fact Sheet is calculated as of COB May 31, 2019.



Welcome New Members

Anne Bailey Chapter

Dianna Jones Ryan
Lorra Messenger Tanner
Mischelle Denise Messenger

Old Hickory Chapter

Sharon Morrison Wigal

Buford Chapter

Beverly Gilpin Morris
Catherine Maria Campbell
Hannah Frances Kanfer

Pack Horse Ford Chapter

Judith Triplett Yost
Ruth Miller Knill

Elizabeth Zane Chapter

Pamela Carpenter Gillespie

Ye Towne of Bath Chapter

Ruth Windsor Reilly

Matthew French Chapter

Heather Meadows Bostic
Vonda Brown Johnston

◆ **The new members listed in this edition of *The WVDAR News* were accepted at the NBOM meetings in November and December 2018!**



The tradition of the Christmas Pickle has got to be one of the strangest modern Christmas customs, in that no one is quite sure why it exists at all! In the 1880s Woolworth stores started selling glass ornaments imported from [Germany](#) and some were in the shape of various fruit and vegetables. It seems that pickles must have been among the selection! Around the same time it was claimed that the Christmas Pickle was a very old German tradition and that the pickle was the last ornament hung on the Christmas tree and then the first child to find the pickle got an extra present.

However, the claim that it's an old German tradition seems to be a total myth! Not many people in Germany have even heard of the Christmas Pickle! Some families now have the tradition of hanging the pickle on the tree, with the first person/child to find it getting a present. But it probably didn't start in Germany!

There are two other rather far-fetched stories linking the pickle to Christmas. One features a soldier in the American Civil War who was born in Bavaria (an area of what is now Germany). He was a prisoner, and starving; he begged a guard for one last pickle before he died. The guard took pity on him and gave a pickle to him. The pickle gave him the mental and physical strength to live on!

The other story is linked to [St. Nicholas](#). It's a medieval tale of two Spanish boys traveling home from a boarding school for the holidays. When they stopped at an inn for the night, the evil innkeeper, killed the boys and put them in a pickle barrel. That evening, St. Nicholas stopped at the same inn, and found the boys in the barrel and miraculously bought them back to life! There is an old legend about St. Nicholas rescuing boys from a barrel but the barrel was originally holding meat for pies - not pickles! So it's most likely that an ornament salesman, with a lot of spare pickles to sell, invented the legend of the Christmas Pickle!

Book of Remembrance



In the past year, the Book of Remembrance has taken shape.

The page layout and cover design have been created, and a search for an appropriate bindery for a one-of-a-kind book has been conducted. The 10" x 12" book will have a hidden post binding, which will allow additional pages to be inserted in the future. Each Gold Star Mother and deceased child will have a separate page in the book to recognize their sacrifice. In mid-August, we ordered a blue leather binder with gold foil stamping so that it will be in hand when we are ready to send the inside pages to the printer.

Thank you to those who have submitted forms. To date, we have received forms from Daughters in a little more than one-half of the WVDAR chapters, as well as a few individuals not connected to any chapter. As we update this report for the newsletter (late August), Eastern District chapters account for just over one-half of the submissions. This does not include the fifty forms that have not yet made their way to us from State Treasurer Cheryl Brown because the audit of her books is in progress. (By the way, Cheryl has been checking information on the forms before she sends them on to us. We are also verifying information, but her work has been of enormous help to us.)

It is not too late for chapters and individuals to be part of this lasting tribute that will be available in the West Virginia State Archives for generations to come. The Book of Remembrance will be at State Conference, April 5-7, 2019. In order for your Gold Star Mother to be included at that time, you need to submit completed forms by the end of 2018. Approved names submitted after December 31 may not be placed in the book until additional pages are printed.

In completing the form, please provide all the information requested: full name of mother, including maiden name if possible; full name of child and his or her branch of service, rank, and birth and death dates. In addition, for the Civil War, indicate whether U.S. or Confederate. Although not required on the form, if the mother is deceased, you need to determine her date of death to verify that she died after her child. Feel free to include that information, as well burial location and other relevant facts that you may have uncovered in your research, on the form. We love information!

With each form that you submit, you need to send \$10. These funds pay for the Book of Remembrance. However, if members work together through their chapter, once a chapter sends in four (4) forms (paid by chapter check) at \$10 apiece, the price drops to only \$3 apiece for additional forms submitted by that chapter.

Patricia Daugherty and Mary Johnson, co-chairs

National and State Committees

Blanche L. Reymann Scholarship Committee

BLANCHE L. REYMANN SCHOLARSHIP PUZZLE

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M T S N O I T U B I R T N O C	ACADEMIC
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S R Q C G O A G C E U T B V L	SUPPORT
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W A S C H O L A R S H I P H K	THANKS

Thank you to all the WV Daughters for your continued support of this Scholarship! Over the past 3 years, our Daughters have changed the lives of some very deserving students as they enter their Senior year at a State College or University through donations to this important State Scholarship!

Please continue to donate to this WVDAR Scholarship!

Chapter News

Matthew French Chapter

The last 4 months were busy for our chapter. Matthew French Chapter welcomed two new members – **Vonda Brown Johnston** and **Heather Bostic** - and one associate member – **Patty Veneri**.

It was a great honor for the Chapter Regent to welcome her cousin, **Vonda Brown Johnston** to the Matthew French Chapter. Their dads were first cousins. Vonda's DAR Application prove our ancestor to Edward Hale. What fun we had this year, when we found her mother's brother's grave site up from my house.

Matthew French welcomed **Heather Meadows Bostic**, a niece of Barbara Wood, a DAR member. Her patriot is George Taylor of Virginia. The Chapter also welcomed **Pat Veneri** as an associate member. Pat joined Black's Fort DAR Chapter in Abingdon, Virginia, where her mother grew up. She is excited to be an associate member and to attend DAR meetings more often.



IN MEMORIAM

“The wheel of deepest blue has turned to brightest gold,
The distaff missing, for the hands are cold,
Life's task is o'er, the threads no longer run
The fabric furnished, the prize for duty won.”

Margaret Ann Scott

May 29, 1928 – October 30, 2018

Margaret Ann was a 45-year member of the Matthew French Chapter DAR, serving as Regent, Vice-Regent, treasurer and historian. She served as State Organizing Secretary and state conference chairman.. She was recognized as a NSDAR Woman in American History.

She received her B.S. in Education (cum laude) with teaching fields in Social Studies (with a concentration in history,) speech, and English from Concord College in 1949. While at Concord, she was active in dramatic productions and was selected for membership in Pi Gamma Mu, Alpha Psi Omega, Kappa Delta Pi, and Cardinal Key, all honor societies. In 1960, she received her M.A. in English with honors from Ohio University, Athens, Ohio. She completed her course work for her Ph.D. in English at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee.

Margaret Ann started teaching in the classroom at Tazewell High School, Tazewell, Virginia, for three years and then taught at Spanishburg High School, Spanishburg, West Virginia, for six years.

In the fall of 1961, Margaret Ann began her college teaching career at West Virginia University, Morgantown. She returned to Concord College (University) in the fall of 1962, as an Associate Professor of English, retiring in 1994, after 32 years of service. Her students and colleagues remember her for her love of literature, especially Children's Lit. Throughout her 42 years of teaching English, Margaret Ann inspired her students to succeed.

Margaret Ann was the co-founder and a charter member of the Mercer County Historical Society (MCHS), serving as president (12 years), vice-president, historian and librarian at the MCHS Museum, director of 10 historical exhibits in Mercer County, and a weekly docent at the Lena and John Wiley Museum. She wrote numerous articles for and edited the *Mercer County History Book - 1984*, *Mercer County History Book - 1987*, and *Mercer County History Book – 2002*. She wrote brief histories of the Mercer County Courthouse, Walking Tour of Old Princeton, The Princeton-Mercer County Chamber of Commerce Christmas ornaments, and historical notes for the Mercer County Historical Society's yearly calendar.

Her interests were varied – local and family history, bird watching, old houses and furniture, Scottish history, gardening, children's books and preservation of her heritage for her family, especially her nieces and nephews. Margaret Ann was a natural storyteller and loved to present programs on a myriad of topics for organizations, school children and her family.

Chapter News

Daniel Davison Chapter



Pictured above L to R: Brenda Olsen, Carolyn Bell, Laura Fullen, Donna Rose, Joe Rose, Carolyn Burnside, Tracy Zang, Charlotte Orrahood, and Lucy Hornor

Joe Rose, a Bronze Star Medal recipient and former Prisoner of War during the Vietnam War, spoke to the Daniel Davison Chapter on November 10th in honor of Veterans Day at the Clarksburg Harrison Public Library.

Mr. Rose, a downed helicopter pilot, was held in captivity for 1,853 days along with the other members of his crew. All but one crew member survived the war. Joe Rose is a true American patriot and a hero for freedom.



On Saturday, December 1st members of the Daniel Davison Chapter participated in the Bridgeport Christmas Parade in order to promote the DAR and to have seasonal fun as well.

Those participating were Carolyn Burnside, Kate Burnside, Charlotte Orrahood, and Laura Fullen.



Chapter News

William Henshaw Chapter



National Day of Service Project

The William Henshaw Chapter sponsored a Bingo Party for Veterans on October 12, 2018, at the VA Medical Center in Martinsburg. Sack Snacks and Wrapped Gifts were given to 51 veterans and canteen vouchers to the Bingo winners.

Activities included an appreciation ceremony, patriotic singing and recitations, and plenty of social time interacting with the veterans.

Members who participated were Nancy Myers, Jessica Hayes, Laura Shifflett, Joanne Krishack, Shelley Hamilton, Pamela Brush, Jackie Dayhuff, and Kenzie Hayes.



On November 1, 2018, William Henshaw Chapter members came before the Berkeley County Council in Martinsburg for a ceremony proclaiming November as National Indian Heritage Month in Berkeley County.

The joint proclamation by the Council Council and the William Henshaw Chapter urged all citizens to observe American Indian Heritage Month with appropriate cultural and educational programs, ceremonies, and activities in celebration of the customs, traditions, and service of the American Indians and other indigenous peoples. The chapter's observance of Heritage Month included a program on November 3, 2018, given by Joyce Michels on the history of the original inhabitants of the land that is now West Virginia. She previewed the historic tribes of the state and spoke of the present-day organizations or groups that represent native West Virginians. Following her talk, Michels engaged the members in a competition to identify the meanings of American Indian words that have been preserved in the names of West Virginia landmarks.

Council members: James Whitacre, Dan Dulyea, James Barnhart, and Elaine Mauck. DAR members: Pamela Brush, American Indians Committee chair; Nancy Myers, Regent, and Joyce Michels, co-Chair, American Indians Committee.

Chapter News

Shenandoah Valley Chapter

The Shenandoah Valley Chapter had a very busy Fall 2018.

The month began with decorating the display windows at the Martinsburg-Berkeley County Library for Bells Across America, 9-11 and Constitution Week. The chapter had Nine, yes Nine Proclamation signings!



Our September Chapter meeting was challenging with our program as “Constitution Jeopardy.” What fun we had! Barby Frankenberry and Margie Ways rang the Berkeley County courthouse bell at 4:00 p.m. on September 17, 2018, while other members held a sign and rang bells on the steps of the courthouse.

October Day of Caring was held at The Crossings an assisted living facility. Members helped residents make jewelry for themselves and love ones. The members met with resident veterans and presented them with a Star of Remembrance and listened to their stories of the service during past wars.



November was focused on our local Veterans. The Chapter laid a wreath at the Doughboy Monument in Martinsburg, WV on Veteran’s Day and enjoyed a lunch meeting where the members assembled Christmas Cards for Service Personnel around the world and in the United States to send to their families.

November was completed with the Take a Veteran to School Program.



State Conference News



Hotel Reservations for State Conference, April 5-7, 2019 can now be made!

Contact the Holiday Inn at Martinsburg directly at 304-267-5500.

Use reservation code: **DAR**

Single/Double Rooms: \$104/night

1 Bedroom Suite with sleeper sofa: \$124/night

DEADLINE: March 14 to receive the DAR room rate



Watch for a separate email concerning the Meal Reservations for State Conference!



Check your deadlines!

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| December 30 | State Historian's Monument Project—
Contact April Gardner, State Historian |
| December 28 | Names of Pages to Serve at Continental Congress
If interested in Paging, send your info to our State Regent! |
| December 31 | Gold Star Mothers' Book of Remembrance names |
| February 1 | Chapter Master Report Due |
| March 1 | Names of Pages to Serve at State Conference
Send your information to our State Regent! |
| March 14 | Hotel Reservation—Martinsburg Holiday Inn
Last Day to Reserve Rooms for State Conference
at the DAR rate! |
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