



West Virginia DAR News

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

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Message from the State Regent

Dear West Virginia Daughters,

Let me begin by wishing all of you a Happy Constitution Week!! I know that many of you have special celebrations planned for the week and for the beginning of the DAR Year. Please make sure that you share them with us on our Facebook page. I am also looking forward to seeing all of your activities for this year's Veteran's Day.

Special Thanks to the ladies of the Central District for an awesome job on this year's State Conference at Canaan Valley. Even though we started with a snow storm the weather could not keep us down and many chapters and individuals were honored for the hard work that they do for WVDAR. Special congratulation to the graduates of the New Members and the New Horizon Courses, as these ladies were recognized at state conference. West Virginia was once again honored to have a National Winner. This year Ian McKnight was the recipient of DAR Good Citizen Award. Ian was sponsored by the James Wood Chapter, Carolyn Kesterson, Regent.

As this third year of the administration begins, I would like to express my sincere thanks to the five District Directors (Kelly Goodwin, Judy Bowyer, Carolyn Kesterson, Karen Bonifacio and Mary Johnson) for a job well done. Special thank you to those chapters who hosted the meetings and made us all feel welcome. Your hard work is appreciated. All of the meetings were fun and informative. I was also proud to show off the work of the ladies who put the Gold Star Mothers Quilt together. Chapter Regents, please remember to share the paperwork you received with your chapters.

Just a friendly reminder that you need to record those community service hours and help West Virginia meet our goal and in doing so meet the National Goal of 19 Million hours.

Please remember to mark your calendars for April 5-7, 2018. This will be the dates for State Conference hosted by the Eastern District in Martinsburg at the Holiday Inn. The next Continental Congress will be held June 26 – June 30, 2019.

Again, thank you for making the summer successful. I am looking forward to visiting with many of you over the fall, winter and spring. Stay safe in your travels.

Shining in DAR,

Malinda (Mindy) Davis, State Regent

News from State Officers

State Treasurer

TIPS FOR TREASURERS



- Submit your chapter's State and State Conference dues and National and State contributions with the WVDAR 2018-2019 Chapter Treasurer's Report to the State Treasurer by November 1st. A copy of your chapter's audited or reviewed 2017 financial statement and 2017 IRS filing must accompany the report.
- As many of you know, the WVDAR is purchasing a tree to be planted on the DAR Pathway for Patriots in memory of Revolutionary War Patriot Elizabeth Zane. The easiest way for your chapter to contribute to this project is for you to write "WVDAR Tree" on the line next to Other: under Contributions to State Society Funds on page 2 of the WVDAR 2018-2019 Chapter Treasurer's Report and include the amount contributed as part of your chapter's annual submission.
- For those chapters whose fiscal year ended on June 30th, be sure to file a 990-N for 2017 with the IRS before November 15th.
- The Dues Invoicer - 2018-2019 is available in the Updates section of eMembership. Instructions, a chapter dues worksheet, the final invoice and miscellaneous forms are available there for your use. Submit your chapter's National dues to the Office of the Organizing Secretary General by December 1st via mail or direct pay.
- The President General's Project amount per member is \$2.50 per year or \$7.50 for 3 years. Check your chapter's payment progress at the President General's Project 100% Status report on eMembership. This is the last year of the Dillon Administration, so let's all try to reach 100%!

State Nominating Committee News

Clarification: Deadline for State Officer Applications are due by DECEMBER 1, 2018!

This is a change from the previously announced November 1 deadline!

News from State Officers

State Historian



A Note from your State Historian!

Where has this year gone? So much to do and so little time to do it!

I have been asking for each chapter to send me the location and history of all the monuments and markers that they have ever placed. So many chapters have lost their history and this is one way to restore some of that. You have only until December 1, 2018 to get the information to me. Each chapter should be active in preserving your chapter's records. Marshall University has been very supportive and will store our records for posterity. I am providing a link for information on more recommendations to preserve your history: <https://www.dar.org/sites/default/files/members/execs/hist/pdf/Digitization.pdf>

Thanksgiving is the deadline to get applications to me for the Outstanding Teacher of American History. Along with the original copy, I will need three (3) copies. My new address is:
1364 Old Eccles Road
Beckley, WV 25801

This November 11, 2018 is the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I. Please remember this important date this year by honoring the veterans of this "war to end all wars."

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. My email is DAR.AprilGardner@yahoo.com and my number is 304-993-7777.

State Nominating Committee

We encourage you to consider applying to become a State Officer for the next Administration! It is an amazing way to give back to WVDAR!

Mail your application to each member of the Committee:

Kelly Goodwin, Central District, 5104 Old Mill Road Jane Lew, WV 26378
Sally A. Greenfield, Eastern District, 108 Jerry Court Martinsburg, WV 25401
Charla Nutter, Northern District, 5102 Big Battle Run Salem, WV 26426
Linda Whitman, Southern District, 123 Travelers Lane Beckley, WV 25801
Shirley Gilkeson, Western District, 1921 Oakridge Dr. Charleston, WV 25311

Welcome New Members



Anne Bailey Chapter
Marjorie Holbrook
Patricia Holbrook
Allison Kessinger
Phyllis Holmes
Lora Kessinger
Evelyn Ray
Stephanie Shahbandy
Mary Wagner

Anne Royall Chapter
Vickie Leggett

Bee Line Chapter
Rosalind Welsh
Barbara Chapman
Joan Madison
Loretta Shade
Lydia Dunn

Blennerhassett Chapter
Roberta Gellner
Tammy Taylor
Linda Sams
Ruth Myers

Buford Chapter
Jeanne Kanfer

Captain James Allen Chapter
Rosemary Harmon

Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter
Diana Cromley

Colonel Zackquill Morgan Chapter
Nancy Ware

Daniel Davisson Chapter
Brenda Olsen

Elizabeth Zane Chapter
April Wallace

General Andrew Lewis Chapter
Rebecca Smith

James Wood Chapter
Lita Wince

John Hart Chapter
Crystal Conrad

Kanawha Valley Chapter
Anita Talbert

Old Hickory Chapter
Rebecca Deem
Mary JoAnn Jones
Minerva Elizabeth Briggs

Pack Horse Ford Chapter
Sonja Lynne James

Shenandoah Valley Chapter
Arlene Blackall

South Branch Valley Chapter
Carolyn Hutchins
Mary Rowe

Trans-Allegheny Chapter
Susan Coyle
Hannah Dunn

Woodburn Chapter
Sharon McGill

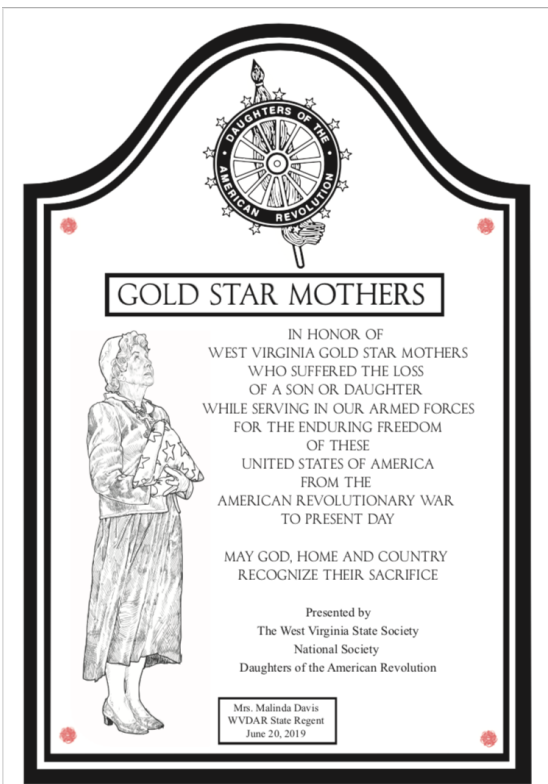
♦ **The new members listed in this edition of *The WVDAR News* were accepted at the NBOM meetings in April, May, June, July, August and September 2018!**

New Horizons Course

Have you encouraged your new members to enroll in this National Program to learn more about DAR?

Contact State Membership Chairman, Chris Painter, for more information and assistance!

chrispainter1966@gmail.com



State Regent's WV Gold Star Mother's Memorial Plaques and Book of Remembrance

The State Regent's Project Committee Chairman, Samantha Shleser, and Committee Members reported at the 2018 Summer District Meetings that the placement of WV Gold Star Mother's Memorial Plaques and Book of Remembrance are coming to fruition in a very timely and exciting manner!

State Regent, Mindy Davis, will be placing two bronze plaques, at two locations, honoring West Virginia Gold Star Mothers. One of the beautiful plaques will be placed in the City of Point Pleasant on West Virginia Day, June 20, 2019. As reported by Point Pleasant Placement Chairman, April Gardner, The City of Point Pleasant is very excited to include the WV Gold Star Mother's Plaque on the front lawn of the Mason County Library. This location will provide a landscaped, protected, highly visible and traveled area for the plaque.

The plaque shall read: **'In Honor of West Virginia Gold Star Mothers who suffered the loss of a son or daughter while serving in our armed forces for the enduring freedom of these United States of America from the American Revolutionary War to present day. May God, Home and Country recognize their sacrifice'**. Our very own WV Daughter Pat Daughtery is the model for the 'Gold Star Mother' on the plaque.

Morgantown Area Project Placement Chairman, Brenda Shinkovich has been working tirelessly to obtain a location for the second plaque. More information will follow.

Fund Raising for this honorable project is ongoing. This committee is encouraging every West Virginia Daughter to donate a monetary gift of \$1.66 a month or a one-time donation of \$20.00 for this last year.

Fund Raising Committee Member, Jewell Harvey Field would like to thank those West Virginia Daughters that have made a sizable donation of \$1,000, \$500, and/or \$250 toward this project. A beautiful Gold Starburst Pin (\$1,000), Silver Starburst Pin (\$500) and Bronze Starburst Pin (\$250) was awarded to those daughters at the 2018 State Conference and pinned by State Regent Davis.

These gorgeous pins are still available now and through State Conference 2019 for a monetary gift of \$1,000, \$500 or \$250 by contacting Jewell Harvey Field at DAR.jewellfield@gmail.com

Lastly, but certainly not least, the Book of Remembrance Committee Members/Co-Chairmen Pat Daughtery and Mary Johnson delighted Summer District Attendees with a 'work up' of page layout and cover design for the 10' x 12' Book of Remembrance. This book shall hold the names of Gold Star Mothers and their deceased child and/or children to recognize their sacrifice. The book shall be leather bound with gold foil stamping.

The goal of the committee members is to have the Book of Remembrance at the 2019 State Conference. It is not too late for chapters and individuals to be part of this lasting tribute that will be available to generations to come.

On a chapter level, for the first four (4) submissions, the price is \$10.00 each. After the chapter has submitted four, every additional submission will be only \$3.00 each. These must be paid by a chapter check. Please get your submissions to these Co-Chairmen as soon as possible. **The cutoff date for approved names for the first printing is December 31st.**

Jewell Harvey Field,
Gold Star Mothers Committee Member

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

Junior Membership Committee



Celebrate Your Juniors!

Did you know there is a way to honor the Outstanding Juniors in your Chapter? Dedicate a meeting to share the accomplishments of your Junior Members! Thank them!

Then nominate one for our State Outstanding Junior Contest! Our State Winner would be honored at our State Conference in April and then she would then represent WV Daughters in the National Outstanding Junior Contest in DC in June 2019!

Contact Randi Grey, State Co-Chairman of Junior Membership

randij@suddenlink.net

304.483.4162



**Who are your
Chapter's Shining
Stars of Service?**

**Take a chance to
honor them this
Chapter year!**

National and State Committees

American Heritage Committee

Below is information pertaining to the “*American Heritage*” Committee.

As you will see the theme for 2018-2019 is: “*Honoring Our Patriots While Preserving Our Family Stories.*”

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

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

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

Arts & Sculpture - mail entries to: Darla Duvall Desautels, National Vice Chair, 2517 Cove Creek Court, Highlands Ranch, CO 0129-6463

Crafts to: Patrice Birner, National Vice Chair, 2760 Johnson Creek Road, Middleport, NY 14105-9783

Music to: Suellen M. Palya, National Vice Chair, 4202 East Broadway Road #179, Mesa, AZ 85206

Literature and Drama to: Gretchen Magee, National Vice Chair, 38 Rannoch Drive, Bella Vista, AR 72715

Fiber Arts to: Joan McClelland, WV State Chair, 1933 Decatur Ave., Wheeling, WV 26003 by **January 31, 2019**

General Contest Information - All entries must be completed by a member of the NSDAR, while a member of the NSDAR. No one can submit another person's work or sign a contest entry form on behalf of another Daughter. Posthumous entries are not eligible, even if the deceased member was a part of the group. **Entries must be postmarked between January 2 & February 15, 2019 with the exception of Fiber Arts.**

A contest entry form must be submitted with each entry. Remember to send a copy of your entry form to your state chairman – Joan McClelland, 1933 Decatur Ave., Wheeling, WV 26003. If you want to be considered for a State Award, please submit a picture of your entry to me.

Group entries must be the original work created by current members of the DAR. A group is constituted as 2 or more living, current members from a chapter, one's state, or a family who created the entry while active members of the DAR. The entry must incorporate the theme for the 2018 - 2019 contest: “**Honoring Our Patriots While Preserving Our Family Stories.**” Every member of the group is to be involved in the creative design work, overall planning, and actual assembly of the entry. On a separate sheet of paper list each member of the group, have each sign their name after their printed name, note their national number and contact information. Also, have each group member state how she creatively contributed to the entry. Donating material or purchasing paint does not qualify as “creative contribution.”

Further information can be found on the Members Only DAR website under *American Heritage Committee, the NIP Packet* or please contact me at JMcclel471@aol.com and I will answer your questions.

I am looking forward to all the wonderful entries we will receive in our American Heritage Contests.

Joan McClelland

National and State Committees

Blanche L. Reymann Scholarship Committee

UNIVERSITY OF CHARLESTON STUDENT RECIPIENT OF THE BLANCHE L. REYMANN STATE SCHOLARSHIP



On July 27, 2018, Hali Sebastian, a Radiologic Science student at the University of Charleston, was presented with the 2018-19 Blanche L. Reymann State Scholarship at the Southern District Meeting held at the Elks Country Club in Lewisburg. She plans to use the \$1000 award toward her senior year tuition.

Ms. Sebastian is the daughter of Barbara Powell and Michael Sebastian. She is a member of the Radiologic Science Club, the Science Honor Society, Ki Beta Phi and is on the Provost List (GPA of 4.0 or higher for a full-time schedule of courses consisting of 12 or more credits). She hopes to work in a cardiovascular lab performing angioplasty, cardiac catheterization, and electrophysiology.

One of the most notable achievements of this year's recipient is that she maintains a 4.0 GPA while working three jobs. She works for Frontier Communications in technical support, is a peer tutor and is a work-study student at the University. Hali is a great example of the dedication shown by the recipients of the State Scholarship.

The West Virginia State Society, NSDAR awards the scholarship annually to a female student who is entering her senior year in one of the West Virginia private colleges and universities. She must also be in her upper one-third of her class academically. The Reymann Scholarship rotates among the West Virginia Independent Colleges and Universities. The 2019-2020 Blanche L. Reymann State Scholarship will be awarded to a student from the Ohio Valley University in Vienna, West Virginia.

Pictured above—L to R—Lisa McNeil, State Chairman of the Blanche L. Reymann Scholarship; Hali Sebastian, Recipient; and Melinda "Mindy" Davis, State Regent, WVDAR

National and State Committees

Chapter Development & Revitalization Committee



The WV Chapter Development & Revitalization Commission conducted a special activity this summer at four of the five District Meetings. At least one Chapter is the Southern, Northern, Central and Western Districts were chosen to participate in this project.

After looking at the Prospective Member Database and the membership trends, the Chapter Regent of the selected Chapter was contacted to help determine who on the Prospective Members list might benefit from a special treat. The CD&R gave 8 scholarships to cover the expense of the luncheon at four District Meetings.

A District meeting gives the prospective members, as well as all members, a broader view of DAR outside the Chapter level. Each guest was introduced by CD&R Chairman Ruth Mooney and made to feel welcome by the group. It was a fun and educational experience for Mindy's "future stars". Funding was provided by the generous DAR members across the state. It is the hope of the Commission members that we will see these prospective members next summer as full-fledged DAR members, strengthening their Chapters.



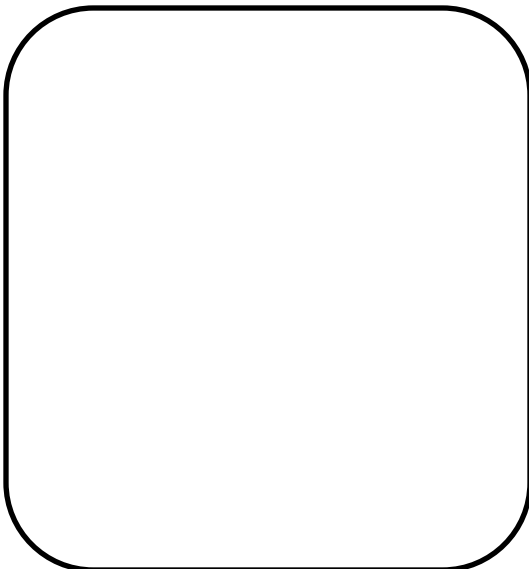
Western District—L-R—May Adkins, Mindy Davis, State Regent and Margaret Simental—Mary and Margaret are Prospective Members of the Barboursville Chapter



Northern—Members of the Colonel William Lowther Chapter pose with their prospective member Laura Earnest Cochran (in navy). Pictured in front—Fern Nutter and Laura Cochran and at top Cheryl Higgins and Charla Nutter



Central District—L to R—Lyda Reese, Ava Carpenter (Col. Morgan Morgan PMs), Mindy Davis, State Regent and Kim Fetter (James Barbour PM)



Southern District—Stephanie Browning, John Cooke Chapter Treasurer pictured with Rebekah Toler and Lynda Christian with State Regent Mindy Davis

Chapter News

Woodburn Chapter

Woodburn Chapter has had a wild ride this year. We were the host chapter for the “Honoring Our Stars of Education” luncheon at the WV State Conference in Canaan Valley. Books tied with colorful fabric strips, apples designed by new member, Karen Kurilko, and apple favors decorated tables for the event.



In May we continued our participation in Gene Vance, Jr. Day. It honors Vance, killed in Afghanistan in 2002, as a member of the West Virginia National Guard 2nd Battalion of the 19th Special Forces Unit. Regent Joan Gibson pinned one of the WV DAR Gold Star pins on Gene’s mother, whose name has been put in the Book of Remembrance.

It was Woodburn Chapter’s turn to host the Flag Day Luncheon for the 3 area Chapters.

We gathered at The Pines Country Club on June 9, for the event with Col. Zackquill Morgan and Hagans-Evans members. Edie Harper created our centerpieces. County Commission President Tom Bloom described the “The Making of the Monongalia County Flag.”



We then shifted gears to host the Central District Meeting, in the Historic Arthurdale Center Hall in Preston County. It was the perfect setting for table arrangements of roadside wild flowers in canning jars set on quilt blocks. Our crowd of 62 included, State Regent Mindy Davis and Honorary State Regent Charla Nutter. State Patriot Records Project Chairman and Woodburn Registrar Cindie Harper, was recognized for her outstanding work transcribing more than 20,000 records. The Chapter was honored when State Organizing Secretary and Chapter Treasurer, Jane Larke, was elected Central District Director.

Now on to fall with Quilt Documentation, Veteran’s Day and Pearl Harbor Day.....



Chapter News

Anne Bailey Chapter



Members of Anne Bailey Chapter participated in the 59th Annual Armed Forces Day Parade in South Charleston on May 19, 2018.

It was a wonderful day, sunny but not too hot, with a breeze that occasionally whipped the Vietnam War Commemoration banner across the face of its carrier.

This year, Col. (Ret.) Robert T. Deitz and his son Capt. Robert Alan Deitz were the parade marshals. Chapter members have marched in the Armed Forces Day Parade for several years.

Picture, L-R: Mary Johnson, Joyce Echols, Carolyn Holstein, Marsha Cobb, and Robin Kiriluk. Another member, Diana Schwab, did not locate the rest of the Chapter and marched with another group

Daniel Davisson, Elk River and Ohio Valley Chapters



On June 1, members from the Daniel Davisson, Elk River, and Ohio Valley Chapters participated in the Naturalization Ceremony for new United States citizens at the Federal District Court for the Northern District of West Virginia in Clarksburg. Chief Federal Judge Irene Keeley and Chief Federal Magistrate Michael John Aloï presided.

These new US citizens immigrated from Spain, El Salvador, India, Iraq, Colombia, Canada, Phillipines, South Korea, Cameroon, Germany, and Peru. Daughters presented each of them with a gift bag of useful patriotic items.

DAR members attending are front row L to R: Marilyn Rogers, Laura Fullen, Bonita Bell, Carolyn Burnside, and Tracy Zang; back row L to R: Amy Starcher, Ruth Mooney, Alexa Kolodziej, Kate Burnside, Dabney Phillips, and Meg Ashby. Charlotte Orrahood also attended but is not pictured.

Chapter News

Daniel Davisson Chapter



In June, representatives of the Daniel Davisson Chapter in Clarksburg donated new baby clothing items to Amy's Attic, an ongoing project of the Clarksburg League for Service.

Pictured L to R: League members: Peggy Booth, Catherine Preston, Gladys Williams, Chrissy Bonjorno; DAR members: Laura Fullen, Brenda Olsen, Carolyn Burnside

Kanawha Valley Chapter



Kanawha Valley Chapter was pleased to host a barbeque at the West Virginia Veteran's Home in Barboursville, WV on September 22, 2018.

We were honored to have Col. Cheryl Brown, USA Air Force, Retired, and NSDAR National Chairman Service to Veterans join us for the dedication of the redevelopment of the recreation park. Members arrived early to rework the two horse shoe pits and supplied new equipment for the games. The chapter donated a picnic table and two benches. Thank you to Carolyn Rabalais, Carolyn Monk and Patty Young for all your work. Along with exciting horseshoe games, lively rounds of corn hole were played. We will be entering Cheryl into a championship competition soon!

The KVDAR Chapter will also be providing buddy bags for the homeless vets again this year. Each year, Patty Young assembles numerous back packs with items donated from members and their friends.

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Bee Line Chapter



During recent years, the daughters of the Bee Line Chapter in Charles Town have been privileged to form a special relationship with the Women Veterans Program at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC) in Martinsburg.

The veterans served by this program are often experiencing some form of crisis in their lives. The issues faced by each of these women may involve a health or personal emergency, or they may result from their service to the nation. All too often, a woman faces more than one of these challenges.

Regardless of the circumstances, the staff of VAMC's Women Veterans Program has been there to provide guidance and practical assistance.

On the grand scale, Bee Line's role has been minor. We offer a few dollars and a few hours of our time. Our involvement began with a presentation on the Women Veterans Program offered at one of our meetings. When the presentation ended, we asked the inevitable question, "How can we help?"

After a bit of back and forth, the agreed-upon next step turned out to be the donation of new bras and panties for veterans selected by the program staff. The prevailing sentiment became, "We woman just feel better when we have new bras and panties." This common wisdom was accompanied by another request: "Leave on the tags so the women will know the items are new." Operating under this dual mandate, our chapter transformed itself into something resembling a Minnie Pearl brigade for bras and panties.



That first party with the women vets was more spontaneous than organized. We showed up with a random assortment of sizes, and the Women Veterans Program staff provided refreshments. We passed around the lingerie, and the veterans made their choices. Virtually all the vets left with new panties, and most found at least one suitable bra—and some left with three or four. But since we were unable to anticipate all the sizes that would be needed, a few of our guests left without a single bra. So, we took "orders" and left with promises to return promptly with the goods in hand. After that first year, we added a bit more thought to our party planning. As our Second Annual B&P Party approached, we requested that the Women Veterans Program staff take "pre-orders" for bras. Through this process of minor accommodations, we have reached a point where we truly do operate like a home lingerie party.

We also discovered that new undies are not really the most important aspect of our parties with the vets. The garments are welcome, but the party and the community atmosphere are the essential elements that keep them coming back. We offer the women an opportunity to gather, to network, to visit, to laugh, to enjoy a nice spread of refreshments, and to be validated individually and as a group. We let them know that we value their sacrifice. We thank them for their service, ask about their lives, play a few games, and simply enjoy a social event with women who need a bit of frivolity in their lives. They are quite literally our honored guests, and that's important—to them and to us.

Pictured above—L to R—Emily Craddock Cooper, Sharon Webb (VAMC staff), Shari Jordan (VAMC staff), Sharon Carrigan, Kate Absher, Darla Treat Courtney and Sue Kesecker stand next to the principal prop for our "Pin the Bra and Panties on the Woman Vet" party game. The game board—Wonder Woman in military camouflage—was designed by chapter member Meg Davenport.

Chapter News

Old Hickory Chapter



The Old Hickory chapter had their first meeting of the new year on Saturday, September 1 at the Ripley Library.

The Chapter is looking forward to continuing with some of our traditional activities as well as some of the new ones.

New events include participating in a wreath laying ceremony at Battle Days in Pt Pleasant, donating items to the Foster Fall Festival (to help with Foster children within our county), and decorating a street pole for the Main Street Ripley's fall decorations. This should be an exciting year.

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Matthew French Chapter

On Saturday, June 30, at the Hinton Railroad Museum, the Matthew French Chapter held their monthly meeting.



At the meeting, Donna Brown Brewster, Matthew French DAR Chapter Regent, presented Dorothy Jean Boley the DAR Community Service Award.

"The DAR Community Service Awards is awarded to worthy individuals in their communities for unpaid voluntary achievements in cultural, educational, humanitarian, patriotic, historical, citizenship, or environmental conservation endeavors. The recipient must have contributed to the community in an outstanding manner through voluntary heroic, civic, benevolent service or by organizing or participating in community activities." (DAR website) As we all know, Dorothy Jean does this and more."

Dorothy Jean Boley was a longtime railroad employee. She was one of the co-founders of the Hinton Railroad Museum in 1991 and has been its president since that time. She has collected many C&O Railroad artifacts and organized them into displays. She is a daily volunteer at the museum, helping prepare materials for museum brochures, and conducts tours through the museum.

Most likely the museum would not exist if it had not been for Dorothy Jean Boley. The museum, which has been the impetus for preserving historical buildings in town and revitalizing the downtown area of Hinton in Summers County.

Every October the city hosts Railroad Days during the last two weekends of the month. Dorothy Jean serves on the committee that organizes the event. People from all over the country take the train from Huntington pulling usually 23 cars with around 1,300 people to celebrate.

The Chapter would like to thank Dorothy Jean Boley of her many years of service to the community.

Chapter News

Wheeling Chapter



The Wheeling Chapter is very honored to have had Roseanna Keller receive the National Award for ***“Outstanding Vietnam Recognition Volunteer.”*** This award is presented by the Department of Defense.

Roseanna received her award during Continental Congress in June. Roseanna Keller also received the ***“Outstanding Vietnam Recognition Volunteer”*** by the WV State Commemorative Events Committee.

Roseanna Keller also does a tremendous amount of work with the ***Helping Heroes*** organization in Wheeling and Veterans groups.

The Wheeling Chapter participated in Ft. Henry Days held over Labor Day at Oglebay Park. Voices were sold for a basket with the proceeds going to the Blanche Reymann State Scholarship. We have received many inquiries about DAR during Ft. Henry Days and have gained several new members because of this event. Chapter Officers and members were on hand to answer questions about DAR.

October 11

*National Society Daughters of the
American Revolution*

Day of Service

Chapter News

Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans Chapter

On a sunny, but breezy Saturday afternoon in May, the Elizabeth Ludington Hagans – Colonel John Evans Chapter NSDAR held a dedication ceremony for a marker commemorating the Mount Tabor Baptist Church and its cemetery. About 45 people were in attendance, including 11 DAR members.

The significance of the site being marked was that it was the home of the Mt. Tabor Baptist Church, established in 1788, one of the earliest churches in Monongalia County, Virginia.



Revolutionary War patriot Benjamin Wilson and his wife Eleanor donated an acre of land for the church and cemetery in 1803. Benjamin Wilson is a recognized DAR patriot for providing supplies to the troops, including “72 rations,” corn, ½ bushel of wheat, 168 pounds of flour, and 16 pounds of bacon. These are all noted in the Virginia Publick Claims lists for Monongalia County. He and his wife were buried in the church cemetery, in addition to Revolutionary War Lt. John Dent and his wife, Margaret Evans Dent. John Dent enlisted in Monongalia County, VA in April 1777 as a private in the 13th Virginia Regiment of the Continental troops. He was commissioned as an ensign in 1778 and as a lieutenant in 1779. Later, he served as a Justice of the Peace, was a member of the Virginia Assembly, and served a term as Sheriff of Monongalia County. He was awarded a pension for his Revolutionary War service in 1832. Margaret Evans Dent was the only daughter of Colonel John Evans, also a Revolutionary War patriot, who served not only in the military during the war, but also served as Monongalia County Clerk for 25 years afterwards.

Unfortunately, today there is not much trace of this historic site. The church was gone by the late 1930s-early 1940s, and most of the 11 headstones that were read by the Works Progress Administration in 1937 are gone. Only a couple remain, and they are flat on the ground and not visible from the road. Rebecca Snyder Bromley, a DAR member since 1990, felt very strongly that a roadside marker with photographs of the church should be erected to remember these significant early pioneers in the area. Efforts were made to invite descendants of Benjamin Wilson, John Dent and John Evans to attend. Those living in the immediate local area were also invited by Ms. Bromley.

The DAR marker dedication ceremony included remarks that were given by Rebecca Snyder Bromley, who talked about the significance of the site to her family, and Jenny Boulware, a history professor at West Virginia University, who had her public history classes research the site. The marker was unveiled by members of the Snyder family. The color guard was provided by a local group of Marine veterans. Wreaths were laid by representatives of the three DAR chapters in Monongalia County: Rebecca Davis, Regent of the Colonel Zackquill Morgan Chapter, Susan Arnold, Regent of the Elizabeth Ludington Hagans – Colonel John Evans Chapter, and Jane Larke, State Organizing Secretary, of the Woodburn Chapter.

After the ceremony, the Snyder family hosted a lovely reception in an 1880-era home about a mile up the road from the marker. Cake, punch, and watermelon were enjoyed by all, and those attending enjoyed viewing the historical documents on display at the house.

Chapter News

William Henshaw Chapter

Chapter Regent Nancy Myers (standing left) was guest speaker for the Memorial Day Service jointly sponsored by the American Legion Post 14 and the VFW Post 896 and held on Memorial Day, May 28, 2018. The service was held at War Memorial Park in Martinsburg.

The Regent, an active participant in the William Henshaw Chapter's World War I research project, highlighted the service and sacrifices of the 42 from Berkeley County who gave their lives in service. She also told about the devastating losses to the U.S. Army and the local community in the influenza epidemic of 1918. In closing, the Regent led the audience in the recitation of the WWI poem *In Flanders Fields* by John McCrae (left). Cards with the poem and the names of the WWI fallen were handed out in advance by Junior Member, Grace Baldwin.



During the ceremony, Roxanne Rupenthal (left) placed a wreath in remembrance of the Gold Star Mothers, including her own. Her brother John lost his life in Vietnam.

Escorted by American Legion Commander Kenneth Moneagle, Vice Regent Jessica Hayes (below) carried the William Henshaw Chapter wreath to the Veterans Memorial Plaza at the top the hill where she placed it at the World War I wall. The wreath, made by the Regent, commemorates the 100th Anniversary of the ending of the war. It is decorated with 42 hand-crafted poppies, one for each of the fallen from the local area, including 40 Doughboys, one Army Nurse, and one Sailor.



Those attending the Memorial Day Service were invited to stop by the Chapter's reception table near the Veterans Plaza for light refreshments. Chapter Treasurer Laura Shifflett and Junior Member Bekah Hayes (below left) are cutting anniversary cake.



Although blocked from view, a framed photograph of late chapter member Ann Henshaw Gardiner was stationed in the center of the table. Miss Gardiner was an Army Nurse in France during World War I.

The cakes were decorated to celebrate the Chapter's 119 years. Members enjoyed the opportunity to share with the community the story of DAR service in WWI. A chapter picnic in the park followed.



Award Winning News

National DAR Good Citizen Honored



Ian Christopher McKnight, graduating Senior from Parkersburg South High School received the Daughters of the American Revolution National Good Citizens Award on June 21st, at Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C.

Ian is the first West Virginia student to be honored with this award at the National Continental Congress. His essay on the qualities of being a Good Citizen was judged by college professors. With the award comes a \$5000 prize from the National Society. Ian acknowledged James Dennis, teacher at PSHS, at the National Conference who encouraged him so much. Ian was also honored by the State Society and the East-Central Division. He was sponsored by the James Wood Chapter of Parkersburg.

Ian plans to attend Marshall University in the Fall studying biomedicine and is designated as a Yeager Scholar at Marshall and will be studying abroad.

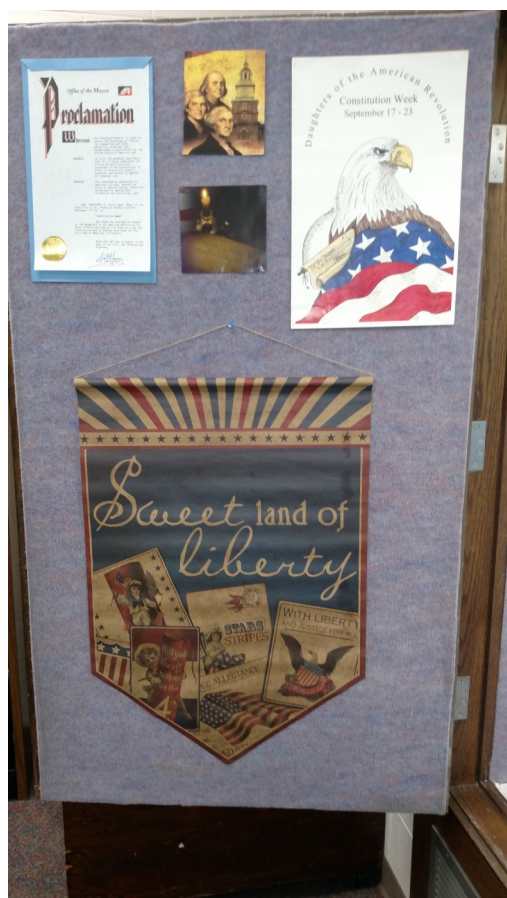


Check your deadlines!

November 1	State Dues and Assessments Due
December 1	National Dues Due
December 1	State Officer Applications Due
December 1	State Historian's Monument Project
December 31	Gold Star Mothers' Book of Remembrance names

EASTERN DISTRICT DAUGHTERS ARE GEARING UP TO HOST YOU FOR THE ANNUAL STATE CONFERENCE—APRIL 5-7, 2019 IN MARTINSBURG!

WATCH FOR HOTEL AND MEAL RESERVATION INFORMATION!



Looking forward to seeing your Constitution Week displays and other Fall activities from your Chapters!

Deadline for the December newsletter is December 1!
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Each year, **Anne Bailey Chapter** decorates the display window at the St. Albans Library in celebration of Constitution Week. The display goes up early in September and remains on view until the end of the month. Chapter members Robin Kiriluk and Joyce Echols are responsible for this year's beautiful display. Thanks to Nickie Evenson, the chapter also provides a display at the Cross Lanes Library.