



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,

If April Showers bring May Flowers, what do February downpours bring? State Conference and the busy time for West Virginia DAR. I look forward to seeing many of you the first weekend of April. The 114th State Conference will be held at The Holiday Inn, Martinsburg, April 5-7, 2019. The ladies of the Eastern District and the Co-Conference Chairmen, Barby Frankenberry and Cheryl Brown have all been busy planning for a wonderful time and our special visitor – President General – Ann T. Dillon.

This year's State Conference has many events and honors that will occur. So with this in mind, I would like to make a special request, if you are veteran/military personnel who will be attending state conference, please let us know. If you could make a note on your meal reservation it will assist us in completing these honors.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!! West Virginia once again had 100% reporting for the Chapter Master Report. This makes all things easier when State Chairmen and I have to complete our reports. The West Virginia Daughters have much to be proud of in the work that we do for God, Home & Country. I am so very happy to report that the daughters reported over 70,000 Service to America hours. I would also like to encourage you to consider assisting the National Society by becoming a Sustaining Supporter to continue the wonderful work that we do as a society.

A few housekeeping items for the next few months is to please check over the required deadlines for state and national. Please look over the Call to Conference as it has much of the information you will need. A reminder that we will once again have the DAR-Lings Delights and that only 3 items per person is need due to space restrictions.

Remember that April 5-7, 2019 is our State Conference at The Holiday Inn - Martinsburg. The next Continental Congress will be held June 26-30, 2019. Once again many of the events will be occurring at the Grand Hyatt. Please make sure to make your reservations for the West Virginia Breakfast.

Just on a personal note, I would like to say Thanks for making West Virginia DAR Shining Stars of Service. I am so proud of all that you do.

Shining in DAR,

Malinda (Mindy) Davis,

State Conference News



Welcome to West Virginia!

President General Ann Turner Dillon, who has been a DAR member for 41 years, brings a wealth of experience to the role of President General of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Her extensive service record includes terms as First Vice President General, Registrar General, Colorado State Regent and National Chair of the Chapter Development and Revitalization Commission, among other leadership positions at the national, state and chapter levels.

Mrs. Dillon leads the 128-year-old women's volunteer service organization with a current membership of 185,000, spread across nearly 3,000 chapters in the United States and abroad.

As Chief Executive Officer of the nonprofit organization, she also oversees a professional staff of 140 at the Society's National Headquarters in Washington, D.C. Her oversight includes upkeep and preservation of the DAR

Headquarters, which consists of three adjoining buildings, two of which are designated National Historic Landmarks, occupying an entire city block near the White House.

"Moving Forward in Service to America," the theme of the Dillon Administration, expresses both a continued emphasis on meaningful service and a commitment to providing programs and resources that will enable the National Society's mission, its members and its historic buildings to endure and thrive long into the future. A wide-ranging set of initiatives has been put in place to help achieve these goals, from new classroom resources and membership training opportunities that will provide support and encouragement to teachers and DAR members, to renovation and restoration projects that will transform the public spaces at National Headquarters. DAR members also are challenged to record 19 million hours of volunteer service to honor the 100th anniversary of Congress' passage of the 19th Amendment. The decision to make education and training a focus of her Administration underscores Mrs. Dillon's ultimate goal. She hopes that DAR members will know more about the National Society by the end of her term than they did when it began, and that they will have more confidence in talking about who DAR members are.

"We are a service organization whose members have proven their lineage back to a Revolutionary War ancestor," said Mrs. Dillon. She wants members to identify with and take pride in the National Society, an organization that awards millions of dollars in scholarships every year, supports veterans, gives back to the nation, and preserves priceless historical records and artifacts that help illuminate our nation's shared past. "There are so many reasons to be part of our organization," she said.

Mrs. Dillon is the first Colorado Daughter to be elected President General. "Even though the history of our Western states postdates the Revolutionary War, members in those areas still find plenty of opportunity to promote the history of our country," Mrs. Dillon said. "The men and women who stretched America demonstrated the same independent thinking that created the nation." She was also the first woman in her family to join the National Society, beginning a tradition of membership that grew to include her mother, aunt, daughters, granddaughters and cousins. In DAR, she found a sense of belonging, and of doing meaningful work. Over time, as she took on more responsibilities, Mrs. Dillon focused on doing the best job she could while cooperating with other DAR members. She hopes to foster a similar attitude in others through the New Horizons membership training program, aimed at empowering members to take the next step in leadership. In 1990, Mrs. Dillon became Organizing Regent of the still-thriving Toll Gate Creek Chapter in Aurora, Colo. The experience, which she counts as one of her most rewarding DAR endeavors to date, taught her that leadership is not about one person doing all the work, but rather about building a group that can work together. It's a philosophy that informed her subsequent leadership positions, which included 12 years of service on the National Board of Management.

When Mrs. Dillon is not immersed in DAR work, she enjoys spending time with her six grandchildren, as well as her husband, Bill, their two daughters and two sons-in-law.

State Conference News

Welcome Our State Conference Guests!



Ohio Society State Regent Nancy Schirm Wright

Nancy Schirm Wright is a 46 year member of the DAR, first joining the Webster Groves Chapter in Missouri and then transferring to the Elizabeth Sherman Reese Chapter in 2004 after moving home to Canal Winchester. In Missouri, she served two terms as Chapter Regent and was elected Honorary Chapter Regent.

At the Ohio Society DAR level, Nancy has served as State Vice Regent, State Organizing Secretary, Parliamentarian, Chairman of the Waldschmidt Home stead Board of Trustees, the Chapter Development and Revitalization Commission and the Chapter Revitalization Committee and is a Life Member of the State Officers Club, the Cameo Society, the Ohio Junior Club, the CWH 100 Club and Life Member and Past President of Hobby Club. In Missouri, she served as State Recording Secretary, State Treasurer, and State Chairman of nine committees. She was State Outstanding Junior in 1977 and 1983.

On the National level, Nancy has served as National Chairman of the Junior Membership, Membership, Membership Promotion, Community Service Awards Committees and the Long Range Planning Commission. She also served as Chairman of the Membership Promotion Task Force. Nancy has served as National Vice Chair of six committees, and in 1983, was selected as the National Outstanding Junior Member. She has served on the Boards of Kate Duncan Smith and Tamasee DAR Schools and served seven years as Chairman of the Board at Tamasee.

Nancy is the widow of Richard Alan Wright. She received her B.S. in Engineering in Data Technology from Washington University in St. Louis, MO and was employed as a Supervisory Computer Specialist at USDA.



Pennsylvania State Regent Cynthia B. Sweeney

Cynthia “Cyndy” Brown Sweeney is a 43 year member of the DAR, joining the General Richard Butler Chapter in Pennsylvania as a Junior Member.

On the State Level, Cyndy has served as State Vice Regent, State Chaplain and Northwestern District Director. She has held over 7 State Chairmanships.

She has been extremely active in the PA C.A.R. and on the National of N.S.C.A.R. having served as Sr. National Chaplain, Sr. National Organizing Secretary and Sr. Vice President of the Eastern Region. Her sons, Rian and David, are Honorary National Presidents of N.S.C.A.R.

Cyndy has served as the National Chairman of Junior Membership and initiated the first Junior Theme and the presentation of All State Winners during the Awarding of the National Outstanding Junior. She was a member of the Long Range Planning committee from 1993-1996. Cyndy has served as a member of the Board of Trustees at Tamasee DAR School and at KDS DAR School and is currently a member of the Tamasee Executive Board.

Cyndy was married to James T. Sweeney from 1975 until his death in 2016. She received her B.A. in French with a minor in Elementary Education from Thiel College in PA. She received her Master’s in Classroom Education from John Carroll University in Ohio and was an elementary teacher.

Call to Conference

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 Fourteenth State Conference
April 5 – 7, 2019 Holiday Inn Martinsburg, Martinsburg, 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 – Holiday Inn

Friday, April 5	10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 6	8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Sales and Displays — Holiday Inn

Closed during all Business Sessions!

Friday, April 5	10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 6	8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 4, 2019

3:00 p.m. – Arrival and Check-in for Executive Board and Conference Guests
3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting – Blue Ridge Board Room
6:00 p.m. – Informal dinner at The Barn at Mahogany Hill, Inwood, WV, for Executive Board, Conference Guests, & ALL DAR members & HODARs
8:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. – Hospitality Room Open – Opequon Room – Everyone Welcome

Friday, April 5, 2019

7:00 a.m. – 9:00 Breakfast – On Your Own
8:00 a.m. – 10:30 p.m. – Set-up Displays / Credentials / Registration/ “DAR-lings Delights!”
8:30 a.m. – Depart for Col. Morgan app Morgan Memorial Service, Bunker Hill, WV (carpool)
10:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Registration / Chapter Press Book & Scrapbook Display/ “DAR-lings Delights!”
12:00 noon – Luncheon – Cameo Club Luncheon – The Purple Iris Restaurant, Martinsburg, WV

ALL DAR Members & Guests Welcome & Encouraged to Attend

1:45 p.m. – Board of Management meeting – Salon D
2:45 – 3:30 p.m. – West Virginia Chorus Rehearsal – Blue Ridge Board Room North
2:45 – 3:30 p.m. – Page Meeting and Flag Rehearsal – Blue Ridge Board Room South
3:00 p.m. – State Officers Club Meeting – Salon D
6:00 p.m. – Dinner – Salon ABC
8:15 p.m. – Processional Forms
8:30 p.m. – Opening Session of the 114th State Conference – Salon ABC

Receiving Line Following Opening Session – Salon D – Honoring Ann T. Dillon, President General
State Regent’s Projects Committee meeting – following evening events – Blue Ridge Board Room South
10:00 – 11:00 p.m. Hospitality Room Open – Opequon Room – Everyone Welcome

Saturday, April 6, 2019

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 – Chapter Regents' Club Breakfast/Meeting – Salon CD

8:50 a.m. – Processional Forms

9:00 a.m. – Conference Business Session – Salon ABC

12:00 p.m. – Awards Luncheon – Salon ABC

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

*****2:00 p.m. – Tour for State Conference Guests

2:00 – 4:00 p.m. – Voting – Blue Ridge Board Room

5:00 – 6:30 p.m. – Photographs – Blue Ridge Board Room

6:45 p.m. – Processional Forms

7:00 p.m. – Banquet – Foxcroft Ballroom

8:30 p.m. – Page Pool Party – Pool & Opequon Room

10:00 p.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Hospitality Room Open – Opequon Room – Everyone Welcome

Sunday, April 7, 2019

8:00 a.m. – Breakfast – Buffet – Salon CD

8:00 a.m. – Heritage Club Breakfast (**by invitation only!**) – Blue Ridge Board Room

9:00 a.m. – Memorial Service – Salon AB

10:00 a.m. – Closing Business Session – Salon ABC

State Conference Fee

Each Chapter shall have paid dues for each member and must have paid the Chapter conference fees (\$1.00 per member) for the current year. Any Chapter whose state dues, assessments and conference fees have not been paid 60 days before the State Conference shall not be entitled to representation at 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, 2018, not by the number of members in the Chapter. Each Chapter shall be entitled to be represented at any meeting of the State Conference by three (3) times as many delegates and alternates as at the previous Continental Congress (127th Continental Congress 2018), 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 114th State Conference unless elected as Delegates by their Chapter.

Credentials

State Chairman—Rebecca Davis, 1910 Lazzelle Union Blvd., Maudsville, WV 26541-8017. Please return one copy of the forms to the State Chairman by March 21, 2019, 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 March 21, 2019) to Marilyn Susie Rogers, P.O. Box 569, Summersville, WV, 26651 phone: 304-872-6267 email: 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 March 18, 2019.** Requests for cancellations or refunds must be made no later than March 18, 2019. Reservations should be mailed to: **Margaret Ways, 677 Montmorency Drive, Bunker Hill, WV 25413-2530**

Hotel Reservations

Room reservations are to be made directly with the *Holiday Inn Martinsburg* by calling **304-267-5500** and requesting the Group Code DAR. 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 March 14, 2019.** Room requests after March 14, 2019, 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 2018. 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. Reports will be no more than 500 words. 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**; one (1) copy to the State Regent; and maintain one (1) copy for your files. Reports must be received by the State Recording Secretary either via mail or email no later than **March 21, 2019.**

****State Chairmen may volunteer to give a report on the work of their Committee during the morning Business Session. Report to the State Regent if you would like to volunteer!**

If you have given Awards for your committee, please plan on reporting and announcing the first- place winners!

****Chapter Regents shall bring/send a brief narrative with pictures if available, on an 8 1/2" x 11" paper, of an explanation of: "Patriotism." 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; the Officers and Honorary Officers of the National Society whose membership is within the State; the Honorary State Regents of West Virginia; the Chapter Regents, or, in their absence, the Vice or First Vice Regent or alternates; 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 114th 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 Deadline is March 15, 2019 – NO EXCEPTIONS! All awards must be signed by the proper State Chairman or State Officer at the Awards Table on Friday, April 5, 2019.** Award certificates will be available for pick-up at the Awards Table on Sunday, April 7, 2019, 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 Conference Center Lobby of the Holiday Inn Martinsburg. If interested in volunteering to help at the tables, please contact the State Conference Co-Chairmen.

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 114th State Conference! Page invitations will be sent to those whose names have been sent to the State Regent, via email to jdavisfamily4@frontier.com.

Call to Conference Continued...

Hostess Chapters

The **Chapters of the Eastern District** will serve as the official hostesses of the 114th State Conference. Those Chapters are: Bee Line, Pack Horse Ford, Shenandoah Valley, South Branch Valley, William Henshaw and Ye Towne of Bath. **Judy Bowyer** serves as the **Eastern District Director**; **Barbara “Barby” M. Frankenberg** and **Cheryl A. Brown** are serving as the **General Conference Co-Chairmen**.

West Virginia Chorus

Calling all Voices! Those wishing to sing with the West Virginia Chorus should contact the WV Chorus Director—Annabelle Vance, 246 Hill Circle, Mathias, WV 26812 or call her at 304-897- 5634.

Memorial Service

Names of deceased members must be postmarked by **March 11, 2019**, and mailed to the **WV State Chaplain**, Linda Hendrickson, 12 Meadowood Estates, Scott Depot, WV 25560 or emailed by **March 15, 2019**, to 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 Chair, or Past Chapter Regent.

Veterans In Attendance

I would like to honor any veteran in attendance at our banquet on Saturday Evening. If you are able to mark your meal reservation form that you are a veteran or will have a guest attending who is veteran please let me know. I would also like to have your branch of service and rank.

Chapter Press Books and Scrapbooks

Please bring your Chapter's Press Book and/or Scrapbook to the Conference Center Lobby on Friday, April 5, 2019, before 4 p.m. The books will be judged on Saturday afternoon and the winners will be announced during the “A Salute to Our Shining 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, 2018, to March 31, 2019. 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 number 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 first page of 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, 2018, to March 31, 2019, 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.

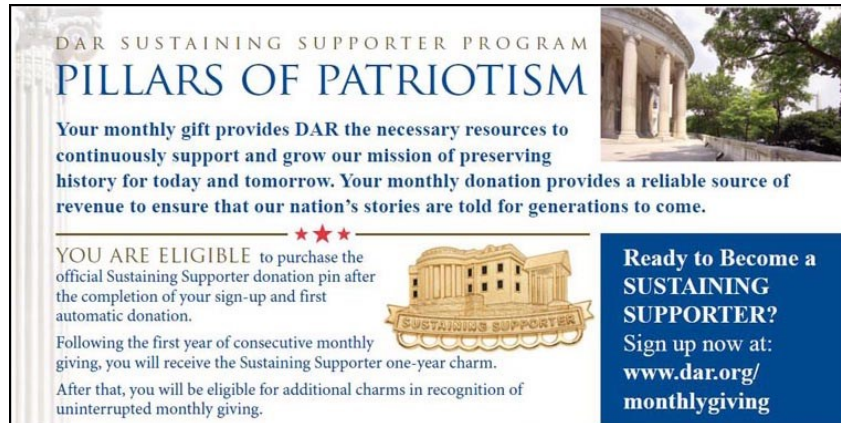
****Due to space and time restrictions, please limit your donations to three items per State Officer, District Director, State Chairman and Chapters! Thank you for all your support for this great fundraiser!!**

I encourage all WV Daughters to attend their State Conference. I look forward to greeting you at the 114th WVDAR State Conference!

Mindy

Sustaining Supporter - Are You Up For the Challenge?

By Ann T. Dillon, President General



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

The Sustaining Supporter Monthly Giving program is almost 5 years old! In July 2014, the program started with 600 Sustainers. Today, more than 4,300 Supporters have discovered this simple solution to helping the National Society give back to our nation through the many funds and needs of the organization. In this last year alone, more than 1,000 people have joined the program.

I offer you a challenge - **can we reach 5,000 Sustaining Supporters** by the time the program turns 5 in July?

Since its inception, more than \$4 million dollars have been contributed to 24 different NSDAR funds through the Sustaining Supporter program, providing a reliable source of necessary revenue to ensure that our nation's stories are told for generations to come. It is encouraging to hear from Sustainers about how glad they are to participate and how easy it is to make such a difference. For this reason I am looking forward to recognizing the top states and chapters (based on a percentage of membership) from the platform during Continental Congress. Is your State or Chapter on the list?

As of this last month, the top ten states along with the percent of members that are Sustainers are: Utah 5.94%, District of Columbia 5.29% , Nevada 5.22%, Alaska 5.00%, Idaho 4.93%, Washington 4.56%, Arizona 3.92%, Hawaii 3.57%, Michigan 3.5% and Montana 3.36%.

If every DAR chapter had just two Sustaining Supporters, we would exceed our goal! Not only are Chapters awarded CAA points every year for every sustainer but all Sustainer donations add to your Heritage Club level. Please call the Office of Development at **(800) 449-1776** for more information.

So I challenge you to help us reach *5,000 Sustainers by Year 5*. You can sign up using your cell phone, pad or computer. Encourage others to sign up as well at www.DAR.org/MonthlyGiving

114th WVDAR STATE CONFERENCE
Holiday Inn Martinsburg, Martinsburg, WV
April 5-7, 2019
“Patriotism Shines Bright in West Virginia”

MEAL RESERVATIONS

NAME: _____ TITLE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: _____

CHAPTER: _____ EMAIL: _____

Thursday, April 4, 2019 *All Welcome & Encouraged to Join the Executive Board & Guests for Dinner*
6:00 p.m. Pulled Pork with Green Beans, Macaroni & Cheese, Cole Slaw \$15.00 _____
Reservations are required The Barn at Mahogany Hill

Friday, April 5, 2019 “Preserving Our Patriotic Heritage” Cameo Luncheon \$24.00 _____
12 Noon Potato Cheese Soup & Cobb Salad The Purple Iris Restaurant

Friday, April 5, 2019 “Uncle Sam Wants YOU” Dinner \$25.00 _____
6:00 p.m. Entrée Choice _____ Hickory Smoked Bacon Wrapped Pork Tenderloin or _____
_____ Grilled Chicken Salon ABC
Please mark only one choice

Saturday, April 6, 2019 “Time to Rise & Shine for WV DAR” Breakfast \$15.00 _____
7:00 a.m. Chapter Regents’ Club Breakfast Open to Regents/Past Regents
The Hunt Club Breakfast – Eggs, Ham, Potatoes Salon CD

Saturday, April 6, 2019 “One Small Step -- Honoring Today’s Youth” Luncheon \$17.00 _____
12 Noon Deli Stack Sandwich with Italian Pasta Salad Salon ABC

Saturday, April 6, 2019 “A Salute to Our Shining Stars” Banquet \$30.00 _____
7:00 p.m. Entrée Choice _____ Steak & Grilled Chicken or _____ Crab Cakes Foxcroft Ballroom
Please mark only one choice

Sunday, April 7, 2019 “Our Patriotic Stars of Service” Breakfast \$17.00 _____
8:00 a.m. Buffet Breakfast – Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, French Toast Salon CD

OR

“Founders & Heritage Club” Breakfast – By Invitation Only – No Cost
Sponsored by the Office of Development in Honor of our President General

All plated lunches & dinners include: entrée, salad, vegetable, dinner bread & butter, dessert & beverage

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY: March 18, 2019

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: Margaret Ways, 677 Montmorency Drive, Bunker Hill, WV 25413-2530

****Children’s menu available upon request for young guests and young Pages*

National and State Committees

By-Laws Committee

PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENT

FOR THE
114th STATE CONFERENCE, 2019

NOTE: Deletions have been ~~stricken through~~, insertions are in **bold**

Amend **Article IV – Fees and Dues**, by deleting Section 1. (b) (2) and renumbering (3):

SECTION 1.

(a) Annual state dues are payable to the State Treasurer showing a Federal Postal Service, or other carrier, cancellation date no later than November 1, and are delinquent after that date.

(b) State dues shall be:

(1) for a member of a chapter, five dollars.

~~for a Member-at-Large, twelve dollars, with the exception of those members who are at-large for the purpose of organizing a new chapter, five dollars.~~

for a member admitted at-large for the purpose of organizing a new chapter, five dollars.

Rationale:

Members-at-Large are billed by and pay dues directly to the National Society.

The NSDAR National Parliamentarian advises that this subsection be deleted from the WVDAR State bylaws.

Please bring this copy with you if you are a Delegate to State Conference.

Ginger Nalley, Chairman
Cora P. Teel, State Parliamentarian

**WVDAR State Nominating Committee Report
Slate of Officers 2019-2022**

*To be presented during the Business Session of the 114th State Conference and
Election of Officers will be held Saturday, April 6, 2019*

State Regent

Cheryl Brown Pack Horse Ford Chapter Eastern District

State Vice Regent

Jane Larke Woodburn Chapter Central District

State Chaplain

Sandra Isnar-Johnson Old Hickory Chapter Western District

State Recording Sec.

Carolyn Kesterson James Wood Chapter Northern District

State Corresponding Sec.

Cynthia Nicewarner Pack Horse Ford Chap. Eastern District

State Organizing Sec.

Margaret Ways Shenandoah Valley Chap. Eastern District

State Treasurer

Kelly Goodwin Trans-Alleghany Chapter Central District

State Registrar

Susan Arnold Elizabeth Ludington Hagans- Colonel John Evans Chapter Central District

State Historian

Mary Johnson Anne Bailey Chapter Western District

State Librarian

Sandra Cowan General Andrew Lewis Chapter Southern District

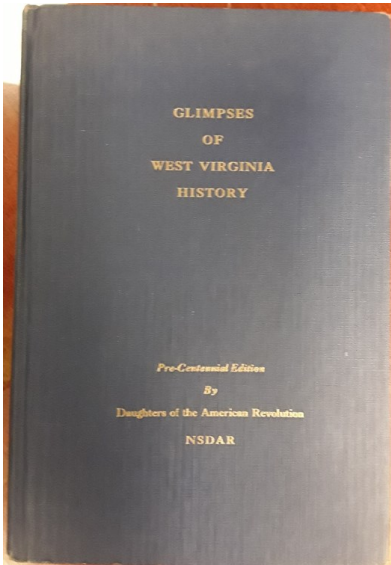
Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Goodwin, Central District
Sally Ann Greenfield, Eastern District, Chairman
Charla Nutter, Northern District
Linda Whitman, Southern District
Shirley Gilkeson, Western District

State Officer Notes

State Historian

I cannot believe my three years as your State Historian is almost at an end! It is true, that time flies when you are having fun! My project of collecting information on our chapter monuments has been quite an exciting adventure. I hope that each of you who have been searching have enjoyed the hunt as much as I have. I am still getting records from chapters and hope that you have yours in by now. If not, please send as soon as possible. We need to have a record of them for posterity.



The National Insignia Committee, Internet Monitoring Group, recently contacted me concerning a book listed on eBay, “Glimpses of West Virginia History” Pre-Centennial Edition by Daughters of the American Revolution NSDAR. It was compiled and edited by Mrs. Claude R. (Mildred Haptionstall) Hill, WVDAR State Historian during Mrs. Virgil Eugene (Helen) Holcombe’s term as West Virginia State Regent. Mrs. Holcombe was also a member of my Kanawha Valley Chapter! It is a delightful book with lots of interesting history. I wonder how many of you may have this same book?

As my time draws to an end as State Historian, I know that I will miss the conversations and trips I have had with so many of you. I look forward to seeing each and every one at our State Conference, April 7-9, in Martinsburg.

Until then,

April Gardner Norris

National and State Committees

WV Congress Event

Please Join Us at Congress for

“An Almost Heaven West Virginia Breakfast”

Wednesday, June 26, 2019

8:00-9:30 a.m.

JW Marriott Hotel

Washington, D.C.

\$53 per person

Please make checks payable to:

State Treasurer, WVDAR

And Mail by **June 10** to:

Debi Smith, State Vice Regent

304 South Front Street

Wheeling, WV 26003

Call Debi for more information at 304-830-0022!

Hope to see you there!



State Regent's Project



Dear West Virginia Daughters,

Our State Regent's Gold Star Mothers' Memorial Projects are proceeding "full steam ahead" with a lot of exciting things happening now in order to get ready for our two unveilings this Spring. The "Save the Date" notice was sent out in January to WVDAR, WVSSAR, local and state politicians and dignitaries; a list that was comprised of all the names you, as members, sent to me. Thank you for taking the time to submit your lists.

Brenda Shinkovich and April Gardner are currently working on the Program for each unveiling. The ceremonies promise to be a beautiful tribute to our West Virginia Gold Star Mothers.

I hope that each and everyone one of you will be able to attend these ceremonies and the receptions following each ceremony. Please mark these dates on your calendar and plan to attend.

I will see you Mary 27th in Fairmont and June 20th in Point Pleasant!

Sincerely,
Samantha Shleser
Chairman, State Regent's Projects

State Regent's Project

Gold Star Mothers Book of Remembrance

As we write this, the contents of the Book of Remembrance are nearly ready for the printer.

Individuals and chapters submitted more than 500 names by the end of December, and work on checking them has been completed. A lovely binder awaits the printed pages. In fact, we now have so many pages that we have ordered a second binder exactly like the first. We not only will be able to accommodate the overflow of pages we have in hand but also will have room for more names to be added.



Daughters who attend State Conference will be able to see the results for themselves. For those who cannot be in Martinsburg, here is a photo of the binder cover. The 500-plus pages inside contain the names of mothers and children who sadly became eligible for inclusion in the Book of Remembrance between December 1861 and September 2018. We will have forms for anyone who would like to submit other names for later addition.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this tribute to the mothers who sent sons and daughters off to serve in the military and to the children who died while serving their country.

*Patricia Daugherty and Mary Johnson, co-chairs
Book of Remembrance Committee*

National Board of Management February Service Project Supports a WV Agency!

Our State Regent was honored to deliver more than 500 newborn and infant sleepers collected from members of the National Board of Management to **Lily's Place in Huntington, WV** on Wednesday, February 27.

Lily's Place provides medical care to infants suffering from Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) and offer non-judgmental support, education and counseling services to families and caregivers.

Thank you to the NBOM for their support of this amazing treatment center in WV!



WELCOME

The following new WVDAR members were approved at the January and February National Board of Management meetings:

Blennerhassett Chapter

Bunny-Lou Johnson
Shannon Harper

John Hart Chapter

Kathleen Payne

Captain James Allen Chapter

Teresa Noland

Kanawha Valley Chapter

Linda Keeling

Daniel Davisson Chapter

Patricia Burnside
Lucy Horner
Rebecca Meese

Matthew French Chapter

Heather Farley

Elk River Chapter

Violet Askins

Pack Horse Ford Chapter

Penny Pickles
Linda Finley
Melissa Davis

Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Col. John Evans

Mary Margaret Ice

Ye Towne of Bath Chapter

Carolyn Scheydt
Dorothy Sites



LET THE CHALLENGE BEGIN!!

WHO CAN BEAT LAST YEAR'S RECORD
OF THE MOST SOCKS and UNDERWEAR FOR
OUR TAMASSEE SCHOOL CHILDREN?

Another School's Challenge issued for State Conference 2019
By State School Chairman
Nancy Kornegay



National and State Committees

Blanche L. Reymann Scholarship



BLANCHE L. REYMANN SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

This summer, we will be awarding the 2019-20 Blanche L. Reymann State Scholarship to a student from Ohio Valley University in Vienna, West Virginia. The Financial Aid Director, Lindsay Cole will be selecting the scholarship recipient in the next month. We hope to be able to announce the scholarship winner at State Conference in April.

As you prepare for State Conference, please remember one of the largest fundraiser for the Blanche L. Reymann Scholarship is held at the Conference. We will be selling voices for on a huge Fiestaware Basket with the proceeds going toward the Scholarship. Please make sure to stop by our table at the Conference to learn more about the scholarship and buy voices to support our scholarship.

State Conference Awards



Deadline: March 15

To: All State Officers, State Chairman, District Directors

If you wish to have awards at State Conference to present, please send your award lists to Charla Nutter at charla.nutter@lmco.com or mail to her home address of
5102 Big Battle Run
Salem, WV 26426

1st, 2nd, 3rd and Honorable Mention (if needed)

New Chairman Named:

Amanda Davis is the new state chairman of the **Public Relations and Media Committee**

Amanda Davis
327 Horner Run
Pennsboro, WV 26415-6050

Chapter News

Bee Line Chapter



On September 15, 2018, Bee Line Chapter in Charles Town dedicated a historical marker honoring our city's founder, Charles Washington, youngest brother of President George Washington. The dedication was held at Happy Retreat, the home established by Charles Washington and his wife Mildred, and focused on Charles's patriotic and military service during the Revolutionary era. Though his brother George was far better known, Charles's contributions were significant, albeit on a more local level.

Our marker highlighted four major accomplishments: his support for the Leedstown Resolutions, a 1766 protest of the Stamp Act; his participation on local Committees of Correspondence and Safety in Virginia; his appointment as a commissary by the Virginia Convention; and his commission as a lieutenant colonel in the Spotsylvania Militia.

Our ceremony was more than just a tribute to Charles Washington. Our timing coincided with Constitution Week, so we included an appropriate display and we offered our guests patriotic bookmarks and pocket copies of the Constitution. We also invited signatures on pledges to read and study the Constitution. Those signed pledges in turn served as entries into a drawing for leaded-glass ornaments of the Liberty Bell.

Then we sought and found ways to incorporate a salute to women of the Revolutionary and early National eras. We used cake recipes attributed to Mary Ball Washington and Dolley Madison for our reception. Mary was the mother of George and Charles, and Dolley married future president James Madison at nearby Harewood, the home of a third Washington brother, Samuel. Our regent, Alice Davenport McCarthy, wrote a poem using Mary's voice entitled "Thoughts from the Mother of Patriots," which we displayed on the reception table.

Our period-appropriate refreshments were served using recycled and recyclable materials—no plastic or Styrofoam permitted. The choice of "green" service items thereby ticked the box for conservation, reminding us all that that celebrating our past does not require creating debris to pollute our children's future.

In addition, we viewed the dedication as a recruiting opportunity, so we prepared half-page "Join Us" flyers placed with our Constitution Week display. Genealogically savvy members encouraged those who were interested to leave basic information on their first three generations. As a result, by the end of our event we had gained several leads for prospective members.

Last but not least, our event became a genuine community endeavor and a source of local pride. We coordinated extensively with the Friends of Happy Retreat, which owns and is preserving Charles Washington's historic home; the Jefferson County Museum; and city and state officials. Further, we brought together and shared the spotlight with representatives of DAR, SAR, and CAR from West Virginia and Virginia, thereby honoring our historical and organizational ties with one another.

In the end, our chapter created an event that was a clear expression of DAR's core values. We honored history and patriotism, we expanded knowledge about and celebrated a local member of one of America's preeminent families, and we paid attention to our environment. We were inviting and inclusive of our larger community and we put out the latching string to invite new members. All in all, it was a good day.

***Pictured above:** Walter Washington, President of Friends of Happy Retreat; Heidi Ware, Co-Chair (ceremony and reception), Charles Washington Dedication; Dalton Mallory as Charles Washington; and Darla Treat Courtney, Co-Chair (research and approvals), Charles Washington Dedication*

Chapter News

Pack Horse Ford Chapter

Because of winter weather, Pack Horse Ford Chapter has postponed meetings three times during the month of January and February. The chapter will, however, persevere and plans to celebrate the chapter's 103rd birthday celebration on February 23 at the Purple Iris in Martinsburg. As part of our tradition, we will hold a candle lighting ceremony to recognize the chapter's past, present and future.



In other business, the chapter donated over \$500 toward the historic preservation of Elmwood Cemetery's Superintendent's House in Shepherdstown. The President of the Elmwood Cemetery Board of Directors, Richard Brown, accepted the donation from Chapter Regent Kathy Sholl on Thursday, December 20.

There is a small Victorian house that sits at the entrance of Elmwood Cemetery called the Superintendent's House. Over the years, cemetery maintenance has taken precedence over upkeep of the house. As part of the commemoration of Elmwood's 150th anniversary, the Directors have decided to restore the house to its 1882 appearance. Phase One of the restoration will focus on replacing the roof and gutters, painting the exterior, and repairing the damaged foundation.



Pack Horse Ford Chapter, along with other Eastern District chapters, are busy with preparations for the State Conference in Martinsburg April 5-7. We are looking forward to welcoming many WV DAR members to attend this memorable event.

Chapter News

Shenandoah Valley Chapter

December 13, 2018 - The Chapter had a program on an American History Story of "How Christmas Came to America". The story was written and presented to NSDAR by Mrs. E. C. Watson, Pine Bluff, Arkansas Chapter NSDAR. The Chapter members also toured the 1700-year-old log cabin located on the property of our hostess Laura Faircloth and chapter member. The cabin was decorated in an old fashion Christmas.



Pictured Left to Right: Laura Faircloth, Kathy Merceruio, Katie Rose, Karen Caryl, Barby Frankenberry.

Back row: PennyKay Hoeflinger and Margie Ways

January 16, 2019 – Shenandoah Valley Chapter members presented the 13 Folds of the American Flag with the Arden 4-H Club. The members also participated in an activity on the history of the American Flag. Chapter members were paired with children from the 4-H club. Each participant was given a slip of paper with a partial fact about the American Flag. Each participant had to find the other person that had the other half of their fact about the flag. Once everyone had located their correct partner, the facts were placed in order and read by the participants. The information presented was very educational. We all learned facts about the American Flag that had long since been forgotten.



Conner Chancey, left and Cole Horner, right fold a U.S. Flag as Margie Ways, Regent of the Shenandoah Valley Chapter reads about the symbolism of the 13 Folds of the American Flag.

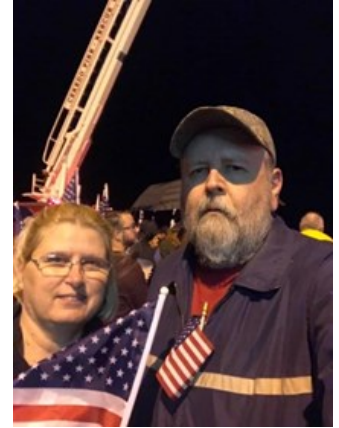
Chapter News

Kanawha Valley Chapter



On October 27, 2018, Patty and her husband Toney Young attended the return of the Honor Flight at Tri-State Airport. Prior to the flight, ladies in the KVDAR Chapter had filled out cards for each of the veterans.

Thank you, Patty and Toney, Carolyn Rabalais, and Janet Leslie for all your dedication. A special thank you to Nancy Wolfe's husband, Larry, for the beautiful hand drawn cards to give to this wonderful cause.



On December 10, 2018, Linda Hendrickson, Carolyn Snodgrass and Sandra Childress presented the West Virginia Veteran's Home in Barboursville with gift baskets of fruit, candy, and numerous other edibles and books for Christmas. This is a yearly event that they began while still the William Morris Chapter. I know you make Christmas brighter with your thoughtfulness!

A group of KVDAR Elves surprised the Woody Williams Veteran's Hospital. I guess the patients had all been good this past year, as they each received gift bags for Christmas!! You never know where those sneaky elves will show up!

I understand those elves showed up at the VA Charleston Clinic on Corridor G before Christmas with more gift bags! They also appeared as cupids prior to Valentine's Day with more goodies, including coffee, donuts and music provided

by Roger Rabalais. Thank you to Carolyn Rabalais, Sandy Cox and Patty Young for helping make these events possible.



Also, in February, the KVDAR Cupids gave out 100 patches with "I love Vets" with a flag for Veterans to put on their hats and jackets. They also passed out over 100 Stars for the Troops, socks, goodie bags of toiletries and donuts and coffee. Roger Rabalais sang requested songs from the Veterans in the lobby.

February 16, 2019, ladies conducted the veteran's home with a Valentine's Bingo Game. We brought in a bounty of food and beverages for the residents to enjoy while they played Bingo. Winners were awarded small amounts of money when they Bingo'd! It was a great event and every one enjoyed participating.

Chapter News

Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Col. John Evans Chapter

The Elizabeth Ludington Hagans – Colonel John Evans Chapter has spent the winter months honoring our Veterans. This was the third year that the chapter has participated in Wreaths Across America, and this year the chapter raised enough money to purchase 328 wreaths. Under the leadership of WAA Chair Brenda Shinkovich, successful fundraising events included a food/water booth at Morgantown's 4th of July festivities, a Sip N Paint party and a Pampered Chef party, in addition to lots of publicity in the local newspaper.

Approximately 120 of the wreaths were placed to remember veterans buried at Morgantown's historic Oak Grove Cemetery, with the remainder going to the Grafton National Cemetery in Grafton, WV. Representatives from the chapter took part in wreath-laying ceremonies on December 15 at both locations. Oak Grove Cemetery is particularly meaningful to the chapter because both of our namesakes are buried there, and there are veterans buried there from the Revolutionary War up through Vietnam. At the Oak Grove ceremony, Chapter Regent Susan Arnold's remarks focused on the 100th Anniversary of the end of World War I. She recognized those who lost their lives in that conflict from Monongalia County, as well as those buried at Oak Grove Cemetery who served in WWI and returned home.



In February, the chapter turned its attention to their 3rd annual Valentines for Veterans project. This year, Valentine cards and cookies were delivered to 58 veterans in five local nursing homes on the Sunday afternoon before Valentine's Day.

Chapter members spent an evening decorating and writing notes on Valentine cards before the date of delivery.



DAR Service to Veterans Chair Esther Starkey coordinated the delivery and distribution of the cards and cookies. This year, one of the veterans we visited told us that his sister was in DAR. He turned out to be Sylvia Rhodes' brother, and we were so happy to meet him! Chapter members who participate in this activity have found it to be a wonderful way to connect with those who served our country.

Those helping this year included Susan Arnold, Esther Starkey, Brenda Fisher, Vicky Shears, Anna Chandler, Carolyn Bahnsen, and Anne Smittle.

Chapter News

Wheeling Chapter



The Wheeling Chapter participates in the Naturalization Ceremony every year to welcome our new citizens. This year Debi Smith, WV State Vice Regent and Chapter member, spoke briefly to the group of 28 new citizens.

The Honorable Judge Stamp presides over the Naturalization Ceremony. The Chapter also presents each new citizen with a packet of information and the American Flag. A reception is held for everyone after the Ceremony.

The City of Wheeling will celebrate its 250th Anniversary this year with different activities being planned every month. The Committee sponsored a ***“Twelfth Night Costume Ball”*** in January. At right are Committee Members Chapter Member and WV State Vice Regent, Debi Smith and SAR Member Greg Smith.

Joan McClelland, Chapter Regent and Dr. Jeanne Finstein, member of the Wheeling 250 Committee and Chapter member, also attended the Ball. Fun was had by all who attended.



The Wheeling Chapter’s February meeting program was presented by Chapter member Cheryl Rawson and prospective member Janet Metzger. Cheryl Rawson’s program was entitled ***“Revolutionary War Food Favorites.”*** Cheryl prepared a meal, for those members in attendance, based on what our ancestors would have eaten. The menu included turkey, baked sweet potatoes, savory corn pudding, honey corn bread, apple butter, raisin dropped cookies, date nut pudding and as Cheryl was giving her program, we made homemade butter to go with all of the above. Janet decorated the tables with beautiful roses and hearts and a poem entitled ***“Daughter’s Valentine.”*** A recipe book, with all the recipes and ingredients, was made by Cheryl and given to each member in attendance.

Chapter News

Captain James Allen Chapter

Capt. James Allen Chapter, NSDAR, West Virginia State Society along with John Beckley Chapter, NSSAR, West Virginia Society and the Raleigh County Historical Society is having a 'Luncheon on the Green', Saturday, June 8, 2019, Noon at the ancestral home, Wildwood House Museum, of Beckley's founder, Alfred E. Beckley, Brigadier General, CSA.

Alfred Beckley, was the only son of John James and Mary Prince Beckley. John James Beckley, was the first Clerk of the House of Representatives and the First Librarian of Congress in the newly-formed United States.

After graduating from West Point, Alfred chose the very spot on which Wildwood House now stands as the location for his home in 1835. The completed house was home to Alfred, his first and second wives, and his ten children, with his widow living there until 1902.

Historical family artifacts date back 200 years. The hardwood floors and rough-hewn wooden walls, as well as the curving staircase are as they looked in Alfred Beckley's time. Wildwood has been on the National Register of Historic Places since 1971.

This is a wonderful opportunity to honor our cities heritage and bring our local and state lineage and historical societies together to enjoy the fully-restored, historically accurate house of Alfred Beckley over a wonderful catered luncheon, vintage entertainment and guided house tours. Additionally, there will be the solemn 'Laying of Wreaths' at the Founders Graveside.

I'm sure there may be many wonderful conversations among our lineage and historical society members, as to the relevance of this treasure, and a time of poignant sharing among our respective memberships of our city's history and those stoic ancestors that went before us.

How exciting it will be to have the opportunity to enjoy each other's company, as in days of yore, with a 'Luncheon on the Green'!



Chapter News

Captain James Allen Chapter

On Tuesday, October 23, 2018, 11:00 a.m., members of Capt. James Allen Chapter, NSDAR joined the John Beckley Chapter, WVSSAR, the Raleigh County Historical Society, the American Legion (Raleigh County Post 32), local veterans and well-wishers to commemorate and honor the 100th anniversary of the end of the service of the United States veterans in the Great War (World War 1). The date for the service was chosen as it was the first day that American Troops first occupied front-line positions in France in 1917.

Capt. James Allen Chapter Daughters that helped, attended and/or participated in the ceremony were Mrs. Kathy McGaha, Mrs. Karen Bonifacio, Mrs. Sally Chapman and Judge Lisa Clark.

Mrs. Bonifacio brought a tribute on behalf of the Capt. James Allen Chapter and laid a Memorial Wreath with Mrs. McGaha. Mrs. McGaha also led attendees in “God Bless America”. A special thank you is extended to Mrs. Sally Chapman for providing the ceremonial flags that were placed on the final resting place of each of the veterans.



The Capt. James Allen Chapter, NSDAR supports a Pollinator Garden at the Wildwood House Museum in Beckley. The chapter has worked with the Beckley Beautification Committee to help beautify the grounds of the ancestral home of Beckley Founder, Alfred E. Beckley, Brigadier General, CSA. Alfred was the only son of John James Beckley, the first Clerk of the House of Representatives and the First Librarian of Congress in the newly formed United States. After graduating from West Point, Alfred chose the very spot on which Wildwood House Museum now stands as the location for his home in 1835. Wildwood House Museum houses historical family artifacts and the hardwood floors and rough-hewn wooden walls, as well as the curving staircase are as they looked in Alfred’s time.

June 2016, the chapter donated the purchase price of two beautiful butterfly bushes that were planted near the front entrance of the house for beautification and in support of our bees and butterflies.

June 2017, the chapter donated the purchase price of an Appalachian Redbud Tree that was planted on the expansive front lawn leading up the house.

June 2018, Chapter member Mrs. Barbara Wiseman and her daughter, Mrs. Lisa Wooten (Regent of Asbury Station Chapter, Cary, NC) donated the full purchase price of another Appalachian Redbud Tree that was also planted on the front lawn leading up to the house. Their generosity was greatly appreciated not only by the chapter but Beckley’s Beautification Committee.



Chapter News

General Andrew Lewis Chapter



The General Andrew Lewis Chapter of Lewisburg stepped up to help when its members realized what a difficult and stressful time non-paid federal employees were having during the recent budget impasse.

Led by Registrar Karen Lee McClung, the chapter collected \$600 with which they bought food/gas cards that were given to affected federal workers at free lunches provided on Saturdays by the Greenbrier County Health Alliance,

Montwell Commons, Hill and Holler Pizza and other concerned individuals.

Employees, and their families, from the Departments of Justice, Agriculture, Homeland Security and State were served at these free lunches.

Although the result of difficult circumstances, this effort was a shining example of a community working together in a time of need.

Chapter News

Woodburn Chapter

To kick off the holiday season, Woodburn Chapter members collected food items to donate to The Pantry Plus More which is a non-profit organization dedicated to ending childhood hunger in Monongalia County, WV. It is the first in the state of West Virginia to aid children anonymously.

Here is a link to Pantry Plus More's website:
<https://www.pantryplusmore.org/>



Woodburn Chapter's year ended on December 1, with "Tea With Bea & Me" hosted by Regent Joan Gibson. It was a fun tribute to Beatrix Potter, English naturalist, farmer and author of the "Little Books" (Peter Rabbit and friends). A number of the books and figurines from Joan's collection were used as table decorations. Associate members Lisa Maloney and Esther Starkey joined the fun.



The two other area chapters were invited to join Woodburn's January meeting when our speaker was WVU Rifle Team member and Olympic Gold Medalist, Ginny Thrasher. She sat and told us about her experience with shooting, from hunting with her grandfather through her WVU Rifle Team and Olympic years. She will graduate in May with a degree in bio-medical engineering. Many Woodburn daughters will be attending the NCAA Nationals in March at the WVU Coliseum to cheer on the WVU Rifle Team.

The Harper family did "selfies" with Ginny.



Cindy Frich brought her mother, Marlene. A number of years ago, they were instrumental in the movement to save the WVU Rifle Team.

With our year just beginning, we received word that our nominee, Steve Blinco of Morgantown High School, is the 2019 Outstanding Teacher of American History. Not only is Steve a great teacher, man and track coach, he is the sponsor of the MHS Memorial Day remembrance of those from the school killed in Vietnam and the outstanding Veterans Day tribute which is attended by the whole student body.

Chapter News

Elk River Chapter

Elk River Chapter provided four Constitution Week Displays at public libraries in Gassaway, Sutton, Burnsville and Summersville. In Sutton, a library patron waited until 4 pm on September 17th so she could ring the bell!



Combined Chapter Project...



For the third year, the VAVS team assigned to the Louis A. Johnson Veterans Medical Center in Clarksburg coordinated the bundled card project.

VAVS Representative **Ruth Mooney** and Deputies **Susan Marra** and **Marilyn Rogers** were involved in this activity. The nine chapters from Central and Northern districts sponsored over 60 packs. Each pack contained three pre-stamped Christmas cards for resident patients to send to their loved ones.

The 3-card bundle was wrapped with a ribbon and placed in a zip-lock baggie. Also, included was a note identifying the donating chapter. It read, "We hope you will enjoy sending a card to someone you know. The _____ Chapter of the West Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution (WVDAR), thanks you for your service". One patient reported he was going to send a card to his sister whom he hadn't had contact with in over twelve years. The patients were pleased. Staff said there was a need for this type of gift.

The number of participating chapters has varied over the years. Special thanks to: **John Hart, Trans-Allegheny, Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans, Colonel Zackquill Morgan, Elizabeth Zane, Daniel Davisson, Ohio Valley, Elk River and Wheeling chapters.** The Elk River Chapter members kindly put the bundles together as a fun activity after a chapter meeting.

Chapter News

Matthew French Chapter

Matthew French Chapter is looking forward to 2019 with many scheduled activities. Our first meeting will be held February 23rd with Barbara Woods hosting the meeting. She will share her love of President's First Ladies with a talk and demonstration of the of "Lives President's Wives."

On November 4th one of our own members, Jennifer Luppold, played with the East River Mountain Town Band featuring patriotic selections to honor our veterans. Matthew French DAR Chapter gave American Flags as a gift to everyone that attended.



"A Patriotic Salute to America & Her Veterans"



For the last meeting of the year, Matthew French celebrated the holidays with a Christmas Open House and Yummy Bags Shower at the home of Donna Brewster, Regent. Dr. Debbie Clark was the guest speaker. Dr. Clark and Pat Mick, two members of the Matthew French Chapter, helped start the ministry. Each member was asked to bring a gift to bless the Yummy Bags ministry.

Yummy Bags Ministry Team started the Yummy Bags Ministry at First United Methodist Church in Hinton, WV. Volunteers started packing small bags with food for 15 needy children at Hinton Area Elementary. These meals helped ensure that the children would have a healthy meal both after school and on the weekends. The ministry soon realized that more children in the area needed this service.

Today, Yummy Bags Ministry is providing 99 bags each week-end and 1 book each month throughout Summers County including students at Hinton Area, Talcott and Jumping Branch elementary schools. The approximate cost per child each year is \$200. The goal for the ministry is to provide food for all the needy students in Summers County.

Matthew French Daughters continue to Move Forward in Service to America!

Chapter News

William Henshaw Chapter



Ryan Matthew Busey of Gerrardstown was awarded the \$500 Ann Henshaw Gardiner Memorial Scholarship. In photo (l-r): William Henshaw Chapter Officers Shelley Hamilton, Chaplain, and Laura Shifflett, Treasurer; Ryan's instructor Eric Armer; Recipient Ryan Matthew Busey; and Chapter Regent Nancy Myers.

A \$500 Ann Henshaw Gardiner Memorial Scholarship given by the William Henshaw Chapter was presented to Ryan Matthew Busey by Regent Nancy Myers during an awards ceremony at the James Rumsey Technical Institute in Hedgesville. The event took place on January 17, 2019. Ryan is a student enrolled in the final semester of the Electromechanical Technology program. "He plans to use the money," the Regent said, "to buy his text books." Ryan is the son of Victor and Sharon Busey of Gerrardstown.

After graduation from Musselman High School in 2017, Ryan completed the Electrical Technician course at James Rumsey, earning the Journeyman Electrical License and the opportunity to enter the Electromechanical Technology program. Ryan has worked part-time throughout to pay his own school expenses. A goal-oriented student, one of his goals is to complete his studies debt-free so that he can enter into an independent livelihood in a position to build a family of his own. Another goal is to be successful in his career in a way that brings credit to James Rumsey. The chapter's selection was pleasing to his instructor, Eric Armer, who said that Ryan has done exceptionally well academically. Before the Regent's remarks, Chapter Chaplain Shelley Hamilton spoke to the assembled students about her positive experience at James Rumsey as a student in the business program. "I was in the first graduating class held in this building," she said. "That was in 1971." Chapter Treasurer Laura Shifflett presented a \$500 chapter check to Ryan to use for school-related expenses.

The Ann Henshaw Gardiner Memorial Scholarship is named after a distinguished Woman in American history who was a member of the William Henshaw Chapter. She served in France during World War I as an Army nurse. After the war, she was a founder of the School of Nursing at Duke University. She returned home to Martinsburg to be with her elderly mother and directed nursing education at King's Daughters Hospital and City Hospital for over 20 years.

Chapter News

Updates on the Organizing Chapter

Excitement is building as the ladies working to organize the new DAR chapter in Spencer, WV take another step in the process. On February 16, 2019, the prospective organizing members of the chapter signed the Report of Organization.

In addition to preparing the applications for membership, the ladies used this time of organization to learn about the DAR organization.

The Office of the Organizing Secretary General reported the approved name of the Chapter will be **Tanner's Cross Roads**.



Prospective Organizing Members

Front L to R: Stephanie Poole, Reva Paxton, Vickie Baker, Susan Tucker, Bernice Staats

Back L to R: Sheryl Sergent, Carla Hicks, JuliAnna Poole, Linda Liss, Kathy Kidd, Carol Board-Westfall, Melba Starcher, Bonita Schreckengost, Amanda Sergent

Not pictured: Cathy Pierce and Susie Wyatt

Chapter News

Member Milestones

The Wheeling Chapter, in cooperation with the Clearwater Florida DAR Chapter, was very happy to present **Eloise Puglisi** with her 65th Anniversary Certificate of Membership in the Wheeling Chapter DAR.

The Clearwater Chapter also presented Eloise with a dozen of red roses. Eloise served as the Blanche Reymann State Scholarship Chairman in West Virginia and was a very active member of our Chapter. Pictured with Eloise is Chapter Regent Diane Richardson and Chapter Treasurer Janee Francks.



On October 15, 2018, William Henshaw Chapter member **Julia Karla Gates** became a 60-year member of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution! This is a goal not easily attained unless you become a member early in life, and Julia did.

At age 18, she joined the Barboursville Chapter where her late mother Frieda Mae Bowen Moreland was a member. After moving to Martinsburg in 1976, Julia transferred to the William Henshaw Chapter and has been an active member.

Julia served twice as Regent of the chapter and has many years and hours-in-service as chairman of the American History Committee Essay Contest. At the January 2019 meeting, Julia announced that the committee received 655 essays on the topic of “The Women’s Suffrage Campaign.”

Other members of the chapter who received recognition certificates for Years of Membership were Sarah Ann Myers Banks, 20 years, and Nancy Davis Myers, 40.

Chapter News

Member Milestones

Did You Know...Wheeling, WV will celebrate it's 250th Birthday this year!

And the City of Wheeling created "Wheeling 250" Committee to celebrate all year long!



Wheeling Chapter members **Jeanne Finstein** (on the cover of "IN Wheeling" magazine) and **Debi Smith**, State Vice Regent, are the DAR representative on the committee appointed by Wheeling Mayor Glenn Elliot.



State Vice Regent **Debi Smith** and her Mother **Joan McClelland**, Honorary Wheeling Chapter Regent were presented by Wheeling 250 as one of Wheeling's First Families in the Winter edition of "IN Wheeling" magazine!

Joan and Debi's DAR Patriot is Josias Brown who was a surveyor and large farm owner in Wheeling!



Check your deadlines!

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!
March 15	State Award Lists Due!
March 18	Meal Reservations Due!
March 21	Delegate and Alternate Credentials Due!
June 10	WV Breakfast at Congress Reservations Due!

