



West Virginia DAR News

National Theme: "Rise and Shine for America"

State Theme: "Soar to New Heights"



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Message from the State Regent



Dear West Virginia Daughters,

Thank you for entrusting me and your other State officers with the responsibility of leading our great State Society for the next three years. We are honored to serve!

The District meetings exceeded expectations with high attendance and abundant enthusiasm. The hostess chapters outdid themselves with their thoughtful preparation and outstanding execution. The District Directors presided beautifully, chapter officer training went well, and talking with so many of you from all areas of the state was an amazing experience. Thank you for your hospitality and enthusiastic acceptance of the plans for 2019-2022.

A highlight of the summer was the approval of the State Regent's Projects by the WVDAR Board of Management held after the Central District meeting. As many of you know, the projects include publication of a companion volume to the Virginia SAR's Genealogical, Burial, and Service Data for Revolutionary War Patriots Buried in Virginia; refurbishment of the West Virginia Peters Cottage at Tamassee DAR School; and teaching youth to write their names in cursive.

Preparatory work led by State Historian Mary Johnson and the District Directors is underway on the Genealogical, Burial, and Service Data for Revolutionary War Patriots Buried in West Virginia. The form and other information needed for capturing data for the book will be rolled out soon. Please look for these documents and plan creative ways to make your chapter's input comprehensive and accurate.

Plans for refurbishment of the West Virginia Peters Cottage at Tamassee DAR School are progressing nicely, thanks to Sandra Isner-Johnson, State Chair, and her committee—and your generosity at the district meetings. A successful work weekend at the cottage was just completed, and additional work will be undertaken before Founders Day at Tamassee in October. The first of several major statewide fundraising efforts, i.e., the sale of a "Soar to New Heights" scarf, is announced elsewhere in this publication. Please support these efforts so we can make the cottage shine.

Teaching youth to read and write in cursive is a personal project that I ask you to embrace. Please seek out young people in your community, whether they are your children or grandchildren, Scouts, 4-Hers, JAC participants, or C.A.R. members, and teach them to write their names in cursive. Once they are successful, please send a copy of the results to me and a certificate will be issued.

We are honored that the NSDAR Genealogical Department staff has chosen WVDAR as the recipient of a DAR application preparation workshop at Flatwoods on September 21. If your chapter Registrar, at a minimum, has not already signed up for this workshop, please contact Brenda Chevront, State Chair of the Chapter Development and Revitalization Commission.

A goal of this administration is to strengthen our chapters. Worthwhile community service is one of the main ways to attract and retain members. Please plan a National Day of Service project during the month of October and post photos of members involved in the event on the WVDAR Facebook page. And please remember to log your volunteer service hours through the DAR Members Web site. This is one way we can "Rise and Shine for America" and "Soar to New Heights."

With love and admiration,

Cheryl Alexander Brown, West Virginia State Regent

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS -

APRIL 1, 2019 - SEPTEMBER 6, 2019

Anne Bailey Chapter

Sandra Casteel
Jerrriann Cochran
Heather Colley
Sabriyah Shahbandy
Samira Shahbandy

Anne Royall Chapter

Susan Saunders

Bee Line Chapter

Evelyn Gwartney
Amy Keenan
Kelsey Miller
Gloria Serfass
Rebecca Willingham

Blennerhassett Chapter

Mary Beaumont
Melissa Blankenship
Ruth Callihan
Jo Day
Sonja Gross
Anna Grubisha
Melanie Huffman
Bernice Lemley
Linda McClung
Ardith Rader
Kara Shuemade
Dea Smith
Amanda Von Kennel

Buford Chapter

Kelli Campbell

Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter

Patricia Haught
Tricia Masters
Pattie Norman

Daniel Davisson Chapter

Hazel Hamilton

Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-

Colonel John Evans Chapter

Cynthia Cox
Sarah Gallagher
Amy Summers
Molly Summers

Elizabeth Zane Chapter

Kara Blevins

Elk River Chapter

Jana Dalton

General Andrew Lewis Chapter

Suzanne Cronquist

James Wood Chapter

Elizabeth Phelps

John Cooke Chapter

Krissa Lusk

John Hart Chapter

Heather Biola

Kanawha Valley Chapter

Terry Barley
Nancy Holmes
Carolyn Johnson
Mary Morton
Teresa Silva

Matthew French Chapter

Deborah Gillespie
Rebecca Mitchell
Margaret Sentelle

Ohio Valley Chapter

Sonya Billiter
Wilma Hyer

Old Hickory Chapter

Caprice Davis
Carolyn Tincher
April Wolfe

Pack Horse Ford Chapter

Linda Arant
Tracy Duvall
Robin Fell
Nicole Knowlton
Michelle Phillips

South Branch Valley Chapter

Janet Pyles

Tanner's Cross Roads Chapter

Margaret Plat
Bonita Schreckengost

Trans-Allegheny Chapter

Antoinete Devericks
Kimberly Mulneix

Wheeling Chapter

Lea Weber

William Henshaw Chapter

Marlene Davis
Cathleen Powell

Woodburn Chapter

Amy McIntyre
Kirstin Nething
Kristi Shaffer

Ye Towne of Bath Chapter

Helene Kerns
Patricia Sprague

ORDER YOUR "SOAR TO NEW HEIGHTS" SCARF TODAY



Size: 40" x 40"

One scarf \$35 - Two scarves \$60

All proceeds go to State Regent's Projects

Delivery by November 15, 2019

To reserve yours, mail a check payable to "State Treasurer, WVDAR" with your name and address to:

Cheryl Brown

P.O. Box 688

Kearneysville, WV 25430-0688

JUNIOR AMERICAN CITIZENS COMMITTEE

I welcome each of you to the challenges and fun of working with our youth. You will find it a most rewarding experience and your chapter will "SOAR TO NEW HEIGHTS"!

The JAC Committee was organized in 1901 to "teach children some knowledge of the underlying principles of our government, of American sentiment and all that will go toward making them good citizens."

I encourage each chapter regent to appoint a chair for their chapter. Regents, please send me contact information for your chair.

The JAC information can be located by visiting the DAR members page (www.dar.org/members). Click on committees and then select Junior American Citizens.

The 2019-2020 theme is: THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT-AMERICAN WOMEN RISE AND SHINE.

To implement the program, you will need to obtain permission from the Superintendent, principal, or youth group leader(s). If this is your first time to participate in the JAC contest, I recommend you do just one school or one grade level or youth group.

The contest guidelines are very specific and must be followed. The JAC entry form has confidential information on it. IT IS NOT TO BE GIVEN OUT TO THE NEWS MEDIA.

The letters to teachers/youth leaders need to be distributed early since selected winners will need to be sent to me so that I will receive them by January 1, 2020.

After judging, present students with certificates. There is a sample certificate on the website. A good time to do this is during awards day or at the youth group meetings. Be sure to take pictures (with proper permission) of the winners.

I am looking forward to working with each chapter and I wish each of you a great DAR year.

Patty Nutter, State Chair Junior American Citizens Committee

Email: pnutter7@zoominternet.net

Phone: 304-628-3748

THE AMERICAN INDIAN COMMITTEE

Indian Youth of America



<https://indianyouthofamerica.org/>

Greetings WV Daughters from Ashley Burgess, WV State Chair of The American Indian Committee. American Indian month is November and we need to be requesting proclamations signed by our mayors in early October. These forms are found on the DAR website under the American Indian Committee and under forms. If you have any questions, please call me at 740-423-1537. I will be happy to answer any questions and walk you through the process.

In addition, please be thinking of fund raisers in support of my challenge made to send a camper from each district to Indian Youth of America Summer Camp! We will need to raise funds before the end of May for camp in summer 2020.

Also listed on the American Indian Committee website are needs lists for Bacone College and Chemawa Indian School. I would like to suggest the Walmart \$25 Gift Certificates since postage costs are so high.

There are several videos on line that would be beneficial to you in program planning. Our national chair, Suzanne Heske, has done a wonderful job in supplying information that we need to be successful in our endeavors.

I know that together we can:

“Soar to New Heights
supporting The American
Indian Committee by sending
youth to camp!”

Chapter American Indian Chairs please contact Ashley as soon as possible (alb1119.ab@gmail.com) so she can build a statewide contact list.

2020 BLANCHE L. REYMANN STATE SCHOLARSHIP

The Blanche L. Reymann Scholarship is awarded 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 2020 Blanche L. Reymann State Scholarship will be awarded to a student from West Virginia Wesleyan College in Buchanan, West Virginia.

Chapters are encouraged to donate \$.50 per member annually to the Blanche L. Reymann Scholarship Fund.

OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY STUDENT RECEIVES 2019 BLANCHE L. REYMANN STATE SCHOLARSHIP



Lisa McNeil, State Chair of the Blanche L. Reymann Scholarship, Devinne Sparks, and Cheryl Brown, West Virginia State Regent

On August 24, 2019, Ohio Valley University senior Devinne Sparks, received the 2019 Blanche L. Reymann State Scholarship during the Northern District Meeting held in Parkersburg at the Seventh Street United Methodist Church. It was the first time the scholarship has been awarded under Mrs. Brown's administration.

Ms. Sparks is a 2016 graduate of Morgantown High School. She has maintained a 4.0 GPA and will be graduating with a degree in Special Education in December. She is currently student teaching at Van Devender Junior High School. Devinne is a great example of the dedication shown by recipients of the State Scholarship. She plans to use the \$1000 award toward her senior year tuition.

WEST VIRGINIA STATE REGENT'S PROJECT CHERYL A. BROWN

Josephine C. Peters Cottage



West Virginia Cottage at Tamassee DAR School

Goal of this project is to “Make the Cottage Shine”

The Peters Cottage Committee has done a great deal of prep work for this project. They were provided Maintenance History Information, Projected Renovation Notes, and past Regent's activity as it relates to the cottage. Recently there was an in-depth inspection completed of the entire cottage, which was then reviewed by another outside contractor with results compared and shared with the committee. The State Regent also visited the cottage and took extensive pictures that were also shared.

Through the committee's discussions, it was determined that there are several areas that need to be 'fixed' before the 'shine' could take place. So, we have divided the areas into two phases. **Phase I** will deal mainly with areas that are more structural in nature. These are identified from the Inspection Report as needing attention, plus other construction tasks (e.g., bathroom). **Phase II** will deal with the replacement of some furniture, furnishings, new mattresses and box springs, linens, decorations, etc.

We are currently working with Tamassee Maintenance to identify which areas will be taken care of through their maintenance staff, through an outside contractor (the bid process) and through the West Virginia Daughters. In the meantime, we are planning the first Work Weekend over Labor Day Weekend (Aug 30-31 and Sep 1-2). We hope to prioritize our tasks from each phase, and to spruce up the outside of the Cottage in preparation for the Founder's Day activities which are taking place in October.



We want the Josephine C. Peters Cottage to truly be a representation of West Virginia. Therefore, we will be decorating with WV items made by WV artisans. For example, handmade quilts for the bedrooms or throws for the couch, artwork for the walls, etc. We are also asking each District to take on a room to help with the decorating donations. The Committee will have a better idea as to the needs after the first Work Weekend. (Thank you to all who provided cleaning supplies. It is greatly appreciated.) If you have an idea for a donation, please send it to the committee for review/approval. We want to make sure that each room is coordinated with the same overall theme/color scheme and decorations. We have three years to get the items together ... well more like 2½ years.

This can be achieved by all West Virginia daughters at the Chapter, District and State Levels. We got this!!!

West Virginia Cottage at Tamassee DAR School Committee: Sandra Isner-Johnson, Chair; Kelly Goodwin, Pat Goodwin, Brenda Shinkovich, and Samantha Shleser

REVOLUTIONARY WAR PATRIOTS BURIAL PROJECT

Help Wanted!

Do you enjoy exploring cemeteries or overgrown areas looking for graves? Or do your interests lie more in searching for information about the people who rest there, in particular Revolutionary War patriots? If you answered "Yes" to either question, the WVDAR has an exciting project in need of your help.

As one of State Regent Cheryl Brown's three projects, the WVDAR will publish a volume of Genealogical, Burial, and

Service Data for Revolutionary War Patriots Buried in West Virginia. The publication will be patterned after a book issued by the Virginia Sons of the American Revolution a few years ago. That volume contains information on patriots buried in present-day Virginia but not those in counties that once were in western Virginia but now are West Virginia. With the approach of the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution and the establishment of the United States, the timing of the West Virginia project could not be better.

The publication will cover the entire state, and counties that are not within the boundaries of the five districts will be adopted temporarily by one of them. In order for the work to be comprehensive, it will require the work of WVDAR members and other interested parties. If you would like to assist with this project, please contact Mary Johnson, State Historian and America 250! State Chair, at mary.e.johnson2@wv.gov or at (304) 343-1244.

WVDAR PUBLIC RELATIONS AND MEDIA COMMITTEE

The PR and Media Committee is proud to announce that we have a new group on Facebook. Its purpose is to help chapters further our organizational commitment toward public awareness of DAR objectives and programs at the state level. This group hopes to provide a mechanism that will allow us to share techniques for reaching out and engaging with local PR and media outlets. By discussing lessons learned from our successes and failures, we can work together to improve our public messaging and to offer our communities a fuller understanding of our dedication to DAR's triple mandates of honoring the past, serving the present, and educating the future.

If you would like to participate in these discussions, please apply for admission to the group or ask your regent to recommend you for membership.

Darla Treat Courtney

Chair, WVDAR Public Relations and Media Committee
darlatreat@aol.com

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR TREASURERS

The "Dues Invoicer - 2019-2020" is now available under the Status tab on 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.

Submit your chapter's State and State Conference dues and National and State contributions with the WVDAR

2019-2020 Chapter Treasurer's Report, audited/reviewed 2018 financial statement and 2018 IRS filing to the State Treasurer by November 1st.

The President General's Project amount per member is \$2.50 per year or \$7.50 for 3 years. The membership count date for the President General's Project for the VanBuren Administration is January 1, 2020. You can check your chapter's progress towards 100% at the "President General's Project 100% Status Report" on eMembership.

Please have checks for contributions from organizations or individuals outside the WVDAR for the proposed State Regent's Projects made payable to State Treasurer, WVDAR and include contact information for the contributing organization or individual.

Change to the Contributions to State Society-Peters Cottage Utilities (\$1.00 per member suggested)

Because of a generous bequest of Josephine C. Peters, a member of the Kanawha Valley Chapter, the West Virginia State Society, at the 1992 State Conference, voted to adopt one of the guest cottages at Tamassee DAR School as the West Virginia Josephine C. Peters Cottage. The West Virginia Daughters signed an agreement committing WVDAR to the maintenance and utilities payments for the Cottage.

After 1992, many WVDAR State Regents included the Peters Cottage's restorations and refurbishments in their State Regent's Projects. (These projects did not include utilities payments.)

In the beginning, the Josephine Peters Investment Fund's interest earned yearly, provided the annual utilities payments; however, in recent years, the fund's interest percentage has fallen far below the costs for utilities payments, which average \$1,500-\$2,000 annually. Therefore, WVDAR's current leadership has requested that ALL West Virginia Daughters assist in the support of our Cottage at Tamassee. The requested donation of \$1.00 extra from each member will defray the total utilities costs. It is an obligation that ALL West Virginia Daughters should embrace.

THE AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMITTEE

The American Heritage Committee WANTS YOU!

To submit your Art, Sculpture, Crafts, Fiber
Arts, Literature, Drama, or Music to our
2019-20 Contest.

This Year's Theme:

"Rise, And Shine Your Light on the 19th Amendment"

All entries must be original, reflect this year's theme, and be made while you were an active member of

DAR. Details and forms for each division may be found on the NSDAR members website:

www.dar.org/members/committees/national-committees/american-heritage/committee-objectives

All Fiber Arts entries must first be judged at the STATE level. Submit entries by December 1, 2019. Mail photos and forms to:

Patricia Toffling,
154 Reachcliff Drive,
Shepherdstown, WV 25443-4283.

Submissions are made initially by photo and form. No electronic submissions are accepted. For all other divisions, please submit a copy of your form to the state committee co-chairs and follow division directions at above Web address.

Please contact WVDAR American Heritage Committee Co-chairs if you have any questions:

Patricia Toffling, 304-240-7021,
PatriciaToffling@comcast.net

Or Katherine Genung, 540-486-8473,
Katherine@TwoGenungs.com

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Don't forget to provide a copy of your chapter yearbook to the State Corresponding Secretary, Cindy Nicewarner, 6006 River Birch Court, Hanover, MD 21076.

Also, please be sure to keep eMembership updated. Chapter officers may only be changed in eMembership by the Chapter Regent. The Chapter Regent, Treasurer, and Registrar all have the authority to make changes and updates to members' information in eMembership. Please keep all information current.

Send any corrections and updates to the information listed in the WVDAR State Directory to Cindy Nicewarner, cnicewarner@verizon.net. The 2020 WVDAR Directory Supplement will be distributed at district meetings in the summer of 2020.

A limited number of WVDAR Directories are available for \$10 each. Checks should be made out to "State Treasurer, WVDAR." Directories will not be mailed, so make arrangements for pick up at WVDAR Genealogy workshop in Flatwoods on September 21, 2019.

Cindy Nicewarner

IMPORTANT DATES 2019-2020

September 2019	Go Strawless
September 17-23, 2019	Constitution Week
September 21, 2019	WVDAR Genealogy Workshop
October 4-6, 2019	Point Pleasant Battle Days
November 15, 2019	Scarf Delivery "Scale to New Heights"
November 17, 2019	WV DAR News Submissions
December 1, 2019	Fiber Arts Entries Due
December 15, 2019	Deadline to order insignia from Hamilton
January 1, 2020	Deadline JAC Award Application
April 24, 2020	"Commemorate 100 th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage" Cameo Club Luncheon
April 24-26, 2020	115 th WVDAR State Conference
May 1, 2020	WV DAR News Submissions
June 24, 2020	WV "Soar to New Heights" Breakfast
June 24-28, 2020	129 th Continental Congress

INFORMATION FOR LIBRARIANS



<https://www.dar.org/library>

The National Library welcomes donated books. The guidelines and donation forms are available online at <https://www.dar.org/library/about-library/making-donation-dar-library>.

The National Library also has Publication available to download or purchase. The books could be very useful to your PMs or members. Go to the DAR online store,

<https://www.dar.org/dar-shopping/dar-online-store/books-brochures-leaflets>.

Get involved with your local library. The library has a wealth of information and resources available. Invite your local librarian to give a program at one of your meetings.

The WVDAR has donated one book this year to the National Library. A few Chapters are planning to submit books for donation. I tried to donate a book, but the book was already in the National Library. Do not just send your books to the National Library. Send the donation form to National. They might already have the book.

CONSTITUTION WEEK

The Daughters of the American Revolution are well known for many things and one is starting the celebration of the Constitution. In 1955, DAR petitioned Congress to set aside September 17-23 annually to be dedicated for the observance of Constitution Week. The resolution was later adopted by the U.S. Congress and signed into public law on August 2, 1956, by President Dwight D. Eisenhower. Our very own DAR Constitution Hall was built in tribute to the Constitution of the United States.

Constitution Week commemorates the formation and signing on September 17, 1787, of the United States Constitution. So, let's do our duty as Daughters and teach our children, grandchildren, and everyone around us to protect and defend the Constitution. It is our Country's heritage.

Cathy Hinkle, Vice-Regent, Blennerhassett Chapter
WVDAR Constitution Week State Chair

*“ We the
People... ”*

October 10, 1774

Point Pleasant Battle Days

October 4th, 5th, and 6th

2019

The Point Pleasant Chapter of

WV Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

Request the honor of your presence at the

245th Anniversary Memorial Service of

The Battle of Point Pleasant

on

Sunday October 6th 2019 at 2:30 pm EST

Tu-Endie-Wei State Park

Point Pleasant, West Virginia



LIST OF ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

- On Friday, October 4th, 2019, at Tu-Endie-Wei State Park beginning at 7:30 pm and continuing every fifteen minutes until 9:30 pm there will be a candlelight tour of the Battle Monument featuring speakers commemorating the important persons and moments of “The Battle.”
- On Saturday, October 5th, 2019, The Battle Days Parade will commence at 11:00 am on Main Street, beginning at 10th Street and proceeding to Tu-Endie-Wei State Park.
- On Saturday, October 5th, 2019 at 6:00 pm, the Colonial Governor’s Reception will be held at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church Annex Hall located at 2222 Jackson Avenue in Point Pleasant, West Virginia. Colonial attire is encouraged but not mandatory. Pre-registration is requested, and the fee for the meal is \$25.00 per person.
- Following the Colonial Governor’s Reception at 8:00 pm there will be a Colonial Ball held at the same location.

Colonial attire is encouraged but not mandatory. This event is free of charge.

- On Sunday, October 6th, 2019, at 10:00 am, there will be an outdoor Early Colonial Church Service conducted at the Tu-Endie-Wei State Park.
- Following the Early Colonial Church Service, a luncheon will be served for Compatriots and their ladies/guests at 12:30 pm at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church Annex Hall at 2222 Jackson Avenue, Point Pleasant, West Virginia. Pre-registration is requested and the fee for the meal is \$25.00.
- On Sunday, October 6th, 2019 at 2:30 pm, The Memorial Service commemorating and honoring the fallen of The Battle of Point Pleasant will be conducted at Tu-Endie-Wei State Park. The Guest Speaker will be Peter Davenport, Chancellor General of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. State Presidents, their compatriots, Color guard units, Daughters of the American Revolution, and Children of the American Revolution will be in attendance at this formal ceremony. The general public is welcome to attend.
- Immediately following The Memorial Service there will be a “Wreath Laying Ceremony.” NSSAR Rules of Protocol will be followed in presenting “The Colors” and the “Wreaths.” The “Wreaths” will be placed at “The Magazine” within Tu-Endie-Wei State Park where the bodies of the honored fallen rest in eternity.

REGISTRATION

Saturday, October 5th, 2019 - 6:00 pm, 20th annual Colonial Governor’s Reception.

Location - Sacred Heart Catholic Church Annex Hall.

Saturday, October 5th, 2019 - 8:00 → 10:00 pm, 21st annual Colonial Governor’s Ball.

Location - Sacred Heart Catholic Church Annex Hall.
Free Music and Colonial period dance. Colonial period dance will be taught. (Free of charge)

Sunday, October 6th, 2019 - 12:30 pm, an informal luncheon for SAR & DAR members and their guests, will be held at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church Annex Hall.

*Colonial attire is encouraged at all the above events but not mandatory.

**Reservations and payment are requested in advance for the Colonial Governor’s Reception and the Luncheon.

Detach and mail with payment for the events you are attending to:

Point Pleasant Chapter WVSSAR
PO Box 511
Point Pleasant, WV 25550

Make checks payable to: Point Pleasant Chapter, WVSSAR

Registration for Battle Days Events

Colonial Governors Reception / Oct 5th 2019
Number of attendees _____ X \$25.00 ea = _____

Colonial Governors Ball / Oct 5th 2019
Number of attendees _____ Free

Colonial Battle Days Luncheon / Oct 6th 2019
Number of attendees _____ X \$25.00 ea = _____

Total Remittance -----= _____

I will be placing a wreath at the ceremony / Oct 6th 2019
Name of individual placing the wreath _____
Representing _____



All WVDAR members are encouraged to take the Skip the Straw Challenge in September. Eliminating plastic straws is one step towards reducing plastic pollution.

KEEPING YOUR CHAPTER HEALTHY

These are busy times in our lives and our DAR Chapters! It is so important to keep our chapters healthy. So, how can we add more to what we are already doing, you may ask? Well, there are so many little things that are available to you. Did you know that the DAR website has a list of Chapter Programs that other chapters have submitted for you to use? Go to:

<https://www.dar.org/members/executive-offices-nbm/reporter-general/chapter-programs>

Choose your category and enjoy. You will need to click on the correct link at the top of the page under the URL. Submit your event pictures to the newspaper. If you have someone in your chapter that likes to write, utilize their talents. Frank R. Barnard, of Printers' Ink, March 10, 1927 stated, "A Picture's Worth Ten Thousand Words." It's a quick and effective way to share your chapter's message to the community to spark interest in DAR.

Reach out to your members that do not use technology. It is easy to let our members know what is happening through our websites or emails, but you are not reaching all your members. Using post cards or newsletters is a way to keep our non-technology members in the loop. Yes, they have chapter yearbooks with dates and times, but there is so much more they are missing out on.

I am here to help our chapters continue to thrive! If your chapter is struggling, please let me know how I may help.

Margie Ways

WVDAR State Organizing Secretary

meways@comcast.net

304-261-2555

ROBERT RULES OF ORDER NEWLY REVISED

Robert Rules of Order Newly Revised (RONR) is the fundamental authority of parliamentary procedure. Though our Chapter and State Bylaws and policies may not always contain specific guidelines, RONR may be consulted as a chief resource.

As your State Parliamentarian, I encourage each Chapter's Regent to appoint a Bylaws Committee to review the Chapter Bylaws and amend/revise them, as needed, to align them with State and/or National Bylaws revisions. After your Chapter Bylaws have been reviewed and revised, if necessary, please send me a hard copy, as well as a digitized copy of your Chapter's Bylaws. Mail Chapter Bylaws to: Patricia Goodwin, WVDAR State Parliamentarian, 5028 Old Mill Road, Jane Lew, WV 26378 and submit digital copies to: pmg48dar@gmail.com.

These Bylaws will be collected and at the conclusion of the Brown Administration, the collection will be sent to the WVDAR Archives which is housed at Marshall University.

I serve each Chapter as a consultant, as well as the State Regent and other officers, committees, and members, on matters of parliamentary procedure. If parliamentary issues arise within the Chapter, please contact me. I am at your service.

Yours in WVDAR,
Pat Goodwin

INSIGNIA COMMITTEE

Please remember that if you are going to order Insignia from Hamilton Jewelry, you must order before December 15, 2019. The NSDAR contract with Hamilton expires February 29, 2020. After that date there will be no purchasing of Insignia until 2020 Continental Congress. NSDAR will be taking over the sales of DAR Insignia.

Dorrene Hale, State Chair

NORTHERN DISTRICT MEETING



EASTERN DISTRICT MEETING





CENTRAL DISTRICT





SOUTHERN DISTRICT



Bee Line DAR Goes to the Fair

Based on the premise that nothing is more American than a county fair, the Bee Line Chapter in Charles Town decided to host a booth at the 2019 Jefferson County Fair. Bee Line's registrar, Heidi Ware, spearheaded the effort to create a "heritage corner" for this year's fair.

Sharing a booth with the Jefferson County Historical Society, the General Adam Stephen Chapter of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), and Friends of Happy Retreat, Bee Line and its partners offered fairgoers a range of information on how these organizations serve the community.

For all four groups, raising organizational visibility and identifying new perspective members were major goals. Education was also a high priority. Jefferson County is historically rich, both in terms of its association with individual Americans bearing famous—or sometimes infamous—names as well as in terms of how important issues have touched the region and its development.

For these reasons, Bee Line and its partners provided handouts designed to encourage residents to learn more about their community and their nation. The Historical Society and Happy Retreat distributed copies of their newsletters. Marty Keesecker, president of General Adam Stephen SAR, appeared in Revolutionary Era attire and demonstrated the use of items common to that period.



PHOTO: Bee Line DAR member Heather Ishman Duncan and daughter Lillian shown with Vampirina, their Overall Grand Champion Hereford, at the Jefferson County Fair.

Bee Line honored the upcoming observance of Constitution Week by creating an appropriate display and distributing over 250 copies of the U.S. Constitution, as well as American flag pins attached to instructions for how to display and care for this important emblem of national sovereignty.

Other resources distributed included historical summaries on key commemorations currently being observed, including the 100th anniversary of Women's Suffrage, the 75th anniversary of D-Day, the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower, the 150th anniversary of the Transcontinental Railroad, and the upcoming 100th anniversary of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

As a back-to-school gift for children attending the fair, both Bee Line and the Historical Society also handed out pencils and small sweets.

By the end of the week, our efforts were rewarded with 11 new prospective members and connections with 1 transfer for Bee Line. This was the immediate effect. Several other visitors to our booth walked away with our contact information, saying they were interested but not yet ready to discuss membership. SAR gained 6 new prospective members, and the Historical Society added 4 members to its roll. Happy Retreat was not actively seeking new members but gained visibility for its upcoming beer festival.

In addition to hosting the booth, Bee Line Daughters served the fair as volunteer department superintendents and assistant superintendents, in administrative roles, and for many other voluntary duties needed to make the fair function smoothly.

Moreover, several Bee Line Daughters and their families participated as exhibitors at the fair. All told, Bee Line Daughters took home over 85 ribbons in such disparate categories as horticulture, garden vegetables, photography, baking and cake decoration, food preservation, herbs, needlecraft, and livestock.

Our members won Best of Show for candy, cake decoration, black-and-white photography, culinary herb, and decorative herb; and they won Best of Show Overall in baking/cake decoration and photography. In the livestock categories, they took Overall Grand Champion Hereford, Reserve Champion Hereford Bull, Reserve Champion Overall Hereford and class winners for 2-Year-Old Hereford and Yearling Hereford.

BLACKWATER CHAPTER

The Blackwater Chapter had a wonderful summer meeting in beautiful Canaan Valley as Belva Dilly, local historian, presented a program on the Parsons Train Depot which is listed on the National Register. New Officers were also installed.



Left to right: Belva Dilly, Wanda Booth, Secretary; Sue Silk, Treasurer and Registrar; Betty Knicley, Chaplain; Cathy Hebb, Vice Regent and Historian; Phyllis Garcia and Janice Barnes, prospective members; Cindy Kolsun, Regent; and Vicki DeBiase.



Photo: Jewel Field and Linda Summer

CAPTAIN JAMES ALLEN CHAPTER

Capt. James Allen Chapter, NSDAR, along with the John Beckley Chapter, NSSAR, and the Raleigh County Historical Society hosted a "Luncheon on the Green" on Saturday, June 8, 2019, at Wildwood House, Beckley Founder Alfred Beckley's home. Guests were entertained by Tish Westman on the dulcimer and psalter while they toured Wildwood House. Docents were from all three organizations. A Color Guard unit from the West Virginia Sons of the American Revolution presented the colors.

Greetings were given by the following: Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Beckley (Mr. Gerald Godfrey and Mrs. Becky Leach); Beckley Mayor, Mr. Rob Rappold; Capt. James Allen Chapter Regent, Mrs. Jewell Field; Past President WVSSAR, Mr. Bill Lester; John Beckley Chapter President, Mr. Paul Chapman; WVDAR State Historian, Mrs. April Gardner Norris; and Raleigh County Historical Society President, Mr. Tom Sopher.

Following a catered lunch by the Golden Corral, a wreath laying ceremony was held at Wildwood Cemetery. Zachary Phillips, husband of Capt. James Allen Chapter member Kathy Phillips, spoke about Alfred Beckley prior to the ceremony. WVDAR members in attendance represented the following chapters: Capt. James Allen, Old Hickory, Kanawha Valley, Blennerhassett, Elizabeth Zane, and Woodburn.



Photo: Bill and Ann Lester



Photo: Color Guard



Photo: Laying of wreaths

The Capt. James Allen Chapter, NSDAR, hosted a Paint Party and Potluck Dinner on Friday, July 16, to help raise funds for one of its members, Tammy Mills, who is in need of a double lung transplant. Two gift baskets full of goodies were also raffled off. Members and guests enjoyed painting a "butterfly" picture (a symbol of hope and renewed life) with instructor and art teacher, Sandy Shaw. Over \$600 was raised. Margaret Rusnak was Chair of this activity.

Linda Whitman, Regent

COLONEL CHARLES LEWIS CHAPTER

The Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter hosted the Western District meeting at the historic Lowe Hotel in downtown Point Pleasant on July 27th. Approximately 50 District members enjoyed training, State officer reports, and fellowship. We were honored to have the State Regent in attendance. She addressed the members and outlined her plans for the next 3 years. A delicious lunch was provided by the Lowe with entertainment by Ben and Mary Supple, members of the Fort Randolph Society, Children of the American Revolution. After a Memorial Service for deceased members, the meeting was adjourned.

COLONEL MORGAN MORGAN CHAPTER

Regent Barbara Channell, Vice Regent Twila Shaver and Award Coordinator Pattie Norman, members of the NSDAR Col. Morgan Morgan Chapter of Fairmont, presented the DAR Youth Citizenship Award to members of Boy Scout Troop 120 during a Scout Honor Court held at Tygart Lake Park on Aug 25. These awards recognize service provided during the Gold Star Mothers Memorial unveiling at the East Marion Park in Fairmont and were made possible by contributions from DAV/VFW post 629. Scouts receiving awards were Braeden Sharps, Ian Holbert, Evan Holbert, Evan Porter, Nicholas Fantasia, Chase Blosser, Isaac Merriman, Robert Ranson, Gregory Lyle, and Treavor Lyle.

Adults receiving awards were Scout Master Steve Blosser, Unit Commissioner Rudy L. Vincent, Chris Sharps, Kim Holbert, Matt Holbert, Dale Porter, Maika Merriman, John Lyle, Adam Ranson, and Beth Fantasia.



DANIEL DAVISSON CHAPTER

Daniel Davisson Chapter's September 7th meeting will feature Attorney Susan Morris, chief public defender for the Public Defenders Corporation for the 15th Judicial Circuit Court of West Virginia. Since NSDAR celebrates the Constitution every September, having a public defender as our speaker is so very appropriate because public defenders ensure the Constitutional rights of those who cannot afford a defense attorney. Also on September 17th Regent Laura Fullen, member Charlotte Orrahood, and prospective member Allie Cline will help three 5th grade teachers at Simpson Elementary School in Bridgeport, WV to facilitate a morning of Constitution Day lessons, including viewing "Constitution for Kids" (YouTube video), orally reading the DAR originated play "King George and the Pesky Colonies," and playing "The King's Taxation" M & M's activity (also available on the DAR website).

ELIZABETH ZANE CHAPTER

Elizabeth Zane Members Attend Naturalization Ceremony in Elkins, WV



Left to right: Georgette Ward, Regent; Marjorie Miles; Loretta Dawson; Pam Gillespie; Judge Thomas S. Kleehs; and Delores Wilson

WOMEN IN AMERICAN HISTORY RECOGNITION

Elizabeth Zane Chapter presented Mary Albaugh with a "Women in American History" certificate and medal during the August 15th Buckhannon City Council meeting.



Photo: Carolyn Crozier, Delores Wilson, Georgette Ward, and Loretta Dawson

JOHN YOUNG CHAPTER

The John Young Chapter is joining with Clay County Schools to assist teachers with basic needs for their classrooms.

Since Clay County lost its only grocery store this past summer, teachers are in need of a place to obtain items such as wipes, tissues, and antibacterial soap, that students use daily. Joan Haynie, Assistant Superintendent of Clay County Schools, is helping the Chapter to coordinate this project. Elementary schools involved include: Clay, Michelle Paxton, Principal; Big Otter, Anthony Boggs, Principal; Lizemore, Britni Ramsey, Principal; and A.E. White, Jamela Knajeski, Principal. Any chapters wishing to collaborate with John Young Chapter are welcome. Contact Linda Carper, Project Chair, 304-389-9357 for information.

Karen Taylor, Regent

KANAWHA VALLEY CHAPTER

2019 Armed Forces Day Parade South - May 2019 in Charleston, WV



Photo: Heather Harrison, Carolyn Monk, Nancy Shifflet, and Norma Blankenship.

Carolyn Monk, Chapter DAR Service to Veterans Co-Chair, has performed outstanding service, fundraising for our Project Patriot and Service to Veterans Committees. Just recently delivering donations, provided by the Aldersgate UMC hygiene program "Missy's Soaps For Hope" in Sissonville, to the Barboursville Veterans Home.



Newly elected officers were installed at the May 2019 chapter meeting: Nancy Shifflett (Regent), Connie Bowling (First Vice Regent), Patty Young (Second Vice Regent), Katheryn Massey Bowling (Chaplain), Carolyn Snodgrass (Recording Secretary), Lois Cavendish Taylor (Corresponding Secretary), Sandy Cox (Treasurer), Sandra Childress (Assistant Treasurer), Heather Harrison (Registrar), Claudia Duncan (Historian), and not shown above, Julie Boggess (Librarian).



Photo: Carolyn Monk

After six years of having the honor of being regent for the Kanawha Valley Chapter, April Norris is turning over the podium to Nancy Shifflet. She has begun plans to pursue her favorite hobbies, which include working in her garden and exploring some deserted cemeteries. Looks like she has the right shirt to wear.



Photo: Honorary Regent April Norris

MATTHEW FRENCH CHAPTER

The Matthew French Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution has been busy during the spring and summer months.

Program Highlights for April, May, June, July, and August Meetings

April Meeting: Matthew French welcomed Elaine Phillips as a member. Elaine was born in Greenbrier County, grew up Monroe County and graduated from Union High School. She received a degree from Concord College with a BS in Education - Certification in Business Education. Harry Finkelman, CPA, one of her accounting professors, offered her a job at his CPA firm in Princeton. History and genealogy have become a special interest. She joined Fort Maiden Spring NSDAR, Tazewell, Virginia, on July 5, 2010. Her Patriot is Charles Spangler, PA, PSLT, from York, Pennsylvania. Elaine looks forward to working with our chapter.

May Meeting: Barbara Maxwell hosted the Matthew French DAR May meeting at Ryan's in Princeton. She had an interesting program on D-DAY. She talked about Lucille Boggess, 89, of Bedford, Virginia, who lost two brothers, Bedford and Raymond Hoback, at the age of 15. The carnage happened within a few minutes, as German machine gunners attacked before the unit was able to fire a single shot.

National Day of Prayer: On the first Thursday in May, the Matthew French Chapter observed the National Day of Prayer at the steps of Mercer County Courthouse. The National Day of Prayer is designated by the U.S. Congress



when people are asked “to turn to God in prayer and meditation for your country.” Pictured are Donna Brewster, Chapter Regent, and Lou Belcher at the National Day of Prayer.

Flag Day Ceremony, Princeton, WV: Our DAR daughter, Barbara Wood, attended a Flag Day Ceremony by the Sons of the American Revolution, Gen. Hugh Mercer Chapter, Princeton, West Virginia. The SAR Chapter presented a “Flag Certificate” to Chick-fil-A.



*One flag, One Land, One
heart, One Hand,*

One nation under God Evermore!

-Oliver Wendall Holmes-

July WV Southern District Meeting: Matthew French hosted Southern District Meeting

On July 13th, the WV Southern District meeting was held at the First United Methodist Church in Princeton. Barbara Wood, with Heather Bostic as her model, presented a program on dress styles of the mid-1800s.



August Meeting: Matthew French DAR learned “How to Dispose of a Damaged American Flag.” We learned that because the flag represents a living country, the flag is considered a living thing (U.S. Flag Code).



PACK HORSE FORD CHAPTER

The dog days of summer didn't stop over 20 members of the Pack Horse Ford Chapter from participating in the annual 4th of July Parade in Shepherdstown, led by Regent Cindy Nicewarner. Also joining in the fun were the Henrietta Bedinger Lee Society, National Society Children of the American Revolution (CAR), as well as other local organizations. The chapter received an enthusiastic round of applause from spectators who scrambled to collect the trinkets from the chapter.



Photo: Kim Sencindiver

Chapter member Kim Sencindiver constructed the DAR wagon-float and pulled our spirited patriotic team. Members distributed red, white, and blue bead necklaces, small U.S. flags, and glow sticks.

Flags were held by Nicole Gonzales-Knowlton, Penny Pickles, and Jill Rowland. First Vice Regent Marlyn Keesecker and husband Marty (President, Sons of the American Revolution), along with member Michelle Phillips and husband Allan, added to the patriotic cheer dressed in colonial attire.



Photo: Nicole Gonzales-Knowlton, Penny Pickles



Photo: Jill Rowland



Photo: Marlyn and Marty Keesecker



Photo: Michelle & Allan Phillips

SHENANDOAH VALLEY CHAPTER

The Shenandoah Valley Chapter hosted a Veterans Dinner on June 4, 2019 to honor our local Veterans. Music by the Blue and Gray Chorus entertained the veterans with military songs including recognizing each branch of service. This dinner is well attended by the local veterans. As one veteran stated, "When I came home from WWII, there was no one to greet me and there was no parade. This dinner is my parade! Thank you for honoring me."



Members, left to right: Karen Caryl (perspective member), Sylvia Rhodes, Sally Ann Greenfield, Margie Ways, Janie Butts, Penny Hoeflinger, Alice Cogle, and Kathleen Merceruio.

The Shenandoah Valley Chapter hosted the 72nd Eastern District Meeting held on Saturday, August 10, 2019 at the Arden United Methodist Church Family Life Center, Martinsburg, WV. Gail Potter, Eastern District Director presided over the meeting and introduced attending guests. Margie Ways, Regent for the Shenandoah Valley Chapter welcomed the 79 guests in attendance. Cheryl Brown, WVDAR State Regent presented the State Regent's message.



Members, left to right: Susanne Horner, Kathleen Merceruio, Alice Cogle, Sally Ann Greenfield, Carol DeHaven, Barby Frankenberry, Margie Ways. Seated: Sylvia Rhodes. Not pictured: Jerell Wright, Penny Hoeflinger, and Janie Butts.



SOUTH BRANCH VALLEY CHAPTER

We are excited about programs and projects which include the continuation of reporting volunteer hours, DAR Service to Veterans (Martinsburg Center), renovation of the West Virginia Josephine C. Peters Cottage at Tamasee, literacy promotion and the publication of Revolutionary Patriots of WV. We hope you can join us as we address these worthy objectives.

JoeAnn Eye, Regent

TANNER'S CROSS ROADS CHAPTER

The Tanner's Cross Roads Chapter was confirmed on March 5, 2019 with Organizing Regent, Vickie Baker. On June 1, the Tanner's Cross Roads Chapter NSDAR hosted daughters from across West Virginia for a celebration of the confirmation of the newest West Virginia DAR chapter. The celebration began with the flag procession by the West Virginia State SAR Color Guard. After lunch, the chapter officers were installed by State Regent Mindy Davis. Thank you to the WVDAR Executive Committee 2016-2019 for the Chapter Ribbon with the Chapter Regent's pin and to State Regent Mindy Davis for the black walnut gavel.

WESTMORELAND CHAPTER

The Westmoreland Daughters are working hard to be able to place DAR markers on the graves of Wayne County Patriots. They are out in their communities selling t-shirts bearing the names of those soldiers who served and are buried in the county. This summer members have attended the Wayne County Fair, Ft. Gay's Mountain Heritage Day, two block parties in the town of Wayne and other events. Plans are still being made to continue this effort in the towns of Ceredo and Wayne for the Fall Festivals in those communities. During these efforts they

are distributing DAR materials, recruiting future Westmoreland members, sharing information about Constitution Week, and handing out free American flags. They will also recognize those veterans who pass by with a small gift to thank them for their service.



Photo: Cynthia Cindie Harper (former Chapter Registrar for Amy's application), Amy McIntyre, Sandy Czuba and Jane Larke (WV Vice Regent)

We had a wonderful night of fantastic food, fellowship, and friendship. It was so special to be able to have Sandy present for Amy's welcome to DAR.

"You may not be able to control everything that happens to you, but you can always control how you handle it."

May you always be thankful and blessed!

Cindie Harper, Regent

WOODBURN CHAPTER

Woodburn Chapter had some fun things going on this month! Our members collected school supplies and donated them to Kingwood Elementary School in Kingwood, WV.



Photo: Vice Regent Karen Kurilko with Principal Jill Ziegler

We had an exciting meeting in August at the home of Woodburn Chapter Secretary Dale McGill. Associate member Sandy Czuba from NC DAR was able to attend and be present for our welcome to new member Amy McIntyre, who happens to share the same Patriot (Patriot Henry Dorton) as Sandy. We love the connections that are being made.

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

I have enjoyed reading what each chapter and committee is doing and look forward to putting out the next newsletter. Thank you all for your great pictures and articles.

I am using Microsoft word to publish the newsletter. For future submissions, would you please submit the article as one document and the pictures individually. It will help with the formatting. Also is there are any pictures of children in the photos, please make sure that we have permission from their parents to use the photo.

Please send me your articles for the December West Virginia DAR news by November 17, 2019.
Wevans45@comcast.net.

Thank you,
Wendy Evans