



# 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,

Happy New Year to all of you! 2020 is shaping up to be another busy year filled with many opportunities to "Soar to New Heights" as we strive to promote historic preservation, education and patriotism in our communities.

But first, this month we have an opportunity to report on all we have accomplished in 2019 by completing the Chapter Master Report well in advance of the February 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. Let's aim for 100% reporting once again and tell everyone how much West Virginia Daughters do! If you haven't already done so, please remember to enter your

community service hours in the Service to America Online Tally, which can be accessed through the Members' Section of the DAR Web site.

One new group that will become official in 2020 is the West Virginia State Application Team (SAT), composed of ten members who have volunteered to assist selected chapters with completion of new member applications. The SAT is not designed to replace chapter registrars but rather to augment their efforts. CDRC State Chair Brenda Chevront has agreed to lead the WV SAT as an additional duty.

On April 24-26, we will gather at the Bridgeport Conference Center at Charles Pointe in Bridgeport, WV, for the 115<sup>th</sup> State Conference. The ladies of the Northern District and Co-Conference Chairs Charla Nutter and Mary Ellen Hunt are planning an informative and fun conference for all of us. Please see the call to state conference and meal reservation form for details. Be sure to note deadlines for room and meal registration, credentials, and reporting and respond as requested. We will once again have our "DAR-lings Delights" auction, and hope you will continue to support this great fundraiser as you have in the past. Because the conference will focus on education this year, please let us know if you are serving or have served as a teacher by filling out the bottom part of the meal reservation form. We would like to honor you for a job well done. Also, please consider wearing a period hat and/or clothing to the Cameo Luncheon on Friday, as we will commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Women's Suffrage at that event.

The 129<sup>th</sup> Continental Congress will be held on June 24-28. Once again, many of the events will occur in the Grand Hyatt Hotel with business sessions in Constitution Hall. The West Virginia "Soar to New Heights" Breakfast will be held on June 24 at a new venue – the Army and Navy Club in Washington, DC. Please make sure to make your reservations for the breakfast.

On a personal note, I want to thank all of you for your thoughtfulness, enthusiasm and many kindnesses during my visits with you. Your devotion to DAR and its mission is so inspiring!

With love and admiration,

Cheryl Alexander Brown  
West Virginia State Regent

# **Call to State Conference**

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

**Cheryl Alexander Brown, State Regent**

**Jane Jacobs Larke, State Vice Regent**

*Call to the One Hundred and Fifteenth State Conference*

*April 24-26, 2020*

*Bridgeport Conference Center at Charles Pointe, Bridgeport, WV*

*THEME: "Soar to New Heights with Education"*

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 Chairs; voting on recommendations and resolutions; and acting on such other business as may properly come before the Conference body.

### **Credentials/Registration – Bridgeport Conference Center**

Friday, April 24 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 25 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

### **Sales and Displays – Bridgeport Conference Center**

*Closed during all Business Sessions!*

Friday, April 24 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 25 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

### **Schedule of Events**

#### **Thursday, April 23, 2020**

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

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting – Board Room, Wingate by Wyndham Bridgeport

5:00 p.m. – Tour of Fort New Salem, an 19<sup>th</sup> Century Working Fort

6:15 p.m. – Informal dinner at Salem University Alumni Center for Executive Board, Conference Guests, & ALL DAR members & Significant Others

8:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. – Hospitality Room Open – Wingate by Wyndham Bridgeport – Everyone Welcome

#### **Friday, April 24, 2020**

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!"

10:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Registration / Chapter Press Book & Scrapbook Display/ "DAR-lings Delights!"

12:00 noon – Luncheon – Cameo Club Luncheon – Robinson Grand Performing Arts Theatre, Clarksburg

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

1:45 p.m. – Board of Management meeting – Ballroom

2:45 – 3:30 p.m. – West Virginia Chorus Rehearsal

2:45 – 3:30 p.m. – Page Meeting and Flag Rehearsal

3:00 p.m. – State Officers Club Meeting

6:00 p.m. – Dinner – Ballroom

8:15 p.m. – Processional Forms

8:30 p.m. – Opening Session of the 115<sup>th</sup> State Conference – Ballroom

**Receiving Line Following the Opening Session**

10:00 – 11:00 p.m. Hospitality Room Open – Wingate by Wyndham Bridgeport – Everyone Welcome

## ***Call to Conference Continued...***

### **Saturday, April 25, 2020**

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 – Chapter Regents' Club Breakfast/Meeting – Conference Suites 3 & 4

8:50 a.m. – Processional Forms

9:00 a.m. – Conference Business Session – Ballroom

12:00 p.m. – Awards Luncheon – Ballroom

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

5:00 – 6:30 p.m. – Photographs

6:45 p.m. – Processional Forms

7:00 p.m. – Banquet – Ballroom

8:30 p.m. – Page Pool Party – Pool & Hospitality Room, Wingate by Wyndham, Bridgeport

10:00 p.m. – 12:00 p.m. Hospitality Room Open – Wingate by Wyndham Bridgeport – Everyone Welcome

### **Sunday, April 26, 2020**

8:00 a.m. – Breakfast – Buffet – Ballroom

9:00 a.m. – Memorial Service – Ballroom

10:00 a.m. – Closing Business Session – Ballroom

### **State Conference Fee**

Each chapter shall have paid dues for each member and 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 State 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, 2019 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 times as many delegates and alternates as at the previous Continental Congress (128<sup>th</sup> Continental Congress in 2019), one of whom shall be the Chapter Regent, Chapter Vice Regent or the Chapter Regent's representative. State Chairs and State Vice Chairs are appointees, and therefore have no vote at the 115th State Conference unless elected as delegates by their chapter.

### **Credentials**

State Chair is **Rebecca Davis**, 1910 Lazzelle Union Blvd., Madsville, WV 26541-8017. Please return one copy of the forms to the State Chair by **April 9, 2020** 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 at the Bridgeport Conference Center to receive the voter's ribbon and registration materials.

### **Resolutions**

All resolutions to be considered for presentation at the state conference must be sent to the conference appointed Resolutions Chair **April Norris**, 1364 Old Eccles Road, Beckley, WV 25801 or email [DAR.AprilGardner@yahoo.com](mailto:DAR.AprilGardner@yahoo.com) at least 15 days before the state conference (postmarked no later than **April 9, 2020**).

### **Meal Reservations**

Enclosed in this edition of the *WVDAR News* is the reservation form that lists the meal functions and prices. Prices quoted include gratuity. **Deadline for meal reservations is April 1, 2020.** Requests for cancellations or refunds must be made no later than April 10, 2020. Reservations should be mailed to **Malinda "Mindy" Davis, 327 Horner Run, Pennsboro, WV 26415-6050**

# **Call to Conference Continued...**

## **Hotel Reservations**

Make room reservations directly with the *Wingate by Wyndham Bridgeport, WV* by calling **304-808-1000** 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 22, 2020.** Room requests after March 22, 2020 will be considered pending availability and are not guaranteed the State Conference rate.

## **Service Project**

Chapter Regents shall send no later than **March 21, 2020** to **Community Classroom Committee State Chair Marilyn "Susie" Rogers**, PO Box 569, Summersville, WV 26651-0569 a brief narrative with pictures, on an 8 ½" x 11" paper, of how their chapters are "Soaring to New Heights with Education". These will be posted on display for all the Conference attendees to read and enjoy!

## **Reports**

Members of the Executive Committee, District Directors, State Chairs and Chapter Regents shall prepare and submit a report for the State Conference of their work since April 1, 2019. Reports shall be typed, double-spaced on one side of 8 ½ 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 copies of the report; send one copy to **State Recording Secretary Carolyn Kesterson, 1015 Ashby Ridge Road, Parkersburg, WV 26104** or email, preferred, [mommawvu@cascable.net](mailto:mommawvu@cascable.net); one copy to the State Regent; and maintain one copy for your files. Reports must be received by the State Recording Secretary either via mail or email no later than **March 21, 2020**.

\*\***State Chairs of education-related committees** will report on the work of their committee during the Saturday business session. Other State Chairs may **volunteer** to give a report on the work of their committee during the business session. Contact the State Regent if you would like to volunteer.

## **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 Chairs planning to present awards at the 115th State Conference must send the name of the recipient, committee/person giving award, designation of award (1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.) to **Randi Gray**, 905 Naish Avenue, Williamstown, WV 26187 or email at [randij@suddenlink.net](mailto:randij@suddenlink.net). **Deadline is March 21, 2020. All awards must be signed by the proper State Officer or State Chair at the Awards Table on Friday, April 24, 2020.** Award certificates will be available for pick-up at the Awards Table on Sunday, April 26, 2020 before breakfast. **District Directors are responsible for ensuring the chapters in their district receive their certificates.**

## **Exhibits/Sales**

Exhibits, displays and sales tables will be located in the lobby of the Bridgeport Conference Center. If interested in volunteering to help at the tables, please contact the State Conference Co-Chairs.

## **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.

# ***Call to Conference Continued...***

## **Pages**

Please encourage and invite your daughters, granddaughters, and nieces to serve as Pages for the 115<sup>th</sup> State Conference! Page invitations will be sent to those whose names have been sent to the State Regent via email to [FrankK5600@aol.com](mailto:FrankK5600@aol.com).

## **Hostess Chapters**

**Chapters of the Northern District**, led by **District Director Mary Ellen Hunt**, are serving as the 115<sup>th</sup> State Conference hostesses. The chapters include Anne Royall, Blennerhassett, Colonel William Lowther, James Wood, Ohio Valley and Wheeling. **Charla Nutter** and **Mary Ellen Hunt** are serving as **General Conference Co-Chairs**.

## **West Virginia Chorus**

Calling all Voices! If you wish to sing with the West Virginia Chorus, contact **WV Chorus Director Selma Humphreys**, 131 Batton Drive, Ripley, WV 25271-9407; email: [thebeareslady@yahoo.com](mailto:thebeareslady@yahoo.com); or phone: (304) 377-5784.

## **Memorial Service**

Names of deceased members must be mailed by **April 1, 2020** to **State Chaplain Sandra Isner-Johnson**, 101 Greenbrier Drive, Ripley, WV 25271 or emailed by **April 5, 2020** to [sisner-johnson@trccompanies.com](mailto:sisner-johnson@trccompanies.com). Include full name of deceased member, national number, chapter name and death date. Please indicate if she was a Past National or State Officer, Past National Chair or Past Chapter Regent.

## **Teachers in Attendance**

We will honor all teachers – current and former – in attendance at the “Fly High with Education” dinner on Friday night. Please answer the questions about teaching on the Meal Reservation Form.

## **Chapter Press Books and Scrapbooks**

Bring your chapter’s press book and/or scrapbook to the Bridgeport Conference Center lobby on Friday, April 24, 2020 before 4 p.m. Judging will occur on Saturday afternoon and winners will be announced during the business session on Sunday morning.

**Press Book Requirements**—Clippings must be original; no photocopies! Each item in the book must include the newspaper or publication’s name and publication date. Please do not write in the margin or underline names. Include items on chapter-sponsored events, including C.A.R. You may include 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, 2019 to March 31, 2020**. The first page of the book should include the chapter name, dates covered and names of the Chapter Regent and Press Book Chair. No clip art or scrapbooking materials. Judging will be on the number of vertical inches of type per column, amount of publicity given the chapter and accuracy of following the instructions. **Reminder**—*Many newspapers are now online and chapter articles may be online. Reprints of these articles will be permitted but must include the newspaper’s masthead or a print of its name.*

**Scrapbook Requirements**—The first page of the scrapbook must include the chapter’s name and location and names of the Chapter Regent and Scrapbook Chair. With all photographs, please neatly identify members and the activity. Scrapbooks should contain activities and events from **April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020** 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 two divisions based on chapter size: 1-49 members in division one and 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 Chair and chapter. Thank you for all your support for this fundraiser!!**

*I encourage all WV Daughters to attend your state conference. I look forward to seeing you there!*

*Cheryl*

**115th WVDAR STATE CONFERENCE**  
**Bridgeport Conference Center at Charles Pointe, Bridgeport, WV**  
**April 24-26, 2020**  
**“Soar to New Heights with Education”**

**MEAL RESERVATIONS**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

CHAPTER: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Thursday, April 23, 2020 *All Welcome & Encouraged to Join the Executive Board & Guests for Dinner*  
 6:15 p.m. Informal dinner with variety of selections \$17.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Reservations are required Salem University Alumni Center

Friday, April 24, 2020 “The Vote: One Giant Step for Womankind” Cameo Luncheon \$24.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
 12 Noon Salad Trio Plate with Fruit Cup Robinson Grand Performing Arts Center

Friday, April 24, 2020 “Fly High with Education” Dinner \$35.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
 6:00 p.m. Entrée Choice \_\_\_\_\_ Grilled Chicken Breast or \_\_\_\_\_ Herb Roasted Pork Loin  
*Please mark only one choice* Ballroom

Saturday, April 25, 2020 “Education: Glide Path to Success” Breakfast \$21.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
 7:00 a.m. Chapter Regents’ Club Breakfast Open to Regents/Past Regents  
 Quiche Plated Breakfast Conference Suites 3&4

Saturday, April 25, 2020 “Take Flight with ABCs” Awards Luncheon \$24.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
 12 Noon Classic Club – Turkey Breast, Smoked Bacon – With Chips Ballroom

Saturday, April 25, 2020 “Slip the Surly Bonds of Earth with DAR Schools” Banquet \$38.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
 7:00 p.m. Entrée Choice \_\_\_\_\_ Bistro Steak & Shrimp or \_\_\_\_\_ Roasted Turkey Breast  
*Please mark only one choice* Ballroom

Sunday, April 26, 2020 “Rise and Shine for Instruction” Breakfast \$23.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
 8:00 a.m. Rise and Shine Buffet – Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Home Fried Potatoes Ballroom

*All plated dinners include: entrée, salad, vegetable, fresh baked rolls & butter, dessert & beverage*  
 TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY: April 1, 2020**

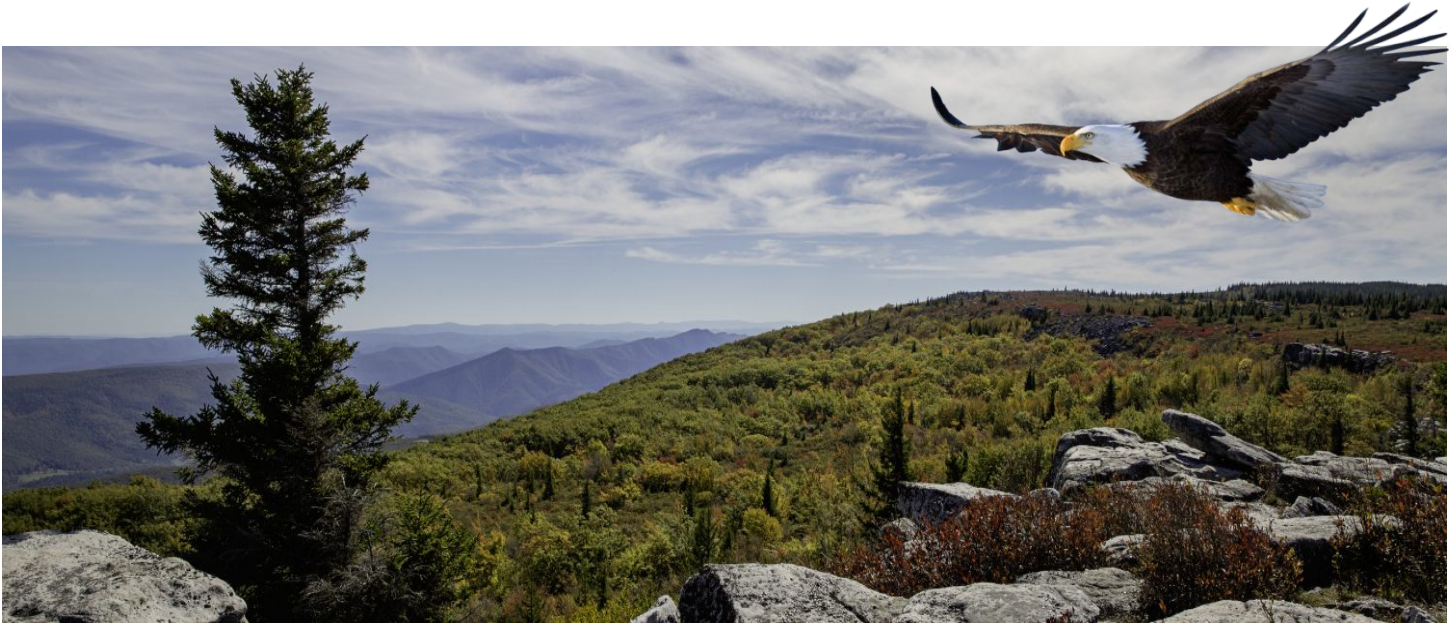
Checks are to be made payable to: **State Treasurer, WVDAR**

**DO YOU HAVE DIETARY RESTRICTIONS? IF SO, PLEASE LIST** \_\_\_\_\_

**MAIL TO: Malinda “Mindy” Davis, 327 Horner Run, Pennsboro, WV 26415-6050**

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

**HAVE YOU BEEN A TEACHER? \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO IF YES, HOW MANY YEARS? \_\_\_\_\_**



**Come Soar with Us - #WVDARSoars**

# **West Virginia**

*“Soar to New Heights”*

**Breakfast at Continental Congress**

June 24, 2020

**The Army and Navy Club**

at Farragut Square

Washington, DC

Our new venue is both historic and beautiful. The online link to purchase tickets is: <https://2020wvbreakfast.eventbrite.com> WV Daughters have first notice of this event. Make your reservations now. Cost is \$49.37 (includes processing fee).

## 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

Now Available!

Mail a check payable to

"State Treasurer, WVDAR"

with your name and address to:

Cheryl Brown

P.O. Box 688

Kearneysville, WV 25430-0688

## AMERICAN HISTORY COMMITTEE

### Essays

"American History" essays must be sent to Susan Garrett, 94 Farm View Drive, Moorefield, WV 26836 by January 10, 2020. Chapters may submit one essay for each grade level 5-8.

"Christopher Columbus" essays must be sent to Becky Neal, 269 Weekly Run Road, Ravenswood, WV 26164 by January 10, 2020. Chapters may submit only one essay for the state contest.

All essays must be submitted by hard copy with the "Guidelines for Judges" forms enclosed. Each Chapter chair need to keep a copy of submitted essays for their records. Please adhere to the state deadline. Becky and I have a quick turn around with judging as the winning essays need to be sent to the East Central Division level by February 15. Thank you for your cooperation!

Susan Lenora Garrett  
State Chair, American History Committee

## THE AMERICAN INDIAN COMMITTEE

### Indian Youth of America



<https://indianyouthofamerica.org/>

Greetings West Virginia Daughters,

I know everyone has been working hard. Although we have had only 3 months to work toward the challenge of raising \$180 for each chapter for the Indian youth of America Summer Camp Project. (Remember we still have 1 month to go in order for it to be reflected on the 2019 Master Report). I have had several responses to date. A big thank you goes out to the following chapters: Blennerhassett, Col. William Lowther, James Wood, Kanawha, Ohio Valley, and Wheeling. This is amazing for 3 months' work. We are just \$320 short of having enough money to send two young people to summer camp. I hope the rest of your chapters will take this opportunity to help us achieve this goal. Just think of the difference we can make for these two young people. We can be proud of what we have accomplished in just a few months. Just think of what we can accomplish in the 12 months of 2020.

Ashley Burgess  
State Chair, American Indian Committee

## DAR GOOD CITIZENS COMMITTEE

### DAR Good Citizen Medals Available

Only four chapters have placed orders for DAR Good Citizen materials with Chair Brenda Durham. Supplies are available for \$2.50 per set (Pin, Certificate, and Wallet Card). Student essays (not required for the award) for the scholarship portion of the program are due to Chair by January 15. Entries may be mailed to 139 Ruthlawn Drive, South Charleston 25309 or emailed to [bsdurham@suddenlink.net](mailto:bsdurham@suddenlink.net).

Your chapter still has time to participate in this program to recognize outstanding seniors in high school who exhibit the qualities of good citizenship in their homes, schools, and communities.

## DAR HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANTS COMMITTEE

Does your chapter or local historical society have a project that could use financial support? The DAR Historic Preservation Grants provide funding for local community projects that preserve historic resources, sites and other history-related projects. Examples include restoration of historic buildings; digitization or preservation of documents/records; preservation of historical items/artifacts; erection of new or rededication/relocation of existing historical markers; cemetery headstone and monument conservation, etc. Additional consideration is provided to projects related to the Colonial-through-the-Federal periods, though projects from all eras are welcome to apply.

Up to \$250,000 is awarded annually to support local history through the DAR Historic Preservation Grants program. Grants of \$1,000 to \$2,000 are encouraged, but the maximum amount available to an organization is \$10,000. Applicants are required to match the amount 1:1 to maximize the funds distribution. Any IRS public charity with a 501c3 is eligible, if sponsored by a chapter. Each grant must include a letter of support from a local chapter or our state organization. If you or an organization in your community is interested in applying for a grant, applications can be found at DAR Historic Preservation Grants Application.

Consider putting together an application in 2020. Completed applications must be postmarked on or before December 31, and projects funded through this grant must be completed within a year of initial funding.

Karen Kurilko  
State Chair, Historic Preservation Grants Committee  
[karenkurilko@gmail.com](mailto:karenkurilko@gmail.com)

## DAR PATRIOT PROJECT

Please remember our patriots who are serving abroad. The Chaplain's Closet at the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center provides a variety of new essential clothing and comfort items for our deployed U.S. Service Members. They will accept items as well as monetary donations. Presently, they need the following items:

Hoodies and Sweatshirts, military duffle bags or black duffle bags with no logos, sweatpants, basketball shorts, t-shirts, polo shirts, belts, adult coloring books and pens, individual pen sets, sneakers, boxers, pajamas, gloves and dental floss, and body wash. Please send new items, and do not send sweets.

Both items and monetary donations should be sent to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Attn: Chaplain's Clothes Closet MCEU-LST-CH, Unit 33100 APO 09180-3100. Checks should be made out to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center. Mention in the memo section that they are for the Chaplain's Closet fund for Warrior Programming.

I have been a little frustrated that I've not been able to get names of deployed West Virginia service members. I've had some great leads, but "confidentiality" has been mentioned often. If you know of any West Virginians

servicing who would not mind having their addresses shared, I will share with all of our chapters. We have many West Virginians deployed right now that I'm sure would love to have a card or some small items to make them know that we appreciate their service to keep us free.

If your chapter has completed a special activity or project and would like to be considered for recognition, please send a complete report and supplementary materials to me: Cynthia Kolsun, 605 Central Ave, Parsons, WV 26287. It should arrive by February 1. A special thanks to Jessie McClain for keeping me on my toes about dates. I appreciate it. I know many of our chapters are doing some great projects. Please report them so you can be recognized. We are doing great work. If you have questions, my email is [drkolsun@atlanticbb.net](mailto:drkolsun@atlanticbb.net) or call me a 304-553-1012.

Enjoy this wonderful time of year!

Cindy Phillips Kolsun  
State Chair, DAR Patriot Committee

## DAR SCHOOL

As your WVDAR DAR Schools Chairman, I wish to inform you of the 100th Anniversary Tamassee DAR School celebration that occurred October 15-16, 2019.



Five West Virginia Daughters attended the 2-day celebration. WVDAR members included: Vice President General NSDAR and Honorary State Regent, Malinda "Mindy" Davis; State Regent, Cheryl A. Brown; State Chaplain and Peters Cottage Committee Chairman, Sandra Isner-Johnson; State Parliamentarian and Peters Cottage Committee member, Pat Goodwin; and DAR Schools Chairman, Deloris Nelson.

School officials and staff, students, Daughters from across the United States greeted President General NSDAR, Denise D. VanBuren, and the DAR Schools Chairman NSDAR, Morgan Mehr Lake, and Daughters participating in the National DAR Schools Bus Tour at Opening Ceremonies on Tuesday, October 15.

Speakers and the celebration events included Jon Holland, interim CEO of Tamassee DAR School, who presented his vision for Tamassee. Activities scheduled were the DAR

Council and Advisory Council Meetings, Special Centennial dedication ceremony in Centennial Park, student performance of "Rise and Shine 100 Years at Tamassee," tours of campus buildings and children's cottages, and the Board of Trustees meeting.



Tuesday evening, the Tamassee DAR School Banquet held at the Madren Center at Clemson, SC, celebrated 100 years of the vision of the school's founders and a century of dedication by the Daughters of the American Revolution. Linda Stokes Hawkins, Chair of Tamassee DAR School Board of Trustees, provided the welcome. After dinner, Denis VanBuren, President General NSDAR; Morgan Mehr Lake, National DAR Schools Chairman; and Elizabeth Krueger Billham, South Carolina State Regent, offered greetings. Jonathan Holland, Interim Chief Executive Officer of Tamassee DAR School, provided a vision of the next 100 years at Tamassee. The Forever Family, including Nathaniel and Mr. Brett McDonald, addressed the Daughters. An auction of an original hand-made quilt, "Tamassee Hands of Hope 1919-2019," netted \$1,500. Jason Eller, Chief Development Officer, was introduced.

Closing Day, October 16, South Carolina State Regent Elizabeth Billham introduced President General NSDAR Denise D. VanBuren, who presented school officials with a DAR gift from the Dillon Administration of \$993,636.59. The presentation of dedications of gifts to Tamassee included gifts from the National Junior Membership, Daughters from California, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia; Tamassee Student Association; and Friends of Tamassee.

#### WVDAR Is Hooked On DAR Schools

West Virginia Daughters interested in the children residing on campus at Tamassee DAR School. Two urgent situations need to be addressed.

First, when these children have medical appointments and miss the scheduled meal at school, they do not get to eat. Therefore, as the WVDAR DAR School Chair, I ask that all Daughters in our chapters bring gift cards to the State Conference or mail them to me. The following is a list of

local fast-food restaurants so the house parent may take the child to eat before returning to school or the campus: Chick Fil A, McDonald's, Burger King, Taco Bell, Wendy's, and Arby's.

Second, while visiting Tamassee DAR School, the school officials informed me that children are often brought to the school with only the clothes they are wearing. There is no special fund for providing clothing and personal items for these children. Please consider providing a Walmart gift card so the necessary items may be purchased for these precious children.

Please help make WVDAR "Shine" by providing needed assistance to the Tamassee students.

Deloris Nelson  
State Chair, DAR Schools



#### INSIGNIA COMMITTEE

Just a reminder to all, the DAR Insignia Pin must be worn with attire appropriate for DAR occasions, which may include pants and jackets. It should only be worn at functions of the National Society, State organizations or Chapters, or when representing the organization. It may be worn during the dedication of a grave marker for a deceased Daughter and also at the funeral or calling hours of the Daughter. The DAR Insignia should not be worn on the street; in a restaurant, cocktail lounge, or other public places unless a DAR or allied function is taking place then and there.

For correct place of DAR Insignia and Pins on Official Ribbon, please visit the DAR Web Site under Committees and you will see the Insignia Committee listed there.

Dorrene Hale  
State Chair, Insignia Committee

#### JUNIOR AMERICAN CITIZENS COMMITTEE

##### Junior American Citizens Contest

The theme this year for the Junior American Citizens committee contest is:

*"The 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment  
American Women Rise and Shine."*

I hope several chapters are participating in this patriotic contest. A few reminders: each entry must have a legible, fully completed entry form. Securely attached to the reverse side of the entry. Winning entries at the Chapter level need to be forwarded to me via email, cd. Color copy, and/or 3x5, 4x6, or 5x7 photograph by January 1<sup>st</sup>. Entries will then be judged and sent to: East Central Division Chairs. If you have questions, please contact me at [pnutter7@zoominternet.net](mailto:pnutter7@zoominternet.net) or 304-628-3748.

Patricia J. Nutter  
State Chair, JAC Committee

## NATIONAL DEFENSE COMMITTEE

### Reminder

Ensure your chapter spends at least 3 minutes reading an article at your monthly meeting from one of three references: National Defender, American Spirit Magazine, or the Daughters of the American Revolution Newsletter.

Refer to Chapter 15 for awards that can be given to qualified individuals.

Please send me an update on total count of copies handed out of the Constitution Booklet. ([Navypride@hughes.net](mailto:Navypride@hughes.net))

Thanks,  
Neoma Spratt  
State Chair, National Defense Committee

## PUBLIC RELATIONS AND MEDIA COMMITTEE

A huge "Thank You" to everyone who has joined the new WVDAR Public Relations and Media page on Facebook. We are still a small group, but we have a good core and we're growing. Please drop by and sign up to join the page. You don't have to be a chapter PR chair or an officer to join. The only requirement is that you want to learn more about how other chapters share DAR activities within their home communities.

If I can assist you with getting started with newspaper articles or a Facebook page for your chapter, please contact me at [darlatreat@aol.com](mailto:darlatreat@aol.com).

Spread the good news for WVDAR!

Darla Treat Courtney  
State Chair, Public Relations and Media Committee

## THE CHAPTER DEVELOPMENT AND REVITALIZATION COMMISSION (CDRC) WORKSHOP

The CDRC held a West Virginia Genealogy Workshop on September 21, 2019, at Flatwoods, WV.

Everyone was invited to attend but priority was given to the Chapter Registrars and Volunteer Genealogists. We had 64 in attendance with 27 out of 38 West Virginia Chapters represented.

Sarah Sukol, from the DAR Headquarters, presented on the Application Process with a PowerPoint presentation.

Thank you to Ericka Chevront, VIS State Chair, for helping with our Video Presentation, we are 64 in a Million! We are Today's DAR!



**WEST VIRGINIA DAUGHTERS**  
"ONE IN A MILLION"



**PACK HORSE FORD CHAPTER MEMBERS:** Dorrene Hale, Registrar; Cindy Nicewarner, Regent; Cheryl Brown, State Regent; and Sarah Sukol, Director of Genealogy at National HQ.



Carolyn Kesterson from the James Wood Chapter was presented a certificate to use for the online class for GEP I or GEP II. Vickie Baker, CDRC Genealogist; Cheryl Brown, State Regent; Carolyn Kesterson, State Recording Secretary; and Brenda Chevront, CDRC Chairman.



Trans-Allegheny chapter members: Toni Devericks; Theresa Blake, Registrar; Patricia Goodwin, Treasurer and State Parliamentarian; and Kelly Goodwin, Regent and State Treasurer



Cheryl Brown, State Regent; Brenda Chevront, CDRC State Chair; Sarah Sukol, Director of the Genealogy Department, NSDAR; and Cindy Nicewarner, Regent of Pack Horse Ford Chapter. We presented Sarah with a small token of our appreciation for making our workshop such a huge success.



A few of the West Virginia Daughters had dinner at the Café Cimino Country Inn in Sutton, WV, to welcome Sarah to West Virginia.

Attending the dinner were Sarah Sukol, Director of Genealogy; Margie Way, State Organizing Secretary; Sally Greenfield, Registrar for Shenandoah Valley; Pat Goodwin, State Parliamentarian; Kelly Goodwin, State Treasurer; Cheryl Brown, State Regent; Brenda Chevront, CDRC State Chair; Susan Arnold, State Registrar; Cindy Nicewarner, Regent of Pack Horse Ford Chapter; and Jane Larke, State Vice Regent.

Thank you to the CDRC Members: Susan Arnold, Margie Way, Patsy Adkins, Linda Whitman, Vickie Baker, Joanna McKown, Chris Painter, and Christina Rumbach. Without your help and advice, the workshop would not have been such a success.

Thank you to Cheryl Brown, State Regent, for pulling us all together to make our workshop "Shine" and "Soar to New Heights."

## VETERAN AFFAIRS VOLUNTARY SERVICE

### What's New at VA Medical Centers?

Below each of the West Virginia VA Medical Centers share a brief summary of the happenings there, submitted by its VAVS Representative.

#### Beckley

**Karen Bonifacio** reports that he VAMC is in the process of remodeling the Emergency Room. The renovations have been completed on the registration area and work is progressing on the waiting room.

#### Martinsburg

**Heidi Ware** reports that ongoing projects include funding for haircuts, recreational activities, and current reading/educational materials. Her VAVS team is getting the word out to the chapters of the personal items needs and volunteer opportunities at the center.

#### Clarksburg

**Ruth Mooney** reports that construction projects are numerous. This winter the parking garage will be built and the flooring will be installed with pre-made cement slabs. The new main entrance will be elegant and convenient for patients and visitors. Several floors have had major renovations, including new furniture. Volunteer drivers are needed for some counties.

#### Huntington

**Linda Parsons** reports that the Hershel "Woody" Williams VA Medical Center held a groundbreaking ceremony for West Virginia's first Fisher House. Family and caregivers of veteran patients will find lodging and meals while a Fisher House guest.

The DAR Service for Veterans Committee is interested in what chapters participated in the Wreaths Across America program in 2019? If you have not already reported, please email Ruth Mooney [dar.mooney765@yahoo.com](mailto:dar.mooney765@yahoo.com).

## STATE RECORDING SECRETARY

Greetings from the State Recording Secretary. If you have any events you would like to invite other Chapters to attend, please send information on them to Carolyn Kesterson, [mommawvu@cascable.net](mailto:mommawvu@cascable.net) so that I may submit to the WVDAR Calendar. Please remember to include: Who, what, when, where and, if you would like Executive Committee attendance.

Please remember that the time is drawing closer for the State Conference to be held in Bridgeport in April. At this time the deadline for the Chapter Regents and District

Directors to send their reports for the year will be March 21, 2020. Please remember that the reports should be created in a WORD document containing 1½" margins, double-spaced in Times New Roman 11-pt font, and no more than 500 words in length (according to the WVDAR By Laws). Usually the Chapter Regents reports are read during Saturday night's Banquet; each report has a 2-minute time limit.

If I may be of any further assistance, please email me at [mommawvu@cascable.net](mailto:mommawvu@cascable.net) or call me at 304-916-5393.

Carolyn Kesterson  
State Recording Secretary

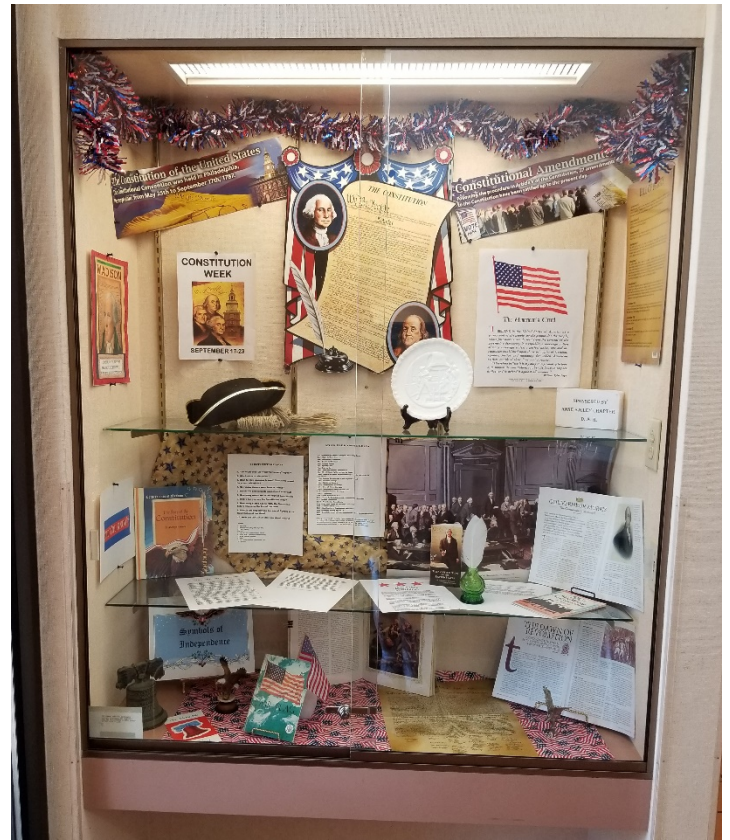
## IMPORTANT DATES 2019-2020

January 1, 2020	Deadline JAC Award Application
January 10, 2020	American History Essay submission
	Christopher Columbus Essay submission
January 15, 2020	Essays due for Good Citizen Scholarship
April 24, 2020	Commemorate 100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Women's Suffrage - Cameo Club Luncheon
April 24-26, 2020	115 <sup>th</sup> WVDAR State Conference
May 1, 2020	WV DAR News Submissions
May 18, 2020	Tamassee DAR School Awards Day
June 24, 2020	WV "Soar to New Heights" Breakfast
June 24-28, 2020	129 <sup>th</sup> Continental Congress

## ANNE BAILEY CHAPTER

Anne Bailey Chapter promoted Constitution Week in a big way. Through the efforts of Robin Kiriluk, Joyce Echols, and Nickie Evenson, the chapter installed window exhibits at the St. Albans and Cross Lanes libraries that were on display for the entire month of September. Educational kits were provided to students at Anne Bailey Elementary and St. Francis of Assisi schools in St. Albans and Sherman Junior High School in Seth. Several members provided lessons at Anne Bailey and St. Francis, which Carolyn Holstein combined with State Regent Cheryl Brown's project to teach students how to write their names in cursive by requesting students sign their names in cursive on the completed Preamble to the Constitution assignment she gave them. Constitution Week bookmarks were included in handouts given by chapter members to new United States citizens at the naturalization ceremony in Charleston on September 16.

The chapter obtained proclamations from four mayors and one school. At the August council meeting in Hurricane, Anne Bailey member Helen Hall was asked to read the proclamation when it was presented by the mayor. Mary Johnson attended the Charleston council meeting in September to accept that city's proclamation, while Robin Kiriluk accepted one from St. Albans and Diana Schwab obtained one from South Charleston. Anne Bailey Elementary School's principal issued a proclamation that called on students to "reaffirm the ideals the Framers of the Constitution had in 1787."



Anne Bailey Chapter Librarian Carolyn Holstein started a lending library for the chapter in September. She began with a few titles that meet the criteria of covering education, patriotism, or historic preservation, the objectives of the DAR. Members can check out a book for a month and are expected to return it the following month so that other members have an opportunity to read the book. In the first months of the lending library, the most popular title has been Virgil A. Lewis's *Life and Times of Ann Bailey: The Pioneer Heroine of the Great Kanawha Valley*, a more recent edition of publications first printed more than 100 years ago. A couple of lengthier books were donated recently by chapter members, which may prompt Carolyn to lend those for more than one month.



## ANNE ROYALL CHAPTER

Jackie L. Davis of Harrisville was recently presented with a Community Service Award by the Anne Royall Chapter NSDAR. The award was presented to him by Regent Sandra Harper on Thursday October 31, 2019, at the Harrisville Community - Senior Center. He received a certificate and lapel pin.

This award is to recognize worthy individuals for Outstanding Volunteer Service in areas of cultural, educational, humanitarian, patriotic, historical, citizenship, or environmental conservation endeavors.

Jackie Davis is an experienced electrician who has been responsible for keeping the Christmas lights burning at the town park and on Main Street. He was given a "Hometown Hero" award by the town of Harrisville.

Mr. Davis belongs to several organizations, including the Harrisville Baptist Church, Harrisville Senior Citizens, Harrisville High School Alumni Association, and the Harrisville Lions Club. When there is an electrical problem in any of these organizations, he is on hand to volunteer his service and knowledge to fix the problem.

During the Vietnam War Davis served there as part of an electrical engineering company, where he said he learned many of the skills that he still uses today. He also served on board ship in the Atlantic during Apollo space missions 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13. His job there consisted of helping to track the space modules during their flights. In case of a catastrophic malfunction of the modules, his crew would have been prepared to launch a recovery mission.

For these reasons the Anne Royall Chapter felt that he is most worthy of recognition in the area of community service.



## BEE LINE CHAPTER

### Bee Line DAR Enters 11th Year of Karaoke with Veterans

Bee Line Chapter in Charles Town spends most of its service hours in support of veterans. Bee Line's monthly Karaoke Hour at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC) in Martinsburg is the Chapter's longest continuously offered service for hospitalized veterans.

Now into its eleventh year, the Karaoke Hour is a proud tradition and is the only activity that runs year-round.

Under the leadership of Lynn Welsh, Bee Line Daughters coordinate with VAMC recreational and occupational therapists to entertain and provide interaction with patients. The monthly Karaoke Hour typically includes singalongs with CDs and visual prompts to help both Daughters and patients. Singing talent is useful but not required. The only essential ingredient is a love of fun—and for the veterans, of course.

When karaoke is at its best, both patients and staff join in by lending their voices and occasionally by taking command of VAMC's Times Square lounge and turning it into a "dance floor." Wheelchair-bound patients are by no means excluded from these frolics and have been spotted participating with their own personal interpretations of chair dancing. The music consists of golden oldies—everything from early rock to country, with patriotic and holiday classics thrown in for good measure.

Themes-of-the-month are an integral part of Karaoke Hour. Bee Line Daughters often wear hats, scarves and other items in keeping with a chosen theme. In the spring, Bee Line Daughters donned rabbit ears and carried Easter baskets. Summertime karaoke sessions saw us turn out in grass skirts, flowered shirts, and leis for a luau.

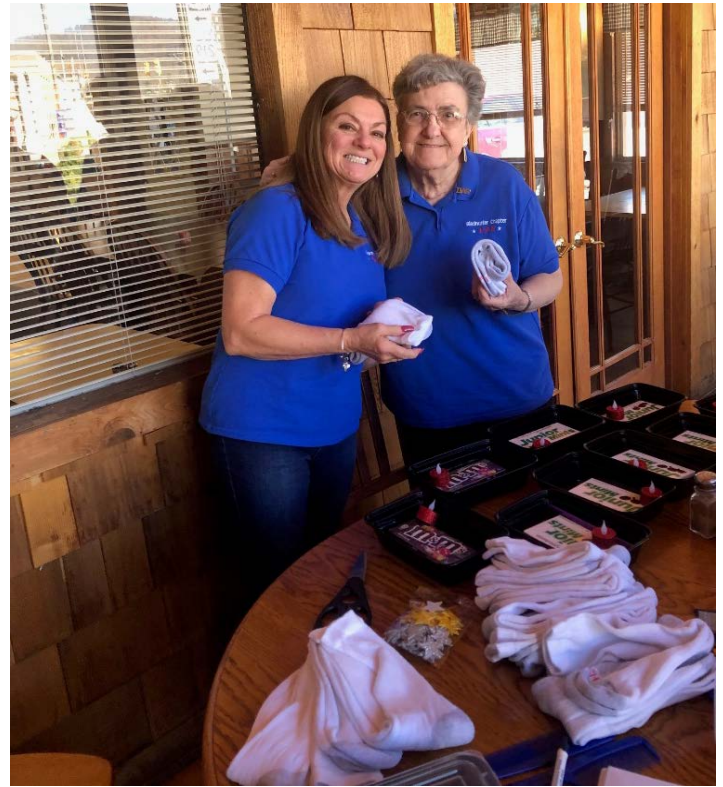


Spring frolics for the veterans found Sharon Carrigan, Emily Cooper, Lynn Welsh, and Darla Treat Courtney wearing rabbit ears and carrying Easter baskets.

Whatever the theme, the true stars are the veterans themselves. When their faces light up at the memory of almost forgotten music or with laughter inspired by the music of their youth, Bee Liners know we've done our job.



Beachcombers at Martinsburg VAMC spotted Bee Line Daughters Alice Davenport McCarthy, Lynn Welsh, Sharon Carrigan, and Darla Treat Courtney wearing grass skirts, leis, and flowered shirts.



### BLACKWATER CHAPTER

The Blackwater Chapter assembled "goodie boxes" for Veterans who are residing at Cortland Acres Rehab Center. Ten veterans received their "goodies" which contained Chapstick, socks, combs, candy and other items along with patriotic cupcakes to honor these heroes for Veteran's Day. Shown here are: Wanda Booth, Betty Knicley, Sue Silk, Cindy Kolsun, and Cathy Hebb.



### BLENNERHASSETT CHAPTER

#### Blennerhassett Chapter Celebrates 70th Anniversary

On October 5, the Blennerhassett Chapter celebrated their 70th Anniversary with a wreath laying ceremony and luncheon. The activities for the day were organized by Vice Regent Cathy Hinkle for her Capstone Project.

They started the day at 11am at Parkersburg Memorial Gardens at the site of their Charter Regent Idell Snodgrass grave for the wreath laying ceremony with Regent Mary Ellen Hunt and Ashley Burgess conducting the ceremony and Cathy Hinkle placing the wreath. The Blennerhassett Daughters then met up at the Blennerhassett Museum for an Anniversary Luncheon. Members all brought in dishes

of food to share. Cathy Hinkle also had a display board with many pictures of their charter members in their years of DAR service.

The Blennerhassett Chapter had a very special guest who was able to join them. Marjorie Nicely who is the last remaining charter member enjoyed the afternoon visiting with everyone. Her daughter and Blennerhassett DAR member Cindy Honaker brought Marjorie. Cathy presented Marjorie with a pretty pink corsage and a DAR 70-year pin commemorating her 70 years of service to the Blennerhassett Chapter and the National Society. The day was enjoyed by all.



#### CAPTAIN JAMES ALLEN CHAPTER

##### BAF Grant for the Beckley VA Medical Center

Symantha Calfee and Amanda Sue Sauchuck wrote and received a \$2,000 grant to buy needed supplies for the Beckley VA Medical Center. After purchasing the supplies of sweat pants, t-shirts, blankets, body wash, laundry detergent, and eating utensils and dinnerware, Linda Whitman, Kathy McGaha, and Karen Bonifacio delivered the supplies to the VA during the months of September and October.



##### Day of Service Project

Collecting for "Wreaths Across America" at the Beckley Chili Night, October 6, was our main Day of Service project. We sponsored this along with the John Beckley SAR Chapter. We gave out brochures about "Wreaths Across America," as well as bottles of water. We collected \$460. Members who were unable to participate that evening provided their own service projects, such as gathering items for the VA Christmas Stockings and helping stuff bags with hygiene supplies and backpacks with school supplies for the homeless.



### November Speaker

Since November was National Family Caregivers Month and Alzheimer's Awareness Month, our November speaker was Mrs. Jane Thomas Marks, a Dementia Specialist and Caregiver Coach at Sandwich Caring in Charleston, WV. She made us all think about our present or future situations. Since a caregiver is "sandwiched" between the person they are caring for and the family or situations they are responsible for, Jane fashioned her talk on the CLUB sandwich. (Jane is a member of the Kanawha Valley Chapter, WVDAR.)



### Beckley Veteran's Parade

Capt. James Allen Chapter members participated in the Beckley Veteran's Day Parade on Monday, November 11. As members carried their banner, other members gave out candy to children and thank you cards to veterans along the parade route.



### Paint Party for Tamasee

A Paint Party was held Saturday, November 16, with proceeds going toward our State Regent's Tamasee Project. Members enjoyed the afternoon painting a Christmas picture, as well as drinks and snacks.



### ELIZABETH LUDINGTON HAGANS-COLONEL JOHN EVANS CHAPTER

**Literacy Promotion** - Girl Scout Troop 51102 of Morgantown invited Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans Chapter members, Judy Panagakos, Literacy Chairman, and Vicky Shears, Treasurer, to a Special Awards Ceremony on September 23, 2019. The Chapter was recognized for its help with the Troop's project to increase children's biographies of women at the Morgantown Public Library. The Troop discovered that only 25 percent of the biographies were about women and they set out to change that! They worked with the Library staff and developed an Amazon Wish List. The Chapter supported the Troop's effort by purchasing in excess of 15

books from the wish list and spread the word to other women's organizations about the project. Judy and Vicky were each presented with a Juliette Gordon Low Friendship Pin.

Pictured from left to right are Judy Panagakos, Hannah McKinstry, and Vicky Shears.



**DAR National Day of Service** - Stephanie Burns organized the Chapter's DAR Day of Service project as part of her New Horizons Capstone Project. The Chapter prepared and served dinner to the Rosenbaum Family House guests on Sunday, October 13. We were honored to bring a taste of home and comfort to the guests who are far away from home seeking medical treatment or are there supporting a family member. Pictured left to right are Anne Smittle, Susan Arnold, Judy Panagakos, Stephanie Burns and Anna Chandler.

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**Portraying Andrew Ice** - Andrea Ice-Horton portraying her ancestor Andrew Ice talked about his history at our October meeting at Oliverio's Restaurant as part of a Patriot Memorial. The Ice family were early settlers in Monongalia County and established and ran Ice's Ferry on

the Cheat River. Andrea also spoke about her ancestor on November 16 at the grand opening of a new exhibit at the Morgantown History Museum—"Morgantown Waterways: Monongahela River, Deckers Creek and Cheat Lake!" A video of her presentation will be available in the near future. Check the Morgantown History Museum website at [morgantownhistorymuseum.org](http://morgantownhistorymuseum.org)



#### ELIZABETH ZANE CHAPTER

The Elizabeth Zane Chapter sponsored a float in the 2019 Buckhannon Veteran's Day parade. The themes of the float were "Thank You Veterans" and the celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment. Members were outfitted in period dress to represent the years 1848-1920 with signs stating "Women's Suffrage, 100 Years, Women's Right to Vote." The float was organized by April Wallace and riding members were Loretta Dawson and Delores Wilson, representing 1848, and Georgette Ward representing 1920.





## JAMES WOOD CHAPTER

James Wood Chapter Daughters have had a very busy fall. We were honored with a visit from State Regent Cheryl Brown on October 5. She administered the oath of membership to our newest member, Elizabeth Phelps. Elizabeth is a third-generation member of James Wood. She is a very accomplished, talented young lady, and we are thrilled to have her as a member of our chapter. Mrs. Brown also talked about her projects and how we can get involved.



In observance of National Domestic Violence Awareness, daughters made a donation to the domestic violence

shelter in Parkersburg. We were given a tour of the facility and learned of the services they provide and of their needs.



James Wood and Blennerhassett Chapters joined together for the Parkersburg Veterans Day Parade. Posters were created with the insignia and motto for the five military branches. Each chapter had an Honor Roll poster listing the names of veterans related to our members. James Wood Chapter honored their 52-year member, Blanche Grueser, who served in the Women's Marine Corp Reserve during WWII. She worked on an aircraft carrier fueling, checking the oil and tires on planes after they landed. Mrs. Grueser celebrated her 95th birthday on November 2. We were delighted to honor her.





WESTERN DISTRICT MEETING PHOTOS



JOHN YOUNG CHAPTER

John Young Chapter is undertaking a yearlong project to take school supplies to children in the Clay County Schools. Last Summer citizens lost their last grocery store. Additionally, the county suffered great loss in the 2016 flood. As a result, children are in need of additional support. John Young members are collecting such items as Kleenex, hand sanitizer, wipes, markers, and other supplies to supplement the children's needs throughout the school year. Pictured are members of John Young Chapter with children from Lizmore School in Clay County with their supplies.





## CENTRAL DISTRICT MEETING PHOTOS



## NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

### Wear RED Movement

NSDAR encourages members to take part in the Wear RED Movement, which asks Americans to show solidarity and support for our deployed service members until they return safely home to their families.

By wearing red every Friday to show that they "Remember Everyone Deployed," participants carry to national levels the message that our deployed military is never forgotten.

The Wear RED Movement is associated with the DAR Project Patriots Committee.

Please join me in wearing red on Fridays!

Wendy Evans,  
Editor