

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,

In my message to you in January, I stated that "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." My statement shows an expectation of normalcy—a year filled with chapter and district meetings, the 115th WVDAR State Conference, and many rewarding service projects.

2020 began well. All chapters completed the Chapter Master Report on time without any prompting. Thank you, Chapter Regents! Annual reports in eMembership revealed that the WVDAR had a net gain in membership during 2019. Congratulations to all who made this possible! The State Bylaws Committee finished proposed amendments to the State Society's

Bylaws. Hats off to the hard-working committee members! And plans for the 115th State Conference in April were progressing nicely. Thank you, Northern District Daughters!

Then, a once-in-a-century pandemic hit and almost overnight the new normalcy became social distancing, mask wearing, and staying at home. In the last two months you and your families have stepped up to fight COVID-19 on the front lines or through community service projects focused on helping others during uncertain times. To date, you have made almost 3,000 masks for first responders, veterans, friends, and neighbors. Some of you have enrolled in DAR courses; others have worked diligently on the State Regent's Projects. And chapters have found new and creative ways to keep members together apart.

Unfortunately, after an initial postponement of the state conference to August, the Executive Committee has made the difficult but necessary decision to cancel the conference. In lieu of the in-person conference, several activities will occur virtually during August. Please watch for additional information in the coming weeks. Also, the Executive Committee has voted to cancel all district meetings for 2020; however, you will receive everything you need to plan for a successful new DAR year.

On June 24-28, the 129th Continental Congress will be held exclusively online. Please mark your calendars now and plan to participate. As details become available, they will be posted on the DAR Members Web site and the WVDAR Facebook page.

While these are challenging times, you have done an amazing job adapting and continuing to accomplish the DAR's mission. I ask that you continue checking on each other, finding creative ways to get together virtually, and recruiting new members.

In other news, the Tamasee DAR School has announced its transition from a residential home for children whose families are in crisis to a campus where an Early Childhood Learning program and after school programs for elementary and middle school students are provided. Answers to questions on the school's new direction are provided elsewhere in this edition of the WVDAR News. I hope you will take a few minutes to study the material. Jon Holland, the school's Interim CEO, has asked me to share with you that "Tamasee DAR School has a bright future through supportive educational programming. Our early childhood learning program for infants, toddler, and pre-k and our afterschool program for elementary and middle school students allow us to impact children from birth to twelve years of age through high-quality, evidence-based, patriotic education. With the support of Daughters in the West Virginia State Society, the sunlight of God will continue to shine brightly at Tamasee!"

Until we can meet again, I send you virtual hugs. Please take care and stay safe. WV Strong!

With love and admiration,

Cheryl

Cheryl Alexander Brown
West Virginia State Regent

Welcome, New Members!!

October 1, 2019 - April 6, 2020

Anne Bailey Chapter

Leigh Trippett
Sally Trippett

Bee Line Chapter

Melissa Axtman
Jacqueline Ayers
*Allison Chesslo
Sarah Haynes
Stacy Lindberg
Kristen Marino
Catherine Mayle
Deborah Swider

Blackwater Chapter

Janice Barnes
Daryla Rapp

Blennerhassett Chapter

Mary Lauderman
Lynn VanFossen

Buford Chapter

Jennifer Day
Martha Osborn
Carol Watson

Captain James Allen Chapter

Yvonne Waite

Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter

Marketta Crum
Darla Jackson
Risha McGill

Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter

Sharon Huskin
Deborah Layman

Daniel Davisson Chapter

Doris Dean

*Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel
John Evans Chapter*

Sherre Baker
*Lauren Cox
Karen Gerbo
*Kathryn Gerbo
Mary Russ

Elk River Chapter

Laura Atkins
Dorma Dawson
Charlene Lewis
Laura Mollohan

James Wood Chapter

*Anna Ruf

John Chapman Chapter

Deborah Romano

John Hart Chapter

Beverly Hoover
Delsey Kniley
Linda Smith

Kanawha Valley Chapter

DeArmond Arbogast
Kim Casdorff
Patricia Clark
Lynn Cvechko
Judith Dew
Kaci Foster
Susan Harpold
*Jillian Kinder
Susie Perrone
Kathryn Robertson
Barbara Smith Holliday
Diana Sole

Matthew French Chapter

Chandra Bratton

Ohio Valley Chapter

Diane Bonyak
Susanna Pierce

Old Hickory Chapter

Betty Burge
Deborah Burge
Claire Butler
Alisha Hayes
Rachel Tillinghast

Pack Horse Ford Chapter

Lynda Fowler
Joan Keller
Vicki Lanham
Joan Rooney
Susan Starks

South Branch Valley Chapter

Linda Coyle
Conni Horner
Nancy Kelley
Teresa Lomasney
Chearyl Rogers

Tanner's Cross Roads Chapter

Linda Dolan
Diana Gribble
Shirley Hill
Vicki Knight
*Jessica Schreckengost
*Jamie Wilson

Trans-Allegheny Chapter

*Alexis Devericks

Westmoreland Chapter

Deborah Hoback
Viola Slone
Ellen Waltman

William Henshaw Chapter

Kimberlee Steckman

Woodburn Chapter

*Kyleigh Blanchard

Ye Towne of Bath Chapter

Andrea Duckworth
Tamara Kees
Wyoma Serdich

*Junior Member

Tamassee DAR School

Beginning a Second Century of Service - FAQs



Is Tamassee closing? Of course not! Tamassee has a very bright future. We have transitioned to new programs in the past while continuing to fulfill our historic mission, and we will do so again.

Why are you sunsetting the residential program? We are sunsetting our residential program because our community no longer needs the services we provide through it. Instead, our state and nation are prioritizing placing foster children with relatives and community families.

What does it mean for the children in care at Tamassee now? The Tamassee staff will work tirelessly with our partners at DSS and other children's homes to ensure the children currently in our care transition according to their plan and or into another high-quality placement.

What does this change mean for the staff at Tamassee? Tamassee DAR School is deeply grateful for the tireless service of our staff in caring for children, both our current team and over our history. The transition from residential programming means we will need less staff, but we will be fair and compassionate with staff who leave us.

What will you do with the residential cottages and other buildings on campus? The Tamassee campus is beautiful and has great potential for new programming. Tamassee leadership will explore many opportunities including productive enterprise, partnering with other non-profits, and our own use as we expand.

What will happen with boarding and college scholarships? Tamassee is excited to continue supporting three college students with scholarships for the 2020-2021 school year. The Tamassee staff will contact scholarship donors and work with each donor to honor the original intent of scholarship gifts and explore opportunities to realign them with Tamassee's new programming.

What comes next for Tamassee DAR School? Over the 2020-2021 school year, Tamassee will be offer high quality after school and summer camp enrichment programs. These programs will be a spring board to other programs possibilities such as specialty summer camps and family preventive services.

What makes the after school program different? While there are multiple after school programs available in the community, they focus on childcare and homework support. Our program will be different. We will offer evidence based academic services to ensure students are performing on grade level and then excelling. We will also offer numerous enrichment opportunities, for example creative and performing arts, outdoor/nature activities, recreational sports, and STEM experiences. We will mentor students in citizenship values, and reward them for their success. Our programming will be trauma informed so children develop strong resiliency skills.

What kind of student will you serve? Tamasee's after school enrichment program will serve elementary and middle school students. Consistent with Tamasee's historic mission, we will prioritize children who are living in poverty, performing below grade level, or have experienced trauma. At the same time, the program will welcome all interested students.

What is the cost of the new after school program? Tamasee's after school program will be fee based while also offering sliding scale scholarships for at risk children and families in need.

Foundations recognize the importance of high quality after school and summer programming for children, and grants are available. Nevertheless, Tamasee will still need raise funds for program support, special activities, infrastructure and capital projects, and support services.

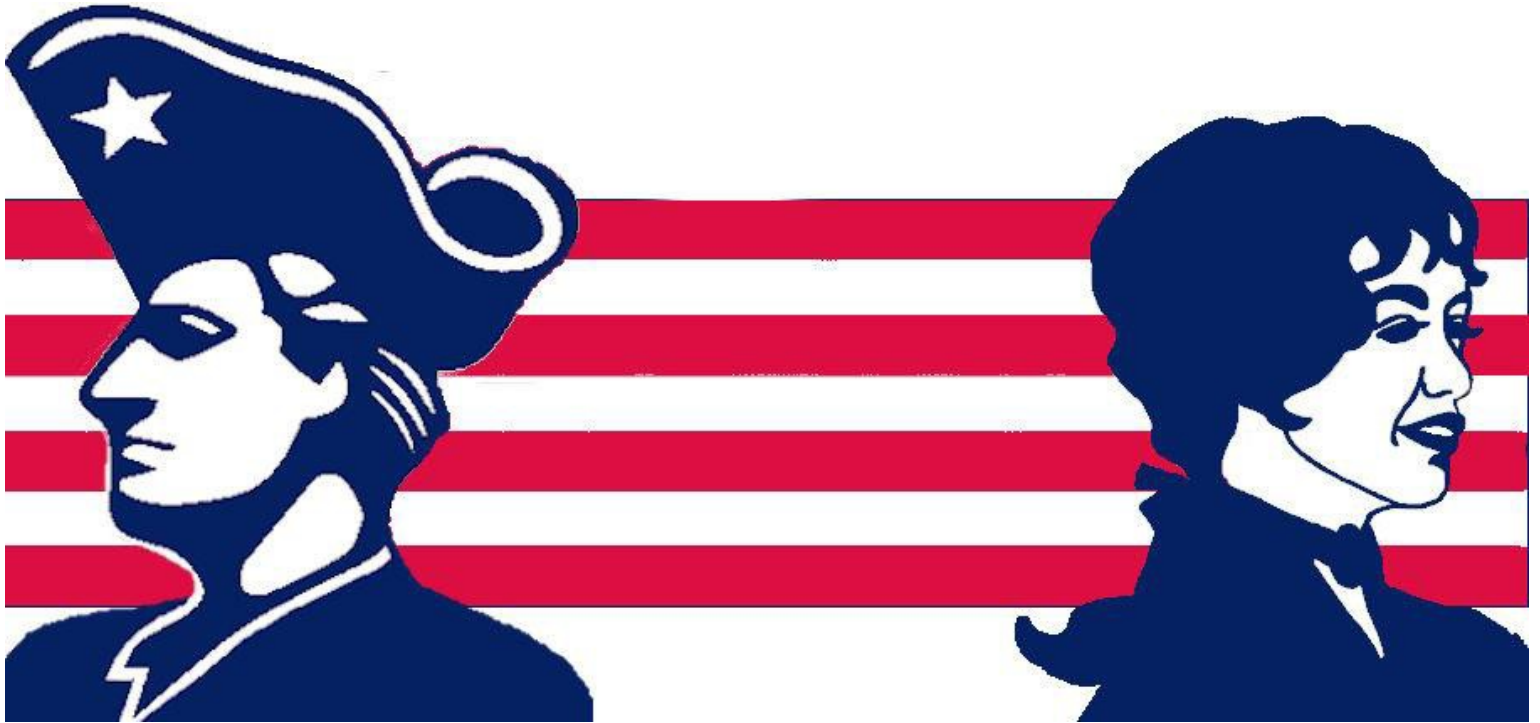
How will you find students for the program? How many will you serve? We will partner with our public schools to market to families in the area as well as other community students. We hope to open our doors to twenty to thirty students for the 2020-2021 school year, and then double or triple the program in the years to come.

When does all this happen? We will sunset our residential program during 2020 and launch our after school program with the 2020-2021 school year.

What about the Academy Expansion? While there is tremendous need for students aging out of foster care and our program design has been consistently affirmed, there are insufficient funding sources beyond DSS at present, so we have put this program on hold. We plan to reevaluate next year as South Carolina opts into the Family First Prevention Services Act.

What do you need to make the program a success? Your support! Financial giving is incredibly important to sustain Tamasee during the transition of our residential program so we can care for children today and in the near future. Your gifts also are also critically important to our new programming. If we are to be the best early childhood learning and after school programs, we need your support. Beyond donations, we are excited to engage volunteers in numerous ways in our afterschool program and in other ways throughout the campus.

The 2020-21 American Heritage Contest



ADVANCE NOTICE OF THEME:

***RISE AND SHINE YOUR LIGHT ON YOUR REVOLUTIONARY WAR
PATRIOT***

ALL NATIONAL RULES APPLY

Deadline January 15, 2021

NO MACHINE QUILTED QUILTS

New NIP to be released after

Continental Congress

Please direct all questions to:

Patricia Toffling or Katherine Genung WVDAR Co-chairs

304-240-7021

540-486-8473



The WVDAR American

Heritage Committee

Will accept entries that are **Machine Quilted**

Quilts, Wall Hangings, Table Toppers/Runners & Pillows

These items will NOT advance to National

No Essay to Write • No Theme to Meet

Deadline January 15, 2021

Just send this form with at least 3 photos

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

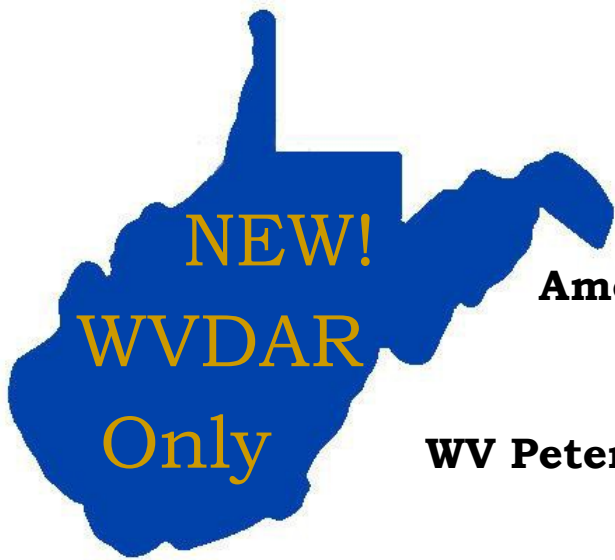
Chapter: _____

Contact:

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

Or

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



**The WVDAR
American Heritage Committee
Announces**

WV Peters Cottage Wall Hanging Contest

Make a Wall Hanging

Not to exceed 24 inches across and 24 inches down

no construction restrictions

Make SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL

Deadline January 15, 2021

First Place winning entry **to be donated** to hang at WV Peters Cottage

Second and Third Places will be awarded

All place winning entries will be displayed at State Conference

Judging by non-DAR Quiltmakers

Send this form with at least 3 photos (digital submissions OK!)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Pattern Maker: _____

Technique Used: _____

If original design, include photo of design work

Chapter: _____

Mail to:

Patricia Toffling
154 Reachcliff Drive
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HONORARY STATE REGENT MESSAGE



Don't Forget Our Ladies in White!

With all of the unpredictability of the past several months and the fact that we cannot celebrate WVDAR in our traditional methods of State Conference and District meetings, we must continue to support the initiatives of our State Society!

Don't Forget Our Ladies in White!

One of the highlights of being at State Conference is seeing our wonderful Pages do what they love to do! With the 2021 State Conference planned for The Greenbrier, it is our duty to show these gals our support and I would ask that over the next few weeks or months that you make a small donation to our Pages Fund which allows the State Society to encourage these young ladies to continue to help us by paying for their meals during Conference.

Many of these Pages are Legacies and have grown up in DAR; many are just starting their careers and need the support to attend State Conference. By ensuring them that their meals are paid for shows them that we value them and want them to be a part of our organization!

For the little ones that are just starting out as Pages and are just excited to be in a beautiful white dress and white gloves, our support shows them the future that one day they will be a strong member! Please say a prayer for our Ones in White and we hope to see them all at The Greenbrier in March 2021!

Send your donations payable to "State Treasurer, WVDAR" and mail to our State Treasurer

Kelly Goodwin
5104 Old Mill Road
Jane Lew, WV 26378-8000

With Hugs,

Charla and Mindy,
'Once A Page, Always A Page''



WEST VIRGINIA PETERS COTTAGE AT TAMASSEE DAR SCHOOL



Upon receiving the 2019 Inspection Report, we realized some major renovations needed to be addressed (which are Phase I) before we could start with the State Regent's Project (which is Phase II). Information has been shared during this past year and hopefully you have had an opportunity to receive some of it.

We have been making great progress and we were on track to have Phase I completed by the beginning of March, 2020, so we could share with the membership during the State Conference.

Then the pandemic hit, things slowed down, and we didn't make that deadline. Although we are still working with Tamassee DAR School and working on new deadlines, we aren't able to show you ALL that we wanted at this time.

So, we chose to concentrate our efforts on the fireplace. The photos that follow illustrate the progression of work that has been completed so far. We hope you will be as excited as we are about the improvements we are making at our WV Cottage.



This is how the fireplace looked on the First Work Weekend (Aug 2019).



As we made our notes in the evening, we decided to redecorate. Utilizing the items that we found around the cottage, we changed things up a bit to see how it would look.



As we Continued to examine the fireplace, we found water damage down the left side of the brick and the ceiling.



These images show damage on the mantel, paint on the brick, and missing mortar. (For more photos, see DAR Schools below.)

Sandra Isner-Johnson, Chair
WV Peters Cottage 2019--2022

DAUGHTERS, SPREAD THE WORD!

AS OF NOW, ONLY ABOUT ONE-THIRD OF WEST VIRGINIA HOUSEHOLDS HAVE COMPLETED THE 2020 CENSUS.

WE ARE ON THE VERGE OF LOSING ONE OF OUR SEATS IN CONGRESS. THAT MEANS "TAXATION WITHOUT REPRESENTATION" COULD BECOME A SELF-IMPOSED CONDITION FOR OUR STATE.

STATE REGENT'S PROJECTS

COMING SOON!! THE "SOAR TO NEW HEIGHTS" PIN



One pin \$35 - One pin plus one scarf \$65*

*Includes previously purchased scarf

All proceeds go to State Regent's Projects

To pre-order mail a check payable to

"State Treasurer, WVDAR"

with your name and address to:

Cheryl Brown
P.O. Box 688
Kearneysville, WV 25430-0688

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

Still Available!

Mail a check payable to

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with your name and address to:

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P.O. Box 688

Kearneysville, WV 25430-0688

CURSIVE WRITING

Jane Richards, Regent of James Wood Chapter, has been appointed State Chair, State Regent's Projects - Cursive Writing. A retired teacher, Jane brings a lot of experience and enthusiasm to this project.

Look for information on this project soon.

STATE VICE REGENT

Congratulations to those chapters that are stretching themselves and adapting to our current circumstances by having virtual meetings. We are finding that it is possible to keep the work of our organization going forward even during the stay-at-home orders.

Ericka Chevront and I have been trying out several virtual platforms to assess the learning curves needed to use them and their adaptability to our needs. Many platforms can be used with no cost involved.

If you would like to learn more about having meetings online and don't know where to start, please email me at jane.larke@gmail.com. We can look at your chapter's

situation and even do some trial runs with different platforms. There are many out there. I'll try to help you find one with which you can be comfortable.

AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMITTEE

While there were no national winners in the American Heritage Contest from WVDAR, we did have five state winners that we are looking forward to presenting with First Place certificates at state conference in August.

With many of us confined at home we were excited when the national chair released the theme of the 2020-2021 contest early! It is **RISE AND SHINE YOUR LIGHT ON YOUR REVOLUTIONARY WAR PATRIOT**.

With a year of experience under our belts we have made a few changes to the rules. First and foremost, the deadline for all submissions has been changed to January 15, 2021. Remember that for national submissions in fiber arts, they will accept **no machine quilted quilts** (of any size). That being said, we **ARE** accepting machine quilted quilts for state competition. Our thinking is two-fold. A quilter-member may do her own machine quilting, just like a quilter-member may do her own hand quilting. And it is just as easy to pay someone to hand-quilt as it is to machine-quilt. If you **DO** pay someone to quilt your quilt, that quilter, whether a long-armer or hand-quilter should be a DAR member, and the piece should be submitted as a group project. It is important that everyone should understand that these machine quilted quilts **will not** be submitted to the national competition.

We are also sponsoring the WVDAR Peters Cottage Wall Hanging contest. These quilts **will not** go to the national competition. The First-Place winner will be donated and hung in the Peters Cottage at Tamassee. If you find yourself with time on your hands now while we are all social-distancing, put some thought into submitting your work to any one of these contests. Forms are printed elsewhere in this newsletter and have been distributed to regents via email. If you have questions on any of these competitions, we will both be attending state conference; or you can contact us:

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Patricia Toffling & Katherine Genung, Co-Chairs
American Heritage Committee



West Virginia

AMERICAN HISTORY COMMITTEE

The work of the American History Committee could not be done without our wonderful WVDAR members. From promoting American History and Christopher Columbus Essay Contests, researching and presenting informational programs at chapter meetings and in schools, creating displays of historical content and honoring Women in American History, your contributions of time and talent have been outstanding. I also want to thank my vice chairman for their assistance.

Unfortunately, the formal report will not be presented at State Conference, so here is a snapshot of the report.

Programs presented in chapter meetings and to schools totaled 136. Eight Women in American History submissions have been made this year.

The American History essay contest include participation by 14 schools and 951 students. Fifty certificates and 25 bronze medals were awarded. State winners were as follows:

Fifth Grade: Alexa Philpot
Pleasant View Elementary, Ye Towne of Bath

Sixth Grade: Caitlin Hall
Hedgesville Middle, William Henshaw

Seventh Grade: Andrew Bohrer,
Hedgesville Middle, William Henshaw

Eighth Grade: Hannah Ellison,
Homeschool, Kanawha Valley

For the Christopher Columbus essay contest, a total of eight schools and 39 students participated. Eleven certificates were awarded. Benjamin Vierheller, sponsored by James Wood Chapter, was our state winner.

Susan Garrett, Chair
American History Committee

BYLAWS COMMITTEE



Bylaws, Bylaws, Bylaws, I know you are ready to hear me talk about something other than Bylaws, but Daughters, the Chapter and State Bylaws are what keep our organization operating and our business meetings functional.

As your State Parliamentarian, I have been engaged in assisting the Bylaws Committee in its review of the West Virginia State Society of the National Society Bylaws. I must say that these wonderful ladies, Sally Ann Greenfield, Chair; Kathy Robertson and Nancy Kornegay, have been working diligently on this project since last September.

These ladies, together with the two ex-officio members of the committee, State Regent Cheryl Brown and I, have spent hours considering each and every ARTICLE and SECTION and subsection of the WVDAR Bylaws. Soon into the project, we realized that our Bylaws were outdated in regards to National's current format and the use of technology. We began the arduous task of rewriting and updating the Bylaws to align with National and provide rules that were comprehensive and unambiguous. After much collaboration and many revisions, we met in early January 2020 to finalize the Proposed Bylaws Amendments. We assumed that the final product addressed all current issues and necessary revisions.

To our dismay, the beginning of March occurred, bringing with it the realization that our Proposed Bylaws lacked contingency plans for emergency meetings and the use of Twenty-first century technology to conduct those meetings. These dauntless Daughters revisited specific ARTICLES relating to Meetings, the Executive Committee, and the State Board of Management. The Committee held more discussions and sent emails, and eventually, members held a teleconference to finalize the Proposed Bylaws Amendments.

I am so proud of the Bylaws Committee members for their love for WVDAR and their interest in providing the State Society with Proposed Bylaws Amendments of which members can be proud. They worked to create corrections and additions to the State Society Bylaws that will make West Virginia State Society "Rise and Shine" with the other NSDAR State Societies' Bylaws.

As always, I am here to assist any Daughter who has a question in regards to parliamentary procedure or Chapter Bylaws.

Soaring to new heights!

Patricia M. Goodwin
State Parliamentarian

CHAPTER ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The new 2020 Chapter Achievement Awards Planning Guide is now on the CAA Committee web pages on the members' website. I would encourage you to make a copy of this guide and use it as a reference tool. There are several changes from last year:

- 1) Section 1 B - If National dues were paid through the Chapter Direct Payment option and received no later than December 1, 2020, score 15 points. Please encourage your chapter treasurer to set this up and use it this year.
- 2) Section 4 Programs, Service, Activities, Training - A Registrar Training Course has been added for current and incoming registrars - 5 points each.
- 3) Section 5 A - If the President General's message was shared monthly - score 20 points. Last year it said at each meeting. This can be done during those months of no meetings by email, newsletters, etc.
- 4) Section 8 Chapter Contributions - In order to receive Chapter Achievement Awards credit, all chapter financial contributions must be sent through the State Treasurer to the Office of the Treasurer General. If minimum contributions to combined funds in mission areas of Historic, Educational, Patriotic and Membership/ Administrative programs and funds totaled \$100 or more, score 175. This year it will be a lump sum of \$100 or more and not divided between the 4 areas.

If you need clarification or help with these new changes please contact me.

Judy Bowyer, Chair
Chapter Achievement Awards

COMMEMORATIVE EVENTS COMMITTEE

The West Virginia State Society celebrated national, state and local commemorative events with programs, dedications, parade participation, Facebook posts, commemorative minutes and more. Here are a few of the highlights for Calendar Year 2019.

Many chapters participated in one or both dedications for West Virginia Gold Star Mothers. A report was submitted under the miscellaneous category for award consideration by current State Regent, Cheryl Brown, and we have received notification that the report received a 2nd Place in the East Central Division. Pictured is State Regent, Malinda "Mindy" Davis with West Virginia Gold Star Mothers at the Fairmont, WV dedication.



The Pack Horse Ford Chapter received a State 1st place award for their Independence Day Parade Celebration. Many of us are coveting the special quilt made that includes a depiction of their parade float that was made for Kathy Scholl outgoing Chapter Regent.

I am so excited for the Chapter as their report went on to place 1st at East Central Division and received a 3rd Place National award.

The Bee Line Chapter was exceptional in their use of commemorative events in programs, program agenda's Facebook posts, newsletter and a public display at the Jefferson County Fair. In addition to their participation in the July 4th Parade, they had thirteen programs utilizing commemorative events.

For the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War, Chapters continue to display the Commemorative Banner, recognize Veterans with pins and certificates, and lay wreaths. Other commemorative events that Chapters participated in were Battle Days at Point Pleasant, Wheeling WV 250th Anniversary, World War II Programs, Beckley, WV Founders Day, WV Statehood, the Moon Landing, and others.

DAR PROJECT PATRIOT

West Virginia can be proud of the work of our daughters with DAR Project Patriot. Eighteen of our chapters donated through either volunteer hours or monetary contributions or both.

Four chapters participated in the DAR Women Supporting Women in Military Service Project by sending 34 packages to our women troops. Seventy-eight packages were sent to our men serving abroad. The total cost of the packages sent was \$6,079.

Five chapters shipped items to DAR approved centers. These donations totaled \$4915. Other local projects totaled \$452.

More than \$10,000 was given by West Virginia Daughters through DAR Project Patriot. That is amazing, ladies!

Please continue to remember our troops. Some of them are dealing with a new kind of war as they assist with the Corona Virus. Please keep them in your prayers, and remember some encouragement in the form of cards and goodies can truly help our troops.

If you need additional information, please contact me at drkolsun@atlanticbb.net. During to privacy, we are not privy to lists of WV military serving abroad. If you have names that you'd like to share with us, please send them to me, and I'll disburse the lists to West Virginia chapters.

Cindy Kolsun, Chair
DAR Patriot Project

DAR SCHOOL COMMITTEE

West Virginia Daughters worked diligently in 2019 toward the benefit of the DAR Schools and students. They showed their love and dedication by their donations of money, fund raising activities, and numerous other items.

The 2019 WVDAR School Committee project, led by Nancy Kornegay and Kathy Robertson, netted 3,532 pairs of socks and underwear at WVDAR State Conference. These items were divided between Crossnore and Tamassee.

Kanawha Valley Chapter earned accolades for its many DAR Schools projects including collection of 370 Box tops, cards sent to children, sponsoring a child at Christmas with the purchase of gifts, donating to KDS for their Patriot Blessings Bags, and donating 285 items to Tamassee such as clothing, books, and art supplies. This WVDAR Schools Committee Chair would like to recognize Julie Boggess for the outstanding job she did as Kanawha Valley Chapter DAR Schools Chair.

Ye Towne of Bath Chapter member Carolyn Schedyt through her Horizon course, selected Tamassee DAR School as her project of collecting new sets of pajamas. She collected 35 sets.

Peters Mountain Chapter was recognized for its DAR Schools donations of \$1,200. Gift cards totaling \$240 and 40 pounds of clothing were also donated.

I applaud all WV Daughters for their time, hard work, and dedication to the DAR Schools. Be proud of yourselves for your outstanding efforts. Keep up the GREAT work!!

Delores Nelson, Chair
DAR School Committee

Tamassee Update

The Tamassee DAR School has announced appointments to its Advisory Committee. West Virginia Daughters appointed to serve through the remainder of the VanBuren Administration include Malinda "Mindy" Davis, Vice President General, NSDAR; Cheryl A. Brown, State Regent; Jane J. Larke, State Vice Regent; and Deloris M. Nelson, State Chair, DAR School Committee. Also appointed to serve during 2020 is Debi M. Smith, Regent, Wheeling Chapter and a Friend of the Tamassee DAR School.

Jon Holland, Interim CEO of the Tamassee DAR School, shared his thoughts on the Advisory Committee. He explained, "The Tamassee Advisory Committee exists to spread the good news of what's going on at Tamassee DAR School so Daughters can engage with us. I am deeply grateful for all the ladies who support the students we serve through their influence and generosity."

The Advisory Committee holds two regular meetings a year, one in May to coincide with graduation events and the other in October in conjunction with Founders' Day activities. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the May 2020 meeting has been canceled. The next meeting is scheduled for October 2020. West Virginia Daughters will be well represented at this meeting.



The Biltmore fireplace unit was coming away from the brick and took up space in the small room.



The June 2019 Inspection Report reported that these wasn't a cap on the top of the chimney, which allowed the birds to move-in and live in there. (We heard them chirping during our visit.) So the committee decided to have a cap put on the chimney (after the birds were gone) and the fireplace would remain non-working. With that, we had the Biltmore unit removed. (Above picture is after the Biltmore was removed.) We offered the unit to

Tamassee for use in another building on campus and we were told that they don't use them there any longer.



Wow!!!! What a difference. Damages were fixed; unit was cleaned and bricks were painted. It now awaits the finishing touches. In keeping with our theme, a piece of West Virginia wood was transported to Tamassee and will be mounted as the mantel. We will keep you posted!

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

It is my pleasure to announce that Bee Line Chapter in Charles Town has successfully sponsored an application for National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) Historic Preservation Grant. The winning application was submitted on behalf of Friends of Happy Retreat (FoHR) in Charles Town by Walter Washington, Esq., President of FoHR.

FoHR was established in 2006 as a non-profit organization with a mandate to acquire, protect, and restore Happy Retreat, the home of Col. Charles Washington. In addition to being a Patriot of the American Revolution in his own right, Col. Washington was the youngest brother of President George Washington.

The property owned by FoHR currently includes the Federal/Greek Revival style home of Col. Washington and the 18th-century outbuildings that once formed the center of the estate. The property is recognized by the National Trust for Historic Preservation and was designated as a National Treasure in 2016.

This NSDAR grant will support the restoration of the "showroom" at Happy Retreat, which will be used for exhibition and educational purposes. The room dates to

circa 1785 and is thought to have been used as a storehouse and showroom for commercial goods sold by the Washington family in what is now Jefferson County, WV. The grant is in the amount of \$9,999 and will be matched with funds raised by FoHR.

Bee Line Historian Darla Treat Courtney and Registrar Heidi Ware coordinated with Mr. Walter Washington and the FoHR Board to facilitate the application, and West Virginia State Regent Cheryl Brown signed the sponsorship letter. The award was announced on April 25, 2020, by Carol Felson, National Vice Chair for Historic Preservation Grants.

Each year NSDAR provides \$250,000 in grants to support historic preservation. DAR chapters and state societies are encouraged to look for local projects that promote the mission of NSDAR through historic preservation, education and patriotism. For more information contact your chapter, the WV state chair at karenkurilko@gmail.com, or the national committee at hpgrants@nsdar.org.

Karen Kurilko, Chair
Historic Preservation Committee



Happy Retreat, Charles Town, WV

INSIGNIA COMMITTEE

Vickie Baker was selected to serve as one of 50 Insignia Volunteers for the Van Buren Administration. The Insignia Volunteers are a part of the sales team at the pop-up DAR Insignia Stores in the states and at Continental Congress. The activities of the Insignia Volunteers fall under the direction of the National Vice Chair of Insignia Sales and the National Chair of the Insignia Committee.

Each Insignia Volunteer is expected to work the sales table for at least one state meeting and at Continental Congress. The application process included completing the application form, providing a resume, and two letters of recommendation. Special thanks to State Regent Cheryl A. Brown and Honorary State Regent Malinda "Mindy" Davis for providing the letters of recommendation.

Vickie joined Old Hickory Chapter, NSDAR in February 2017. She served the chapter as newsletter editor and Service to America Committee Chair. During her time with Old Hickory, Vickie completed the New Members and New Horizon courses. In May 2018, she transferred to Member-At-Large in order to organize the new chapter in Spencer, Tanner's Cross Roads. The new chapter was organized in March 2019. Vickie has also completed the Genealogical Education Program (GEP) courses 1, 2, 3, and DNA and the DAR. She currently serves WVDAR as the Volunteer Genealogist, state chair.



Vickie Baker

JUNIOR AMERICAN CITIZENS COMMITTEE

2019-2020 THEME:

"THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT - AMERICA WOMEN RISE AND SHINE"

It has been a challenging, educational and rewarding experience for me to serve as WV State JAC Chair. I would like to thank all DAR members who have encouraged and supported me in this endeavor. A special thanks to Laura Frymier of the Anne Royall Chapter who assisted with all the judging and taking pictures of all the entries.

Of the 39 DAR chapters, 6 reported JAC activities. Two chapters recognized an adult with the Thatcher award (Ellen Ruth Windom-Anne Royall Chapter and Kathy Eckert-Ohio Valley Chapter). Thanks for honoring these outstanding adults.

The total number of children involved in JAC clubs: 748; Number of groups: 34; Number of pictures/articles published: 27; Number of children for Art: 586 (66 East Central Division and 15 National winners); Number of children for Creative Expression: 129 (10 East Central Division winners and 7 National winners); Community

Service-(3 East Central Division winners and 3 National winners). The total number of children participating in JAC (clubs plus contest entrants: 782.

The Anne Royall Chapter NSDAR, in collaboration with the Ritchie County Middle School 8th grade West Virginia history teacher, applied for and received a \$500 grant from the Helen Pouch Memorial Fund. 97 8th grade students participated in a community service and Veterans recognition program. The class honored local county veterans and those currently in the military by hosting a Veterans Day Program and luncheon. This also included a "Hall of Honor" with the Veterans pictures and dates of service that was completed by the students. After presenting the Veterans program, which honored each Veteran in attendance, they served a luncheon and visited with and thanked each Veteran for their service.

The goal of this event was to instill and promote an appreciation for our military, the Flag and our country. Educational content standards were addressed that included demonstrated patriotism through important anniversaries and remembrances and identifying, analyzing and evaluating responsibilities, privileges and rights as a citizen.

The General Hugh Mercer Sons of the American Revolution Chapter and the Matthew French Chapter DAR joined to honor one hero in their community. Both chapters presented the Outstanding Young Citizenship Award lapel pin with certificate to Morgan Gage Adkins, a student at Princeton High School. He is a leader, a compassionate community service organizer and a top rate, hardworking student.

Chapter winners: 1st place: Anne Royall Chapter; 2nd place-Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Col. John Evans Chapter; 3rd place-Ohio Valley Chapter. Participation awards: Elk River Chapter; Matthew French Chapter and the Westmoreland Chapter.

The 1920-1921 theme is: "The 400th Anniversary of the Mayflower: Rise and Shine for New Opportunities in a New Land." I encourage all chapters to participate in this patriotic contest. Please feel free to contact me if I can be of further assistance (304)628-3748.

Patricia J. Nutter, Chair
Junior American Citizens Committee

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND MEDIA COMMITTEE

It is my pleasure to announce that three West Virginia chapters have been recognized at the division level for outstanding performance in the area of Public Relations and Media.

The Anne Bailey Chapter in Charleston received a third-place award for its newsletter. *The Anne Bailey Bulletin*, edited by Mary Johnson, is issued twice per year. It is colorful, attractive, informative, and provides an excellent resource for chapter activities.

The Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans Chapter in Morgantown received a second-place award for Electronic Coverage. In a project headed by member Andrea Ice Horton, the chapter developed a presentation featuring Andrea's patriot ancestor, Andrew Ice, a part of the Morgantown History Museum's exhibit celebrating the area's waterways. A video of the presentation is available on the museum's Facebook page.

The Bee Line Chapter in Charles Town received a first-place award for print coverage. The chapter generated in excess of 1,400 column inches of print during 2019. Most of Bee Line's articles were published through *The Journal* (Martinsburg, WV) and *The Herald-Mail* (Hagerstown, MD), though other periodicals were also represented.

Well-earned congratulations to all three chapters! The East Central Division of NSDAR represents chapters located in the states of Michigan, Illinois, Ohio, Kentucky, and West Virginia. Recognitions at this level are significant achievements. A special thanks to all the winners for helping West Virginia "soar to new heights"!

Darla Treat Courtney, Chair,
Public Relations and Media Committee
darlatreat@aol.com

VETERANS AFFAIRS VOLUNTARY SERVICE

Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) - Martinsburg

This is a very difficult time for our medical centers, including those serving our veterans. They are all in need of personal protective equipment such as face masks and shields. Information provided by the Martinsburg VA Hospital indicates that the Voluntary Service continues to be significantly impacted by the Coronavirus outbreak. They will continue to limit in person donations for May, however, items or checks can be mailed to the hospital. They continue to need men's underwear, men's socks, body wash, conditioner, postage stamps, puzzle books such as crossword or sudoku, denture adhesive/paste and Sheetz gift cards. Their address is:

Martinsburg VAMC
Voluntary Service
510 Butler Avenue
Martinsburg, WV 25405

VOLUNTEER GENEALOGIST

New Platform for GEP Courses

All West Virginia Daughters are encouraged to complete the GEP courses. One of our President General's goals is to increase membership. A good way to help your chapter reach this goal is to complete the GEP courses and learn more about completing DAR applications.

Starting May 1, 2020, the Genealogy Education Program (GEP) courses were hosted on a new platform. This change includes the Registrar Training Course, as well as GEP 1, 2, 3, and DNA and the DAR.

Anyone completing these courses prior to May 1 will see the courses listed on the member's record in eMembership under Class/Training Activity. Chapters can determine who has had the training using the Training History Report.

For each GEP course, members have up to 90 days to complete each course. Each lesson consists of videos, handouts, transcripts, questions and answer forums, and quizzes. Three attempts are available for each quiz, with a passing grade required to proceed to the next lesson.

- ▲ **GEP 1: Introduction to Genealogy Research for DAR Applications** consists of 5 lessons. The cost to enroll in GEP 1 is \$125.00.
- ▲ **GEP 2: Applying Genealogy Research Techniques to DAR Applications** consists of 9 lessons. The cost to enroll in GEP 2 is \$125.00.
- ▲ **GEP 3: Advanced Techniques for Resolving Problems with Lineage or Service on DAR Records** consists of 11 lessons. The cost to enroll in GEP 3 is \$150.00.
- ▲ **Special GEP Course: DNA and the DAR** consists of 5 lessons. The cost to enroll in DNA and the DAR is \$100.00.

Registrar Training is only available to current and incoming Chapter and State Registrars. Unlike the GEP courses, registrars have access to the course for one year. For information on this course check out the DAR Members Only page (<https://www.dar.org/members/registrar-training-course>).

WEST VIRGINIA STATE CHAPLAIN

The "Today's Message" portion of the WVDAR Facebook Page is a daily (well, somewhat daily) expression of scriptures, inspirational sayings, and some uplifting stories. We hope that these will in some small way provide you hope and encouragement as we navigate through these uncertain times.

Moving forward, I am opening this up for others. If you have something that you would like to submit, please send to me (details below). I will issue them on a 'first come' basis. And, there's more.

There are plans to compile each of the Today's Messages into a book that we will give to each Chapter Chaplain. We would like to have a collection for at least one year, maybe two.

Contact Information: Sisner-johnson@TRCcompanies.com
304-532-7129.

Blessings to each of you,

Sandra Isner-Johnson
West Virginia State Chaplain

WEST VIRGINIA STATE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Hello West Virginia Daughters! I am currently collecting information for the 2020-2021 WVDAR State Directory Supplement which will include any changes to contact information for your chapter officers since the publication of the WVDAR State Directory last year. This includes any changes to mailing address, phone number, and email address. The Supplement will also include any changes for chapter officers.

If your chapter officers have a change to contact information or if your chapter officers have changed, please log into e-Membership and correct the information there. Then, please send this information to me at cnicewarner@verizon.net or cnicewarner@gmail.com by June 1, 2020.

State Directories and State Supplements will be available at the District Meetings and State Conference this summer.

With warm regards,

Cindy Nicewarner
WVDAR State Corresponding Secretary

WEST VIRGINIA STATE HISTORIAN

OUTSTANDING TEACHER OF AMERICAN HISTORY CONTEST

With our attention still focused on COVID-19, it may not seem the time to talk about contests for next year. However, given the work that teachers across West Virginia are doing to utilize technology for remote student learning, what better time would there be to think about the Outstanding Teacher of American History? Do you know of a teacher of American History and related fields in your area, grades 5-12, who is doing exemplary work in West

Virginia, is committed to his or her students, and expects excellence from them?

While the forms and deadline for the 2020-2021 year are not available yet, they should be out by mid-summer. I will provide a State deadline once I know the National due date, but I anticipate it will be similar to this past year, when the State deadline was in November. However, I would encourage chapters to be considering who the excellent teachers are now. Establish contact early because it is the teachers who have to do the bulk of the work, and once the next school year begins teachers will quickly be heavily engaged in the work of teaching.

This year, West Virginia has an outstanding teacher from Nitro High School: Kizmet Chandler. Nominated by the John Young and Kanawha Valley chapters, Chandler has been a teacher for six years. She has been recognized by the Gilder Lehrman Institute and, in addition to her responsibilities at Nitro High, is co-head teacher for the Albert H. Small Normandy Institute, 2020-2021. Who are the outstanding teachers of American History in your community?

Mary Johnson
West Virginia State Historian

WEST VIRGINIA STATE RECORDING SECRETARY

Greetings from the WVDAR State Recording Secretary. The last few months have been very busy for the WVDAR State Officers. Since our last Newsletter our State Regent has had monthly Teleconferences with the State Officers. It is my job to take minutes for each Teleconference, have them proofread and approved, and sent to our State Regent and all other Officers. We have worked on several projects that will be discussed at our State Conference.

Another one of my jobs was to receive and read all of the reports from our State Officers, District Directors, Chapter Regents and State Chairmen. These reports were to be sent in by March 21st. Most of the reports have been received, however there are still several outstanding. I am sure these will be sent in very soon. Considering the pandemic and all of our quarantining, everyone has done an exceptional job with your reports. The ladies of the WVDAR have done an outstanding job with the many ways they have served our State and our citizens. It has been a joy to see all of the different ways you have shared your talents and caring with everything you have done.

I am looking forward to seeing you soon. I cannot thank you enough for all your hard work.

Two dates to remember for May are: Armed Forces Day - May 16th and Memorial Day - May 25th. June is a busy

month: D-Day - June 6, Flag Day - June 14, Honor America Days (21-day period between Flag Day through July 4) and July 4th - Independence Day.

If I may be of any help to any of you, please feel free to email me at: mommawvu@cascable.net or call 304-916-5393.

Carolyn S. Kesterson
WVDAR State Recording Secretary

WEST VIRGINIA STATE REGISTRAR

I hope you all are doing well during this current trying time. One of the unexpected outcomes of the pandemic has been an increased interest in completing electronic applications (eAPPs) for prospective DAR members. Because the DAR Headquarters have been closed since the middle of March, the only applications being reviewed and verified at this time are eAPPs.

There are many advantages to eAPPs: they eliminate mailing costs and trips to the post office, they save your printer ink, your chapter doesn't have to collect and issue checks, and you don't have to worry about getting 6 signatures in black ink! However, there are certain steps that must be followed, including the fact that the prospective member must be comfortable enough with computers to open an account after receiving an emailed invitation from the chapter, and then at least starting to complete the application online. Once she has begun the process, any chapter officer with access to e-membership can actually complete the application. The applicant must also be able to pay the application fee online with a credit card.

There are certain types of applications that cannot be done as eAPPs. These include apps for new ancestors, any app that requires an analysis or a service study, any ancestor coded for "treat as new ancestor," and supplementals. They work best for those whose lineage has already been partly or completely verified for a relative, and therefore do not require a lot of supporting documents. When eAPPs first appeared, they did not support the use of Build-An-App, but now they do, which helps to simplify the process greatly.

The genealogists at National have provided lots of information to help with completing eAPPs. On the Genealogy page on the Members' website, there is a whole section devoted to eAPPs. In addition, there is a whole section under Genie Clips that contains several short videos showing step-by-step how to navigate the eAPP process. On the eAPPs site itself, there is a readily accessible Help page. And, there is now an *Ultimate Electronic Application Field Guide*, located on the Electronic Application webpage under the Genealogy tab on the Members' website. Printing this guide and keeping

it for reference will be a huge help in walking through the steps. Cindy Nicewarner wrote a great piece on eAPPs that was published in the April 3, 2020 edition of "Sunrays" from the Registrar General. Past issues of that newsletter can be accessed on the Registrar General's page of the Members' website.

If you would like to try doing an eAPP but don't know where to start, please give me a call. I will be glad to try and walk you through it. It is an exciting opportunity to learn something new and process your applications more efficiently! If there is interest, I would be willing to host a Zoom session to demonstrate the process. Just let me know....call or text me at 304-777-7957 or email at sarnoldwv17@gmail.com.

In DAR friendship,

Susan Arnold
WVDAR State Registrar

WEST VIRGINIA STATE TREASURER

Thank you to all the WVDAR Chapter Treasurers for sending your dues in to me in a very timely manner. It sure makes my job easier when I receive money and reports on or before the deadline.

A friendly reminder for all Chapter Treasurers:

1. Please, send to me an annual Chapter Financial Statement soon after your Chapter's fiscal year ends. This report summarizes the financial records of the chapter and includes revenues and expenses, a copy of the 990 report, and an Audit report. Annually, an auditor or audit committee shall review the Chapter Treasurer's books, comparing bank statements and invoices.
2. Of great importance: To maintain tax-exempt status, **each chapter must annually** file Form 990-N with the IRS following the end of their fiscal year. The 990-N is an electronic-only filing. The chapter's gross receipts determine the appropriate form and only one filing is required. To determine which of the reports is applicable to your chapter, treasurers may consult *Maintaining Group Exemption* in the "Tax Exemption and Relations with the IRS" section of the State and Chapter Finances page, and consult www.IRS.gov for further information. Failure to file will result in the chapter's loss of its tax-exempt status and donations to the chapter by the members are not tax deductible.

Kelly Gainer Goodwin
State Treasurer



BEE LINE MOM SENDS “TASTES OF HOME” TO DEPLOYED TROOPS

Wendy Evans, a Bee Line Daughter with a son deployed in the Middle East, organized a project to send holiday gift bags to 56 active-duty troops deployed abroad.

Through messages exchanged with her son, Wendy learned that he and his comrades were relatively comfortable and well fed, but that they were missing many of the simple pleasures of home. Her serviceman son also noted that some deployed troops receive little from home beyond communication via digital media. Though those messages are very important, they are not as tangible as old-fashioned mail and care packages.

That information set Wendy into motion. She circulated Christmas cards at a chapter meeting to acquire lots of signatures and good wishes for each recipient. She also invited chapter members to contribute to her “tastes of home” holiday mailing. Taking the subsequent outpouring, she created 56 identical gift bags, each of which contained a yoyo, a puzzle book with pen, a bar of soap, drink mixes, several sticks of beef and/or chicken jerky, butter cookies, other brand-name cookies representative of home, and hard candy, including a candy cane.

Assisted by Daughters Carmen Creamer and Mary Supplee, Wendy filled the gift bags, packed them into boxes with properly completed customs forms, and shipped everything off in time for holiday merrymaking.



Bee Line DAR member Wendy Evans sits amid the chaos of preparing holiday gift bags for deployed troops. Her son is an officer stationed in the Middle East.

Along the way, Wendy learned several lessons that might be useful to others planning similar projects. For example, in a previous mailing to her son, she discovered

that small packets of sauces and condiments from fast-food chains do not travel well. The small packets are highly prized by the troops, but they tend to pop during transit. Chocolate candies and chocolate-covered cookies will likely arrive melted. Liquids, especially those in glass containers, are prone to leaks and breakage. Cultural taboos of the destination country should also be considered—the troops love jerky, for example, but pork jerky and pork rinds should be avoided in packages bound for Moslem countries.

SOCIAL DISTANCING WITH PATRIOT GAMES

Bee Line Chapter has relied more heavily on our Facebook page to stay in touch during the days of isolation arising out of our ongoing pandemic. In addition to the usual posts dealing with announcements and History Highlights, we’ve played a game of patriotic trivia and gossip.

For each of 30 days, chapter historian Darla Treat Courtney has posted a question for members to answer or discuss. The objectives of this activity included but were by no means limited to: keeping members in touch with one another, providing insights into why and how we became Daughters, learning more about each other and our patriots, and spreading a bit of fun.

The questions themselves have been pretty specific, but the answers have often been rather open-ended—and hopefully they’ve encouraged chapter members to renew their curiosity about their family heritage and about American history. The results have been fascinating:

- ▲ Our patriots have served in a full range of capacities, from signing the Declaration of Independence, to fighting the British at Bunker Hill and Valley Forge, to providing supplies to support the revolutionary cause. We even have a female patriot.
- ▲ We count a number of White House residents among our ancestral families, though to claim them we had to open the door to “cousins”: Chester Arthur, the Bush presidents, Dwight Eisenhower, Mary Todd Lincoln, and Millard Fillmore were all represented.
- ▲ Most of our members are largely of British descent (including Irish), with a fair measure of West Europeans and Scandinavians thrown in at the edges. The latter were a surprise for most, and there was general agreement that those Vikings really “got around” in times past.
- ▲ Our ancestors include signers of the Magna Carta, a colonial governor, passengers on the Mayflower, Betsy Ross, and founders of the

local Morgan family. They also include witches and the judges who tried them. We lay claim to pioneers, farmers, clergymen, professionals of various sorts, seamen, and public servants. We even have a Tory or two.

We discovered that there are a great many unclaimed patriots in some of our family trees, a source of future supplemental applications. It turns out that if you have one patriot, there's a high likelihood that you have at least a few more.

Brick walls abound in most of our trees. Some are mere nuisances that just need the right stile to cross a low barrier to a known destination. Others are virtually insurmountable, obscuring everything on the other side.

All things considered, playing Patriot Games proved a fun and thought-provoking activity, and it touched several areas covered by the Chapter Master Report, including American Heritage, American History, and Lineage Research. If you're interested in playing, either create your own list of questions or contact Darla for the questions she used. One thing is for sure, you'll be surprised by some of the answers.

BLACKWATER CHAPTER



The Blackwater Chapter displays their \$50 check it received for placing 2nd in the PRO/On Trac Festival of Trees Show. Shown here are Sue Silk, Treasurer and Registrar; Cynthia Kolsun, Regent; and Cathy Hebb, Vice-Regent.

ELK RIVER CHAPTER

The local Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) group met recently in Gassaway. Besides the business of the organization, the ladies were delighted to have Vickie Baker as the program's speaker. Mrs. Baker's topic was the arrival of the Mayflower to Plymouth, Massachusetts 400 years ago this September.

Vickie discussed the restoration of the Meetinghouse and other buildings in Plymouth in preparation for the fall celebration. The Mayflower's passengers endured much hardship the first winter, but their determination and hard work helped them through that first year. She brought with her a period dress a pilgrim woman would have worn. It was colorful and cleverly designed to be functional and hold up for many years. Vickie also had a photo of the plain dress a pilgrim woman would have worn, which was black and white.

Vickie Fulks Baker holds the office of Historian for The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of West Virginia. This position assists perspective members in the application process. West Virginia has had a Society for over 70 years. The Governor General of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, Dr. George Garmany, was a guest speaker at the 2019 state meeting in Charleston. Mrs. Baker explained a new collaboration between the Descendants and other lineage groups, such as the DAR. The General Society has compiled a book that lists Mayflower Society members who have a Revolutionary patriot in his/her lineage. This resource may open up membership for both organizations.

Due to the popularity of this commemorative event, there has been an enormous number of applications. Many men and women are hoping their applications will be verified during this 400th year. For more information visit: www.theMayflowerSociety.org.



Pictured: Vicky Baker

FOUR NEW DAR MEMBERS

The "Welcoming Ceremony" was held at two different DAR meetings for Charlene Roberts Lewis of Summersville, Beth Ware Atkins of Sutton, Wanita Boggs Mollohan of Nebo, and Dorma Dawson of Nebo. Lillie Robinson, Chaplain, conducted both ceremonies and administered the oath of membership.

Mrs. Charlene Lewis's patriot is Cornelius Roberts, who gave service during the Revolutionary War serving in the Montgomery County (VA) Militia. Mrs. Beth Atkins traced her lineage to Revolutionary patriot, Daniel Canfield. He was a private and fought for the state of New York. Mrs. Wanita Mollohan's ancestor is Charles Francis Boggs, who served at the 1774 Battle of Point Pleasant. Ms. Dorma Dawson's Revolutionary War is John Jarvis. He gave patriotic service for the state of Maryland and took the Oath of Fidelity of 1778.

As part of the ceremony, the new members pledged to uphold the Constitution of the United States, to respect the Flag, and to promote the objectives of the National Society, which are historic preservation, education, and patriotism.



Kristy Steward, Director of Literacy Volunteers of Upshur County, spoke on the history of the organization and the need for volunteers.

During the January EZ meeting Mr. Sherman Baxa was presented with the DAR Distinguished Citizen Award for his military and civic contributions. Mr. Baxa, who was accompanied by both friends and relatives, received a framed certificate and medal.



Pictured left: Delores Wilson, Vice-Regent, Kristy Steward, Literacy Volunteer Director



Pictured: Georgette Ward, Regent, Sherman Baxa, Award Recipient

Elizabeth Zane "Pandemic Fighters"

Member Becky Bostic, along with her church group, have made masks for essential workers in her home county of Putnam, a nursing home in Wayne County, employees at CAMC Hospital, and they are in the process of making masks for the Huntington Internal Medicine Group in Cabell County.

ELIZABETH ZANE CHAPTER

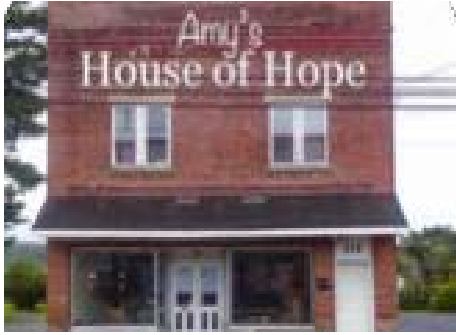
Our April meeting was done digitally, which included our usual agenda. Committee members submitted reports in advance and new and old business was completed by email. We had planned a trip to the Bulltown Historic Site for April. Instead a slide show was emailed to members highlighting Bulltown from pictures that had previously been taken while planning the trip.

Mary Hyre has been ordering food and have helping pack backpacks for elementary students and has been an active helper in delivering the food. Mary, the garden club and other community members are tending to the garden planted by students trying to maintain their plants that had been planted before the school closings.

MATHEW FRENCH CHAPTER

"On March 21st winter came to a close. In the spring, we see daffodil in the fields blooming which tells us the Spring is here. The weather can be a little cold, with snow here and there. It might still be wet, but the days that have sunshine lighten our spirits."

Matthew French had an outstanding 2019 year with new, associate and transfer members. We already have three new members, Barbara McDowell, Lacie McDowell Atkins and Chandra Bratton (daughter of our own member Yonda Johnston). There are several prospective members that are working on their DAR papers.



The Matthew French Chapter DAR meeting was cancelled. Each member had been asked to provide a gift to Amy's House of Hope. Around 30 bags of goodies and a check from

one daughter was given. According to Fred Kinder, "Amy's House of Hope is a place where we give hope. We feed people out there who have low incomes and have no food. We've fed a few of the homeless here. We've had people who have come here who are not homeless nor hungry for food, but come here for companionship. We just wanted to have the building open. We open our doors and we don't judge anybody who comes in. We're just tickled to death to have anybody who comes here."

Matthew French DAR had a wonderful meeting on Saturday, February 22nd at Ryan's in Princeton. We recognized some talented young adults who participated in the Christopher Columbus Essay Contest.

New member Barbara McDowell was recognized. Heather Farley hosted the meeting.



Heather Bostic, Barbara Wood, Barbara McDowell, Barbara McDowell's mother, Donna Brewster

PACK HORSE FORD CHAPTER

Pack Horse Ford Chapter were blessed to celebrate our 104th Anniversary with a luncheon at the Bavarian Inn in Shepherdstown on February 22, 2020. The theme was Women's Right to Vote and many members wore period costumes. Chapter Historian conducted our chapter's traditional anniversary candle lighting ceremony. Attendees were treated to the premier performance of an original drama written and directed by Past Chapter Regent, Kathy Sholl titled "Women's Suffrage: The Long and Winding Road" which is based on the suffrage movement in Shepherdstown. Chapter Members Cheryl Brown, Patricia Toffling, Marlyn Keesecker and Kathy Sholl were featured characters.



Chapter Members Cheryl Brown, Patricia Toffling, Marlyn Keesecker and Kathy Sholl

Although our regular activities have been greatly affected by the pandemic, our chapter has managed to keep busy with several projects. Dorrene Hale and her committee have been working hard gathering information on Revolutionary War Patriots buried in Jefferson County for the State Regent's book project. Our chapter divided Jefferson County with Bee Line Chapter in Charles Town and members of Pack Horse Ford Chapter have been tackling one cemetery at a time, taking photos, recording geo coordinates, researching and writing.



Dorrene Hale working on the State Regent's Project

Our chapter is also supporting a local Airman deployed in Afghanistan by sending care packages for Project Patriot.

Pack Horse Ford Chapter members are also keeping busy making supplies to support the national fight against the COVID-19 virus. Those that aren't busy sewing are busy supporting those that are by donating funds, supplies, and fabric for the effort. Chapter members Tracy Duvall, Robin Fell, Peggy Talley, and Lynda Fowler have been busy sewing! Chapter Treasurer Katherine Genung has made 500 masks!

Member Mary Katherine Wood has made and donated 406 masks to Children's Hospital of the King's Daughter, Christ Church Cathedral, Office of the Public Defender, Baltimore Washington Medical Center, Bethany House, VA Medical Center, Meals on Wheels, Eastern Panhandle Empowerment Center, and Jefferson County Health Department.



Mary Jane Jones has made 40 scrub caps for nurses, doctors and staff in the Emergency Room at University of Maryland Baltimore Washington Medical Center. And these ladies are still sewing!



Masks were delivered to Martinsburg VA Medical Center, South Berkeley Fire Department, Homewood of Williamsport, the MedStar Harbor View Hospital, a Winchester medical office, military personnel, and various members, families and friends who are immune-compromised or in the high-risk age group.



Thank you to the Pack Horse Ford Chapter DAR for donating these awesome masks to my coworkers!

The Pack Horse Ford Chapter Daughters are proud to offer support through a beautiful array of fabrics with patriotic and inspiring patterns and beautiful colors—each mask and cap are made with pride and love.

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

I want to thank everyone for their contributions to the MAY WVDAR newsletter. I encourage all chapters to participate with future contributions. Please share with the rest of the state what you are doing - your ideas may inspire activity for other chapters.

The next newsletter submission deadline will be September 1, 2020.

I hope everyone has a healthy and safe summer.

Wendy Evans
WVDAR Newsletter Editor

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We Are Together Apart!!