



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,

Looking back over the past 6 months, I am awestruck by the amazing job you have done to keep the WVDAR operating during an especially challenging time. Virtual meetings or small gatherings featuring social distancing have become common since March 2020. The State Officers have videoed their annual reports and had them posted to the private WVDAR Facebook page. The Finance Committee has drafted and the Executive Committee has approved three budgets for the fiscal year beginning July 1st with no in-person meetings. All certificates for the past year have been mailed to Chapter Regents. And the Northern District has planned and executed an informal Zoom session that featured the announcement of winners of the "DAR-lings Delight!" auction and Blanche L. Reymann Scholarship and Tamassee DAR School after school scholarship drawings.

Perhaps more importantly, you have continued to accomplish the DAR's mission of historic preservation, education and patriotism while caring for each other. You have stepped up efforts to support frontline personnel in your communities. To date you have made over 5,300 masks for first responders, veterans, friends, and neighbors. Also, of special note, Lisa McNeil, State Chair, Blanche L. Reymann Scholarship Committee, planned and executed a meaningful ceremony at West Virginia Wesleyan College to recognize this year's recipient of the scholarship; all past and current teachers in the WVDAR received a certificate thanking them for their service; and the contractor completed phase 1 - renovation of the West Virginia Peters Cottage at Tamassee DAR School.

Thank you for marking Constitution Week, September 17-23, in such memorable ways. You created eye-catching displays and placed them in libraries, schools, and store fronts. You obtained proclamations from local and state officials and rang bells across the state on Constitution Day.

Under way now is a Membership Challenge issued by the President General. For details please see the article in this issue by State Registrar Susan Arnold. Meeting this challenge is something every chapter in our state can do to "Soar to New Heights."

This fall there will be several virtual events of interest. First will be Battle Days at Point Pleasant at 10:00 a.m. on October 10. To participate please contact Ed Cromley, President, Point Pleasant Chapter, NSSAR, at ed_cromley@hotmail.com. Next will be Founders Day at Tamassee DAR School on October 13th. For details please see the Tamassee DAR School website. Then, there will be two workshops. The first, on Saturday, October 24 at 10:00 a.m., will be led by State Historian Mary Johnson. The topic will be the West Virginia Patriot Burials project. The second, on Saturday, November 14 at 10:00 a.m., will feature "DNA 201 The Next Step" presented by North Carolina Daughter Cricket Crigler. Please plan to support these events with your attendance.

Please complete a community project on or near the National DAR Day of Service on October 11th. Outdoor projects will be especially appropriate this year. November 11 will be Veterans Day, a time to recognize all veterans, past and present. Please continue to remember them and especially those who need our support and assistance.

Until we meet again in-person, I send you virtual hugs. Please take care of each other and stay Safe.

With love and admiration,
Cheryl
Cheryl Alexander Brown
West Virginia State Regent



DNA 201 THE NEXT STEP

This Virtual DNA Workshop will help
you organize you DNA results.



Nov. 14, 2020 @10am



Contact Brenda Chevront for more information

rick_brendachev@yahoo.com

Welcome, New Members!

May 1, 2020 - September 30, 2020

Anne Bailey Chapter

*Kristen Cochran
*Megan Cochran
Nicole Economides

Anne Royall Chapter

Catheryn Weese

Bee Line Chapter

Karen Stanley

Blackwater Chapter

Phyllis Garcia

Blennerhassett Chapter

Rebecca Oppe

Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter

Pamela Earley
Carolyn Gerlach
*Tiffany Hussell
*Heather Peaytt

Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter

Gena Heldreth
Hallie Williams

Daniel Davisson Chapter

Louise Batman
Terry Bullough
Sarah Burton
Laura Cochran
Beverly Rollins
Kimberly Rollins

Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans Chapter

Dorothy Cline
Nancy Mosser

Elk River Chapter

Sarah Harris
Anne Lynch
Pamela Tanner

John Cooke Chapter

Gwynne Pelton

Kanawha Valley Chapter

Margaret Heasley
Rebecca Pratt

Ohio Valley Chapter

Delores Butcher

Old Hickory Chapter

* Jessica Ball

Pack Horse Ford Chapter

Kathleen Olson

South Branch Valley Chapter

*Jessica Dyche
Sheila Dyche
Susan Jackson
*Sara Michael
Rheuziska Sager
Kristie Stump

Wheeling Chapter

Jan Carnahan

Woodburn Chapter

Melinda Clevenger

Ye Towne of Bath Chapter

Heather Curtis
*Meghan Smith-Powell

*Junior Member

FOR ROOM RESERVATIONS 116TH WVDAR STATE CONFERENCE

Call The Greenbrier at
(855) 453-4858, option 2
8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Code "WVDAR"

For nights Thursday, March 11 -
Saturday, March 13, 2021



WV Breakfast at Continental Congress 2021

Get ready to kick off Continental Congress with the WV delegation at the WV "Soar to New Heights" Breakfast. Join us at our 2021 breakfast at The Army and Navy Club. This private club was established in 1885 and is currently housed in an Italian Renaissance building, just off Farragut Square in Washington, DC. You'll enjoy this historical landmark just 2 blocks from the White House. Cost and reservation information will be forthcoming.

Who: All members and guests

What: Breakfast at the Historic Army and Navy Club

Where: 901 Seventeenth Street, NW,
Washington, DC 20006

Why: To kick off the WV delegation's activities at
2021 Continental Congress

When: 8 AM, Wednesday, June 30, 2021



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

*Includes previously purchased scarf

All proceeds go to State Regent's Projects

Contact your District Director

or

Mail a check payable to

"State Treasurer, WVDAR"

with your name and address to:

Cheryl Brown
P.O. Box 688

AMERICAN HERITAGE CONTEST

2020-21 NSDAR American Heritage Contest

This year's theme is "Rise & Let Your Light Shine on Your Revolutionary Patriot."

For National Competition in Fiber Arts, Crafts, Literature and Drama, Music, please complete national rules and submit with NSDAR submission form to National Vice Chairs with a deadline of February 15, 2021.

Please submit Fiber Arts entries by January 15, 2021 and questions to WVDAR Co-chairs:

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Sheperdstown, WV 25443-4283
Phone: 304-240-7021
patricia_toffling@comcast.net

Katherine Genung
938 Tabler Station Rd.
Inwood, WV 25428-4578
Phone: 540-486-8473
katherine@twogenungs.com

In addition to the National contest we are conducting two additional contests this year at the West Virginia State level only:

1. The WVDAR American Heritage Committee is accepting Machine Quilted entries (quilts, wall hangings, table toppers/runners and pillows). See your Chapter Regent for more details or contact the WVDAR Co-chairs. Deadline is January 15, 2021.

2. The WVSAR American Heritage Committee is announcing the WV Peters Cottage Wall Hanging Contest. Winner of this contest will donate their entry to be hung at Peters Cottage. See your Chapter Regent for more details or contact the WVDAR Co-chairs. Deadline is January 15, 2021.

AMERICAN HISTORY COMMITTEE

American History Essays must be sent to Susan Garrett, 94 Farm View Drive, Moorefield, WV 26836 by January 10, 2021. Chapters may submit one essay for each grade level 5-8.

All essays must be submitted by hard copy with the "Guidelines for Judges" forms enclosed. Chapters chairmen need to keep copies for their records.

Please adhere to the state deadline. We have a quick turnaround with judging as the winning essays need to be sent to the East Central Division level by February 15. Thank you for your cooperation!

Women in American History submissions may be sent or emailed to:

Elizabeth P. Satterfield, 126 Oak Grove Road, Independence, WV 26374-7008. Email is esatt7@hotmail.com. Deadline is April 1, 2021. An electronic form will be appreciated, but not required.



DAR GENEALOGY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

The Supporting Document Project is complete! Over 8 million records were categorized and are now more accessible to members and prospective members in the application process. A big thank you to all the hard work of the volunteers. There has not been an announcement of new projects, but I will keep everyone updated when something is announced.

Heidi Ware, Chair
heidiware@aol.com

DAR SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The WVDAR DAR School Committee State project was a success thanks to our WV Daughters. I mailed \$420 in gift cards to Tamassee DAR School. This amount did not include any gift cards sent previously by chapters.

This Chair would like to thank our generous ladies for supporting the Tamassee After School Scholarship fund by donating to voices for the WV wreath and Tamassee star light during our virtual auction. WVDAR was able to donate \$700 toward the Tamassee After School Scholarship fund.

New information regarding changes to the 2020 CMR DAR School page was recently emailed or mailed to Chapter Regents. If you did not receive this info, please contact me.



Thank you for participating in the DAR Schools Virtual Presentation during Continental Congress. The first 1,000 members to log on received a very nice charm.

Please keep supporting the DAR Schools through all your projects and donations. I applaud and appreciate all your hard work!

Deloris Nelson, Chair
deeran@suddenlink.net

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND MEDIA COMMITTEE

Let's face it, COVID-19 has been a trial for all things DAR. On the other hand, our chapters are still doing a great deal of good work—making masks, supporting veterans and children in ways both old and new, and in general providing service to our communities. Don't forget to keep using your PR channels—Facebook, print media, and local radio—to remind the public and one other about DAR's good works. Our Day of Service is just around the corner. Please accept this as a challenge to prepare a newspaper article on how your chapter enriches the life of its community. You make a difference!

Darla Treat Courtney, Chair
darlatreat@aol.com

A MESSAGE FROM THE WV C.A.R. STATE PRESIDENT

Greetings, West Virginia Daughters. My name is Samuel D. Lake, and I am the 2020-2021 West Virginia Children of the American Revolution State President. I have participated in C.A.R. for 6 years now as a part of the Henrietta Bedinger Lee Society. When I began, I was the Vice President of that society, then the President, and now I am the West Virginia C.A.R. State President. I have been closely connected to DAR for most of my life, as both my mother and grandmother are members of the Pack Horse Ford Chapter. From a young age, I enjoyed serving others and meeting new people, which is an enormous part of C.A.R. The good feeling you get when putting others before yourself is one that I love. Thus, when I had the opportunity, I joined and started serving my country and its many veterans. Along the way, I met new people who became good friends, and, today, we work together to accomplish various service projects.

This year, the West Virginia C.A.R. State Project is to support Mountain Schools; therefore, the state theme is "Supporting the Well-Being and Education of Young People." I and the WVC.A.R. Senior State President, Brooks A. Morton, strongly believe in the importance of quality education and care for the young people who attend the following Mountain Schools: Berry College, Crossnore School and Children's Home, Tamassee DAR School, Hindman Settlement School, Kate Duncan Smith DAR School, and Hillside School. These schools are teaching and developing the young people who will become an integral part of American society and leadership. It is imperative that each school has the support it needs to continue providing exemplary services to its students. The contact information for each school is located on the West Virginia C.A.R. State Project Flyer, which will be included in your State Information Packets as well as posted to the WVD.A.R. Facebook Page. I encourage you to help me support the missions of these wonderful schools by either donating directly to a school or by submitting a donation via check made payable to WVSSCAR and mailed to Mrs. Rebecca Maude Davis, 1910 Lazzell Union Road, Madsville, WV 26541. Please note "State President Project" on the memo line.

It is imperative that we continue to promote West Virginia C.A.R. in order to increase membership. It is vital to keep new members coming into C.A.R. as some of the older ones go off to college or age out. Please encourage your eligible family members, friends, and neighbors to join C.A.R., and inform them of the service they will do for their country, the fun they will have, the friends they will make, and the leadership skills they will develop!

Thank you for your continued support for West Virginia C.A.R. It is always appreciated!

Sincerely,
Samuel D. Lake
WVC.A.R. State President

VETERANS AFFAIRS VOLUNTARY SERVICE

WHAT'S NEW AT VA MEDICAL CENTERS?

Below each VAVS Representative shares a brief summary. All have reported the stoppage of volunteers in the facilities during the pandemic period.

Beckley — **Karen Bonifacio** reports staff have been filling the volunteer void by holding Movie Nights and Bingo games. Monetary donations have helped buy Bingo prizes. The Center is limiting what donated supplies may be delivered.

Martinsburg — **Heidi Ware** reports the limiting of accepted donations. The Voluntary Service Department's monthly newsletter updates volunteers on the needs and happenings at the facility. The VAVS team has disseminated the information to the DAR chapters served. They have responded well to the requests. The hospital is planning for the eventual reintegration of volunteers, as well as different ways of holding group events; potentially making some of them drive-by events.

Huntington — **Linda Parsons** reports the ongoing construction projects at the medical center are going well. The Rehabilitation Treatment and Recovery Center will open soon. The Fisher House for families of hospitalized veterans is on schedule for an October completion date. A new access road to the property, Pfc Ernie E. West Drive, will open soon. Mr. West received the Congressional Medal of Honor for his actions October 1952, on Heartbreak Ridge in Korea.

Clarksburg — **Ruth Mooney** reports volunteers are not back in the facility, except the 8 volunteer drivers bringing Veterans to appointments. The vans have been equipped with safety precautions to protect the driver and patients. VAVS quarterly meetings are conducted by conference call. There are many construction projects inside and outside the facility. In-patients are very appreciative of the homemade masks, cards, notes, and artwork they are receiving each day from children, DAR members and community members.

Veterans Award Deadline

The deadline for chapters to submit Outstanding Veteran Volunteer, Outstanding Youth Volunteer and Outstanding DAR Service for Veterans Award is December 15th, 2020. Forms for nominations can be found online under the DAR Service for Veterans committee page. Nominations can be sent to Patty Young, co-chair, WVDAR Service For Veterans at payoungwv@yahoo.com.

WEST VIRGINIA STATE LIBRARIAN

Request!

I would like to urge Chapters to donate books to the National Library. Contact me at sacowan@frontiernet.net if you need help. We are still collecting books for the Peter's Cottage Library. The books should celebrate West Virginia, either books by West Virginia authors or books about West Virginia, including short stories.

The Elizabeth Zane Chapter has donated a set of 65 Walter J Black edition Zane Grey books. These books are still in

their original rice paper jackets. They will be donated to the Tamassee School Library.

Sandy Cowan, State Librarian, WVDAR
815 Lytewood Place
Frankford WV 24938
304-497-3553
sacowan@frontiernet.net

WEST VIRGINIA STATE ORGANIZING SECRETARY

As the State Organizing Secretary, I serve as a WVDAR State Officer, as a member of the Chapter Development and Revitalization Commission (CD&RC) and the State Application Team (SAT). The SAT Team has been working to move the individuals on the Perspective Members list to DAR members.

The WVDAR State officers held teleconference meetings monthly during the Spring and Summer. Items worked on by the group were the Perspective Members lists for chapters across the state, Peters Cottage project, and the Virtual 115th State Conference held in August 2020.

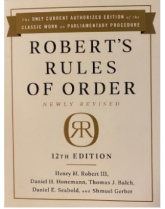
It has been incredibly challenging during this pandemic to meet with our chapter members. Holding ZOOM Meetings has helped to keep our chapters members engaged. Remember to reach out to your members that do not use technology. It is easy to let our members know what is happening through our websites or emails, but you are not reaching all your members. Using post cards or newsletters and calling members is a way to keep our non-technology members in the loop. Yes, they have chapter yearbooks with dates and times but there is so much more they are missing out on.

I look forward to continuing to work with the State Regent and officers in this important role. I am here to support our chapters, help them grow, and become stronger for our state society. If your chapter is struggling, please let me know how I may help. Also remember to send me a copy of your 2020-2021 Yearbook.

Margie Ways, WVDAR State Organizing Secretary
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WEST VIRGINIA STATE PARLIAMENTARIAN



Daughters, did you know the Robert's Rules of Order (RONR) 12th Edition became available September 2020? This newest edition of RONR is available for purchase at the DAR Store, most bookstores, and at the National Association of Parliamentarians website: <https://parliamentarians.org/>

Directions: scroll to "Store" and make your selection. Non-members cost is approximately \$25, plus s/h and tax.

Don't throw away your 11th Edition for there is valuable information still contained in it and has been our guide since 2011. The new edition is a tweaked version of the 11th Edition.

The following is a brief outline of a blog written by Jim Slaughter, an attorney, and Professional Registered Parliamentarian. It contains the general differences between the two editions.

- 11th edition has 716 pages; 12th has 714 pages; 12th edition paper size is slightly enlarged and perhaps easier to read; 63 sections in both editions.
- Paragraphs and subparagraphs have been added in referencing specific provisions (almost reads like a biblical reference).
- Index in the 12th edition is larger and New Appendix adds 15 pages of Sample Rules for Election meetings.
- 89 changes between 11th and 12th editions (Preface states 9 "notable" revisions, and 13 "important points" of revisions, 67 minor changes.
- Details or clarifications to
 - a. different types of election meeting
 - b. telephone meeting without internet support
 - c. Ex. Session Practices, secrecy of disclosed/decisions
 - d. process of correcting the approval of minutes, what should and should not be included in meeting's minutes
 - e. ballots for electronic devices, secrecy of ballot votes
 - f. debate on Nominations
 - h. ratification of action
 - i. adoption of Conference Standing Rules; quorum at conventions related to attendance
 - k. when Chair can "assume" a motion
 - l. timelines required for a point of order and greater details on what are continuing violations

Daughters, as you can see, I have a lot of reading and processing to do!

In WVDAR service,
Patricia Goodwin, State Parliamentarian

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WEST VIRGINIA STATE REGISTRAR



We Can Do It!

The We Can Do It! Challenge

Ladies, we have been issued a challenge by our President General, Denise Van Buren. As you might imagine, the pandemic has greatly reduced the number of completed DAR applications sent to Washington this year. Without an infusion of Applications and/or Reinstatements in the coming weeks, the DAR will be on track for one of the lowest years of membership growth since our founding. Therefore, Mrs. Van Buren has issued the We Can Do It! Challenge, which is a call to all chapters in the country to add at least 2 new members between August 17 and the end of the year.

In order for the applications to be approved at the December meeting of the National Board of Management, they should be received at National **no later than November 16.**

A couple of helpful things to remember:

- Reinstatements will **count for this challenge!**
- You do not have to have Endorser signatures on applications right now during the pandemic

As of September 24, we have 4 chapters in West Virginia who have already met the goal: Anne Bailey, Colonel Charles Lewis, Pack Horse Ford, and South Branch Valley—**Congratulations!!!**

And, we have 6 more chapters that are halfway there: Barboursville, Elk River, Hagans-Evans, Kanawha Valley, Ohio Valley, and Woodburn.

Cheryl and I would love to see 100% of our chapters meet this challenge! All chapters who achieve this goal will be recognized on the Membership Committee's webpage and will receive special recognition at the 130th Continental

Congress next year. Be thinking of potential members who would be easy to document, particularly relatives of

current members and those who might wish to be reinstated. If you need help with applications, please don't hesitate to contact Susan Arnold, State Registrar; Vickie Baker, Chair of the Volunteer Genealogists Committee; or Linda Whitman, Chair of the Lineage Research Committee.

Can we do it? Of course, we can! Get started right now to welcome at least two new members to your chapter in the weeks ahead. Ready, set, go!



IS YOUR CHAPTER WELCOMING?

Recruitment of new members is vitally important to

WVDAR chapters. However, retention of WV Daughters, whether new or long-time members, is equally critical. This

time of year, when dues are due for the next year and you are asking members to commit to another year in the DAR, is a good time to assess how your chapter is doing with member retention.

Retention of a Prospective Member (PM) or transfer begins on the day she decides to join your chapter. In many cases, her early experiences in your chapter determine whether she will remain a DAR member for life. Teaching an individual who is new to your chapter about the DAR and bringing her into your community service projects and other activities are key to member retention. However, writing this statement is much easier than putting its content into practice.

While every situation is different, there are a few steps your chapter can take to boost member retention. They include:

- Very early in the recruitment process explain the DAR mission to the PM and ascertain her level of interest in your chapter's activities.

Make joining your chapter quick and easy. Complete the PM's application by 1) asking for her grandparents' names; 2) identifying a clean line to a Patriot ancestor; and 3) then obtaining documentation from her for the first three generations.

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- Assign a mentor to each PM or transfer for at least one year.
- Communicate with PMs and members on a regular basis. Be sure to invite PMs and transfers to join chapter newsletter lists and social media groups.
- Introduce PMs and transfers to chapter membership.
- Conduct orientation sessions for new chapter members.
- Through listening, learn individuals' interests and bring them into activities that match their interests. Because interests change over time, this is a recurring requirement.

Your chapter's Registrar and Membership Chair should not be the only individuals that are involved in taking the above steps. Every chapter member has a role in member retention whether she is a leader or not. Most importantly, every member can be welcoming, especially to new WV Daughters.

WEST VIRGINIA STATE TREASURER

Important Reminders:

1. Chapter Achievement Award (CAA) found in section 8 needs to total \$100.00. This can be distributed across the four funds-\$25.00 in each or a chapter can decide it only wants to contribute the full \$100.00 towards one fund—let's say the Educational Programs and Funds category. The remaining three fund categories would have \$0 in them (\$100 + \$0 + \$0 + \$0).
2. Chapters to pay \$1 for each member for WV Peters Cottage at Tamassee DAR School utilities.
3. For your chapter to receive their certificate for the President General's Project from the President General at the 2021 WVDAR State Conference, you should pay remaining amount with your dues this fall.
4. Chapter Achievement Award Section 6 is the \$40 DAR Magazine Co-Op Ad. Please remember to pay it as well.
5. District dues of \$0.25 per member need to be sent to the District Treasurer soon.

Kelly Goodwin, State Treasurer

ANNE BAILEY CHAPTER

Anne Bailey Chapter has two members who responded to the call to make face masks during the COVID-19 pandemic. Cindy Lemarier sewed about two dozen masks for St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church in Charleston in the Spring. By the end of June, Marsha Cobb had made 332 masks that were sent to Charleston Area Medical Center in Teays Valley and Charleston, Ruby Memorial in Morgantown, service personnel, and individuals. She has continued to make masks since then. The chapter is very proud of the work that these two members have done during the pandemic.

In the spring, just before West Virginia was closed down due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Anne Bailey Chapter took up a collection for Operation Bean, one of the DAR Project Patriot programs. Members had a great response to the call that went out to bring food and personal care items to the March meeting, completely filling the back seat and trunk of Regent Mary Johnson's car. After some trial and error in box selection, she got everything boxed and mailed the collected goods to troops overseas in April. Altogether, the member donations filled eight boxes: five large flat-rate Priority boxes and three larger boxes, the largest of which held the equivalent of six flat-rate boxes. Anne Bailey plans to assemble another collection for the military during the 2020-2021 year.



BEE LINE CHAPTER

Bee Line Chapter has honored one of its members, Jeral Ann Milton, Esq., by nominating her posthumously for a DAR Women in American History Award. An attorney by profession but a community activist by avocation, her interests included healthcare, art, history, and education.

Born 29 October 1954, Milton graduated from Charles Town High School in 1972 and obtained her Bachelor of Arts degree from West Virginia University in 1976. After receiving her B.A., she worked for the National Park Service as a park ranger. In the mid-1980s, she returned to the classroom to earn a Doctor of Jurisprudence from George Washington University.

Milton subsequently served as an associate attorney with the Baltimore firm of Kaplan, Heyman, Greenberg, Engelman & Belgrad (1988-96), and then ran her own private practice until she retired in 2009. In that role, she was twice recognized by Marquis Who's Who, which included her among its selection of Top Lawyers based on her outstanding levels of professional dedication, achievements, and leadership.

Even before her retirement in 2009, Milton excelled in her support for local causes and organizations. She served on the board of the Arts and Humanities Alliance for Jefferson County (mid-to-late 1990s) and as treasurer of the Jefferson County Democratic Executive Committee (1998-2002).

After retirement, she organized multiple highly successful fundraisers for the Walking Warriors Alzheimer's Group and was repeatedly honored for these efforts. She was also a long-term volunteer at the Jefferson County Museum, continued her support for the Arts and Humanities Alliance, served as president of the Old Opera House Theater Company, and was a member of the Jefferson County Parks and Recreation Commission.

Keenly interested in history, she found time to conduct original research and write a series of journal articles appearing in the annual *Magazine of the Jefferson County Historical Society*:

- "Jim Milton and the Great War" (2016) relied heavily on the wartime letters and dairies of her grandfather but also used traditional scholarly accounts to give a fuller historical context for the young man's experiences.
- "They Helped to Win the Great War; Jefferson County Women and World War I" (2018) was based almost entirely on local sources and provided a glimpse into the generally neglected contributions of women in Jefferson County to the war effort, including women from the African-American community.

- “Suffragists Fight for the Cause: Jefferson County and West Virginia’s Ratification of the 19th Amendment” (2019) examined various forces within Jefferson County that supported and opposed ratification. Citing state records, the article corrects a longstanding error regarding how Senator Milton Burr of Bardane cast his vote on this issue.



Bee Line nominated member for the DAR Women in History Award. As a chapter member, she lent generous support to a range of activities benefiting women veterans, victims of domestic violence, literacy, and local history. She died 5 October 2019 after a long illness.

BLACKWATER CHAPTER

The Blackwater Chapter continued to add to its membership by welcoming its newest member, Phyllis Garcia, at its August meeting. Welcoming Phyllis are Blackwater’s officers Cathy Hebb, Vice Regent; Cindy Kolsun, Regent; our newest member Phyllis; Treasurer and Registrar Sue Silk; and Wanda Booth, Secretary. Phyllis’ paperwork had been held up significantly during the pandemic, and she had been patiently awaiting approval!



Members of the Blackwater Chapter have been hanging out in cemeteries lately. We have been able to document all five of the patriots buried in our county. This memorial that Cindy Kolsun and Cathy Hebb are standing in front of is one reason that State Regent Cheryl Brown’s project is so important.

Most sources say Salathiel Goff, Cindy’s patriot, is buried at this site in the Goff Church Cemetery in Hambleton, WV. While this monument does exist in his memory, his burial site is actually a few miles away. He was buried under an old hickory tree on what is now the Flanagan Farm in St. George. While the tree does not exist any longer, there is a small remembrance stone and DAR marker in his honor.



DANIEL DAVISSON CHAPTER



In the photo, from left: Terry Bullough, Laura Cochran, Beverly Rollins and Louise Batman.

On Sept. 8, the Daniel Davison Chapter of NSDAR held its September outdoor meeting following COVID-19 rules. In attendance: Carolyn Burnside, Kate Burnside, Charlotte Orrahood, Tami Reeves, Beverly Rollins, Laura Fullen, Lucy Honor, Louise Batman, Terry Bullough and Laura Cochran.

New members were installed, including Terry Bullough, Laura Cochran, Beverly Rollins and Louise Batman.

Chapter members made substantial donations for writing supplies for the VA hospital and HOPE, Inc., a domestic violence shelter.

COL. MORGAN MORGAN CHAPTER

The Col. Morgan Morgan Chapter has been following the rules during this COVID-19 season with Zoom meetings, masks, and distancing. In observance of the 100th Anniversary of 19th Amendment to the Constitution, we decorated a window on Jefferson Street that will remain through September.



Also, we received a Proclamation from the Mayor of Fairmont recognizing Aug 26, 2020, as Women's Equality Day in Fairmont WV.



In attendance was Debbie Layman, Regent Barbara Channell, and Pattie Norman.

During Constitution Day we held a bell ringing event in front of our courthouse.



Pictured are perspective member Donna Woodbridge, Regent Barbara Channell in costume, Debbie Layman, and Patty Haught.

ELK RIVER CHAPTER

One in 17

Leigh Sisson is one of 17 educators in the Elk River Chapter recognized by State Regent Cheryl Brown. The theme of the 115th WVDAR State Conference was "Soar to New Heights with Education." When the summer conference was cancelled, Madame State Regent wanted to follow up with certificates of appreciation for WVDAR educators, past and current, who chose to teach.



A large percentage of Elk River Chapter membership qualified for this recognition. In addition to Leigh, this prestigious group included other teachers, counselors, school librarian, school secretaries, and a classroom teacher's aide. We are thankful for this kind gesture.

ELIZABETH ZANE CHAPTER

Holds Suffragette Meeting

Members of the Elizabeth Zane Chapter held their September meeting at the local American Legion Hall. The facility allowed members to spread out and observe social distancing. Everyone was encouraged to dress in period attire for the years 1848-1920.



Our special guest was Jane Larke, WVDAR Vice-Regent and Central District Director.



The meeting ended with a game of "Who Am I?" educating members about the lives of seven leading suffragists. Game winners were the team of Marjorie Miles and Jane Larke.

JAMES WOOD CHAPTER

James Wood Chapter in Parkersburg has continued to be busy in the community, even though the COVID-19 pandemic slowed us down.

Continuing with our scholarships from the Ellen Scott Stewart Memorial Fund, we renewed the \$1,500 scholarships for three of our students. Brandon and Meghan Jefferson, grandchildren of our Betsy Jefferson are attending Marshall University and West Liberty, respectively. Joshua Lynn, grandson of our Betty Boot is attending WVU.

Three new scholarships were awarded to Cole Morgan attending WVU-P. He is the grandson of our Maryann Murray. Ellie Mommessin is a freshman attending Baylor University, and Ben Vierheller is a freshman attending University of Dayton. Students may renew their scholarships for four years, provided they maintain a 3.5 GPA. We are immensely proud and pleased to support these outstanding young men and women.

Keeping with education, our chapter awarded \$300 to the Wood County Read Aloud program to purchase books to be used in Wood County Schools. Sarabeth Harris of the Read Aloud program purchased many wonderful books on historical figures and events to be used with elementary students. The books were purchased in the spring but were not delivered prior to the closing of the schools. On Tuesday, September 22, Mrs. Harris, Jane Richards, and Carolyn Kesterson presented the books to Mrs. Heather Bretthauer, principal and a third-grade class at Williamstown Elementary. The money for the books was also from the Ellen Scott Stewart fund. The fund requires the money is to be used for educational purposes.



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On Saturday, September 12, Daughters kicked off Constitution Week with our annual Dues Tea. Members wore masks and social distancing guidelines were followed. Our Betty Boot, accomplished artist, instructed the ladies in an acrylic painting of the United States flag. Betty Boot, Chaplain, installed the following officers: Jane Richards, Regent; Stephanie Phelps, Recording Secretary; and Elizabeth Phelps and Louise Wince who are sharing Corresponding Secretary responsibilities.

On Thursday, September 24, members of the Finance Committee held an outdoor meeting at Jackson Park in Vienna to review and set the budget for the upcoming year. Since our spring meetings were cancelled, we took advantage of Betsy Jefferson's presence at the meeting and presented her with her fifty-year membership pin. Betsy was a member of CAR and has been a highly active member of James Wood serving as Regent, Vice-Regent, and other positions.

Our next meeting will be October 3rd with Dr. Sumairi Shari of WVU Medicine speaking on Breast Cancer Awareness.

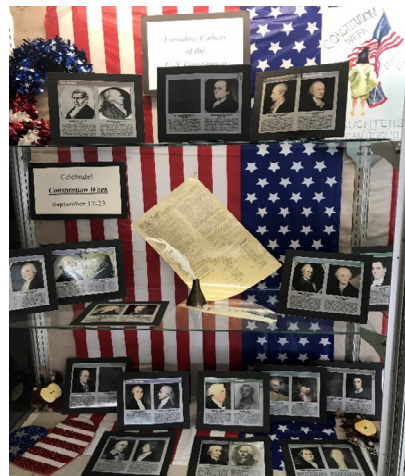
On Tuesday, October 13, we will be providing breakfast for the Wood County Sheriff's Department for our National Day of Service project.



SHENANDOAH VALLEY CHAPTER



Shenandoah Valley Chapter Celebrates the Constitution during September 2020, Chapter members, Margie Ways, Chapter Regent, and Barby Frankenberry, Chapter Treasurer and U.S. Constitution Week Chair, created displays located in the main foyer of the Martinsburg-Berkeley County Public Library during the first week of September to honor and commemorate the two hundred thirty-third anniversary of the signing of the U.S. Constitution on September 17, 1787. The U.S. Constitution display-features pictures of the "Founding Fathers"; a brief biography of each; and a copy of the U.S. Constitution.



Another featured display is, "Bells Across America," a national activity, that invites everyone to ring a bell, any type of bell, no matter where they are, September 17, 2020, at 4 p.m., to help commemorate the approximate time the U.S. Constitution was signed.



The Chapter celebrated Constitution Day, September 17, 2020, by signing a Constitution Proclamation at 10:15 a.m. with the Berkeley County Council.



Later in the day at 4:00 p.m. Chapter Members rang bells on the steps of the Berkeley County Courthouse steps to celebrate "Bells Across America," to commemorate the approximate time the U.S. Constitution was signed.

The members met at the Berkeley County Judicial Center at 4:30 p.m. with Laura Faircloth, Judge WV Judicial District 23 and Shenandoah Valley Chapter Librarian where she presented a program on the Constitution and the Court System.



NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

As I read everyone's submissions for the newsletter it makes me proud to be a member of the WVDAR. So many women working to better their communities and support our soldiers and veterans wherever they might be. Let me take this moment to say thank you to you all.

Wendy Evans, West Virginia Newsletter Editor

