

# 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



We did it!!! The Virtual 116 WVDAR State Conference was a success thanks to all who worked so hard to make it happen and everyone that participated. Special thanks go to the conference committee, comprised of Chair Pat Goodwin, Jane Larke, Ericka Chevront, Sandy Cowan and Charla Nutter, for reimagining in-person events into a virtual experience and to Southern District members for their leadership and hospitality. Having Denise Doring VanBuren, President General, NSDAR, visit with us on the evening of March 13 was the highlight of the conference. Also, we recognized chapters and individuals that have gone above and beyond in different ways, held a beautiful memorial service, raised funds for worthwhile projects, amended the West Virginia State Society Bylaws, and elected the Nominating Committee.

The election of the Nominating Committee began the process whereby the State Society will choose leadership for the years 2022-2025. Members of the Nominating Committee have received instructions for applying for positions, which they will share with Chapter Regents in their respective district. The instructions also will be sent to members on the WVDAR email list. If you are interested in running for a state office, please follow the instructions. Discuss your desires with your fellow chapter members and then request your chapter's endorsement. Having many applicants is good for the WVDAR. All I ask is that you please be kind to one another throughout the process.

In April, the final installment of the pledge to pay for the restoration of the West Virginia box in Constitution Hall and a replica state seal was mailed to the NSDAR Development Office. Many thanks to the ones of you who contributed to this project. You have made it possible for West Virginia Daughters to enjoy Continental Congress from the vantage point of a beautifully refurbished box for years to come. Additionally, in April, a request to organize a new DAR chapter in Kingwood, Preston County was submitted to the Organizing Secretary General for presentation to the National Board of Management for approval. The proposed Organizing Regent is Karen Kurilko. If you have family or friends in Preston County that may be interested in joining the DAR, please contact Karen at [karenkurilko@gmail.com](mailto:karenkurilko@gmail.com)

Looking ahead:

- A CDRC-sponsored genealogy workshop will be held via Zoom on May 22 at 10:00 a.m.
- The 130<sup>th</sup> Continental Congress will be held virtually on June 30-July 4. For details, please see the DAR Members Web site.
- District meetings are scheduled as follows: Central – August 14; Western – August 21; Eastern – August 28; Southern – September 18; and Northern – September 25.
- The 117<sup>th</sup> WVDAR State Conference will be held at the Embassy Suites by Hilton in Charleston on April 1-3, 2022, with Western District chapters serving as hostesses. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend these events. I look forward to seeing you there.

With love and admiration,

*Cheryl*

Cheryl Alexander Brown  
West Virginia State Regent



## Western District Meeting

Kanawha Valley Chapter will kick off the season, Saturday, August 21, 2021, at Edgewood Country Club in Charleston, WV with a

### **WELCOME BACK WVDAR SUMMER FESTIVITY!**

Our State Regent Cheryl Brown, officers and committee chairs will be presenting training classes between 9:00 and 9:50 am. We will have more information later.

We will then begin the meeting at 10:15 am and serve lunch at 12 noon.

Invitations will be sent out prior to this event with more details.

We look forward to seeing all our friends again soon!

Do not forget to SAVE THE DATE!

April W. Norris

Western District Director

Past WVDAR State Historian

Honorary Regent Kanawha Valley Chapter

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## Central District Meeting

By Jane Larke, Central District Director

Central District is looking forward to their district meeting which will be held on Aug. 14, 2021. We have yet to make the decision as to whether the meeting will be held in-person at Gateway United Methodist Church (Fairmont, WV) or virtual. Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter is the hostess chapter this year.

Specific information about the cost and registration deadline will be included on the meeting invitation, which will be sent by July 14<sup>th</sup>.

Included in our business for this meeting will be election of officers to serve the district for the upcoming term. Information was sent to chapter regents recently about the nomination process. Please submit nominations of members desiring to serve as officers to Susan Arnold, sarnoldwv17@gmail.com by May 31<sup>st</sup>.

Decisions on the venue format will be made by July 5<sup>th</sup>.

## *Eastern District Meeting*

**Host:** South Branch Valley Chapter  
**Place:** South Branch Inn in Moorefield, WV  
**Date:** August 28, 2021  
**Registration:** 9:00 am  
Meeting to start at 10:00 a.m.

Five rooms are being reserved for DAR at the South Branch Inn. Reservations must be made by June 28, 2021. Cost \$96 plus tax.

Still to be determined is the luncheon cost and to whom to send the registration. I will have more info closer to the date.

Gail Potter  
Eastern District Director

## *Southern District Meeting*

The Southern District meeting will be taking place Saturday, September 18, 2021. The Peters Mountain Chapter is honored to be hosting the meeting. The location of this meeting and price of the lunch will be shared as soon as possible. The meeting will include a training hour from 9:00am-9:50am. The Executive Committee and selected State Chairs will be in charge of the program for the training.

We hope everyone will be able to attend. We are looking forward to seeing all of our friends after this year and a half of our pandemic lock down. So, visit us in the beautiful southern mountains of West Virginia. Come and enjoy yourself and the company of others.

Samantha Shleser  
Southern District Director

## *Northern District Meeting*

The Northern District Meeting will be held on September 25, 2021, at the Fairview in West Union in Doddridge County. Registration will start at 9 a.m. We will have training from 9-9:50, meeting at 10, lunch at 12. The host chapter is Col. William Lowther.

If you have any questions, feel free to email me.

Mary Ellen Hunt  
Northern District Director  
[maryellenhuntwvdar@gmail.com](mailto:maryellenhuntwvdar@gmail.com)

# Welcome, New Members!

December 1, 2020 – April 30, 2021

## *Bee Line Chapter*

Jerrine Oleen  
\* Kaylee Ruffner  
Andrea Ware

## *Blackwater Chapter*

Denise Barnes  
Kathy DiBacco  
Lora Felton  
Barbara Knotts  
Linda Sherman  
Mary Smith

## *Blennerhassett Chapter*

Emma Hunt  
Jenna Sams

## *Buford Chapter*

Peggy Rice

## *Captain James Allen Chapter*

\* Sarah Rusnak  
Rebecca Shuff

## *Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter*

Mara Squires  
Leah Woodburn

## *Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans Chapter*

Susan Featherston

## *Elk River Chapter*

Karen Vyborny

## *General Andrew Lewis Chapter*

Elizabeth Isaac

## *James Wood Chapter*

\* Lucy Herridge

## *Kanawha Valley Chapter*

Karen Bowling  
Megan Knight  
\* Deborah Stewart

**\*Junior Member**

## *Ohio Valley Chapter*

Danielle Ice-Davis

## *Old Hickory Chapter*

Amanda Parsons

## *Pack Horse Ford Chapter*

Amy Cunningham  
Kristin Huber  
Joyce Marchette  
\* Alisun Meske  
\* Greta Meske

## *Peters Mountain Chapter*

Martha Loyd

## *South Branch Valley Chapter*

Patty Brannock  
Doris Corrie  
Linda Day  
Karen Herriott  
Judith Mathias  
Kimberley Speir  
Sue Watkins

## *Tanner's Cross Roads Chapter*

Rachel Platt  
Katherine Short

## *Trans-Allegheny Chapter*

Cynthia Fernandez  
\* Taylor Sizemore

## *Westmoreland Chapter*

Ethel Reynolds

## *William Henshaw Chapter*

Kathleen Russo

## *Woodburn Chapter*

Brenda Hess

## *Ye Towne of Bath Chapter*

Nora Dusing  
Florence Zahnow

DNA Rocks \* mtDNA \* atDNA \* yDNA



# DNA As A Proof Document

This *Virtual DNA Workshop* is designed to help you understand how to use DNA as a single proof document, like a BC or DC, to connect a generation. Sponsored by WV State Regent, Cheryl Brown, and CDRC. Presented by Cricket Crigler. Contact Brenda Chevront for more information at [rick\\_brendachev@yahoo.com](mailto:rick_brendachev@yahoo.com).



May 22, 2021 @ 10 am



On Zoom ...

# WVDAR Virtual 116<sup>th</sup> State Conference, March 12-14, 2021



Pat Goodwin,  
Committee Chair



Jane Larke,  
Committee Member



Ericka Chevront,  
Committee Member



Sandy Cowan,  
Committee Member



Charla Nutter,  
Committee Member

After the October cancellation of the in-person State Conference to have been held at **The Greenbrier Resort**, Cheryl A. Brown, WVDAR State Regent, appointed Pat Goodwin to be the Virtual 116th State Conference Committee Chair. Regent Brown requested members to volunteer to serve on the Virtual

Conference Committee. Jane Larke, Sandra Cowan, Ericka Chevront, and Honorary State Regent, Charla Nutter, volunteered to serve as committee members. These committee members worked tirelessly to create and execute a successful virtual conference for the 140 pre-registered attendees.

The Committee held zoom meetings once a week beginning in January 2021 with the State Regent who offered her suggestions and advice. Conference Hostesses, State Officers, Committee Chairs, and Club Presidents, Tellers, Activities, Auction, and Fundraiser leaders participated in pre-conference zoom sessions. Planning began for PowerPoint and video presentations created by all members of the Virtual Conference Committee.

After learning the theme of the State Conference: "Salute to West Virginia Heroes," the committee began to schedule the zoom club meetings, as well as Executive Committee and State Board of Management Committee sessions that began in mid-February and continued until the week of the Virtual 116th State Conference. The committee shaped the essential business meetings of the 116th State Conference meetings around the theme that honored attendees who have served or continue to serve as military personnel, first responders, and/or essential workers or volunteers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Always striving to host Business Sessions which only credentialed and pre-registered delegates could attend, the committee, especially Jane Larke and Ericka Chevront, explored and executed a perfect plan to use a private YouTube Live Stream link for guests and alternates to view the Business Sessions held on March 13 and 14.

State Regent Brown introduced the guests of the Virtual 116th State Conference: Dr. Gloria Lester, Delaware State Regent, and Morgan Elliott, Arizona State Regent. These ladies attended the Conference and judged the Scrapbook and Pressbook competition. Morgan Elliott donated beautiful teacups for the State Regent's Project Auction.

The Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service representatives, Patty Young and Ruth Mooney conducted two projects benefitting veterans at the West Virginia Veterans'

Home in Barboursville. Chapter members participated in creating a bed buddy gifts project for each veteran. Also, the service project of the State Conference, a 2-mile walk/run, supported the West Virginia Veterans' Home in Barboursville, WV. Members donated a

minimum of \$10 to participate in this worthwhile endeavor. Also, veteran facilities volunteers were recognized.

The Keynote Speaker for Saturday evening, March 13, 2021, via zoom was the NSDAR President General, Denise VanBuren. Her theme "Rise and Shine for America" exemplified the vision of her administration: to encourage members to rise up and perform good works in their communities, and to empower them to take ownership of the DAR story. She believes that Chapters need to be involved in their communities, report their activities so they will shine, and help more women to discover the passion and purpose of DAR membership can provide.

A Sunday Memorial Service, led by State Chaplain Sandra Isner-Johnson, honored Daughters who had passed during the two-year period WVDAR had not held a State Conference.

Following the Memorial Service, the State Regent hosted the Closing Business Session that included the completion of the proposed bylaws amendments presented by Vice President General, Malinda "Mindy" Davis; Chair of the Tellers, Judy Bowyer, who announced the results of the Nominating Committee election; Karen Bonifacio who announced the results of the Press Book and Scrap Book Competition for 2019-2020 and 2020-2021, respectively; Ericka Chevront, WVDAR Volunteer Information Specialist presented an award to Jane Larke, first-ever WVDAR VIS Volunteer of the Year. Additional members recognized were Georgette Ward, Regent Elizabeth Zane Chapter, who indexed 16,026 Patriot names for the Patriot Records Project and American Heritage Committee's two state-level contests: wall hanging and machine stitched quilt entries: Georgette Ward; Deborah Hoback, first; Roberta Gellner, second; Cheryl Haught, third. Cathy Hinkle won National photography award. To conclude the Conference, Kathy Robertson and Nancy Kornegay

conducted the drawings for the winners of the DARlings, Blanche L. Reymann Scholarship, DAR Schools, and State Regent's Project Auctions.

The Virtual WVDAR 116<sup>th</sup> State Conference Committee wishes to extend a special "thank you" to Mary Ellen Hunt, Becky Neal, Joanna McKown, Lisa McNeil, Sarah Lustrea, and Cindy Nicewarner for their assistance provided during the State Conference.



*Thank you, Jane Larke, for creating our Facebook frame for the Virtual WVDAR 116<sup>th</sup> State Conference 2021!*

### **\*\* Book Cover Contest \*\***



If you have artistic and design talents, here is your opportunity to be part of the State Regent's project to produce a volume on Revolutionary War patriots buried in West Virginia. We need a design for the book cover.

State Regent Cheryl Brown is looking for something simple that can also be used as the background for certificates. Therefore, it needs to be attractive if a level of transparency were added. The design should visually depict something about 18th-century western Virginia

(the part that is now West Virginia)—perhaps incorporating a map, wartime events, or something else appropriate.

The book dimensions will be 7" wide and 10" high, with spine depth to be determined by the number of pages but likely in the range of 1" to 1 ½". You may design a cover with one element on the front and another on the back, or one that wraps from front to back. In designing the cover, consider that the title "Genealogical, Service, and Burial Data on Revolutionary War Patriots Buried in West Virginia" will be printed on the front and spine, and author information also will be included on the front. Your design should be provided in electronic form reproducible at a minimum resolution of 300 dpi.

The design must be your own creation and cannot contain any elements that might violate the copyright or proprietary rights of another party unless written permission is obtained for such use. If your design is selected, you will be asked to provide those written permissions.

Design submissions are due by September 30, 2021 and should be sent to State Historian Mary Johnson at [mary.e.johnson2@wv.gov](mailto:mary.e.johnson2@wv.gov).

## Public Relations and Media Committee

### East-Central Division and National Awards for Public Relations and Media

Daughters, I am proud to announce Division winners as follows: Special congratulations go to Pack Horse Ford and Shenandoah Valley Chapters for taking First Place in Print Coverage and Commemorative/Community Event Coverage, respectively. Pack Horse Ford had fifteen articles on a variety of activities in five separate publications, including *The Shepherdstown Chronicle*, *The Journal* (Martinsburg), the *West Virginia DAR News*, *The Herald Mail*, and the *SAR Magazine*.

Shenandoah Valley won its First Place Award for overcoming the pandemic by providing creative, "out of the box" opportunities to commemorate Constitution Week. Working with the Mayor's Office, City Council, the public library, schools at all educational levels, and

youth groups, Shenandoah Valley members gathered Constitution Week pledges, created patriotic displays placed with businesses and at the library, supplied articles and photographs to local newspapers and on social media, rang bells in the streets, and negotiated the issuing and reading of a celebratory proclamation by incoming Mayor Harriet Johnson of Martinsburg.

Second Place awards went to Woodburn Chapter for Social Media; Elizabeth Ludington Hagans—Colonel John Evans Chapter for Broadcast Coverage; and Pack Horse Ford Chapter for Electronic Coverage. A Third-Place award went to Anne Bailey for its chapter newsletter.

At the National level, West Virginia Daughters won awards for Outstanding Use of Media in two areas: Pack Horse Ford took a First for Print Coverage, and Shenandoah Valley took a First for Commemorative Events Coverage.

Congratulations to all our Daughters for their hard and often unrecognized efforts to spread the word about DAR's work within our local communities. We "soar to new heights" in so many ways!

### Lessons Learned

As state chair for PR and Media, I want to extend my thanks to all our WVDAR chapters for their hard work during this past year. The Chapter Master Report clearly demonstrates that despite challenges imposed by the pandemic our members are getting out the word on DAR's many activities—including a wide range of services to our communities. You have used print, electronic, and social media to share information, and several of you have found ways to engage through television and radio. Each chapter deserves this chair's sincere appreciation for all your efforts on behalf of our Society. You are all award winners in my eyes!

Now that all the reports are written and the award recommendations submitted for 2020, I thought this might be a good time to share lessons learned for the coming year. First and foremost, keep in mind that CMR responses provide the basis for receiving recognition for your chapter's work. Although many of the questions under RP and Media can be answered with a simple "yes" or "no," these responses only serve as data points. For example, they do not provide a basis

for comparing newsletters published by different chapters.

If your chapter answers “yes” to any of the standard questions on the CRM’s PR and Media report form, please consider providing information in a more detailed report for review by the committee chair. Include descriptions of your work and where possible, provide samples (e.g., newsletters, chapter brochures, links to social and electronic media). Information offered in this optional report also gives us an opportunity to ask questions that may enhance your chances of receiving recognition at all levels of our Society.

Finally, review the National Information Packet (NIP) for insights into DAR’s strategy for improving our Society’s public profile through PR and Media. The goals reflected in the NIP offer a blueprint for achieving recognition at the Division and National levels. I am pleased to share that I put forward several examples of such work this year, and like the rest of you, I am on pins and needles waiting for the results.

Once again, my thanks to all our chapters for their work over the past year. Together, we have done some amazing work!

Darla Treat Courtney, PR & Media Chair

### State Historian

**West Virginia Revolutionary  
War Burial Project  
\*\* Help Needed \*\***

West Virginia chapters are documenting burials in nearly all the state’s counties, but there are a few counties for which volunteers are still needed. **Barbour, Wetzel, and Wirt** have a handful of known graves. Will someone volunteer to do one or more of these counties? The other county for which help is greatly needed is Harrison. As one of the early settled counties, **Harrison County** has more burials. A few have been done, but I have identified at least 30 patriot graves that need completed forms, plus others, I’m sure. Charla Nutter has offered to do half of Harrison County, in addition to another county, but we need someone to work with her and do the other half of Harrison.

Please let me know if you can work on any of these counties by sending an e-mail to [mary.e.johnson2@wv.gov](mailto:mary.e.johnson2@wv.gov) or calling (304) 343-1244.

As a reminder, the deadline for submitting forms is September 30, 2021. If possible, please send them to me in batches rather than wait until September and send them all at once.

We can do it!

Mary Johnson, State Historian

### WVDAR Schools Committee

The WVDAR DAR Schools Committee Chair, Deloris McKown Nelson, extends her gratitude to all members who donated money to support DAR Schools during the DAR-lings Auction.



*WVDAR Schools Committee Chair, Deloris Nelson, presents WVDAR AUCTION wreath fundraiser for DAR Schools to winner Lisa McNeil, Wheeling Chapter.*

## Bee Line Chapter

DAR has long dedicated itself to service, historic preservation, and education. Despite the seriousness of these three pillars of our commitments, Daughters always find ways to enjoy ourselves. A case in point is Bee Line Chapter's recent meeting, which highlighted American culture through music.

The program, presented to the chapter via Zoom, consisted of songs performed by members Liz Ruffner and Marika Milburn—two very talented sisters in real life. Their performance showcased American music that is sometimes haunting, sometimes sentimental, and always memorable. For this occasion, their selections also featured music with strong West Virginia connections.

First up on the program was Marika, singing "Where've You Been," a song she performed at the Grand Ole Opry's Ryman Auditorium in 1996, when she was a senior in high school. This song was initially recorded by West Virginia native Kathy Mattea, and it traces the poignant lifelong journey of two lovers.

Next, Marika and Liz joined forces to perform the "West Virginia Hills," a song they learned as youngsters attending 4-H camp. Based on a poem written in 1885 by Ellen Ruddell King of Gilmer County, this is the oldest of the four officially recognized songs for the state of West Virginia. It was followed by a joint rendition of John Denver's "Take Me Home Country Roads," which was recognized in 2014 as the newest of West Virginia's four state anthems.

The last song in the program was "Honky Tonk Merry-Go-Round," performed by Liz and made famous by Patsy Cline, who spent her early years performing along the border between Virginia and the Eastern Panhandle. Liz is an internationally recognized Patsy Cline tribute singer. According to Cline's own family, her voice is often indistinguishable from the pure and honest vocalizations for which Patsy herself became famous.



*Sisters and DAR Daughters Liz Ruffner and Marika Milburn educate Bee Line DAR with their selection of classic American music with roots in West Virginia.*

In her professional life, Marika is the lead singer for Revolution, a band that performs a variety of classic rock, rock, southern rock, country, and rhythm-and-blues music throughout the Tri-State region. Liz is part of the Ruffner family that owns and operates the Rainbow Road Club near Charles Town, which was a venue where Patsy Cline often performed during her early years. Liz frequently entertains audiences around the region in her capacity as a Patsy Cline tribute singer.

Both sisters credit their mother, Sally Ware, for encouraging and modeling not only her love of music but also her membership in DAR.

## Blackwater Chapter

The Blackwater Chapter welcomed Kim Shaffer, the new Director of the Center Against Violence in Tucker County, to their March meeting. Kim informed the chapter about services available at the center. She also told the group, "I'm very excited to be starting this position. I'm here to help those who need help, and I know my job is not a 9-to-5 one."

The chapter was very impressed with her positive attitude and enthusiasm. Mary Jane Smith, one of our

newer members, commented, “Kim has the right attitude to be successful in her new job.”

The chapter presented her with two bags of items for the crisis center and gift cards for those experiencing violence. Cindy Kolsun, Regent, expressed, “we are extremely fortunate to have Kim Shaffer in this position. She’s very knowledgeable and compassionate.”



*Presenting personal care items to the Centers Against Violence director, Kim Shaffer (center), are Jane Larke, District Director, and Cindy Kolsun, Blackwater Regent.*

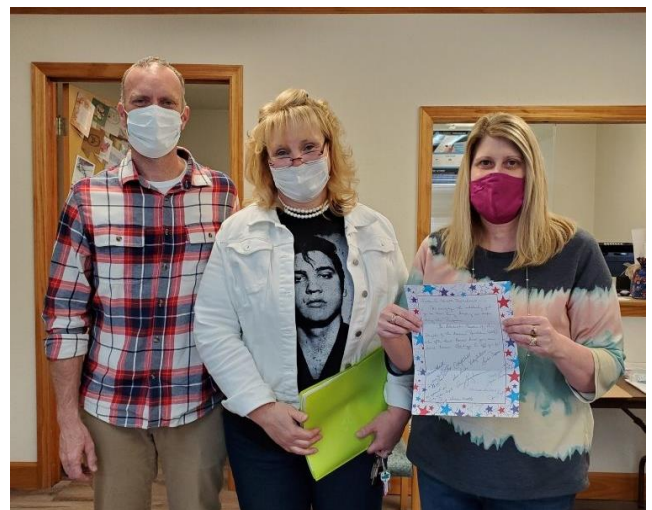
The Blackwater Chapter promoted American Heritage by having a new member who is an enthusiastic, quilt expert, Mary Jane Smith, present a program on antique quilts. She brought in numerous quilts for members to see and enjoy. Members were excited to learn so much about quilting. Quilts, of course, tell us so much about our history. Each quilt tells a story that is unique to the designer as well as the owner.

Mary Jane holds two Quilt Workshops yearly at Camp Horseshoe for those who want to hone their quilting skills. The Blackwater Chapter is so grateful to have Mary Jane as one of its new members.



*Mary Jane Smith, quilt expert and new DAR member, presented an American Heritage program on antique quilts.*

The Chapter recently presented Girl Scout Cookies and thank you notes to our local health care professionals who have been leading the way through this pandemic. The cookies were distributed by DAR members to the Tucker Co Health Department, Mountain Top Health Center, and St. George Clinic. Shown here are: Tucker Co Health Director James Snyder, and assistants DeDe Summerfield and Kim Roseau.



*Shown above are Tucker County Health Director James Snyder, and assistants DeDe Summerfield and Kim Roseau.*

## Blennerhassett Chapter

The Blennerhassett Chapter is immensely proud of Cathy Hinkle, who is the first-place national winner in the American Heritage Contest, Arts & Sculpture Division, Color Photography, Unenhanced Division.

With the theme of “Rise and Shine Your Light on Your Revolutionary War Patriot!” her photo submission featured an old family bible with a pair of glasses on top and a candle nearby. The candle was literally shining a light on her Patriot Ancestor’s family bible, and his name, Thomas Weekley, appears at the top. Congratulations, Cathy



At our March meeting, Catherine Sams presented a program obtained from national’s website titled “The Flag Speaks,” while displaying the 100% hand sewn flag that was later awarded first place in the WVDAR American Heritage Contest in the “Fiber Arts – Other” category. The flag measures 36 X 60 inches, and the six-pointed star cantons are modeled after George Washington’s flag that flew over his personal headquarters.



Also, in the WVDAR American Heritage Contest, Roberta Gellner placed second in the “Fiber Arts/Machine Quilted” category for her submission, which depicted a lighthouse shining light over both water and land.



Chris Painter placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the “Literature/Fiction” category for her submission of “My Dearest Adam,” which portrayed a series of letters from the viewpoint of a Revolutionary War widow to her deceased husband.

Our April Program was presented by Craig Miniton from the WV Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry. Craig spoke conservation and the importance and care of trees. He also gifted our chapter a Redbud tree. The tree will be planted at the Parkersburg City Park for all to enjoy for many years to come.



In April, the Blennerhassett Chapter held a day of service at the Blennerhassett Museum. Members spent the day cleaning and even took a minute or two to have some fun as they paused to have their photo taken with Henry Logan, founder of the Children’s Home from the turn of the century.

Some of our chapter members answered the call from Hindman Settlement and donated seeds. We received a lovely thank you letter for the donation.

Like many other chapters, we have undertaken the task of updating our chapter bylaws in order to bring them in line with both state and national bylaws.

Memorial Day will find the Blennerhassett Chapter laying a wreath at the grave of Joseph Spencer at Spencer Park in Vienna. A good old fashioned family picnic will follow the ceremony, which will be filled with food, friendship, and games.

Blennerhassett Chapter will again be participating in The Walk to End Alzheimer's on September 18. The walk will be based in Williamstown, WV, and proceed to Marietta, and then back. This has become an annual event for our chapter and the 2021 fundraising campaign has begun. To donate to this very worthy cause, and/or join our team, follow the link at the end of this paragraph. Click on "find a team" and type in "Blennerhassett DAR" and that will take you to our chapter's team page. Every little bit helps, and we thank you in advance!

[https://act.alz.org/site/SPageServer/?pagename=walk\\_homepage](https://act.alz.org/site/SPageServer/?pagename=walk_homepage)

### Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter

Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter received a Proclamation from Mayor Manella of Fairmont declaring April 19, 2021, as Patriots' Day. Regent Barbara Channell presented the city with a framed list of all our Chapters proven Revolutionary War Patriots from the past 99 years. The Times WV Newspaper covered our first Patriots' Day observance with a half page write up. In commemoration a downtown window was decorated featuring Betsy Ross and her flag. Members attended the town of Lexington Massachusetts Patriots' Day Weekend thru virtual programs, zoom webinars and a virtual parade. Also, our Chapter members are personally presenting each of the 16 area schools of Marion County their own copy of the book "The Making of a Hero" by Linda Mines.



*Mayor Manella, Patricia Haught, Pattie Norman, Regent Barbara Channell, Twila Shaver, Deborah Layman*



### Daniel Davison Chapter

Daniel Davison Chapter has been communicating via email throughout the cold months. About twice a month in December and January members met outside the Bridgeport Library to give donations to the Louis A. Johnson VA Hospital. We donated Christmas bedside angels, hand-written Christmas cards, puzzles, books, and other items along with Valentine bookmarks, Hershey bars, and sweet hand-written Valentine cards

followed by Irish Blessing notes and a shamrock pin and a bookmark for St. Patrick's Day. Items for the VA must be quarantined for two weeks before they can be given to patients due to Covid-19. One of our new members, Tami Reeves, takes the donated items to the VA, and she deserves a big DAR pat on the back!



*Stealey-Goff-Vance House, Clarksburg*

In cold, cold January we donated \$200 to help replace the furnace at the Stealey-Goff-Vance House, the oldest historic structure in Clarksburg. Historic preservation is one of our DAR goals!

With vaccinations increasing and spring approaching, we hope to get together soon! Our chapter members have used email to make motions and to vote, and I am so proud of each of them!

#### *Elizabeth Zane Chapter*

The Elizabeth Zane Chapter recently donated twelve activity aprons to the Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center. The blue aprons, hand decorated by a member, include zippers, beads, pockets, and other tactile features. The aprons are used as therapy for Alzheimer's and dementia patients. Chapter members are shown modeling the activity aprons.



*Elizabeth Zane members shown wearing aprons donated to patients at the Louis A Johnson VA Medical Center*

## James Wood Chapter

James Wood Chapter observed our annual Guest Day luncheon April 3, 2021, at the Parkersburg Country Club. We were limited to the number of guests we could have due to COVID 19 restrictions. We were pleased to have Regents from Northern District, Sandra Harper from Anne Royall, Debi Smith from Wheeling Chapter and Mary Ellen Hunt of Blennerhassett Chapter and Northern District Director join us. Ashley Burgess, American Indian Committee Chair for West Virginia was invited to hear our speaker on Early Native Americans in West Virginia.



Our monthly gift bag drawing continues to generate money that goes to a special project approved by the members. In February we used the money to buy new bath towels for the Salvation Army. March contributions were given to the Chris Scott online auction and April monies went to the Latrobe Street Mission. Chris was the son and brother of two of our members who had many health complications since last fall following a kidney transplant. Friends organized an

online auction to help the family with numerous expenses. Sadly, Chris passed on April 10.

Our speakers each month brought highly informative and interesting topics. Our February speaker, Dr. Emily Chow, educated us on the Association of Periodontal Disease and Heart Health. In March, Mrs. Sharon Kesselring of the American Red Cross shared with us the many ways the organization assists families and communities and ways we can become involved. Our Guest Day speaker in April was Mrs. Darla Spencer, noted archeologist and author spoke on Early Native Americans in West Virginia.

We will meet May 1 at the Blennerhassett Museum and give the oath of membership to our newest member, Pebble Greathouse Freeland and have our annual Memorial Service. Nicholas Murphy, our Good Citizen Essay winner, and now state and northeast division winner will share his winning essay with us.

## Matthew French Chapter

The Matthew French Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution will have its first meeting since COVID on April 24 at First United Church in Princeton. Barbara Wood will do a devotion. A planning meeting will take place for the upcoming months.

## Kanawha Valley Chapter

Kanawha Valley Chapter's January 2021 meeting had several members sharing historical recipes, including an old family favorite sent to military members overseas during WW I, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, and the Middle East. An absolutely gorgeous cake made from an historical recipe and 'Pease Porridge,' a recipe from a 1747 cookbook known to have been in Martha Washington's possession.

Kanawha Valley has been busy this year. Kim Casdorff, Shirley Morten, Nancy Shifflet and Patty Young all donated bed buddies for the State Regents Project.

Julie Boggess, Kanawha Valley Chapter Librarian and DAR School Committee Chairperson, provided 125 seed

packets for DAR Approved Hindman Settlement School's Seed Shower.

### *Pack Horse Ford Chapter*

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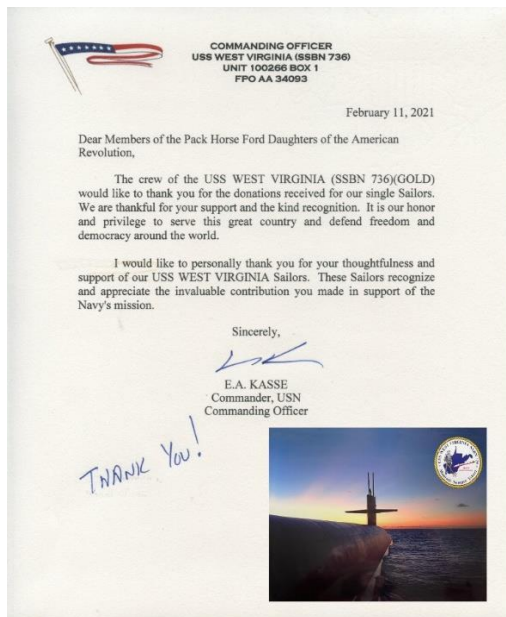
*Clearbrook Fire and Rescue Department*

Our chapter's Project Patriot Committee and Chapter Chair Marilee Cunningham organize and facilitate our chapter's support for the active-duty crew of the USS West Virginia. Each care package has a special theme. December's shipment was Christmas themed. A Valentine themed care package shipment in February included 160 (one for each active-duty sailor) hand crafted Valentine cards made and designed by Katherine Genung. The committee is now organizing a patriotic themed shipment for May which will include personal notes, cards, and letters in addition to a special memento designed and created by Katherine for each sailor using stars from retired U.S. flags. Commander Kasse, the Captain of the Boat, sent a thank you letter and picture of the boat to the chapter. This special relationship with the boat and crew means so much to each of our members.



*Tracy Duvall*

COVID restrictions affected our traditional American History Essay Contest this year. Our public schools were not able to participate, and the private St. Joseph's School in Martinsburg was the only school that was able to participate. A total of sixty-one essays were submitted for judging. Shepherdstown Library was supportive by advertising the contest and providing materials for student research. First, second and third place were awarded to essays for fifth through eighth grades. Aidan Tran, our seventh-grade winner was awarded first place for seventh grade in the state and also won first place for seventh grade for the East Central Division! Congratulations to Janet Younkin, Chapter Chair, American History Essay Contest Committee, and her entire committee!



Congratulations to Patricia Toffling and Darla Ambrose who have created and maintained our chapter scrapbooks and press books for many years. Our chapter press book won first place in the state for large chapters for 2019. Our chapter scrapbooks won first place in the state for large chapters for both 2019 and 2020. Patricia and Darla have announced their retirement from scrapbooking and are passing this task to another member. We are very grateful for their years of service and their labor of love!

Chapter members gathered virtually on Saturday, April 10, for our National Defense Meeting. Our featured

speaker was Lt Gen Dorothy Hogg, Air Force Surgeon General—the first woman and the first nurse to hold this position! Her message was informative and inspirational! We were truly blessed to have her as our guest.

Our chapter lost a very dear member on March 24, 2021—we are mourning the loss of Jane Snyder, age 92. Cheryl Brown gave the following tribute to Jane at our April meeting.

*“Jane was petite and proper so one could mistake her as being quiet and submissive. She was, in fact, a steel magnolia – a woman who was trained professionally as a musician, but, who on the sudden death of her husband, became president of the family book binding and publishing business in Hagerstown while raising two children. Always practical, she moved the family from her beloved “Rosebrake” to a smaller home. She was a fierce Patriot, which led her to become Chair of the Constitution Week and National Defense Committees in our chapter. She was generous, always willing to have displays or brochures printed for us. She loved parades better than anyone. She loved riding on Kim’s float, waving to the crowd. She loved the red, white, and blue. I would like to think she is getting ready for a parade now. “*



Jane Snyder

## Trans-Allegheny Chapter

To commemorate Vietnam Veterans Recognition Day, which is held annually on March 29, Trans-Allegheny Chapter Chair of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Vietnam War Commemorative Partnership Committee, Pat Goodwin, presented Vietnam War Veteran, E-5 Forrest David Edwards, U.S. Army, with a commemorative certificate and a lapel pin during the April 10, 2021, meeting of the Chapter. New member, Alecia Edwards, is married to the recipient and was present during the recognition.

Pat Goodwin, Chair of the Vietnam War Commemorative Partnership Program, presented E-5 Edwards with a commemorative certificate and a lapel pin. During the presentation, Goodwin stated: "On behalf of a grateful Nation and the Trans-Allegheny Chapter, we thank and honor you for your patriotism, service and sacrifice during the Vietnam War. You answered our Nation's call and proudly served in the footsteps of previous generations of American Servicemen and women. We also honor your family and the sacrifices they made during your military service. Thank you for your continued dedication to this country. You are an inspiration to America's new generation of Warrior Patriots."

This recognition was the Chapter's fourth recognition activity since Trans-Allegheny Chapter became a Vietnam War Commemorative Partner in 2013. Chapter members have previously presented certificates to family members of local casualties of the Vietnam War during a Veterans' Day Program held at the Mountaineer Military Museum in November 2015. Also, the Chapter members presented certificates and lapel pins to the members of Jane Lew, Lewis County Veterans of Foreign Wars in May 2016. Also, on behalf of the Trans-Allegheny Chapter, during a Memorial Day family reunion, Pat Goodwin presented her father, a Vietnam War veteran involved in the 1968 TET Offensive, CWO-4 Robert McKown, U.S. Army retired, with a certificate and lapel pin.



Pat

*Goodwin presents Forrest David Edwards with a DAR 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Vietnam War certificate and lapel pin during the April 10 Trans-Allegheny Chapter meeting. His wife, Alecia, is a new member of the Chapter.*

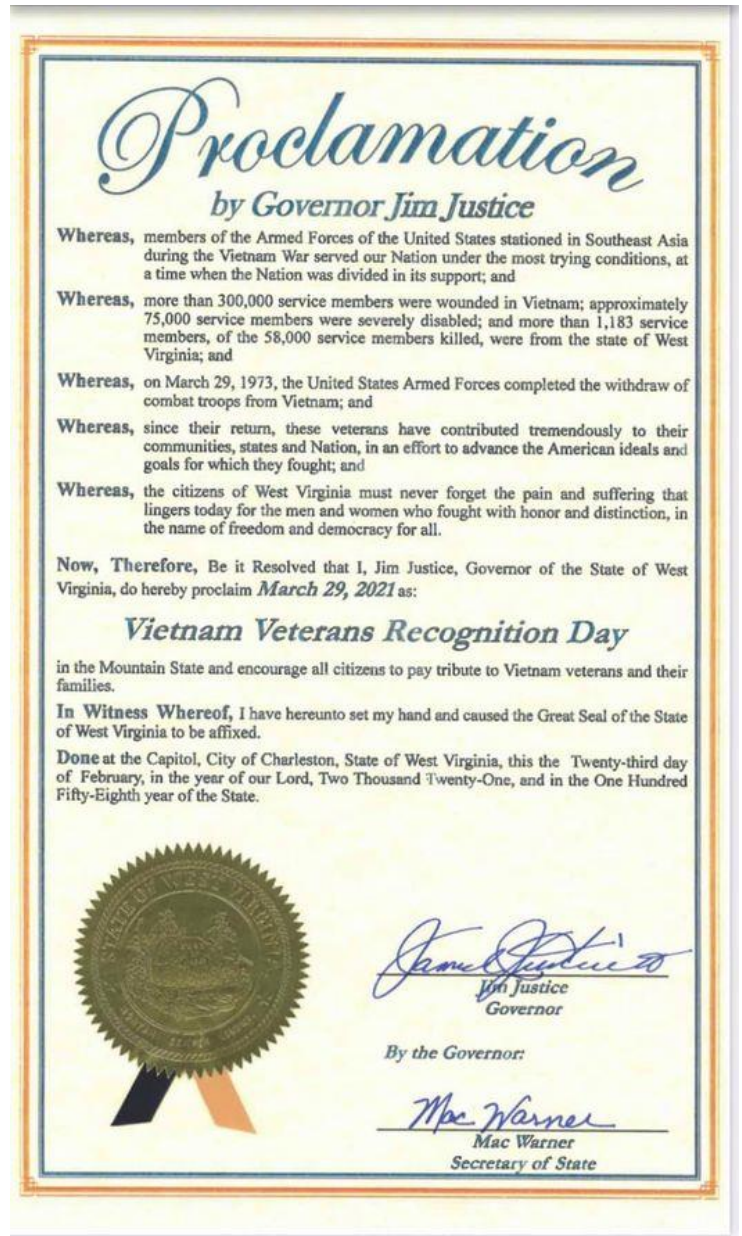
The Partnership Program was established during the presidency of Barack Obama who proclaimed May 28, 2012 through November 11, 2025 as the Commemoration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Vietnam War. Obama called upon Federal, State, and local officials to honor Vietnam veterans, our fallen, our wounded, those unaccounted for, our former prisoners of war, their families and all who served with appropriate programs and committed activities.

## Woodburn Chapter

Woodburn began their new year in February when Chapter secretary, Dale McGill, saw the needs of the new flight crew for Southern Airways Express, including several veterans working at the Morgantown Airport. In the Chapter's name, she donated a new Keurig machine, table, shelf, and microwave oven.

As March is designated “Social Work Month,” Chapter Regent Cindie Harper, the Medical Social Worker for WVU Medicine, obtained proclamations from both West Virginia Governor, Jim Justice and the Monongalia County Commission for the occasion. Woodburn’s theme “Social Workers are Essential” highlighted the invaluable contributions social workers make in our society, especially during the Corona virus pandemic. The Social Work profession was founded by Jane Addams, who was also a NSDAR member, and the first American Woman to receive the Nobel Peace Prize. Chapter members joined with Regent Harper at the Monongalia County Commission for the reading of the Proclamation.

Regent Harper, along with her mother Edie Harper (Woodburn Chapter Chaplain), traveled to Charleston and obtained another gladly given proclamation from West Virginia Governor, Jim Justice and Secretary of State Mac Warner (Lt. Col. US Army ret.). Regent Harper stated: “Vietnam Veterans have always been important to me and have a special place in my heart because my dad and a few of my uncles served in the Vietnam War. Some coped better than others but the Vietnam Veterans in a ceremony at Johnson Chapel Church on Sunday, March 28. Veterans were invited to one thing I want to do is HONOR OUR VIETNAM VETERANS! And Woodburn Chapter DID honor the Vietnam Veterans in a ceremony at Johnson Chapel Church on Sunday, March 28. Veterans were invited to attend with their families and friends to receive their DAR Viet Nam Veterans Recognition certificate and pins.





### *Editor's Note*

Thank you everyone for your contributions to the newsletter. The next Deadline is September 20, 2021. Please send your pictures and articles as separate

attachments. Do not send articles as a PDF, as it is difficult to manipulate the formatting.

I would like to apologize to the James Wood Chapter because their pictures were not included with their article in the December issue. I am sorry that the error occurred.

I hope that everyone has a happy and healthy summer and that we will soon see an end to the pandemic.

Please Continue to read on for the most up-to-date copy of the WVDAR Bylaws. I will also include a separate copy of the Bylaws so that they can be saved separately for easier reference.

Wendy Evans, Editor

**BYLAWS  
OF THE  
WEST VIRGINIA STATE SOCIETY  
OF THE  
NATIONAL SOCIETY DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**

**ARTICLE I - Name**

The name of this corporation shall be the West Virginia State Society of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, hereinafter referred to as the State Society.

**ARTICLE II - Objects**

The object of this Society shall be to bring into closer relationship the chapters of West Virginia and to promote the three objects of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, hereinafter referred to as the National Society:

- (1) To perpetuate the memory and spirit of the men and women who achieved American Independence; by the acquisition and protection of historical spots and the erection of monuments; by the encouragement of historical research in relation to the American Revolution and the publication of its results; by the preservation of documents and relics, and of the records of the individual services of Revolutionary soldiers and patriots; and by the promotion of celebrations of all patriotic anniversaries;
- (2) To carry out the injunction of Washington in his farewell address to the American people, "to promote, as an object of primary importance, institutions for the general diffusion of knowledge," thus developing an enlightened public opinion, and affording to young and old such advantages as shall develop in them the largest capacity for performing the duties of American citizens;
- (3) To cherish, maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom; to foster true patriotism and love of country and to aid in securing for mankind all the blessings of liberty.

**ARTICLE III - Membership**

SECTION 1. The membership of the State Society shall consist of the chapters in good standing of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution in the State of West Virginia.

SECTION 2. The State Organizing Secretary and State Registrar shall enroll a chapter newly confirmed by the National Society as a member of the West Virginia State Society upon receipt of the following information from the chapter: name of the Chapter, the date of its organizing, the names of its officers, names of its members, and by sending the State dues and assessments

to the State Treasurer.

SECTION 3. A member-at-large shall not be eligible as a delegate or an alternate to the meetings of the National or State Societies, nor hold a National, State or Chapter Office, nor serve on a National, State or Chapter Committee.

SECTION 4. Such Chapters, whether presently existing, in formation, or to be organized, shall be independent legal entities from the State Society, and solely responsible in all instances, for their debts, legal obligations, liabilities, expenditures, claims made against them and any actions taken by them.

SECTION 5. Members shall not profit from their relationship with the State Society, nor shall any part of the assets of the State Society benefit or be distributed to its members, chairs, executive members, or other private persons, except that the State Society shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distribute in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the Articles of Incorporation of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

#### **ARTICLE IV – Fees and Dues**

SECTION 1. The annual state dues for each chapter shall be five dollars (\$5.00) per member which shall be sent by the chapter treasurer and shall

be postmarked no later than November 1. A chapter whose dues have not been paid sixty (60) days prior to each year's State Conference shall be notified by the State Treasurer that the chapter shall not be entitled to representation at the State Conference. Annual State Dues shall be:

(a) for a member of a chapter, five dollars (\$5.00); and,

(b) for a member admitted at-large for the purpose of organizing a new chapter, five dollars (\$5.00).

SECTION 2. Each chapter shall pay any additional assessments based on membership of the chapter as of January 1, presented by the Finance Committee and approved by the State Conference.

SECTION 3. State dues and assessments for a member admitted or reinstated to membership by the National Society:

(a) are payable to the State Treasurer within sixty (60) days after the date of admittance or reinstatement; and,

(b) on or after July 5, shall be credited for the upcoming dues year.

SECTION 4. One-third of the State dues shall be paid to the State Regent to defray expenses associated with her office.

SECTION 5. A conference fee of one dollar per member as of January 1 shall be paid to the State Treasurer no later than sixty (60) days before the State Conference. This fee shall be used to help defray expenses incurred in executing the State Conference.

#### **ARTICLE V – Officers**

SECTION 1. The elected officers of the State Society shall be a State Regent, State Vice Regent, State Chaplain, State Recording Secretary, State Corresponding Secretary, State Organizing Secretary, State Treasurer, State Registrar, State Historian, and State Librarian. No two State Officers shall be members of the same Chapter except the State Regent and the State Corresponding Secretary. The State Parliamentarian shall be appointed by the State Regent and shall not be a voting member of the Executive Committee.

SECTION 2. The term of office shall begin no earlier than at the close of the Continental Congress at which the State Regent and State Vice Regent are confirmed.

SECTION 3. A member holding two or more offices each carrying a vote at an annual State Conference shall be limited to vote only in one of the offices held by said member.

SECTION 4. If the office of State Regent becomes vacant, the State Vice Regent shall become State Regent automatically, provided she has been confirmed as State Vice Regent.

#### **ARTICLE VI – Nomination and Election of Officers**

SECTION 1. The Officers of the State Society shall be elected by ballot at the annual State Conference every third year. A majority vote shall constitute an election.

SECTION 2. A Nominating Committee shall be elected by ballot at the State Conference preceding the Conference at which the State Officers are to be elected. This committee shall consist of one member from each of the five districts. The chair of the committee shall be the member receiving the most votes when elected to this committee.

- (a) Each member shall contact the Chapters in her district asking that Applications and Résumés for State Officers be submitted to the Nominating Committee Chair and to each member of the Nominating Committee. The member applying for a State office must include an endorsement from her own chapter.
- (b) The candidate for State Regent shall have the privilege of suggesting the name of a member for the office of State Corresponding Secretary.
- (c) Chapters may endorse only one chapter member for state office unless in the case of State Regent and Corresponding Secretary.
- (d) Applications and Résumés with her chapter endorsement must be submitted to the Nominating Committee members by September 27. By October 1, Nominating Committee members will inform chapters in their district of the nominees for State Office. This information will also be distributed on the WVDAR email system.
- (e) Chapters may endorse one candidate for each state office. A candidate must have her own chapter's endorsement only. All endorsements must be in the hands of all members of the Nominating Committee by October 30. Electronic endorsements may be made. After receiving the résumé and Chapter endorsement on October 30, the Nominating Committee shall meet to make up the slate for election.
- (f) The report of the Nominating Committee shall be sent out with the Call to Conference.

SECTION 3. The Officers of this Society shall hold office for three (3) years. All State Officers shall assume office when the Continental Congress confirms the election of the State Regent and the State Vice Regent.

SECTION 4. To be eligible for the office of State Regent or State Vice Regent, a member shall hold and have held membership in a chapter or chapters within the West Virginia State Society for at least five (5) years prior to her election and have served a term as chapter regent. To be eligible for any other State Office, a member shall hold and have held membership in a chapter or chapters within the West Virginia State Society two (2) years prior to her election. No member shall be eligible for the same State Office for two (2) consecutive terms, and no member who has served one term in any State Office shall be eligible for any other State Office except that of State Vice Regent or State Regent until the expiration of at least one year.

SECTION 5. A member holding two (2) or more offices each carrying a vote at an annual State Conference shall be limited to vote only in one of the offices held by said member.

SECTION 6. No member shall be eligible for the office of the State Regent or State Vice Regent who has not served previously as a State Officer and Chapter Regent.

SECTION 7. Should the office of the State Regent become vacant, the State Vice Regent shall accede to that office for the remainder of that term. Other vacancies occurring in office shall be filled by the Executive Committee until the next meeting of the State Board of Management, when the Board shall fill the vacancy for the unexpired term. Any member having served in a vacancy for more than one-half of a term in any office shall be deemed to have served a term.

SECTION 8. In recognition of valuable service to the State Society, the title of Honorary State Regent may be conferred for life by a majority vote of any State Conference upon a member who has held the office of State Regent.

SECTION 9. Nominations for the candidate for the office of Vice President General from West Virginia shall:

- (a) be made at the annual State Conference; and,
- (b) present a motion for endorsement that designates the specific Continental Congress at which she desires to be a candidate for election and shall be made not more than eighteen (18) months in advance of the Continental Congress so designated. Nominations for a candidate for the office of Vice President General from West Virginia shall be made by the Nominating Committee at the annual State Conference. There may be nominations from the floor. The vote shall be by ballot. A majority vote shall be necessary for endorsement.

#### **ARTICLE VII - Duties of Officers**

SECTION 1. The officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these Bylaws, by the Bylaws of the National Society and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the National Society.

SECTION 2. The State Regent shall:

- (a) be the chief executive officer and the official spokesman for the State Society;
- (b) preside at all meetings of the State Society, the State Board of Management, and the Executive Committee;
- (c) appoint a State Parliamentarian;

- (d) appoint all committees, issue the Call to State Conference, and call all special meetings;
- (e) be an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee and the Tellers Committee;
- (f) sign checks in the absence of the State Treasurer;
- (g) sign all contracts and agreements made in the name of the State Society authorized by the State Conference or State Executive Committee;
- (h) appoint an Audit Committee to perform annually an audit of the books of the State Society;
- (i) have authority to assign duties to the State Officers and State Committee Chairs; and,
- (j) perform such other duties as the National Society may require or as directed by the Executive Committee, State Board of Management, or State Conference.

SECTION 3. The State Vice Regent shall:

- (a) in the absence of the State Regent, perform the duties of the State Regent;
- (b) fill the un-expired term if a vacancy occurs in the office of State Regent; and,
- (c) perform other duties as may be requested by the State Regent.

SECTION 4. The State Chaplain shall:

- (a) open all state meetings with the reading of Scripture and prayer;
- (b) conduct such religious services as occasion may require;
- (c) conduct the Memorial Service at each State Conference;
- (d) prepare the necrology for the State;
- (e) send letters/cards of condolence to families of deceased members;
- (f) send birthday greetings to members age ninety (90) and older; and,
- (g) perform other duties as may be requested by the State Regent.

SECTION 5. The State Recording Secretary shall:

- (a) keep a record of all proceedings of the meetings of the State Society, the State Board of Management, and the Executive Committee;
- (b) keep a record of all decisions, orders and proceedings affecting or pertaining to them;
- (c) keep a Roll Call roster of the Executive Committee and State Board of Management;
- (d) receive reports annually from State Officers, District Directors, Chapter Regents, and Committee Chairs for the current Administration's Proceedings Book;

- (e) submit State Society and Executive Committee archival materials (correspondence, reports, awards, etc.) annually to the State Society Archives, as well as three (3) copies of the Proceedings Book she compiled during her term in office;
- (f) notify State Officers and Committee Chairs of any action taken affecting their duties;
- (g) certify the endorsement of any candidate for the office of Vice President General;
- (h) during the third year's Executive Committee meeting, present three (3) bids for the publishing of the Proceedings Book from printing companies;
- (i) as soon as practical after adjournment of the last State Conference of her term, edit and prepare for publication of the Proceedings Book;
- (j) file with her successor all approved minutes of meetings held during her term of office, together with all other records in her possession, within sixty (60) days following her leaving office after the close of Continental Congress; and,
- (k) perform other duties as may be requested by the State Regent.

SECTION 6. The State Corresponding Secretary shall:

- (a) attend to the correspondence of her office and other such correspondence as the State Regent, State Society, the State Board of Management and the State Executive Committee may direct;
- (b) send out notices of all meetings and distribute all literature;
- (c) keep a roster of State Officers, District Directors, State Chairs, and Chapter Regents;
- (d) publish and distribute a State Directory and provide annual corrections;
- (e) publish the program for state conference; and,
- (f) perform other duties as may be requested by the State Regent.

SECTION 7. The State Organizing Secretary shall:

- (a) supervise the organization of chapters in cooperation with the State Regent and through the Organizing Secretary General;
- (b) keep a record of the following facts regarding each chapter of the State Society: name and date of organization; names of organizing members and officers; date of issuance of charter; and a complete record of all officers;
- (c) assist chapters whose membership falls below the number specified by the NSDAR Bylaws (Article XIII, Chapters, Section 19);
- (d) notify the State Regent of the possible disbandment of a chapter according to the requirements of NSDAR Bylaws (Article XIII, Chapters, Section 19);
- (e) serve as a member of the State Chapter Development and Revitalization Commission;

- (f) work with District Directors and Chapter Regents;
- (g) investigate and ascertain the possibility of the organizing of new chapters and supervise the merging of chapters; and,
- (h) perform other duties as may be requested by the State Regent.

SECTION 8. The State Treasurer shall:

- (a) have charge of the funds and securities of the State Society within the guidelines of Article XI, Finances;
- (b) keep an accurate account of all receipts and disbursement;
- (c) pay the bills of the State Society as authorized;
- (d) render a financial statement for the State Society to the State Conference and at the close of the fiscal year and financial reports throughout the year to the Executive Committee;
- (e) ensure the compliance of the State Society with federal and state financial and tax laws and regulations;
- (f) *notify NSDAR by May 31 each year whether the state will be filing a Form 990 for the most recent fiscal year end and submit a list of all chapters that will be filing a Form 990 for the previous fiscal year;*
- (g) serve as an ex-officio member of the Finance Committee and the West Virginia Peters Cottage at Tamassee DAR School Committee;
- (h) revise the WVDAR Financial Procedures and Policies as needed; and
- (i) perform other duties as may be requested by the State Regent.

SECTION 9. The State Registrar shall:

- (a) keep a record of all chapters including chapter names and dates of organization;
- (b) keep records of all state officers, past and present, and national officers from West Virginia;
- (c) prepare such data as the State Chaplain may require for the preparation of the necrology to be read at the annual State Conference;
- (d) serve as a consultant to Lineage Research and Volunteer Genealogists Committee Chairs, and Chapter Registrars regarding application requirements and ensuring chapter registrars are keeping e-Membership information current;
- (e) cooperate with the State Organizing Secretary with forming new chapters by assisting the Organizing Regent with prospective member applications;
- (f) serve on the State Chapter Development and Revitalization Commission; and,
- (g) perform other duties as may be requested by the State Regent.

SECTION 10. The State Historian shall:

- (a) keep a record of historical and commemorative work done in the state;
- (b) send a report of each State Conference for publication in the Daughters of the American Revolution newsletter;
- (c) prepare the state reports of grave locations, dates and service records of Revolutionary soldiers, sailors, and patriots;
- (d) coordinate the selection of the annual Outstanding Teacher of American History for the State Society;
- (e) promote the study of American and West Virginia history; and,
- (f) perform other duties as may be requested by the State Regent.

SECTION 11. The State Librarian shall:

- (a) solicit gifts, negotiate exchanges, and purchase new volumes for the Library of the National Society;
- (b) keep a record of any genealogy books donated by DAR chapters or individuals to public libraries and to the National Society; and,
- (c) perform other duties as may be requested by the State Regent.

SECTION 12. All Officers shall submit, in duplicate, a brief five-hundred (500) words or less) narrative report of their work to the annual State Conference.

SECTION 13. Each State Officer shall be vested with the official pin of her office during her term of service, signing a DAR Property Agreement that contains a witness' signature and returning it to the State Recording Secretary.

#### **ARTICLE VIII - Meeting of the State Society**

SECTION 1. A State Conference shall:

- (a) be held annually;
- (b) have location and date of the meeting set by the State Regent, after consulting with the State Conference Chair/s;
- (c) receive the reports of the Officers, District Directors, Chapter Regents, and the Chairs of the Committees;
- (d) consider the business of the State Society;
- (e) if necessary, be held using technological methods, such as teleconference, webinar, or virtual conferencing with delegates being able to participate from remote locations;
  - (1) In an election year, provide information to each delegate for the means to cast her vote by email ballot: name,

National Number, Yea or Nay vote response to the question, to whom to send the vote and deadline for voting;

(2) The State Regent shall appoint teller/s from each District to receive votes via email. These tellers shall relay the tally to the State Regent who shall report the results via email.

(3) The vote shall be recorded in the State Recording Secretary's Minutes.

(f) refer to ARTICLE VII, SECTION 7 which specifies thirty-five (35) voting members from twelve (12) chapters constitute a quorum.

SECTION 2. The Call to Conference, issued by the State Regent, shall contain the following: the date and place of the meeting; the hours that registration will be open; the time the polls will be open for election of officers; the report of the Nominating Committee (every third year); any proposed amendments to the Bylaws; reservations information and deadlines, together with the name and the address of the Reservations Chair. The Call to Conference shall be sent electronically at least thirty (30) days in advance of the date set for the State Conference and shall be sent to State Officers, Honorary State Regents, all State Chairs, District Directors and Chapter Regents.

SECTION 3. The report of the Program Committee, consisting of the State Regent, the Co-Chairs of the State Conference, and the State Corresponding Secretary, shall become the order of business for the annual conference, when adopted. A vote of the majority of all registered delegates is necessary to make a change in the program.

SECTION 4. Each Chapter shall be entitled to be represented at any meeting of the State Conference by three times as many delegates and alternates as at the previous Continental Congress, one of whom shall be the Regent, Vice Regent or Regent's representative.

SECTION 5. Voting Members. The voting members for state meetings shall be:

- (a) the elected State Officers, District Directors, and Honorary State Regents as provided by these bylaws;
- (b) the national officers and honorary national officers whose membership is within the state;
- (c) the Chapter Regents or in her absence the First Vice Regent or alternate; and,
- (d) the elected delegates or alternates of each chapter of the State Society entitled [dues paid by December 1] to representation at the Continental Congress or special meeting of the National Society.

SECTION 6. One credential blank must be postmarked to the Chair of the Credentials Committee and the other to the State Regent not later than ten days before the annual State Conference.

SECTION 7. Thirty-five (35) voting members representing at least twelve (12) Chapters present at any meeting of the State

Conference shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION 8. A member holding two or more offices, each carrying a vote at an annual State Conference, shall be limited to vote in only one of the offices held.

SECTION 9. The Minutes of the State Conference or any called state meetings shall be approved in the following manner: State Conference Business, Opening, Saturday, and Closing, shall be approved by a committee of three (3) members of the State Society attending the State Conference, appointed by the State Regent.

SECTION 10. There shall be no proxy voting at any State meeting.

SECTION 11. Registration shall close one-half hour after recess of the afternoon meeting of the day preceding the election of officers. An alternate registered before the close of registration, upon compliance with the announced requirements of the Credentials Committee, may be transferred from alternate at any time during the business meeting of the State Conference, except when polls are open.

#### **ARTICLE IX - State Board of Management**

SECTION 1. The Officers of the State Society, the District Directors, and the Chapter Regents shall constitute the State Board of Management. Honorary State Regents shall be ex-officio members of the State Board of Management, having the privilege of the floor but no vote. The Parliamentarian is authorized to attend all meetings of the Executive Committee, the State Board of Management and the State Conference without vote.

SECTION 2. The State Board of Management shall:

- (a) meet at the call of the State Regent;
- (b) participate in at least one meeting prior to the State Conference;
- (c) if necessary, call for a special meeting upon written request of five (5) members of the Board with notice of time and place of the meeting sent electronically ten (10) days in advance of the meeting;
- (d) if necessary, vote using technological methods, such as electronic or postal mail, teleconference, webinar, or virtual conferencing. The votes conducted shall be affirmed at the next formal meeting of the State Conference and be recorded in the official minutes of that meeting; and,
- (e) refer to ARTICLE IX, SECTION 5., clarifying fifteen (15) members constitute a quorum.

SECTION 3. The State Board of Management shall:

- (a) have all power and authority over the affairs of the State Society during the interim between its meetings, except that of modifying any action taken by the State Conference;
- (b) if a state or national emergency occurs, defer its power and authority to the Executive Committee which shall meet by teleconference or virtual conferencing which provides aural and/or visual communication among all members; the Executive Committee shall conduct the necessary business to maintain the State Society during the emergency;
- (c) report and make recommendations to the State Conference; and,
- (d) be responsible, along with the State Regent, for the State Society to be in compliance with rulings of the National Society.

SECTION 4. No property of the State Society shall be transferred and/or sold without the consent of the State Board of Management.

SECTION 5. Fifteen (15) members shall constitute a quorum for the State Board of Management.

SECTION 6. Minutes of the State Board of Management meeting, either State Conference or specially called, shall be approved by a committee of three (3) members of the State Board of Management, appointed by the State Regent.

SECTION 7. There shall be no proxy voting.

SECTION 8. The State Board of Management shall approve the annual proposed budgets for the State Society, State Conference, and the West Virginia Peters Cottage at Tamassee DAR School, as they are presented to the Board of Management for adoption.

SECTION 9. The State Board of Management shall fill vacancies in State Offices.

#### **ARTICLE X - Executive Committee**

SECTION 1.

- (a) The Officers of the State Society shall compose the Executive Committee. The Parliamentarian shall attend the Executive Committee meetings, serving in those meetings without vote.
- (b) The Executive Committee shall have general supervision of the affairs of the State Society between its

business meetings, make recommendations to the State Board of Management and the State Society, and perform such other duties as are specified in these Bylaws.

- (c) The State Board of Management may authorize this Committee to perform such duties of the Board between its meetings as it may from time to time deem expedient.
- (d) The Executive Committee shall meet at the call of the State Regent or upon the written request of five (5) members of the Committee. Notice of the time, place, and/or means of the meeting shall be posted electronically to all members of the Executive Committee at least ten (10) days in advance of the meeting date.
- (e) The Executive Committee shall vote by electronic or postal mail, teleconference, webinar, or virtual conference, if necessary.
- (f) Business undertaken by the Executive Committee shall be reported to the next formal meeting of the State Board of Management and the State Society and be included in the official minutes of the State Conference for informational purposes.

SECTION 2. A recommendation for a project to be considered by the State Conference must be submitted to the Executive Committee no later than sixty (60) days before the date of State Conference. If the proposal meets with the approval of the Executive Committee and the State Board of Management, it shall be submitted to the Finance Committee for consideration before being presented to the State Conference for adoption.

SECTION 3. Six (6) State Officers shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION 4. Executive Committee meeting Minutes, either State Conference or specially called, shall be approved by a committee of three (3) members of the Executive Committee, appointed by the State Regent.

SECTION 5. The Executive Committee shall approve the annual budgets for the State Society, State Conference, and West Virginia Peters Cottage at Tamassee DAR School before they are presented to the State Board of Management for adoption.

SECTION 6. The Executive Committee shall approve the State Regent's Project/s and the receiving of funds, to be ratified by the next State Conference.

SECTION 7. The Executive Committee shall have the authority to enter into contracts or agreements concerning the business of the State Society, so long as such contracts or agreements are not in conflict with the Bylaws of the State Society

or National Society, or the directions of the State Conference. Such contracts shall not extend beyond the term of office of the Executive Committee making such contracts or agreements, or in those instances where existing contracts and agreements must be renewed or replaced.

SECTION 8. The Executive Committee shall approve the draft of the Standing Rules for the State Conference prior to printing in the State Conference Program.

SECTION 9. There shall be no proxy voting.

SECTION 10. The Executive Committee shall perform other duties as are prescribed by these Bylaws and by the State Society.

#### **Article XI - Finances**

SECTION 1. Fiscal Year and Budgets

- (a) The fiscal year of the State Society shall be July first through June thirtieth.
- (b) The annual budgets for the State Society, State Conference, and West Virginia Peters Cottage at Tamassee DAR School shall be prepared on the basis of State dues, fees and contributions, payable the preceding November first.

SECTION 2. The funds of the State Society shall be placed to the credit of the West Virginia State Society of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution in such institutions as the Executive Committee shall select with the recommendation of the State Treasurer.

SECTION 3.

- (a) The State Treasurer shall be bonded, at the expense of the State Society, in such amount as shall be determined by the Executive Committee. Either the signature of the State Treasurer or the State Regent shall be sufficient to draw upon funds as authorized.
- (b) The accounts of the State Treasurer shall be examined by the Audit Committee or Certified Public Accountant annually, as determined by the Executive Committee at its meeting preceding the State Conference, and reports on such examinations shall be made to the Executive Committee immediately thereafter, in addition to the regular financial reports by the State Treasurer throughout the year. The reports shall be placed in the State files.
- (c) All invoices shall be made available to the chair of the Finance Committee.

- (d) In case of the inability of the State Treasurer and the State Regent to serve, the chair of the Finance Committee is empowered to sign checks for payment of bills duly authorized.
- (e) The State Treasurer, after audit in the year of her retirement, shall turn over to her successor all monies, accounts, books and other items of the State Treasury within sixty (60) days.

## **ARTICLE XII – Committees**

SECTION 1. At the close of the State Conference at which she is elected, the incoming State Regent shall appoint the following committees: Finance, Credentials, Audit, Bylaws and West Virginia Peters Cottage at Tamassee DAR School. She shall appoint three members of the Long-Range Planning Committee. She shall appoint such other committees she deems necessary. The term of the Long-Range Planning Committee members is not concurrent with the State Regent's term of office. Their term is for nine years.

SECTION 2. The Finance committee consisting of five (5) members to be appointed by the State Regent shall:

- (a) consider requests for funds;
- (b) plan proposed budgets for the State Society, State Conference, and the West Virginia Peters Cottage at Tamassee DAR School and recommend to the State Conference such income and expenditures as the Committee deems expedient; and,
- (c) appoint the State Treasurer to serve as ex-officio member of the Finance Committee.

SECTION 3. The Credentials Committee shall consist of at least four (4) members: the Chair, to be appointed by the State Regent; the State Treasurer; and at least two members to be appointed from the hostess chapters.

SECTION 4. The Long-Range Planning Committee shall:

- (a) consist of nine (9) members, each of whom shall serve no more than nine (9) years. Each district shall be represented by at least one member;
- (b) have three (3) members, who have completed the longest term, retire and at the beginning of a new administration; the State Regent shall appoint three (3) new members to the Committee;
- (c) have new members, appointed by the State Regent, should a vacancy occur. Appointments shall expire at the time of the member she is replacing;
- (d) have a Chair appointed by the State Regent from the six (6) members already serving. Should a vacancy occur in the chair, the State Regent shall appoint a new chair to serve the balance of the unexpired term. This chair shall also be named from those who have completed at least three (3) years on the Committee;
- (e) follow the attendance requirements: Any member who misses two (2) consecutive meetings of the Committee

without just cause shall automatically be retired from the Committee. The State Regent shall appoint a replacement to fill the unexpired term; and,

- (f) follow the eligibility requirements: No member who has served a nine-year term shall be eligible for reappointment until the expiration of at least one year.

SECTION 5. The Audit Committee shall:

- (a) consist of three (3) members to be appointed by the State Regent;
- (b) upon the approval by the Executive Committee, examine the accounts of the State Treasurer annually; and,
- (c) make reports on such examinations to the Executive Committee immediately thereafter.

SECTION 6. The Bylaws Committee shall:

- (a) consist of three (3) members, plus State Parliamentarian, ex-officio;
- (b) review the State Society Bylaws for compliance with National Society Bylaws;
- (c) give consideration to all proposed amendments properly submitted, edit and correlate proposed amendments before notice is given, and prepare the notice of proposed amendments for distribution in the call to the State Conference.

SECTION 7. The West Virginia Peters Cottage at Tamassee DAR School Committee shall:

- (a) consist of a minimum of three (3) members with a background in education, construction, fundraising and/or interior design, to be appointed by the State Regent, plus State Treasurer, ex-officio;
- (b) visit the cottage at least annually;
- (c) make recommendations to the Executive Committee on the care, maintenance, repair, modification and construction of the cottage and the upkeep of its grounds; and,
- (d) monitor all income and expenditures related to the cottage and its grounds and make recommendations to the Executive Committee on any needed changes.

SECTION 8. A quorum of each committee shall be a majority of the committee's members.

SECTION 9. There shall be no proxy voting.

### **ARTICLE XIII - Chapters**

SECTION 1. Chapters forming the State Society shall elect officers at the time of, or previous to, the May meeting of said Chapter.

SECTION 2. The Regent of a Chapter shall:

- (a) no later than May fifteenth of an election year, update the status of Chapter officers using e-Membership, or send a list of newly-elected Chapter Officers, using the Chapter Officer Form, to the following: the Organizing Secretary General, the State Regent, the State Corresponding Secretary and the State Organizing Secretary. Any subsequent change of officers should be sent immediately to the above officers;
- (b) submit the names of the chapter committee chairs to the State Corresponding Secretary;
- (c) send a hard copy and a digitized copy of the current Chapter Bylaws to the State Parliamentarian, immediately following any amendment to a chapter's Bylaws, the entire revised Bylaws, hard and digitized copies in full, need to be sent to the State Parliamentarian;
- (d) send a copy of the Chapter Yearbook to the State Regent, State Corresponding Secretary, and State Organizing Secretary;
- (e) along with other chapter officers, take office at the close of Continental Congress;
- (f) verify that the Chapter Master Report is completed online by the due date as required by the National Society;
- (g) disseminate information to chapter members and committee chairs as directed by the State Regent;
- (h) be responsible for ensuring that chapter annual state and national dues have been submitted by the respective November 1 and December 1 deadlines;
- (i) serve as Chapter Regent for no more than six consecutive years [Exception, see ARTICLE IX, NBoM, Section 3 (j)];
- (j) have the right to hold elections of delegates and alternates to Continental Congress and to the State Conference so long as the chapter is confirmed and recognized by the National Board of Management one year prior to the opening of the State Conference or Continental Congress; and,
- (k) as an Organizing Regent who receives confirmation of the new Chapter by the National Board of Management after the first of February, she, or her Vice Regent, shall be allowed to represent the Chapter at the State Conference, providing the chapter has the required number of members and has paid state dues prior to the convening of the State Conference.

SECTION 3. The Regent of each Chapter shall prepare a report of the work of her Chapter for a one-year period ending thirty (30) days before the date of State Conference. This report must be typed and shall be limited to five hundred (500) words. Copies of the report are to be submitted electronically to the State Recording Secretary, State Regent, and the District Director.

SECTION 4. A Chapter shall be limited to three (3) votes on the State Board of Management at any one time.

SECTION 5. Delegates and alternates to the Continental Congress shall be elected on or before the first day of the second month preceding the month of Continental Congress of each year. Using blanks furnished by the National Society, the name of the Chapter Regent and the Vice Regent and a list of the delegates and alternates, with the date of their election by the Chapter shall be sent, bearing a postmark no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the second month preceding the month of Continental Congress, to the Chair of the Credentials Committee and to the State Regent. The delegates and alternates so elected shall be the delegates and alternates to attend any special meeting of the National Society which may be held prior to the Continental Congress of the following year.

SECTION 6. With the remittance of dues and contributions to the State Treasurer, the chapter shall include the West Virginia State Society Chapter Treasurer's Report for the appropriate fiscal year.

SECTION 7. The Chapter Registrar shall report to the Organizing Secretary General all changes in membership, marriages, divorces, deaths, resignations, transfers, and changes of address as they occur.

SECTION 8. A chapter may admit associate members provided that any member so admitted shall be a chapter member in good standing and may be an associate member in not more than two chapters in a state at the same time. Evidence of membership in good standing shall be required by the chapter granting the associate membership. The associate member shall not be counted toward representation or have a right to vote or to hold office in the chapter in which she holds associate membership.

#### **ARTICLE XIV - Districts**

SECTION 1. The State Society shall be divided into the following Districts: Central, Eastern, Northern, Southern and Western, each District having a Director and a Secretary, Treasurer, or Secretary-Treasurer. A District may elect other such officers as it deems necessary.

SECTION 2. Each District shall elect every three (3) years, a Director, Secretary, Treasurer, or Secretary-Treasurer and other such officers as it deems necessary. The term of office shall begin at the close of the Continental Congress at which the State Regent and State Vice Regent are confirmed.

SECTION 3. Each Chapter shall pay annually to the District Secretary-Treasurer, on or before the first day of December, a sum determined by the District.

SECTION 4. The retiring District Secretary or Secretary-Treasurer shall notify promptly the State Regent, the State Corresponding Secretary and the Chapter Regents within the District of the election of officers.

SECTION 5. Each District Director shall prepare a report of the work of the District for a one-year period ending thirty (30) days before the date of State Conference. This report is limited to five hundred (500) words, and submitted electronically to the State Recording Secretary, the State Regent, and one copy for the District file.

SECTION 6. District Meetings shall be held annually for the purpose of conducting District business and disseminating DAR information with State Officers and State Chairs who shall provide instruction and inspiration.

SECTION 7. The purpose of each district is to provide an avenue for the networking of the State Officers, District Director, Chapter Regents, and members within the respective districts.

SECTION 8. Duties of District Director. The District Director shall:

- (a) assist the hostess Chapter Regent plan the organization of the district meeting at a time to be designated by the State Regent;
- (b) preside during the annual meeting;
- (c) participate in the Memorial Service at State Conference as requested by the State Chaplain;
- (d) assist Chapter Regents and Vice Regents in the District in planning, reviewing national and state forms, providing protocol training, and promoting communication among chapters within the district;
- (e) visit each chapter within the district, if invited, and provide advice, encouragement, and assistance; share achievements of chapters, the programs and speakers' topics and ideas, and assist chapters with new members' orientation and recruitment;
- (f) communicate with chapters in the district on deadlines, changes, and promotion of chapter and district events;
- (g) the second year of her administration, conduct an election of a Nominating Committee;
- (h) the third year of her administration, conduct an election of officers for the next administration; and,
- (i) perform such other duties as may be requested by the State Regent.

#### **ARTICLE XV - Records**

SECTION 1.

- (a) All records, including, but not limited to, application papers, minutes, treasurer's records, and official correspondence generated by any person or group of people acting in an official capacity for the DAR, are and shall remain the property of the DAR body generating the records.
- (b) No individual DAR member or members may dispose of any of the said records without the official knowledge and consent of the DAR group responsible for generating the records.
- (c) It is the responsibility of the body creating the records to secure adequate storage for the records.
  - (1) Records shall remain under the control of, and accessible to, said body; and
  - (2) Such storage shall not be accessible to the public.

**ARTICLE XVI - Parliamentary Authority**

The rules contained in *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern this State Society in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws and the Bylaws of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution.

**ARTICLE XVII - Amendments**

SECTION 1. These Bylaws may be amended at any regular annual State Conference by a two-thirds vote, provided that a copy of the amendments has been sent with the Call to Conference. Amendments shall become effective upon adjournment of the meeting at which they are adopted.

SECTION 2.

- (a) Amendments may be proposed by the State Conference, the Executive Committee, the State Board of Management, a committee authorized by the State Conference or a Chapter.
- (b) Amendments proposed by a chapter shall include the wording of the proposed amendment, the rationale, the name of the chapter proposing or endorsing the amendment, the names, addresses and signature of the chapter regent and the chapter recording secretary of the proposing or endorsing chapter and the date that the chapter voted to propose or endorse the amendment; (c) Proposed amendments must be received by the Bylaws Committee no later than ninety (90) days before the date of State Conference, in order to be included in the Call to Conference.

SECTION 3. Any amendment adopted by the National Society affecting the work of the State Society shall become a law of

the Society without notice of the amendment.

#### **ARTICLE XVIII - Dissolution**

Although the period of duration of the State Society is perpetual, if for any reason the State Society is to be dissolved or otherwise terminated, no part of the property of the State Society or any of the proceeds shall be distributed to or inure to the benefit of any of the directors or members of the State Society. Upon the dissolution of the State Society, assets shall be distributed by the State Board of Management and/or the Executive Committee of the State Society for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, and consistent with the purposes and objectives of the Society. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the United States District Court of the state of West Virginia, exclusively to such organization or organizations as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated within the meaning of section 501(c)(3), with the purposes and objectives consistent with those of the State Society.

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