



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

As I write this message to you, WVDAR district meetings are well under way. Although COVID-19 has once again caused format changes to most of the meetings, district directors and hostess chapters are demonstrating a high degree of flexibility and competence, completing district business to include election of new leadership. Thank you to all West Virginia Daughters who are leading and participating in these meetings, which are key to the successful start of the new DAR year.

Tamassee DAR School has announced the launch of a new residential program. Information on the program is included in this newsletter. The new program is in addition to the early learning and afterschool programs already underway at the school and should have no impact on the usage parameters for the West Virginia Peters Cottage, which is turning 70 years old in October 2021.

Constitution Week is just around the corner. Perhaps more than ever this year, it is important to share the history, contents and importance of the United States Constitution with West Virginia children and adults alike during September 17-23. Please use your creativity to reach as many individuals in your area as possible.

Among the many other events and activities planned to occur during the fall of 2021 is a bus trip to NSDAR headquarters in Washington, DC on October 28. This trip is the state delegation visit offered by Denise Doring Van Buren, President General, NSDAR, during state conference this year and provides a first-hand view of the newly restored Constitution Hall and a tour of other areas of the DAR complex. Trip details and a reservation form are included in this newsletter. Please plan to participate.

If you would like a State Regent's pin but do not want to pay \$35 for it, recruit a new member for the WVDAR and ensure her application is forwarded to National headquarters before November 30, 2021. For your efforts, you will receive a Projects pin at the 117th WVDAR State Conference, which will be held in Charleston on April 1-3, 2022.

The next edition of the WVDAR News will contain the Call to Conference. In the meantime, if you wish to reserve your room at the Embassy Suites by Hilton in Charleston, call (304) 347-8700 and state that you are with the DAR.

Please take care of yourselves and each other. Like you, I long for normalcy – a return to in-person, mask-less meetings, and hugs. While that may not be possible in all parts of the state for the foreseeable future, please continue to "Soar to New Heights" by making a difference in your communities. West Virginia strong!

With love and admiration,

Cheryl

Cheryl Alexander Brown
West Virginia State Regent

Welcome, New Members and Transfers!

May 1, 2021 – August 31, 2021

Blackwater Chapter

Mary Mullenax
Carol Teter

Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter

Beth Goodwin

Colonel Zackquill Morgan Chapter

Gisele DeAngelis (transfer from FL)

Daniel Davisson Chapter

Jessie Jones

Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel

John Evans Chapter

Karen Adams
Barbara Fleischauer
Patricia Moltisanti
Nancy Nash
Carolyn Oblinger
* Sabrina Van Voorhis

Elizabeth Zane Chapter

* Caitlyn Wallace

Elk River Chapter

Kathleen Holcomb (transfer from TN)

James Wood Chapter

Pebble Freeland

Kanawha Valley Chapter

* Sophia Pratt
Jennifer Pryne (transfer from CA)

Matthew French Chapter

Patricia Anderson
Nellie Bowman
Nicole Bowman

Old Hickory Chapter

Gloria Batten
Helen Hill
Kay Hill
Simone Skeens
Roberta Vickers

Pack Horse Ford Chapter

Connie Clonch
Margaret Spurlin

Shenandoah Valley Chapter

Chestina Marquart (transfer from FL)

South Branch Valley Chapter

Sarah Bennett

Trans-Allegheny Chapter

Corrie Grogg
* Alexandria King
Karen Lay

Westmoreland Chapter

Stephanie Smith

Wheeling Chapter

Cynthia Archer (transfer from IL)

William Henshaw Chapter

Deborah Elizabeth Hammond
Mary McClelland

Woodburn Chapter

Martha Jackson

***Junior Member**

WV State Society, NSDAR
Members Only Tour Constitution Hall
Thursday, October 28, 2021

Transportation from Martinsburg and Shepherdstown

For DAR members only, enjoy a trip of a lifetime to the newly restored DAR Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C., on Thursday, October 28. We will travel to Constitution Hall on a luxury bus with round-trip transportation from Martinsburg and Shepherdstown.



Depending upon the President General's schedule, we may be welcomed by her, and she may join us for lunch. A Tour Ambassador will lead us on tours including Museum Gallery; Library; Docent-Guided Period Rooms; President General's Reception Room; and DAR Store. A catered boxed lunch will be served in the beautiful DAR Banquet Hall. From this room, exit onto the terrace that overlooks a stunning view of Washington, D.C. Take advantage of this opportunity that is only available to DAR members. Seating is limited. Make your reservations today!

From Martinsburg: The Holiday Inn at 301 Foxcroft Avenue, is holding eight rooms for DAR members. Each room includes two queen-size beds at a special discounted price of \$119 plus tax. **Your reservations must be made no later than October 7 by calling the Holiday Inn directly at 304-267-5500. Ask for the "DAR" special rate.** You will pay the hotel directly. DAR is not responsible for hotel charges or changes. A chartered bus will be ready for boarding at 5:45 at the Holiday Inn parking lot. We will leave the hotel parking lot promptly at 6 a.m. Guests are expected to return to the hotel about 5:30 p.m. Members who live nearby may park at the Holiday Inn.

From Shepherdstown: The chartered bus will continue on route and make a second stop at the Shepherdstown Fire Hall, 8052 Martinsburg Pike. Members should arrive at the Fire Hall by 6:15, with the bus leaving promptly at 6:30 a.m. The bus is expected to return to Shepherdstown about 5 p.m. Park in the rear of the Shepherdstown Fire Hall, but not inside the helicopter circled pad.

Cost of the total trip is \$86 per DAR member and includes a round-trip luxury chartered bus, gratuity, tour of the newly renovated Constitution Hall, and a catered boxed-lunch. No refunds will be given. In case of a cancellation, members are responsible to find a substitute member or forfeit your reservation due to signed contracts. Hotel reservations, payment for rooms, and cancellations of hotel rooms are the responsibility of each individual.

All members are representing WV DAR. Wear appropriate clothing and please, no blue jeans. Masks are required of all guests regardless of vaccination status during your visit.

All chartered bus reservations require a registration form, and a check received no later than **Monday, October 11**. To guarantee your seat on the chartered bus, you **MUST** receive an email confirmation from DAR member Katherine Genung. For questions, contact Katherine@TwoGenungs.com or KathySholl@gmail.com

Keep this sheet for details on the trip! For lunch, I ordered _____

Registration form for WV DAR Trip to Constitution Hall on Thursday, Oct. 28

Bus Transportation from Martinsburg and Shepherdstown

Reservations are due Monday, October 11 - seating is limited.

Don't miss this extraordinary opportunity!

Select one:

- _____ **From Martinsburg**, I will make my own hotel reservations directly with Holiday Inn and meet the chartered bus in the hotel parking lot promptly at 5:45 a.m. on Thurs., Oct. 28.
- _____ **From Martinsburg**, I will *commute* to the Holiday Inn parking lot and board the chartered bus promptly at 5:45 a.m. on Thurs., Oct. 28.
- _____ **From Shepherdstown**, I will meet the chartered bus promptly at 6:15 a.m. and park my car in the back of the rear parking lot at the Shepherdstown Fire Hall.

Select one boxed lunch. Each guest will select a beverage in the banquet room.

_____ Lunch #1: Turkey on Croissant, chips, cookie, beverage

_____ Lunch #2: Tuna Salad on Croissant, chips, cookie, beverage

_____ Lunch #3: Vegetarian: Arugula Tomato Mozzarella on Brioche roll, chips, cookie, beverage Name:

_____ **Email REQUIRED:** _____

Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Other Phone: _____

Mail this form with your \$86 check payable to PHF DAR to:

**Katherine Genung, Treasurer
Pack Horse Ford Chapter 938
Tabler Station Road Inwood,
WV 25428-4578**

All hotel reservations MUST be made directly with Holiday Inn by Oct. 7 to receive a DAR discount.

All reservations and checks for charter bus and lunch must be received by Mon. Oct. 11. You will receive an email from Katherine Genung once your reservation form and check have been received. No refunds will be given. In case of a cancellation, it will be your responsibility to find another DAR member to take your place on the bus. Lunch choices cannot be changed.

For questions, contact Katherine@TwoGenungs.com or KathySholl@gmail.com

Tamassee Board Approves Residential Recovery Program for Mothers and Children



For over one hundred years, Tamassee DAR School's mission has been educating and providing a home to underserved children and families in crisis. Tamassee was founded in 1919 as a private boarding school for impoverished children from the surrounding Blue Ridge Mountains. In time, Tamassee evolved to serve children who had experienced abuse and neglect, but one goal remained paramount – empowering young people to change the trajectory of their lives through values-based education.

Due to recent changes in the child welfare system at both federal and state levels, Tamassee's blueprint must once again evolve while remaining true to its historic purpose. For many months, Tamassee's leadership has strategically searched for new residential programming while maintaining vital educational services: an Early Learning Program for infants to preschoolers and an Afterschool Program for elementary and middle school students to accelerate academic success and instill citizenship values. These high-quality programs are only the beginning of Tamassee's latest transformation!

A Holistic Approach to Healing for Families

On March 24, 2021, the Tamassee DAR School Board of Trustees approved the launch of a **new residential recovery program for mothers and children**. This exciting and innovative program will provide a safe, family-centric environment where mothers and their children can grow TOGETHER – spiritually, emotionally, academically, and physically – as they heal from the impact of traumatic experiences such as substance abuse, domestic violence, or homelessness. Mothers will receive therapeutic services to recover and find lasting freedom. They will gain the education through GED completion and college scholarships and job skills necessary to support themselves, while developing parenting skills to bond with and care for their children. The program is equally designed to help children heal from these adverse experiences so they can be children again, while excelling academically through the Early Learning Center and a new, on-campus elementary Academy.

Tamassee will launch this transformative program in three phases from **January 2022 to August 2023**, with the ultimate goal of serving **twenty mothers and over forty children** at a time. Based on their unique needs, families will participate in the residential program for one to two years, then advance to the transitional program for another six to eighteen months to achieve independence and success.

An Overwhelming Need in Our Communities

In Tamassee's current four county service area, there were 3,538 opioid hospitalizations from 2017-2019, 4,797 child maltreatments in 2018-2019, and 3,255 alcohol hospitalizations in 2020. Only one provider in Upstate South Carolina offers a similar program, serving just sixteen mothers at a time. A comparable program in Tennessee has a waiting list of over 200 mothers.

Tamassee believes passionately in family restoration and generational healing! Such a program not only changes lives, it also improves our society in the long-term. A comprehensive recovery program builds strong families, improves educational attainment, increases personal income and tax revenue, alleviates involvement in the criminal justice system or the need for social services and government assistance, and equips families with the knowledge and skills to improve their communities in a meaningful way.

For over a century, Tamassee has been **"The Place of the Sunlight of God."** Our new family-centric recovery program will ensure the Light continues to shine on future generations for years to come!

Fund Raiser – WV Peters Cottage at Tamassee DAR School

Dear WVDAR Members,

Though WVDAR Daughters and friends have made donations that filled four plaques, the State Regent wishes to continue fundraising for her State Projects until April 2022. If you wish to donate \$100 towards the West Virginia Peters Cottage at Tamassee DAR School and have your name engraved on a plate on the fifth plaque, please follow the directions provided.

As a West Virginia Daughter, you may honor a beloved daughter, an Officer, a HODAR, and/or recognize yourself with your donation.

Because of the size of each commemorative plate, we may not have more than three lines and each line may not have more than 24 letters, counting the spaces between words as characters. If the character count is a few over, the engraver may be able to reduce the size of the font.



FROM: Pat Goodwin,
WV Peters Cottage at Tamassee DAR School
Committee member

EXAMPLES:

In Honor of	In Memory of	Malinda “Mindy” Davis
_____	Josephine C. Peters	Vice President General 2019-2022
_____ District Director	Kanawha Valley Chapter	WVDAR State Regent 2016-2019

Directions for completing this form: Please print this announcement. Complete the wording you wish to have engraved on the plate in the lines below. Write a check for \$100 made to **State Treasurer, WVDAR** and on Memo line write your District’s name. Mail this form with the check to Patricia Goodwin, 5028 Old Mill Road, Jane Lew, WV 26378-8001.

State Regent's Project Update – The Refurbishment of WV Peter's Cottage at Tamassee DAR School

As we move into the third year of the Brown Administration, many of you are already familiar with the State Regent's project – the Refurbishment of the WV Peter's Cottage at Tamassee DAR School. We hit the ground running during the first year working on Phase I – which involved many repairs that were needed to the cottage. Once completed, we were able to move into Phase II (during the second year), which was the refurbishment of the Cottage.

Each of the Districts have helped in many ways and we are so grateful for your support.

To update you on some of the districts:

The Southern District is complete with their rooms: The State Regent's Bedroom and The Laundry Area.



The Central District is about 90% complete with their room: The Kitchen



The Eastern District is almost complete as they have ordered some furniture and are waiting for the delivery.



The Northern and Western Districts are going strong and are still working on their rooms.



Northern District



Western District

You can continue your support of this project in many ways:

- By purchasing the State Regent's pins and scarves.
- By donating \$100 and have your name plate placed on the plaque that will be displayed at the Cottage. Pat

Goodwin is over this fundraiser, and she has reported that we now have 4 plaques filled.

- Or you can give a monetary donation of any amount to the State Regent's project.

These are just some of the ways that you can support. But ALL are greatly appreciated.

The Southern District has also agreed to purchase the bookcase that will house all the donated WV books for the WV Little Library at Peters Cottage. Sandy Cowan, State Librarian, is still collecting books, so see her if you are interested in donating a book about WV or by a WV author.

In the Spring of 2022, we will be having an **Open House**. This will give us the opportunity to showcase our cottage and the work that our State's Membership has done during the past three years. Please look for the details in future notices.

The committee would like to thank each of you for your support of the **WV State Regent's Project – The Refurbishment of Peter's Cottage at Tamassee DAR School.**

DAR & Colonial Dames Joint Visit to Tavenner House

Recently DAR members joined with the Capt Robert Ellyson Chapter Colonial Dames XVII Century for a visit to the historic Phelps – Tavenner House on Camden Avenue in Parkersburg. The Tavenner House was built circa 1800 by Col. Hugh Phelps and is the oldest brick house in Wood County. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and serves as a research center. Wood County was formally organized at Phelps' home. Mrs. Cheryl Haught, President of the Capt. Robert Ellyson Chapter, remarked on the many hours of work and volunteerism that had made the home a show place. The ladies were very impressed with the restoration. This would be a wonderful place for any DAR chapters looking for a tour event.

Vickie Baker is Regent of Tanner's Cross Roads Chapter, Jo Silman is a member of the James Wood Chapter, Brenda Chevront is a member of the Old Hickory Chapter, Cheryl Haught and Pat Casper are members of the Anne Royall Chapter.



L to R -Vickie Baker, Jo Silman, Cheryl Haught, Brenda Cheuvront, and Pat Casper

American History Committee

Information concerning the Essay Contests and Women in American History Submissions has been included in the Chapter Packets that were distributed through District meetings. Since this committee has a new contest, we want to take the opportunity to share this message from Layla Hemlich, National Vice Chair for the new contest. Please see the flyer for deadlines and to whom to send your entry.

In preparation for the 250th anniversary of the nation's founding, the DAR is launching the "[Patriots of the American Revolution DAR High School Essay Contest](#)"!

This contest will focus on the men and women, both famous and unknown, who figured in the events of the American Revolution (1773 – 1783). Students will be asked to discuss how their chosen Patriot contributed to the founding of the nation. These Patriots may be one of our famous Founders, or an everyday man, woman, or child who supported the American Revolution in ways both large or small. We hope that this wide topic area will allow students to choose individuals who capture their imagination and interest.

Students will be encouraged to use primary sources (that is, immediate, first-hand accounts such as letters, diaries, speeches, and newspaper reports) for their research, and judges will be asked to take the quality and scope of references into account when judging the essays. While many primary references are online, at, for example, the [National Archives' Founders Online project](#) or the [Library of Congress' American Revolution](#)

[Digital Collection](#), DAR chapters are also encouraged to reach out to students to help them explore the many primary sources available in their area at local historical societies, local libraries, and even in chapters' own records and collections.

The essay contest is open to students in grades 9 through 12 in public, private and parochial schools, and to those who are home schooled. All grades will be judged together, with one national winner chosen. Chapters may award each essay writer a Patriots of the American Revolution Essay Participation Certificate, available for purchase through the [DAR Store](#). Chapters will select one essay as the chapter winner, for whom the chapter may purchase a certificate/bronze medal set available for sale through the [DAR Store](#). States will also select one essay winner to represent the state for judging at the Division level, and a state level winner certificate/silver medal set (also available for sale through the [DAR Store](#)) will be presented to the state winners. Each Division level will also have one winner, who will receive a certificate and a book.

The National Society will select first-, second- and third-place winners. The national winner will receive a National Winner Certificate, pin and monetary award, presented at Continental Congress. The winning essay may appear in official DAR communications. (National second- and third-place winners will also receive a certificate and monetary award.) Additional information is available by visiting the [American History Committee section of the DAR Members Website](#).

Chapter Achievement Awards

The CAA is an important part of the CMR (Chapter Master Report).

Each chapter receives a point level certificate. The top state chapter with the most CAA points is also recognized.

The Point Levels:

Level 1 - 400 + points

Level 2 - 300 + points

Level 3 - 200 + points

The CAA form will automatically total a chapter's points as entries are made.

New this year, the Chapter Achievement Awards committee recognized up to three chapters per state

who had the highest percentage increase in CAA points from 2019 to 2020.

There are both Auto-Filled Section and Non Auto-Filled Sections.

CAA points attributed to an Auto-Filled Section of the CAA form are populated through one of the Departments inside Headquarters:

National Dues: Office of Organizing Secretary General
Membership: Office of Organizing Secretary General
DAR Magazine/Newsletter Office of the DAR Magazine
Optional Additional Contributions: Office of Development

CAA points which can be awarded through the Non-Auto-Filled Sections is the responsibility of the chapter:

Service to America
Programs, Service, Activities and Training
Communication
National Defense
Chapter Contributions
Start now working on the CMR!

Flash: 2021 CAA form of the CMR is scheduled to open early the week of August 22.

Judy Bowyer
WV State CAA Chair

Junior American Citizens Committee

Welcome to another exciting JAC year. The contest theme for 2021-2022 is **"The 100th Anniversary of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier: Rise and Shine for Duty, Honor and Patriotism"**. This is an excellent topic and one easy to do with students in preschool through 12th grade.



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The purpose of the JAC Committee is to teach Civics and principles of our government, Love of country, Patriotism, American History, and what it means to be a good citizen (at home, in the classroom, in an organization, and in the community). It builds future leaders of America.

To implement the contest, please visit the NSDAR member page and click on Junior American Citizens Committee. All the information is detailed and is user friendly.

The JAC committee offers contests in art, creative expression, and community service for grades 1 – 12. Preschoolers and kindergarten may participate in the banner and group community services only. Entries are judged by grade on three levels (gifted, general, and special needs). This information is carefully guarded, and no certificate or award medal will indicate a specific level.

Contest guidelines for chapter chairs is located on Document No. JAC-1001. When contacting the schools, please distribute forms JAC-1011, JAC-1009, JAC-1010 and JAC-1007 with chapter deadline and contact information. Please note: the chapter master report will ask for the number of children participating in the Art, Creative Expression and Community Service Contests.

Kimberly Zeman, National JAC Chair, has a very ambitious goal for every chapter to do something with JAC this year. It can be a program about JAC to help

chapters learn what JAC is, what we do and how they can implement it in their chapter. The National video on the webpage is an excellent information source. Also chapters could form a JAC Club or work with getting entries for the contest.

All entries are due to me by January 01, 2022. Please feel free to contact me if you need further assistance.

Patricia J Nutter, WV JAC Chair
277 Mayberry Run Rd., Harrisville, WV 26362
Email: pnutter7@zoominternet.net.
Phone: (304)628-3748

WVDAR State Organizing Secretary

Hello Chapters:

The last year-and-a-half has been challenging! The 2020 District Meetings were cancelled, our chapter meetings cancelled or held on ZOOM, and the 2021 WVDAR State Conference was held virtually for the first time ever. I do have some good news to share!

There are two New Chapters organizing for the WVDAR State Society. One in Preston County and one in Mineral County. Karen Kurilko is the Organizing Regent for Preston County. Karen is awaiting approve for their chapter name and will have the 12 members needed to form the chapter by September 2021. Karen has done a wonderful job in bringing this chapter to life! The second chapter organizing is in Mineral County and they are in the early stages of organizing. Beverly Chaney is the organizing regent for this new chapter.

How is your chapter doing? Need some ideas for your upcoming programs? Did you know that the DAR website has a list of Chapter Programs that other chapters have submitted for you to use? Go to <https://www.dar.org/members/executive-offices-nbm/reporter-general/chapter-programs> and choose your category and enjoy.

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

Don't forget to send a copy of your Chapter Yearbook for 2021-2022 Program Year to me.

I am here to help the WVDAR Chapters. If your chapter is struggling, please let me know how I may help.

Margie Ways, WVDAR State Organizing Secretary
meways@comcast.net
304-261-2555



From the desk of the WVDAR State Parliamentarian,
Patricia Goodwin

WVDAR District and Chapter Bylaws should be sent to the following addresses, no later than **December 31, 2021.**

Digitized Copy: pmg48dar@gmail.com

And hard copy: Patricia Goodwin

WVDAR State Parliamentarian
5028 Old Mill Road,
Jane Lew, WV 26378-8001

State Recording Secretary

Greetings from the State Recording Secretary! I pray this finds you and your family well and have survived the pandemic.

As I reflect on the previous 15 months, this has been a trying time for all of us. None of us would ever have thought we would be dealing with a pandemic that literally shut us down. Many chapters put their meetings on hold. Many have conducted meetings via teleconferences or Zoom. Many have had meetings where they have social distanced. There have been indoor and outdoor meetings. WVDAR Chapters have persevered. The main thing for these meetings is to

keep good records. We need to make sure we have all the proceedings. These are our permanent records of our Chapter's history. As the Brown Administration winds down during it's last year, we mustn't forget to keep good records. These chapter minutes are permanent records but also a valuable tool in helping our Chapter Regents and other members remember things that happened during the meetings. Things like remembering who we had for speakers and what subjects were involved. We also are reminded which committees we shared a "minute or program" on. Remember ladies, all of these "minutes or programs" count towards our CMR/CAA points. Keep those points coming!

Soar to New Heights – Fall 2021 Calendar

Patriot Day

20th Anniversary of 9/11 Sept. 9

Constitution Week Sept. 17 – 23

Gold Star Mother's Day Sept. 26

Battle Days at Point Pleasant Oct. 3

CAA & CMR Workshop Oct. 16

Bus Trip to NSDAR HQ Oct. 28

State Dues/Contributions Due Nov. 1

Veterans Day Nov. 11

100th Anniversary
Tomb of Unknown Soldier Nov. 11

Pearl Harbor Day Dec. 7

Bill of Rights Day Dec. 15

Wreaths Across America Dec. 18

Christmas Day Dec. 25

Deadline for the Outstanding Teacher of American History Contest should be sent to Historian General by Dec. 15th.

The Old Hickory Chapter will be honoring their 2021 nomination of Woman in American History, Ruby Bradley, on Oct. 2nd at 2:00 p.m. The program will be held at the Robey Theater in Spencer, WV, which is one of the oldest theaters in the county. Please contact Susan Tucker, Program Co-Ordinator for further information.

I am sincerely looking forward to seeing you at either your District Meeting or State Conference.

Carolyn S. Kesterson
WVDAR State Recording Secretary

American Indians Committee

Good afternoon WV daughters!

Summer has gone fast and as autumn approaches it is time for us to be thinking about our DAR American Indian challenge for Indian Youth of America summer camp fund. Your donation of \$180 is greatly appreciated, but any amount helps and is also appreciated. Reservations were hit very hard with COVID, and these children are looking forward to being able to go to camp next summer. It is imperative that we get our donations in by the end of the year. Helping those less fortunate is always rewarding.

In appreciation,

Ashley Burgess

WV American Indian Chair

WV State Historic Preservation

DAR Historic Preservation

Throughout the history of DAR, Historic Preservation has been one of the main focuses of the mission of the organization. Through the Historic Preservation Grants Program, NSDAR provides financial support for local community projects which exemplify the Society's historic preservation mission. The Historic Preservation Committee encourages chapters to demonstrate their commitment to historic preservation by both setting an example in their communities and by recognizing those who share a passion for preserving local history.

The DAR **Historic Preservation Grants** provide financial support for local community projects that preserve historic resources, sites, and other history-related projects. Examples include restoration of historic buildings; digitization or preservation of documents/records; preservation of historical items/artifacts; erection of new or re-dedication/relocation of existing historical markers; cemetery headstone and monument conservation, etc. The required grant application must be completed online at the DAR Members' Website. Each application must be accompanied by a DAR chapter or state organization sponsorship letter. The maximum grant amount is \$10,000.

The **Historic Preservation Medal** recognizes a volunteer who has done extraordinary work over a long period of time in establishing a historic district, preserving a local landmark, restoring or preserving objects of historic significance, or establishing or participating in oral history projects, youth leadership, and education as it pertains to historic preservation at regional, state and/or national level.

The **Historic Preservation Certificate** recognizes individuals and organizations that promote historic preservation, and the **Historic Preservation Recognition Award** recognizes and honors an individual or group that has done remarkable work at the community level in historic preservation.

NSDAR has a **Checklist for Developing a Chapter Plan for Historic Preservation**. This plan can be found in the dar.org website under tools. For more information on Historic Preservation, go to: <https://www.dar.org/national-society/historic-preservation>.

Preserving of our historical resources helps keep history alive for future generations. This is a wonderful way to fulfill, and a great way to engage the public with, our National Society's fundamental mission to promote historic preservation and to demonstrate what DAR is all about!

Karen Kurilko
WVDAR Historic Preservation Chair

WV State Librarian

National is still accepting books for the National library. Go to: <https://www.dar.org/members/executive-offices-nbm/librarian-general> for the necessary forms.

Interested in the NSDAR book club. Check out the group page on Facebook. DAR Library Book Club.

The book club reading list for 2021-2022. The books are listed alphabetically by author's last name.

- *The British are Coming* by Rick Atkinson
- *The Indian World of George Washington* by Colin G. Calloway
- *The Cabinet* by Lindsay M. Chervinsky

- *Spies, Patriots and Traitors: American Intelligence in the Revolutionary War* by Kenneth A. Daigler
- *America's Hidden History: Untold Tales of the First Pilgrims, Fighting Women and Forgotten Founders Who Shaped a Nation* by Kenneth C. Davis
- *The Pioneers* by David McCullough
- *Defiant Brides: The Untold Story of Two Revolutionary-Era Women and the Radical Men They Married* by Nancy Rubin Stuart

All these books are available online. Check out the used books on AbeBooks, Thriftbooks, or ebay.

The Library at Peters Cottage at DAR Tamassee School is progressing nicely. We have about 24 books and still counting. I will be at the State Conference in April to accept any books. Remember we are seeking books by West Virginia authors or about West Virginia. I will be taking books to Tamassee in May for the open house. Sandra Isner-Johnson and her committee selected an attractive bookcase. The Southern District's Tamassee budget helped covered the cost.

Sandy Cowan
WVDAR State Librarian



WV DAR Project Patriot

WV DAR Continues to Support Troops Abroad

WV Chapters support troops abroad in an amazing fashion through DAR Project Patriot. Please review information in your chapter packets for any updates. I've been asked how to find out about those in local areas who are serving abroad.

Here are some ideas. Place a comment on social media asking to be messaged if someone knows of a local patriot serving abroad. Another idea is to include a statement in your DAR news article in your local paper about wanting to send cards or goodies to those serving abroad. Ask to have information placed in church bulletins and talk to high school counselors who may have former students who would like cards or goodies from home. I'm sure you have some great ideas also.

WVDAR, you rock! By getting the word out about supporting local troops, you are supporting local patriots as well as promoting DAR.

Cynthia Kolsun
WVDAR Project Patriot Chair

Outstanding Teacher of American History Contest

School is back in session, and teachers are hard at work again after a pandemic year that many no doubt would just as soon forget. The Outstanding Teacher of American History Contest can't honor all of them, but we can recognize one full-time teacher of American History, social studies, government, or a related field at a West Virginia public, private, and parochial school.

Do you know a teacher who knows his or her subject matter inside and out and makes it come alive for students, one who has high academic standards for students and is dedicated to them? If not, talk to the local school principal. Identify an outstanding teacher in grades 5-12 who also has a profound knowledge of American history, encourages patriotism in his or her students, and can connect the past to present-day events. The nominee *must* have taught school during the 2020-21 year and be teaching during the 2021-22 year.

The complete dossier (no longer than 20 single-sided pages) must contain:

- the appropriate cover sheet (see Form HG-4000)
- a signed, autobiographical statement written by the teacher that includes: his or her educational background, a complete history of where, when, and what courses he or she has taught, and a summary of teaching accomplishments and philosophy (see Form HG-4003)
- three one-page signed statements from three (and only three) non-DAR persons familiar with the teacher's work that explain the relationship of the writer to the teacher and why the nominee is an outstanding teacher of American history
- a letter of endorsement from the sponsoring DAR chapter; and
- must not contain any photo, audio, or video tapes, or multi-page publications.

All materials sent to the state historian must have the original signatures, not copies or digital. Please note that digital signatures are not accepted by the Historian General at this time.

The packet of material must be received by the state historian no later than November 15, 2021. Mail to Mary Johnson, State Historian; 1525 Jackson Street; Charleston, WV 25311. For questions or further information, e-mail mary.e.johnson2@wv.gov or call (304) 343-1244.

We have some great teachers of American History in West Virginia. Let's nominate them for this award!

WVDAR State Registrar



Soaring to New Heights with Membership!

Ladies, are you ready for another membership challenge? We are going to sponsor our own West

Virginia membership drive to run from Aug 1 – Nov 30. What is the goal, you ask? **1,816 members!** While this may seem like an odd number, this would give us a net gain of 100 members since January 1, 2019. Not bad through a pandemic!! Our state membership currently stands at 1,793, so this means we need to have 23 new members with an application submitted to National by November 30, if we don't lose any other members in the meantime.

We can do this! Last year, we gained 19 new members during our membership challenge, so this is an attainable goal. Individuals who recruit a new member between August 1 and November 30 and get their application submitted in that time frame will receive a State Regent's pin at State Conference in 2022. We are asking Chapter Registrars to keep a record of individuals who recruit new members during this time. Chapters that have excelled in recruitment and retention during the calendar year 2021 will also be recognized at State Conference, as will outstanding Chapter Registrars. Let's soar our membership to new heights!

Susan Arnold
WVDAR State Registrar

Western District Meeting

Kanawha Valley Chapter was honored to host the Western District Meeting held the 21st of August 2021 at Edgewood Country Club in Charleston, WV.

Presiding Officer Western District Director and Honorary Kanawha Valley Chapter Regent April Norris greeted honored guests from the West Virginia State Society Daughters of the American Revolution: State Regent Cheryl Alexander Brown, Honorary State Regent Shirley Gilkeson, State Vice Regent Jane Larke, State Recording Secretary Carolyn Kesterson, State Chaplain Sandra Isner-Johnson, State Historian Mary Johnson, State Organizing Secretary Marilyn Ways, State Corresponding Secretary Cindy Nicewarner, State Librarian Sandy Cowan, Southern District Director Samantha Shleser, NSDAR East Central Division Vice Chair Leadership Training Chris Painter, NSDAR East Central Division Vice Chair Service to America Judith Bowyer, and NSDAR East Central Division Vice Chair VIS Jane Larke.



Those Chapter officers attending from outside the Western District were: Ohio Valley Chapter Regent Pat Bills and Vice Regent Dr. Marilyn Roger, Elk River Chapter Regent Ruth Mooney, Woodburn Chapter Treasurer Joan Gibson, Shenandoah Chapter Regent Margie Ways, Captain James Allen Chapter Vice Regent Samantha Shleser, Wheeling Chapter Regent Debi Smith and Treasurer Joan McClelland, General Andrew Lewis Chapter Registrar Sandy Cowan, Blennerhassett Chapter Corresponding Secretary Chris Painter and Assistant Chaplain Ashley Burgess, South Branch Valley Chapter Vice Regent Judith Bowyer and Treasurer Susan Garrett, and Pack Horse Ford Regent Cindy Nicewarner.



Patty Young and Ruth Ellen Mooney, Co-Chairs of the State DAR Service for Veterans Committee, introduced Corporal Adam Greathouse, WVDAR Outstanding Veteran Volunteer of the Year award winner and Deborah Hoback, WVDAR Outstanding Service for Veterans award winner.

Mary Johnson, State Historian, introduced Robert Thompson, WVDAR Outstanding Teacher of American History award winner.



Mary Johnson presents the award for outstanding American History Teacher of the Year.

All three WVDAR award winners were sponsored by Westmoreland Chapter. Westmoreland Regent Marilyn Oppenheimer presented each with a flag, which had been flown over DAR National Headquarters in the recipient's honor, and a certificate.



Many Western District Chapters were recognized for awards.

Current Western District Officers, Director April Norris, Recording Secretary Sandra Isner-Johnson, and Treasurer Elizabeth Lucas, and appointed parliamentarian Cora Teel were thanked for their service. State Regent Cheryl Brown installed newly elected 2022 – 2025 Western District Officers: Western

District Director Marilyn Oppenheimer of Westmoreland Chapter, Recording Secretary Linda Bibbee of John Young Chapter, and Treasurer Nicki Evenson of Anne Bailey Chapter.

A moving memorial service honoring deceased members was performed by Kathryn Bowling, Chaplain Kanawha Valley Chapter.

Western District Director April Norris asked Linda Hendrickson (Honorary Regent William Morris Chapter of the Kanawha Valley Chapter) to lead the group in 'Blest Be the Tie' and on completion the meeting was adjourned.



The event was well attended. A total of \$800.00 was raised for the Western District Shelter Project for the Barboursville Veterans Home, and \$50.00 was raised for DAR Approved Schools. An Italian buffet that included many different and delicious cakes was served for lunch. Host chapter Kanawha Valley provided bespoke aprons with candy and chocolates as the favors. The event was the first time the Western District had met in person since 2019. It was an enjoyable experience at an historic and elegant venue.





officials.” This approach epitomizes the work embraced by the Harts over many years. Both lost their first spouses to cancer, and both have dedicated themselves to fighting that dreaded disease through education and fundraising.



Dan and Linda Hart receive certificate of appreciation for their service to the community, presented by Bee Line Regent Alice McCarthy (center).

For example, the couple has supported and participated in Relay for Life in Jefferson County for nearly 20 years. The Relay for Life movement is the American Cancer Society’s signature fundraiser devoted to helping communities fight cancer. On the one hand, the money raised through Relay for Life helps to honor survivors and remember loved ones. On the other, it provides cancer patients and their families with needed resources. Dan and Linda served for many years as the Jefferson County co-chairs of Relay for Life, and more recently they managed public relations for local events. Throughout their 20 years of service, they have—first and foremost—actively sought to educate others about cancer. As dedicated fundraisers, they have consistently ranked near the top of similar groups in Jefferson County. During the past 5 years alone, their teams have raised nearly \$75,000.

In 2017, Dan and Linda broadened their war against cancer by becoming actively involved in the American Cancer Society’s Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN), which advocates for legislation as a catalyst to fight cancer by empowering volunteers to influence change and impact the future in the fight against cancer. As part of this organization, Dan and Linda have met with West Virginia legislators, and in 2019 they were members of ACS CAN’s Leadership Summit and Lobby

Bee Line Chapter

Bee Line Honors Dan and Linda Hart for Community Service

Bee Line Chapter in Charles Town recently presented a DAR community service award to Dan and Linda Hart in recognition of their outstanding advocacy and fundraising for cancer research.

In the words of the American Cancer Society’s American Cancer Network, “If we are to succeed in our mission to end suffering and death from cancer, it won’t just happen in the doctor’s office or research lab. This movement must start at the statehouse and in Congress. And it will be led by volunteers – regular people whose lives have been impacted by cancer – rallying together to demand change from their elected

Day in Washington, DC, where they met with members of Congress and/or staffers for Sen. Joe Manchin, Sen. Shelly Moore Capito, Congressman Alex Mooney, Congresswoman Carol Miller, and Congressman David McKinley.

Not even the pandemic of 2020-21 could prevent their advocacy efforts. They found new ways to raise money and awareness. Social media became the forum for online auctions, with Dan and Linda actively soliciting donations from individuals and businesses and in turn auctioning those items to raise funds. They also used social media to support the local Lights of Hope campaign, creating a display of illuminated white bags, each of which was dedicated to a life cut short by cancer. When the candles inside each bag were lit, residents could drive and view the display, which then became part of a National virtual event.

Our community is fortunate to have such dedicated and empathetic advocates working hard to do everything in their power to increase awareness, raise funds, and keep us moving toward the eventual elimination of cancer. And Bee Line DAR is proud to recognize them for their service.

Bee Line DAR Recognized for Community Service and Patriotism

The Bee Line Chapter sent four delegates to the 116th State Conference of the West Virginia State Society of DAR. Bee Line was represented by delegates Ann Ebersole (Recording Secretary), Alice Davenport McCarthy (Regent), Darla Treat Courtney (Historian), and Heidi Ware (Registrar). The state conference is an occasion for the Society's statewide officers and committee chairs to recognize chapters and individuals for their outstanding accomplishments in service to their communities. Bee Line received a total of 33 awards from 16 committees and officers for its work during the 2020 business year.

Notable among these were three awards received by member Marilyn Bremilst, one from the Americanism Committee and two from the Project Patriot Committee. Marilyn was recognized for the hundreds of holiday cards she sends each year to active-duty service personnel. Marilyn reports that she has plenty of evidence to indicate that the cards are received and appreciated. Over the years, dozens of soldiers, sailors,

and marines have responded to express their gratitude for her efforts to brighten the holidays they spend away from home and family.



Bee Line DAR member Marilyn Bremilst is shown with some of the hundreds of holiday cards she sends annually to active-duty members of the military. The 116th West Virginia State Conference honored Marilyn for her dedication to those who serve our nation.

The chapter received several awards for supporting education. These included recognition for providing direct financial support to teachers, for assisting in the classroom, for overall excellence in striving to support our children's education, and for contributing funds to a variety of DAR scholarships—three of which are financed solely by Bee Line and its members.

Awards presented by committees focused on American History, Historic Preservation, and American Heritage are particularly dear to Bee Line. The chapter received first place awards for the promotion of American history, for the creation of a quilt featuring members and their patriots, and for two programs created to celebrate the women who serve during World War II and the voyage of the Mayflower.

Bee Line Celebrates American Heroes, Past and Present

For the past several months, the Daughters of Bee Line Chapter have been managing a wall tree installed near the lobby at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC) in Martinsburg. The tree offers a seasonal opportunity to thank both our veterans and the medical center staff that serves their health needs. At the same time, it provides an attractive display for their enjoyment. The May/June and July trees were intended to honor our American heroes, past and present.

The May/June tree celebrated Memorial Day by using ornaments based on military service ribbons. To honor our contemporary heroes, the chapter selected service ribbons issued for military campaigns ranging from the Korean War through the War in Afghanistan—including those for Vietnam, Kosovo, Iraq, and Desert Storm, among others. We reasoned that the span of years for these military actions would reflect the service experience of the veterans receiving care at the facility. Ornaments representing service ribbons were interspersed with those representing medals of valor issued by the various branches of the Nation's armed forces—including the medal of honor, which served as the tree topper.

The July tree, which corresponded with Independence Day, was designed as a tribute to our Nation's founding heroes. These ornaments honored the Patriot ancestors of Bee Line's own members. Each ornament consisted of a Revolutionary era silhouette, plus the name and state of service for a specific Patriot. Collectively, these Patriots ranged from individuals who supported the Revolution in some meaningful way, through the ranks of the military and civil services, and included a signer of the Declaration of Independence. One Patriot, Elizabeth Bacon Denn, is a woman who paid the voluntary supply tax to support the Revolution. This time the tree topper was a collage of symbols from the Revolutionary and Early National eras, including the Betsy Ross flag, the year 1776, and the first three words of the Preamble to the Constitution, "We the People."

Feedback on the trees continues to be uniformly positive. Occasions when the tree is redecorated attract the attention of all those who pass by, with several members of the VAMC community stopping to express their thanks. This project was created by and is

managed by Bee Line Registrar Heidi Ware. The May/June and July trees were designed and implemented by Heidi and by chapter Historian Darla Treat Courtney. Heidi and Darla are also the Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) representative and deputy representative, respectively, for DAR to VAMC Martinsburg.



The May/June tree, complete with service ribbons and medals of valor.



The July tree, decorated with symbolic representations of the Patriots claimed by Bee Line members.

Blackwater Chapter

A Hero Come Home to Rest

Stanislaw Drwall, a first-class officer who was killed on the *USS Oklahoma* at Pearl Harbor over 80 years ago, has finally come home to rest. More than 80 years after his death, his remains were identified by DNA.

His niece, Mary Ann Ryker, was only 4 years old when her uncle was killed but remembered the day her grandma received the news. Mary Ann's grandmother never lost hope that someday her son's remains would be found, so she purchased a plot in Mount Calvary Cemetery in Thomas which she always thought would be her son's final resting place.

With nearly 100 people in attendance, Drwall was laid to rest in his beloved Tucker County. On hand to welcome him home were members of the Blackwater Chapter of the DAR seen here.



Blackwater Daughters welcomed home Stanislaw Drwall, who was killed at Pearl Harbor, after his remains were identified by DNA nearly 80 years later.



Mary Mullenax, one of the newest members of the chapter, is seen presenting his niece with a poster in honor of her uncle's life.

It was an honor to be in attendance to welcome him back to the WV hills.

Blackwater Chapter Promotes Donate Life Month

If the speaker of the April Meeting of the Blackwater Chapter, Phillips Kolsun, looks a little too friendly with Chapter Regent Cynthia Kolsun, it is okay! Phillips, Cindy's son, was the speaker for "Donate Life" Month. Phillips, a liver recipient, was given a new chance at life after his liver was damaged during cancer treatments. Phillips told the chapter, "I was approved for a liver transplant at UPMC, but I was told I had to bring my own liver." Nearly 40 people signed up to be tested to donate a portion of his or her liver to Phillips. His co-worker, Sean Williamson of Marion County, was a match and donated 60% of his liver to Phillips and a new chance at life. "Sean is my hero. He underwent major surgery to give me life." Within 2 months, both Phillips' and Sean's livers had regenerated to full size. "The liver is the only organ that regenerates," according to Kolsun. Kolsun, a cyber security engineer at Leidos, promotes organ donation throughout the state.



Our Own Rosie

Blackwater Chapter was honored to have Arlene Snyder, the mother of Blackwater Daughter Diane Beall, as our July speaker. Arlene was a Rosie the Riveter, and she shared many stories of her experiences with us.



Arlene showed us how to “correctly” tie a “Rosie the Riveter” scarf.



Arlene Snyder – Our Rosie

Arlene Snyder, our Rosie, explained to us her experiences of leaving rural West Virginia and going to Baltimore to make parts for the Lancaster Bomber during World War II. Her articulate speech gave us such respect for her and other young women who kept the country running during World War II. How proud we are of her!

“Dear Jodie” Letters

The Blackwater Chapter had its own member, Phyllis Garcia, as its speaker in August. Phyllis, the owner of all

the letters her father sent to her mother during his service in World War II, is compiling them and determining how to share them. According to Phyllis, “I know what I own is precious. It is an important piece of telling the personal story of a World War II soldier abroad.” Phyllis shared bits and pieces of these letters, and is considering writing an essay, short story, or book to keep her father’s history alive. After fellowship and a great potluck dinner, some of the more “adventurous-daughters” took a boat ride on Deep Creek Lake. DAR is many things to many people. Often, it’s about history, friends, and fun!



Phyllis Garcia, speaking about the “Dear Jodie” letters sent to her mom from her dad during his tour in WW II.

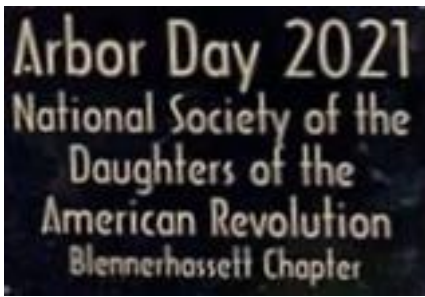


Some Blackwater Daughters enjoyed Deep Creek Lake.

BLENNERHASSETT CHAPTER

At our April meeting we had a representative from the WV Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry as a speaker, and he gifted our chapter a redbud tree in honor of Arbor Day. Dottie Cornell ordered a plaque, and the tree was dedicated in a ceremony on July 31 at the Parkersburg City Park.





Our chapter also recognized Shannon Harper as Blennerhassett Chapter's Outstanding Junior at our April meeting, presenting her with a certificate and OJ charm. Congratulations to Shannon!



On Memorial Day, in addition to our usual service held jointly with the James Wood Chapter at Parkersburg City Park, the Blennerhassett Chapter partnered with the Captain James Neal SAR and held a ceremony at Spencer Park in Vienna, where Dr. Joseph Spencer was honored. Blennerhassett Daughters also had the opportunity to honor their Revolutionary War Patriot by placing a flower in a vase while stating their Patriot's name. A flag garden was also on display at Spencer Park where a flag was placed for each chapter member's Patriot, for a total of 74 flags. After the ceremony, members and guests enjoyed a good old-fashioned family picnic.

Our annual Dues Tea was held in June hosted by Chapter Vice Regent, Cathy Hinkle, where she presented a very interesting program on Women of the Revolutionary War Era.

In August we spent some time placing flags on veterans' graves at Tracewell Cemetery after Shannon Harper and her family spent three days mowing and weed eating the cemetery. Shannon also replaced the worn and tattered flag at the cemetery, which will be disposed of appropriately, and she will also be replacing the solar

light for the flag that was stolen. Shannon chose Tracewell Cemetery as her Independent Project for the Members Course.



The Blennerhassett Chapter held a grave marker dedication ceremony on August 14, 2021, at Parkersburg Memorial Gardens for the chapter's Organizing Regent, Idell Zinn Snodgrass. Mrs. Snodgrass was the chapter's first regent when the Blennerhassett Chapter was formed in 1949.

When the chapter celebrated its 70th anniversary in 2019, it was discovered that Mrs. Snodgrass did not have a grave marker. The Blennerhassett Chapter Junior Membership Committee saw this as an opportunity to honor Mrs. Snodgrass and made it their committee project to raise funds and place a marker on her grave. Chapter Co-Chair, Brehanna Mahoney, researched Mrs. Snodgrass's descendants and was able to obtain permission to place the grave marker.



In addition to the generous donations of Blennerhassett Chapter members, the Juniors held a "bake-less" bake sale, where people were asked to send a cash donation in lieu of what they would have spent baking an item for a bake sale. A craft day was held at Brehanna's home,

where gnomes were made and sold at a chapter yard sale, along with other handmade items.

Brehanna and Chapter Co-Chair, Shannon Harper, worked with the cemetery staff to order a simple grave marker. The cost of installation was generously donated by Parkersburg Memorial Gardens.

After the ceremony, Shannon hosted a luncheon for chapter members at the Blennerhassett Museum.

September will find chapter members participating in the Walk to End Alzheimer's on the 18th at Tomlinson Park in Williamstown. This has been an annual event for our chapter.

In October we will be volunteering as docents for the Mansion by Candlelight on Blennerhassett Island.

We have also tentatively scheduled a workshop on supplemental applications and finding female Patriots for October 23.

Col. Morgan Morgan Chapter

Col Morgan Morgan Chapter has been very busy this year adjusting with the changing covid mandates. We were honored to be the virtual hostess of the 74th Central District Meeting in Aug.

Our chapter was published in a local newspaper receiving a proclamation from Mayor Manella proclaiming April 19 Patriots' Day in Fairmont WV and decorated a Betsy Ross Window in downtown. We attended several Webinars by the Lexington Chapter NSDAR.

In May we attended the local VFW Memorial Day Caravan and Mara Squires presented our wreath at the Grandview Memorial Gardens portion of the program.



Sharon Huskins with Vietnam Veterans she pinned at ceremony.

We received TV coverage for our first Chapter Awards Event that included Community Awards. We awarded two Excellence in History Preservation certificates and medals to Nancy Bickerstaff and Raymond Alvarez: a Media Award and pin to Times WV Eric Cravey, and a Photography Award and pin to Rudy Vincent. WW II Veteran B.D. Linn was recognized with a certificate and throughout the summer five more certificates were mailed to WW II veterans.

We are saddened by the loss of our friend and fellow daughter Twila Shaver. Members held a memorial during her funeral viewing and conducted a memorial at our awards event. Her 35-year member certificate was presented to her daughter.

Sharon Huskins pinned ten Vietnam veterans at a ceremony at a VFW meeting and over a dozen more Vietnam veterans were pinned by Patty Norman during her travels.

Patty also participated and presented wreath in the Woodburn Chapter Vietnam Veterans Recognition Ceremony.

Patty Haught organized chapter members who presented 16 copies of the book "The Making of a Hero" to Marion County schools and libraries for the NSDAR School Success Program.

Since last publication we have added three new members and have three more ladies verified.



Tammy Rumer (Daughter), Hallie Williams (mother), and Regent Barbara Channell. Three generations of same family who are members of Col. Morgan Morgan Chapter, NSDAR

This Regent is proud to share the legacy of Patriot John Shaffer with my mother and my daughter, and to share

a three generation Col Morgan Morgan Chapter member photo.

Barbara Channell, Regent
Col. Morgan Morgan Chapter

Daniel Davisson Chapter

On June 11, 2021, Daniel Davisson, Elk River, and Ohio Valley chapters of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution provided gift bags to new citizens at the Naturalization Ceremony at the United States District Court for the Northern District of West Virginia.



Ruth Mooney, Patricia Bills, Lucy Hornor, Charlotte Orrahood, United States Senator Shelley Moore Capito, Laura Fullen, and Susie Rogers.

Tami Reeves, Brenda Diaz, and Lisa Gallagher were welcomed into Daniel Davisson Chapter NSDAR on May 15th. Members present donated fidget blankets for the dementia/Alzheimer's patients at the Louis A. Johnson VA Hospital. Discussions were held on the gift bag items that DAR will present to new citizens at the Naturalization Ceremony in Clarksburg on June 11th and the WVDAR cursive writing project, as well as the Patriot Records project to identify Revolutionary War graves in Harrison County.

Daniel Davisson Chapter has stayed active via email and Zoom throughout the pandemic by donating needed items or making monetary donations to our local VA hospital, Hope, Inc., the Indian Youth Camp Program

sponsored by Indian Youth of America, sending cards and emails to patients at the VA hospital, making Christmas, Valentine, and St. Patrick's Day tokens for patients at the VA hospital, and contributing to the furnace fund for the Stealey-Goff-Vance House in Clarksburg. DAR focuses on patriotism, education, and historic preservation.



Standing L to R: Brenda Diaz and Lisa Gallagher; seated is Tami Reeves

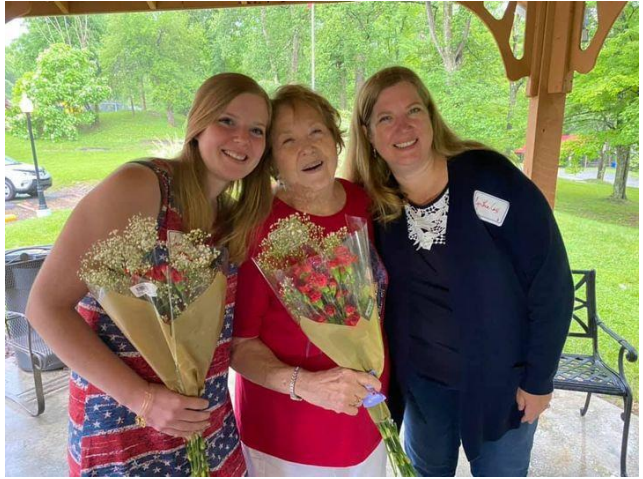


Donated fidget blankets

Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans Chapter

Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans Chapter Hosts Flag Day Event (Photos by Anna Chandler)

The Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans Chapter (Hagans-Evans) hosted Flag Day activities on June 14 at the Westside Senior Center picnic pavilion in Westover. Members of the Col. Zackquill Morgan Chapter also participated. Sandwiches and salads were picked up from local restaurant, Madeleine Maries, and birthday cake was provided by Vicky Shears for desert.



Left to right: Lauren, Karen and Cynthia - What great smiles!

The Chapter also recognized two members who worked and continue to work as first responders during the pandemic. Stephanie Burns and Brenda Fisher received certificates in appreciation and recognition of their roles.



Chapter Regent, Brenda Shinkovich, presented a Flag Certificate to Johanna Rubenstein, Regional Marketing Director for Chick-fil-A, for the 'Proper Use, Correct Display and Patriotic Presentation of The Flag of the United States of America! The Chick-fil-A at University Town Center has the most awesome presentation and location of its flag.



Esther Starkey (Chaplain) and Susan Arnold (Registrar) installed two new members, Lauren Cox and Karen Adams, daughter and mother of current member Cynthia Cox. This is a great picture representing three generations of DAR.

Following the presentations, the DAR members and guests played American Flag Bingo. Sales of this game on Etsy supports donations to the Fisher House Foundation which helps military families stay near their loved ones when they are in the hospital. Stephanie Burns crafted some very cool change purses as prizes for bingo winners. Those of us who didn't win have put our orders in with her for a DARlings change purse.



Elizabeth Zane Chapter

The Elizabeth Zane Chapter was on the road in May to meet and have lunch with associate member Ruth Durr. Ruth is a member of the Colonel John Mitchell Chapter, Anchorage, Alaska.



Chapter members decorated the graves of Upshur County Patriots with flags for Memorial Day. We were delighted that out-of-town member Sally Van De Mark

was able to join the group and assist in the placing of the flags.

In June the Elizabeth Zane Chapter ended their year with an "in-door" Flag Day picnic. Members also participated in the Buckhannon Elks Lodge Flag Day Ceremony giving out flag pins to all attendees.



Regent Georgette Ward and Treasurer Loretta Dawson attended the August Naturalization Ceremony held at the Randolph County Federal Court House, Elkins, WV. We were proud to witness nine new citizens take the oath and be welcomed as American Citizens.

James Wood Chapter

James Wood Chapter in Parkersburg recognized our newest and longest member at our May meeting. Frances Kesterson Sharp, Associate Member and George Clinton Chapter Regent in Wilmington Ohio, gave the oath of membership to our newest member, Pebble Greathouse Freeland. Betty Lewis Williams was honored with a custom engraved glass paper weight for her seventy-five years of membership in James Wood.



We have been working on State Regent Cheryl Brown's Patriot Grave Marking Project. It has been very interesting doing the research on the Patriots and searching the cemeteries in Wood and Wirt Counties. During this time together we have enjoyed great fellowship and fostered friendships as a great lunch was always worked in.



Left to right are Stephanie Phelps, Julia Hoffman and Dina Braniff obtaining a picture and GPS coordinates in Boaz WV.

Captain James Neal Chapter invited us to join them for two Compatriot Grave Markings on July 17 at Mt. Olivet Cemetery. We placed a wreath on the grave of Henry and Phyllis Ruf. Phyllis passed on June 10, 2021. She was a member of James Wood and left a DAR legacy with her daughter, daughters-in-law and five granddaughters being members of James Wood. Mr. and Mrs. Ruf were both very active in community and church activities in the Parkersburg area.



John Thomas Hoffman was also honored this day as a member of Captain James Neal. John was associated with The Boy Scouts of America serving councils in Ohio, Indiana, New York, and Pennsylvania. Wherever his work took him, John was also involved in civic and church organizations. He was married to Julia Kesterson Hoffman, James Wood Treasurer and Parliamentarian for 46 years. We also placed a wreath on John's grave.

John Hart Chapter

John Hart Chapter was invited by Our Town, Inc. to do a window display in downtown Elkins for "Our Nation, Our People, Our Town – A Celebration of Our National Holidays for Summer 2021." Twelve local organizations participated in the event. The celebration of Flag Day was the subject for John Hart's window. On the Friday before Memorial Day, a Grand Opening for the window displays was held. There were children's activities at the Randolph County Community Arts Center, a short children's parade led by the West Virginia Highlanders Bagpipers and American Legion Colorguard, a ribbon cutting by the mayor of Elkins, and a walking tour of the windows. The displays will remain through Labor Day. Our Town, Inc. is a nonprofit organization that seeks to better the Elkins area by celebrating the arts, promoting community building activities, and organizing public festivals and entertainment events.





May 1, 2021. Chapter Librarian Julie Boggess sent a package off to DAR approved Kate Duncan Smith School.



From left to right. New Members Margaret Heasley, Rebecca Pratt, Sophia Pratt, Karen Bowling. Assisting with the installation were Heather Harrison Registrar and Nancy Shifflet Regent.

In June, a picnic lunch chapter meeting was held at Glendale Park in Elkins. It was the first in person meeting held since the beginning of the pandemic. John Hart members recently attended a Naturalization Ceremony at the Federal Building in Elkins. New citizens were welcomed with the presentation of flag pins. Chapter members have joined with Beverly Heritage Center and students and faculty of D&E College to do periodic cleaning of gravestones at the Historic Beverly Cemetery. A letter from the chapter was written in support of a Historic Beverly Preservation grant application for the replacement of the roof of the Randolph County Historical Museum.

May Memorial Day Ceremony at Donel C. Kinnard Veterans Memorial Cemetery. Kim Casdorff, Patty Young State DAR Service for Veterans Co Chairman, Nancy Shifflet, and Janet Leslie were also helping. Pollinator Gardens were in bloom! Nancy Shifflet Regent shared her garden photo.

KANAWHA VALLEY CHAPTER

Kanawha Valley Chapter continues to Serve!

Kanawha Valley Chapter's first in-person meeting since March 2020 was held May 8, 2021, at Edgewood Country Club. New members were installed. Also, Heather Harrison and Kim Casdorff were awarded certificates and tassels for completing the New Horizons and Members Courses. It was great to meet in person again!!!!

June 2021 was the time for our annual planning meeting. Held at the beautiful Glen Ferris Inn, we had a great time. Chapter Recording Secretary and Western District Directory April Norris had a great program celebrating Denim!!

July 22, 2021, in a restricted ceremony on the State Capitol grounds at the Gold Star Families Memorial, Vinu Chandrasekar was awarded his Kanawha Valley Chapter History Essay Award and medal, Present were

Vinu's Mother Dava and his sister. Representing Kanawha Valley and presenting the chapter award and medal was Janet N. Leslie, Co-Chair, American History Essay Contest, assisted by Nancy Shifflet.



At Kanawha Valley's July meeting, WVDAR State Historian Mary Johnson presented Vinu Chandrasekar with a second-place grade 7 State award and medal for his history essay.



Kanawha Valley members Barbara Wood (Chaplain), Nicole Bowman (New Member), Barbara Anderson (New Member), Nell Bowman (New Member), and Donna Brewster (Regent)

Pack Horse Ford Chapter

Pack Horse Ford Chapter members gathered virtually in their spring finest and fancy hats for our traditional Kentucky Derby Tea on May 1st. Barbara "Barby" McDonald Frankenberry, National Chair of the DAR Museum Outreach Committee, Past Curator General and Honorary State Regent gave a power point presentation on DAR Museum Outreach, featuring the DAR Museum Correspondent Docent Program.

Finally, our chapter members and guests gathered for our first in-person meeting since February 2020 for the



New Members photo taken at chapter picnic: From the left is Lois Kimble, Chaplain; new members Joyce Englebright, Connie Clonch, Amy Cunningham, Kristen Hanna- Huber, Nicole Saunders-Meske, Meg Spurlin, and Carolyn Beyer; followed by Regent Cindy Nicewarner.

During this season, our chapter made the transition from virtual to personal events and activities while maintaining our presence in the community and continuing chapter traditions.

Our chapter sponsored the NSDAR JROTC awards for Jefferson High School which were presented by Major Phil Suydam at their Air Force JROTC awards night in April. Dylan Wright, the Good Citizen Award recipient and Christopher Pappas, the JROTC Award recipient are both AF JROTC Seniors at Jefferson High School.

Chapter Regent Cindy Nicewarner laid the chapter wreath during the annual Memorial Day Service at Edge Hill Cemetery in Charles Town hosted and organized by The American Legion Jackson-Perks Post 71 and Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 3522.

Flag Day was commemorated by the presentation of our chapter's first Flag Certificate. Chapter Flag Committee Chair Kathy Klein presented the award to chapter member Kathleen Murdock. The award, given by the NSDAR is awarded to Ms. Murdock for "proper use, correct display and patriotic presentation of the Flag of the United States of America." Nominating Ms. Murdock, Kathy Sholl said, "Ms. Murdock is extremely patriotic and has taken considerable care of the American flag. In the center of her yard, she flies the American flag from a 20-foot pole. She makes sure at dusk that a light is shining on it. She has risked her own safety to go out in storms to rescue the flag. Kathleen is most deserving of this prestigious award."



Flag Certificate Presentation: From the left is Kathy Sholl, Kathleen Murdock, and Kathy Klein.

We were disappointed that the annual Shepherdstown Independence Day Parade was cancelled this year due to COVID concerns but found another way to mark this special day. As a yearly Chapter tradition, on Independence Day, flags were placed at five cemeteries in Shepherdstown. Chapter Flag of the USA Committee Chairperson Kathy Klein and Vice Chairperson Judi Yost placed flags at Elmwood Cemetery; Old Episcopal/Shepherd Graveyard; Reformed Graveyard; Old Lutheran Graveyard; and Old Trinity Church Graveyard.

Our chapter was honored to receive many awards at the state level. The following East Central Division Awards were received:

- Public Relations & Media Committee, Print Media Coverage, 1st Place
- Public Relations & Media Committee, Electronic Coverage, 2nd Place
- Constitution Week Committee, Best Constitution Week Activity, 1st Place
- American Heritage Committee, Outstanding Chair Report, Patricia Toffling & Katherine Genung Co-Chairs
- DAR Leadership Training Committee, Outstanding Capstone Project-Membership, Cheryl A. Brown
- American Heritage Committee, Outstanding Chapter Participation, Number of Masks Made

The following National Awards were announced at Continental Congress:

- Public Relations & Media Committee, Print Media Coverage, 1st Place
- Constitution Week Committee, Best Constitution Week Activity, 3rd Place

Pack Horse Ford Chapter celebrates our Junior Members who recently earned their Master's degrees. Chapter Recording Secretary and West Virginia State Chair, Page Committee Johnna Nicewarner graduated from the University of Maryland, Baltimore with a Master of Science in Nursing degree in Health Services Leadership and Management. Alisun Meske received a Master of Public Health degree from George Washington University in Washington, DC. This Fall she will attend the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine in Lewisburg to obtain her medical degree. Alexandra "Allie" Keesecker graduated Summa Cum

Laude from Shepherd University in Shepherdstown with a Master of Arts in Teaching degree. This Fall she begins her first permanent job at Martinsburg High School where she will teach Social Studies. Please congratulate these accomplished women. They are shining examples of Today's DAR.



Allie Keesecker



Alisun Meske



Johnna Nicewarner

Cindy Nicewarner
Regent, Pack Horse Ford Chapter

Shenandoah Valley Chapter

Shenandoah Valley Chapter NSDAR gave out programs for the VFW Post 896 2021 Memorial Day Program "A Nation That Does Honor its Hero's, Will Not Long Endure."



Left to Right: Barby Frankenberry, Janie Butts, Carol DeHaven, and Margie Ways. Memorial Day – May 31, 2021.

Tanner' Cross Roads Chapter

**History Alive! Col. Ruby Bradley
presented by Tanner's Cross Roads**

Tanner's Cross Roads Chapter NSDAR invites you to join us on October 2, 2021, for a History Alive presentation of Col. Ruby Bradley. The presentation will be held at the Historic Robey Theater on 318 Main Street, Spencer WV at 2:00 pm.

Due to limited seating, we ask you to register.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=S7AZ4AwzekaLrgn7FzdNatjq6SpAU7tKmZWotrVve5UQ0tUUExERTQ4RIE5OU04U0FJQkFMRDhYUC4u> If you

invite a guest, please register him/her as well. The registration link is exclusive to WVDAR members and guests until September 10, 2021. After the 10th, we will open the presentation to other groups. Colonel Ruby Bradley was born on December 19, 1907 and died on May 28, 2002. She was a United States Army Nurse Corps officer, a prisoner of the Japanese in World War II, and one of the most decorated women in the United States military. She was a native of Spencer, WV but lived in Falls Church, VA, for over 50 years. (Wikipedia)

We hope to see you on October 2, 2021.

Westmoreland Chapter

In July, Westmoreland Chapter Regent Marilyn Oppenheimer and Vice Regent Linda Parsons went to Logan, West Virginia, on a DAR mission. Westmoreland Chapter had been asked by the Logan City Historian and a leader of Logan's Appalachian Heritage Days to clean

the Princess Aracoma marker in front of the Logan County Courthouse and to rededicate the marker in September.

The marker was erected in 1936 by the Princess Aracoma Chapter of Logan. Chartered in 1930, the Princess Aracoma Chapter disbanded in the 1980s. Princess Aracoma, the daughter of Chief Cornstalk, established the first settlement in Logan. In a WV DAR history of the chapter, it is stated that "few people have endured themselves to the people of this area as did Princess Aracoma. She was only an Indian woman, but somehow she managed in her own Indian way, to leave behind a name securely imprinted upon the minds and hearts of the people of Logan County and the people of Logan County, and to greatly enrich its history."

The marker inscription reads: "In Memory of Princess Aracoma, who with her tribe, made the first settlement in this valley. Her death occurred about 1780. Erected by Princess Aracoma Chapter, National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution May 1936." It was our honor to clean the monument and to think about the contributions of our DAR sisters in the Princess Aracoma Chapter while doing so. Not only them, but the people of Logan and Princess Aracoma herself. We hope what little we did will continue to help their stories live on for generations to come.

The rededication of the Princess Aracoma marker will be Friday, September 10, 2021, around 4:00 p.m. at the marker in front of the Logan County Courthouse. We would love to hear from anyone who was a former member of the Princess Aracoma Chapter and have them join us. Everyone is welcome to attend! For more information, contact Marilyn Oppenheimer at marilyn3_ky@yahoo.com.

Westmoreland Chapter Daughter June Ashworth passed away July 26th. June was Chapter Treasurer, Honorary Regent and former Regent (six years). She was a 30 year member of DAR and past Western District Treasurer. For decades, June had been editor of the KYOWVA Genealogical Society newsletter, church treasurer and Sunday School teacher, active in the UDC, past president and treasurer of the State Garden Club and a longtime docent at Heritage Farm & Museum. She wrote many columns on genealogy for The Wayne County News and authored a book on the history of the Walker Family. She helped compile the Westmoreland

DAR Wayne County Cemeteries books and a book on the Bethel Memorial Park Cemetery.



Left to right: June Ashworth and U.S. Medal of Honor Recipient Hershel "Woody" Williams.



Left to right: Westmoreland Chapter NSDAR Vice Regent Linda Parsons and Regent Marilyn Oppenheimer at Princess Aracoma DAR marker in Logan.

Woodburn Chapter

May 30, 2021, Woodburn Chapter, NSDAR, held the first West Virginia Never Forget Garden Marker Dedication, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Centennial Commemorative Event. The marker and garden are at The Johnson Chapel Memorial United Methodist Church with Woodburn Chapter Regent, Cindie Harper,

conducting the solemn, respectful service. She explained the history of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the meaning of the Marker and surrounding garden plants. Following her remarks, Chapter Chaplain Edie Harper and Chapter Historian Kyleigh Blanchard unveiled the marker.



Scoutmaster Steve Blosser and Boy Scouts of America Troop 120 provided the Color Guard. Wreaths were laid by Woodburn Chapter, NSDAR; Col. Morgan Morgan Chapter, NSDAR; the George Rogers Clark Chapter, SAR; and the Harper family.



Editor's Notes

"Award Winning Newsletter" the WVDAR has been recognized for our newsletter by the East Central Division! I receive many thank you(s) for working on our newsletter and I want to thank everyone for your support. I also would like to take this opportunity to thank Darla Treat Courtney who has had my back for the last couple of years. She gives the newsletter a good once over before I send it on to our Regent, Cheryl Brown, for the thumbs up to send it out.

I enjoy reading about what we are doing both on a State and a Chapter level. And hope that everyone gets the chance to see how active our state Daughters have been over the past year – even through COVID – we have SOARED!

The next newsletter deadline is December 1, 2021. Please try to send all pictures separately and not in a collage format (if possible). I struggle to remove the embedded formatting, that often accompanies articles with pictures included. In this newsletter, I was unable to include page numbers due to some embedded coding I could not identify, and after 2 hours of trying I finally gave up. So, I am sorry for not including them this time around.

I am very proud of what WVDAR has accomplished and look forward to reporting the Autumn Activities!

Sincerely,

Wendy A.S. Evans
WVDAR Newsletter Editor

