

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



Over 200 WVDAR members and guests attended the 117th State Conference on April 2. In line with the theme "Preserving West Virginia's History Today for Tomorrow," speakers talked to attendees about the importance of preserving historic structures and documents, and West Virginia Daughters voted to donate generously to the West Virginia State Archives to support rehousing county records. Many thanks to all of you that made the state conference a success with a special thank you to Margaret "Margie" Ways, Chair; Jane Larke; Joanna McKown; Ericka Chevront; and Western District hostesses.

One of the highlights of the state conference was the election of officers that will lead the West Virginia State Society in 2022 – 2025. Please congratulate these ladies.

Congratulations also are in order to newly elected district and chapter leaders across the state. It is imperative that there be a smooth transition at every level. Chapter Regents, please report your chapter's new officers to the Office of the Organizing Secretary General by May 15, and all leaders, please help your successors by providing information and documents and answering questions.

On May 16, an open house will be held at the Josephine C. Peters – West Virginia Cottage at Tamasee DAR School in Tamasee, South Carolina. West Virginia Daughters will welcome the school's Board of Trustees, students, and staff to the newly refurbished cottage. The open house will mark the conclusion of the State Regent's Project.

The first in-person Continental Congress of the VanBuren Administration will be conducted on June 29-July 3, in Washington, DC. It will be special to be in the beautifully restored Constitution Hall and to see many of you on June 29 at the West Virginia Breakfast at the Army-Navy Club and the West Virginia Period Room open house at Continental Memorial Hall.

A new chapter is being organized in Newell, Hancock County. Ki Trelaine, a transfer from the District of Columbia DAR with experience as a state officer and Chapter Regent, is serving as Organizing Regent. If you have family or friends in Hancock County that would like to join the DAR, please ask them to contact her at ki.trelaine@gmail.com.

This is the last newsletter of the administration. Please join me in thanking Wendy Evans of the Bee Line Chapter for her superb work as Editor and the State Officers, District Directors, Chapter Regents and State Chairs for their outstanding leadership during a challenging period. And last but certainly not least, I thank all West Virginia Daughters for striving to "Soar to New Heights" during the past three years. Twenty-four seven you have been engaged in completing projects for the betterment of our communities, state, and nation. In short, you have been awe-inspiring!

With love and admiration,

Cheryl

Cheryl Alexander Brown
West Virginia State Regent



**Come Soar with Us
West Virginia**

“Soar to New Heights”

Breakfast at Continental Congress

June 29, 2022, 8:00 AM

The Army and Navy Club at Farragut Square
901 17th Street Northwest
Washington, DC



The 2nd Floor Parade Hall, The Army & Navy Club

Our new venue is both historic and beautiful. Come "Soar with Us" at the WVDAR Breakfast. Kick off your 2022 Continental Congress with a wonderful plated West Virginia Breakfast. Experience breakfast in the prestigious surroundings at the historic Army & Navy Club.

The WV Breakfast is open to all. The online link to purchase tickets is:

<https://wvbreakfast2022.eventbrite.com> **Tickets are now on sale.** Cost is \$50, which includes the processing fee. Plan to attend!

Welcome, New Members and Transfers!

January 1, 2022 – April 30, 2022

Barboursville Chapter

Deborah Holmes

Bee Line Chapter

Diane Haugh

Blackwater Chapter

Judy Kittle

Deborah Stevens

Buford Chapter

Sarah Earl

Ethel Stafford

Captain James Allen Chapter

Amy Conway

Cheryl Nichols

Cheat River Chapter

Linda Fletcher

Diana Hayes

Laura Mazza

* Grace Moreno

Susan Ringer

Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter

Stacy Barnette

Elizabeth Zane Chapter

Denise Mundy

Elk River Chapter

Ronda White (transfer from NM)

General Andrew Lewis Chapter

Gretchen Lovett

Highlands of the Potomac Chapter

Denise Biggs

Suzanne Biggs

Clara Davis

Debra Gank

* Tracy Gough

Marion Hollingsworth

Rose Mary Huffman

RoseAnn Maine

Ruda Parks

Shirley Pyles

Linda Robison

Linda Roleff

Kimberly Rolls

Rebecca Wilkins

James Wood Chapter

* Caroline Leon

Mary Smith

Kanawha Valley Chapter

Elizabeth Boyd

Cheryl Chrzanowski (transfer from VA)

Anna Vaughn

Old Hickory Chapter

Michelle Tennant

Pack Horse Ford Chapter

Susan Benson

Amy Elmore

Rosalind Grenfell (transfer from WY)

* Anne Jacobs

* Audrey Jacobs

* Ellen Jacobs

Ruth McQuade

Patricia Wilkinson (transfer from WY)

Martha Wiseman (transfer from MD)

Tanner's Cross Roads Chapter

JoAnna Camp

Sheri Case (transfer from GA)

April Kidd

Amy Mace

Wheeling Chapter

* Kimberlyn Graham

William Henshaw Chapter

Amy Kilgore (transfer from WI)

Margaret McDonald

***Junior Member**

District Meeting Schedule

WVDAR District Meetings are scheduled. Please refer to the table below for dates and locations. District Directors will issue invitations to their respective meetings via email.

Date	District	Location
July 23, 2022	Southern	Holiday Inn 114 Dry Hill Road Beckley, WV 25801
July 30, 2022	Western	Zoom
August 13, 2022	Central	Arthurdale Heritage, Inc. 18 Q Rd., Rt. 92 Arthurdale, WV 26520
August 20, 2022	Northern	Stout Memorial Methodist Church 3329 Broad Street Parkersburg, WV 26104
August 27, 2022	Eastern	Arden United Methodist Church 4464 Arden Nollville Road Martinsburg WV 25403

American 250! Quilt Project

Each State is participating in an American 250 Quilt Project by submitting a design that represents their State during the time of the American Revolution. May 1, 2022 was the deadline for all designs to be turned into Katherine Genung for the State of West Virginia. We want to thank all the talented ladies who participated in this project, but there can be only one design that will be submitted to National for final approval.

A panel of judges reviewed the designs without any information about who created them. The winning design was created by Kathy Robertson from the Peters

Mountain Chapter. *Congratulations Kathy!* This design will now be sent forward to National for approval. After National approval of the design, a Quilt Kit will be made available to our State Regent in the regent's packet at this year's 2022 Continental Congress. Then the Quilt Kit will be sent to Peters Mountain Chapter for completion.

Lineage Research Report

Congratulations to the following chapters and members who received awards for their service to Lineage Research for WVDAR.

Lineage Research Chapter Awards were as follows:

Large Club:

- 1st – Ohio Valley Chapter
- 2nd – Captain James Allen Chapter
- 3rd – Buford Chapter
- 4th – Pack Horse Ford Chapter

Small Club:

- 1st – Barboursville Chapter
- 2nd – Matthew French Chapter
- 3rd – Trans-Allegheny Chapter

Outstanding Achievement in Research:

Susan Arnold

Elizabeth Ludington - Col. John Evans Chapter

Cindy Nicewarner and Lauren Turco

Pack Horse Ford Chapter

Jane Larke

Blackwater Chapter

Linda Whitman, Chair

Lineage Research

East Central PR and Media

The following awards for West Virginia chapters have been announced by the East Central Division chair for Public Relations and Media. First place in the category of Print Coverage is a tie, awarded jointly to Bee Line Chapter and Pack Horse Ford Chapter. First place in the category of Electronic Coverage has been awarded to Bee Line Chapter. Second place in the category of Social Media is also a tie, awarded to Bee Line Chapter and Pack Horse Ford Chapter. Third place in the category of Chapter Brochure has been awarded to Pack Horse Ford Chapter.

East Central Division has also awarded special recognitions to two individual West Virginia Daughters: one to Wendy Evans, WVDAR Editor, for her service in publishing the West Virginia DAR News; and one to Heidi Ware, Voluntary Services for Veterans Affairs (VAVS) Representative, for her creation and maintenance of a “wall tree” at the Veteran Affairs Medical Center in Martinsburg. Congratulations to all our winners!

Darla Treat Courtney, Chair
Public Relations and Media

Officers-Elect of the West Virginia State Society of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution for 2022-2025

State Regent: Jane Jacobs Larke, Blackwater Chapter

State Vice Regent: Sandra Isner-Johnson, Old Hickory Chapter

State Chaplain: Barbara Holt, General Andrew Lewis Chapter

State Recording Secretary: Katherine Genung, Pack Horse Ford Chapter

State Corresponding Secretary: Cynthia Kolsun, Blackwater Chapter

State Organizing Secretary: Vickie Baker, Tanner's Cross Roads Chapter

State Treasurer: Vicky Shears, Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans Chapter

State Registrar: Patsy Adkins, Anne Bailey Chapter

State Historian: Darla Treat Courtney, Bee Line Chapter

State Librarian: Gail Potter, Ye Towne of Bath Chapter

Naturalization Ceremony

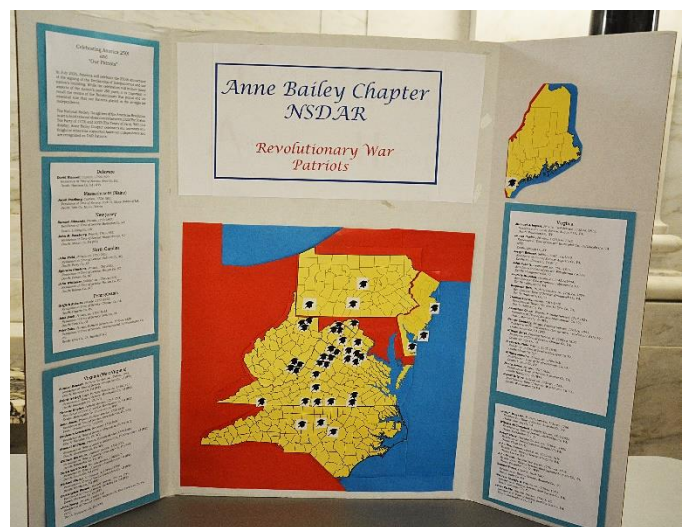
Daniel Davisson, Elk River, and Ohio Valley Chapters NSDAR are preparing gift bags for new US citizens at the Naturalization Ceremony to be held in Clarksburg, WV on June 10, 2022, at the Federal Court House. Here is photo from the ceremony last year.



L to R: Ruth Mooney, Pat Bills, Lucy Hornor, Charlotte Orrahood, US Senator Shelley Moore Capito, Laura Fullen, and Susie Rogers

Anne Bailey Chapter

For West Virginia History Day at the State Capitol on February 24, Anne Bailey Chapter provided a table display on the chapter's Revolutionary War patriots. The exhibit featured a map that showed where the patriots were living at the time they served, showing that the vast majority lived either in present-day Virginia or present-day West Virginia. Delaware, Maine, New Jersey, North Carolina, and Pennsylvania were represented as well. On either side of the map was a list of the chapter patriots with their birth and death dates, rank or other service, place of residence during the war, and place of residence at death. This will be a starting point for development of additional information.



This month (May) the chapter has an exhibit on Mother's Day at the Cross Lanes Library. With information developed by Nickie Evenson and Mary

Johnson, Nickie has put together a lovely exhibit that will be on display throughout the month. The exhibit includes a children's book related to Mother's Day, an intentional element that Nickie, a former teacher, includes with all the library exhibits she provides to the library.



Members recently supported military personnel at Camp Pendleton through contributions to Welcome Home bags and later this month will be participating in the South Charleston Armed Forces Day Parade.

Bee Line Chapter

Bee Line DAR Begins Second Century of Service

Bee Line Chapter in Charles Town was officially established on March 29, 1922. This important anniversary marks a full century of service by Bee Line members to Charles Town and the surrounding community.

Under the leadership of Anna Morgan Getzendanner, the organizing regent, the chapter initially consisted of twelve women who could trace their lineage to Patriots of the American Revolution. In 1916, Getzendanner had been among the Daughters who had established the Pack Horse Ford Chapter in nearby Shepherdstown. At a time when the distance between the two neighboring

towns was inconvenient at best, the formation of a second county chapter made active participation easier for the women of both communities.

The new chapter looked to Revolutionary era history in taking its name. In the wake of the battles of Lexington and Concord, the Second Continental Congress called for the creation of a Continental Army. General George Washington, true to his roots, wanted his trustworthy Virginia militiamen at the heart of that army. Against that backdrop, two rifle companies formed under the command of Daniel Morgan of Winchester and Hugh Stephenson of Shepherdstown. As the companies marched north, they fell into a competition over which company would arrive first, ultimately covering nearly 600 miles on foot in just 24 days—hence making a “bee line” to Boston.



Anna Morgan Getzendanner (1861-1944) served as Bee Line Chapter's organizing regent. She was succeeded in 1925 by her sister-in-law, Carol Getzendanner Border (1857-1934). Another sister-in-law, Phoebe Getzendanner (1867-1964), was also a founding member of the chapter.

From the beginning, the Daughters of Bee Line have embraced the Society's mission of service through historic preservation, education, and patriotism. These principles not only form the basis for DAR's core values, they also provide a framework for service that is both timeless and responsive to the nation's changing needs.

Regarding historic preservation, one of the chapter's first major activities was to sponsor a plaque for the courthouse honoring Charles Washington as Charles Town's founder. Soon afterward, the Daughters of Bee Line identified and marked several graves of Revolutionary War Patriots buried in local cemeteries. This research led to identifying more than 400 Revolutionary War soldiers who mustered for service from what is now Jefferson County—producing a list that includes family names still found within the community.

Further research led to the compilation of burial information countywide for *Tombstone Inscriptions Jefferson County W. Va. 1687-1980*, which was originally published in 1981. This book continues to be available through the Jefferson County Historical Society, which has long been a partner to Bee Line in matters related to history and historic preservation.

In the area of education, Bee Line has consistently honored the community's young people through a variety of recognitions—including awards for outstanding members in the Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps, Good Citizens Awards (first at Charles Town High and now at Washington High), and scholarships for higher education. The chapter and its affiliated Daughters currently sponsor three college scholarships awarded to county graduates. Continuing education for chapter members has also been a consistent priority. Most chapter meetings include an educational program, plus standing committee reports on a wide range of subjects—including conservation, national defense, American history, women's issues, and much more. No member leaves a meeting without the opportunity to learn something new.

The chapter's commitment to patriotic service has also been expressed through a variety of channels. During World War II, the Daughters of Bee Line routinely contributed to National Defense and War Relief efforts. They bought war stamps, supported the USO and its missions abroad, and knitted sweaters and socks for "the boys" in service. In the post- WWII era, Bee Line Daughters could still be counted on to send cards, letters, and care packages to men and women serving overseas.

More recently, the chapter has been a committed supporter of patients at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC) in Martinsburg, where they have participated in activities ranging from karaoke sessions

with patients to providing food and support for grieving families at VAMC's memorial services for deceased veterans. Bee Line has also felt a special calling to support the facility's Women Veterans Program. They have conducted an annual Christmas Party for the women, supported the annual baby shower for veteran moms, and hosted an annual lingerie party complete with games and prizes.



Alice Davenport McCarthy is the current Bee Line regent, poised to lead the chapter into its second century. Her mother, Dorothy Milliken Davenport, and her sister, Margaret "Meg" Davenport, are also Bee Line Daughters. She is shown here participating in a naturalization ceremony welcoming new citizens.

In June of this year, Bee Line Daughters plan to commemorate their century of service with a special celebration. Guests representing partners from across the state will gather to remember past accomplishments, support one another in their current commitments to the community, and plan for a future built on the tradition of service.



Bee Line DAR Discovers Historical Ties with Old Opera House

Bee Line held its February meeting at the Old Opera House in Charles Town. The goal was to provide an opportunity for Bee Line Daughters to tour the facility and learn more about this important local landmark.

Mr. Steven Brewer, Managing and Artistic Director of The Old Opera House Theatre Company, began the tour in the theater's auditorium. In providing historical background on the Opera House, Brewer explained that the fundraising for the structure began in 1910, when local citizen Annie Gibson Packette launched the effort to provide a new theater for Charles Town. After raising \$50,000, she hired an architect, presided over the construction, and in February 1911, the Old Opera House hosted its first production.

After these remarks, Mr. Brewer invited his guests to take the stage and explore the set for "Always a Bridesmaid," the Opera House's most recent production. He then described how sets are created to meet the requirements of each theatrical event, offered a tour backstage, and guided the group into the various departments supporting the Company. He also discussed the series of upgrades and renovations that have been required to keep the Opera House open for business. These include an artful blending of old and new technologies—all designed to keep the theater authentic, in compliance with the latest safety standards, and comfortable for patrons.

Finally, Mr. Brewer called attention to the many volunteers whose efforts combine to keep the theater thriving—in particular, The Theatre Guild, which conducts fundraising and supports upkeep of the physical structure; The Op Shop, a charity shop that serves as a source of both income and for costumes and props; and the OOHLas, who provide a wide range of practical support to the theater and its projects.

Building on the information shared by Mr. Brewer, Bee Line historian Darla Treat Courtney subsequently found that Annie Packette, the initial patron of the Opera House, was a direct descendant of Col. Samuel Washington, a Patriot of the American Revolution. She then discovered that her daughter, Frances Davenport Packette Todd, was a charter member of the Bee Line Chapter itself. With a membership date of January 1922, Mrs. Todd was a Bee Line Daughter even before the chapter's official organization date of March 21, 1922.



Frances Davenport Packette Todd was the daughter of the Opera House's original benefactor, Annie Gibson Packette. She was also a charter member of Bee Line DAR and contributed the theater's deed to its current owners, The Old Opera House Theatre Company.

DAR records show that, in addition to Col. Washington, Mrs. Todd claimed descent from several prominent local Patriots of the American Revolution—including Capt. Henry Bettinger Jr., Sgt. Abraham Davenport, Pvt. William Packette, and Capt. James Strode. In DAR, a member's choice of an initial Patriot is often an indicator of the importance she attaches to that ancestor. In Mrs. Todd's case, the initial Patriot was the one with the lowest rank—Pvt. William Packette.

Further, Bee Line found that Mrs. Todd followed her mother's example and contributed significantly to the cultural landscape of Charles Town. During the early 1970s, Mrs. Todd and her husband, then the owners of the Opera House, donated the deed to the property to the newly formed Old Opera House Theatre Company.

It seems that over time Bee Line's support for the Opera House has in some ways been a chapter affair. Without knowing their historical ties to the theater, chapter members have routinely been among those who have

contributed through ticket purchases and contributions in cash and kind to support the Company. Others have even participated in various volunteer roles or sent their children to the theater's associated school of dance. More immediately, arrangements for Bee Line's February visit to the Old Opera House were managed by chapter member Kristen Marino, who currently serves as the theater's Patron and Studio Service Representative. And Bee Line Daughter Sallie Edwards is a member of the theater's board of directors.

As is so often the case in communities like Charles Town, ties between past and present can become so enmeshed into everyday life as to go almost unnoticed. As now seems obvious, Bee Line's Daughters and the Old Opera House have been intimately involved with the growth and development of one another. But their many connections needed a reminder. Rediscovering those connections has been an unexpected and happy result of Bee Line's February meeting at the Old Opera House.



Bee Line Daughters explore the set designed for "Always a Bridesmaid" at the Old Opera House.

Blackwater Chapter

The Blackwater Chapter of the DAR was honored to have local historian Donald Knotts relay the history of the Minear attack to the chapter at its recent meeting. Knotts explained that he and Jeffrey Felton review historical records that were not available during the time history books were written. "We have so many resources available to us now due to the Internet that were not around when historians wrote their history books. Much of history was passed down from person to person," Knotts shared. And then he recounted the updated history with sources of the Minear/ Indian event with corrected dates.

Debbie Stevens, member, explained how interesting Donald Knotts's speech was. "I loved hearing about local history and particularly when it's been updated." The chapter presented Don with a journal that he can use for note taking.



Susan Knotts, Donald Knotts, Debbie Stevens, Cindy Kolsun, Diane Wade, Sue Silk, and Betty Knicley.

Capitan James Allen Chapter

At the April meeting for the Captain James Allen Chapter, McKenzie Simpson, who works for AWAY (Advocating A Way for Adults and Youth) and previously known as the Women's Resource Center told members about her work and how to help people who are impacted by domestic violence.

Col Morgan Morgan Chapter

The Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter elected new officers for the upcoming three-year term.

Officers will be Barbara Channell as Regent / Historian, Mara Squires as Vice Regent, Pattie Norman as Registrar/ Treasurer, Patty Haught as Recording Secretary/ Chaplin, Sharon Huskins as Librarian.



Pattie Norman, Sandy Kisner, Barbara Channell, Deborah Layman, and Beth Goodwin pictured during planning meeting.

Members have been busy planning our 100th Anniversary Celebration Tea that will be held at Prickett's Fort in Fairmont WV on the 16th of July 2022. Please hold that date. Attendees are encouraged to dress in their 1920's apparel.



James Wood Chapter

James Wood began the new year with very interesting and enjoyable programs. Jack Mather with the Friends of Vienna Organization spoke at the February meeting about the upcoming project TREK Vienna planned over July 4th. Vienna and Pt. Pleasant were the earliest cities in West Virginia settled along the Ohio River.

Lynn Reins, Director of the Parkersburg Boys and Girls Club visited our March meeting and shared the many different and exciting opportunities available to youth through the club. During the school year they offer after school care that provides tutoring and homework assistance along with music opportunities, gardening, and robotics. These opportunities are also offered during the summer when school is not in session.

We observed our annual Guest Day April 9 and were honored with a visit by Mrs. Mary Ellen Hunt, Northern District Director, and Blennerhassett Chapter Regent, along with Mrs. Jane Larke, Madam State Vice-Regent and incoming Madam State Regent. Mrs. Larke gave the Oath of Membership to our newest member, Mary Sheppard Smith and Mrs. Hunt gave a report of Northern District activities from the past 3 years.



Mrs. Jane Larke, West Virginia Vice Regent gave the oath of membership to James Wood's newest member, Mary Sheppard Smith while her mother Paula Shockey, right and Julia Kesterson Hoffman, left accompany her.

Our speakers were Mrs. Anna Border Sheppard and Mrs. Loraine Barnett who shared a very interesting program on the "History of Dolls." They shared the story on about fifty of their dolls from their massive collections of hundreds of dolls.



Anna Border Sheppard and Loraine Barnett share "The History of Dolls" highlighting favorites from their collections

Miss Allison Marks, James Wood Good Citizen Essay Contest winner and West Virginia State winner shared her outstanding essay. Mrs. Sharon Herridge, chapter chairman, presented Miss Marks with her certificates, pins and monetary awards. We are very proud of her as she is also a National Merit Finalist and plans to study medicine and return to the Parkersburg area to practice.



Mrs. Sharon Herridge, James Wood Good Citizen Chair presents Miss Allison Marks, West Virginia State winner her certificate, pin, and monetary award.

We are pleased to announce Ian McKnight, the National Good Citizen Essay Contest winner in 2019 representing James Wood graduated April 30 from Marshall University and has been accepted to John Hopkins University to pursue a PhD in Biomedical Engineering.

Our chapter is extremely proud of the outstanding youth our chapter has been privileged to sponsor.

Through the generous participation in our monthly gift bag raffle, James Wood donated \$310 to the State Conference Project which involves the preservation of records at the West Virginia Archives.

James Wood is pleased to be hosting the Northern District meeting August 20, 2022. The meeting will be held at Stout Memorial United Methodist Church, 3329 Broad Street in Parkersburg. Registration information will be coming early summer.

Mathew French Chapter

“All good things must come to an end” originated with Geoffrey Chaucer, who wrote in his poem, “Troilus and Criseyde”. In June my term as regent for Mathew French DAR will come to an end. So many wonderful ladies have helped me during my term of six years. A big thank you to all of them.

During the March meeting, Mathew French presented The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution the Flag of the United States of America Committee Certificate Award to Texas Steak House. The certificate is presented to an individual or place of

business for proper use, correct displaying, and Patriotic Presentation of the Flag of the United States flag.



Matthew French sponsored Mrs. Melanie Meachum, a Mercer County teacher, with a Box of Sunshine. Melanie was so happy and thankful that she cried. She absolutely loved everything in the box and wanted me to make sure to thank everyone profusely. Melanie has 19 students and is teaching about the Boston Tea Party this week. The kids made “parchment” by dying paper with tea, they drank tea and ate biscuits, and today they are signing their parchments with quill pens. So much fun!!!



Heather Farley, a teacher in Mercer Co. and member of Mathew French, sent the flyers for Educational Resources that were on that committee’s page to the Mercer County Communications Director. She included them in the Superintendent’s Update (which is a weekly newsletter that goes out to all the teachers in the county). All the teachers in Mercer County have the potential to see and/or use those resources.

Get well cards were mailed to Ethel Nash and Mary Lou Brown. Their health does not allow them to attend monthly meetings.

New Matthew French DAR new officers are:

Regent: Stella Moon

First Vice Regent: Heather Farley

Chaplain: Barbara McDowell

Secretary: Pat Mick

Treasurer: Elaine Phillips

Registrar: Michelle Sparks

Pack Horse Ford Chapter

Pack Horse Ford Chapter adopted the crew of the USS West Virginia submarine as our DAR Project Patriot initiative. In February, Chapter Treasurer, Katherine Genung designed and made 320 Valentines, one for each member of both the blue and gold crews of the submarine. Each valentine consisted of a plastic bag containing blue and gold wrapped candy (blue and gold representing West Virginia, the two crews, and Navy colors). Each bag included a label with one of 12 different "cutie" messages related to the navy or submarines such as "You do such a swell job," and "Dive, dive, dive into our support for you." Each Valentine included our chapter name and location.

Members met virtually for our February meeting. Lois Kimble, State Chair of the Flag of the United States of America Committee, presented Flag Trivia with questions on the history and proper use and care of our flag. This was a fun way to learn more about the flag.

This quarter our chapter welcomed six new members and three transfers from out-of-state chapters. Our new members are Amy Elmore, Ruth McQuade, Susan Benson, and sisters Anne, Audrey, and Ellen Jacobs. The last three are daughters of chapter member Amy Jacobs and granddaughters of chapter member Barbara Nickell. Our three transfer members are Martha Wiseman, Chapter Regent Cindy Nicewarner's aunt, and sisters Rosalind Grenfell and Patricia Wilkinson.

The American History Essay Contest Award Ceremony and Reception was held Saturday, April 5th. Committee Chair Janet Younkin presented medals, certificates, and monetary awards to the first, second, and third place winners for each grade level. First place winners read their essays.



Essay Winners with Chapter Chair, Janet Younkin

Following the ceremony, the American History Essay Contest Committee graciously hosted a reception for all in attendance.

The following students from the Pack Horse Ford Chapter Contest were named WVDAR State Society Winners.

- **First Place:** Victoria Knapp, 6th Grade, St. Joseph
- **First Place:** Jackson Allen, 7th Grade, St. Joseph
- **Third Place:** Brandon Stuart, 8th Grade, St. Joseph
- **Honorable Mention:** Noah Harding, 5th Grade, St. Joseph



State Regent Cheryl Brown with Johnna Nicewarner, State Chair of Pages, who served as her Personal Page.

Twenty members of Pack Horse Ford Chapter attended West Virginia's 117th State Conference on Saturday, April 2.



Sarah Lustrea, State Vice Chair of Pages, served as Personal Page of Kathy Dixon, Ohio State Regent.



Lauren Turco served as Personal Page for Morgan Elliott, Arizona State Regent.

Three chapter members served as pages for the event. Johnna Nicewarner, State Chair of Pages, served as the State Regent’s Personal Page. Sarah Lustrea, State Vice-chair of Pages served as Personal Page to conference guest, Kathy Dixon, Ohio State Regent. Lauren Turco served as Personal Page to conference guest, Morgan Elliott, Arizona State Regent.

Chapter Member Michelle Phillips has been busy representing our chapter at recent Sons of the American Revolution grave marker dedication ceremonies by placing our chapter’s wreath at these events. On Saturday, April 2, Michelle attended a grave marking ceremony honoring French liaison agent, Patriot John Holker at Old Chapel Cemetery in Millwood, Clarke County, Virginia, organized by Col. James Wood II Chapter, Virginia Society, NSSAR. On Sunday, April 10, she attended a grave marking

ceremony for Patriot ancestors Frederic Belse, Michael Boger, John Compher, Michael Cooper Sr., and John Fawley at New Jerusalem Lutheran Cemetery in Lovettsville, Loudoun County, Virginia. The event was organized by The Fairfax Resolves and SGM John Champe Chapters, Virginia Society, NSSAR, and Sgt. Lawrence Everhart Chapter, Maryland Society, NSSAR.



Michelle Phillips

Woodburn Chapter

Last fall, Woodburn Chapter began the process to nominate Chris Lawrence, the creator and host of “WV Outdoors,” since April 1, 1994, for the NSDAR Conservation Award. “WV Outdoors” airs on MetroNews stations throughout the state every Saturday morning from 7:06 to 8:00 am. It covers a variety of subjects from hunting and fishing to WV State Parks, the revitalization of the Coal and Tug Fork Rivers, elk introduction and even the sinking of used Wreath Across America wreaths in a lake for fish habitat. Two letters of support were required, but all 6 contacted enthusiastically wrote letters. As we kept this a secret from Chris, family, and co-workers photographed awards in his office and home and supplied biography information. Articles he wrote for MetroNews based on program segments were NSDAR Conservation Award—Chris Lawrence used as supporting material. In early March, we received the award certificate signed by the National Conservation Chairman and by President General Denise Doring VanBuren along with the medal. They have been framed together. Chris was notified that it was time to “let the cat out of the bag” and was floored. Now we are working on a time and location for the presentation to him in person.



April 23, at the WVU ROTC awards ceremony, Chapter Vice Regent, Anne Smittle proudly awarded graduating WVU senior Margaret Smittle the Gold Outstanding ROTC medal and certificate. Margaret Smittle is a 5th generation WVU legacy and is on the Dean's List. She was awarded a national scholarship to attend WVU and will serve in the Army as an Ordnance Officer.

Remember...



Anne Smittle, Margaret Smittle & Major David P. Sherck.

Note From the Editor

I want to thank everyone for the submission of their articles. Without the officers, committees, and chapter members work there would be nothing to report. I always feel proud of all the work and dedication of the Daughters to help and support others and towards the preservation and telling of the stories of those who have made this country. It has been an honor to help tell the story of the Daughters of West Virginia.

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