



West Virginia DAR News

National Theme: "Celebrate Stars & Stripes Forever - Rejoice in our DAR Ties of Service and Friendship"

State Theme: "West Virginia Blooms Through Service and Friendship"



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State Regent's Message

We began the summer at Continental Congress and continued with our own whirlwind of District meetings within the state. Thank you so much for your trust in this administration. I am personally grateful for the help and support that the state officers have given during the summer and would like to thank them as well as those who agreed to serve as chairs during this administration. I am looking forward to an interesting and productive three years.



Everyone enjoyed our district meetings this summer. It was wonderful being able to see and talk to so many West Virginia daughters. Thank you to Samantha Shesler, Marilyn Oppenheimer, Georgette Ward, Tina Seese, and Margie Ways for conducting such great meetings. Each district showed great hospitality, shared valuable information, and completed essential business. Thank you to the hostess chapters for helping with all the arrangements. Everything was lovely. It was so special to present individuals and chapters with awards. Congratulations for the well-deserved recognition.

It was also wonderful to discuss my proposed State Regent's Project with you. I was so pleased with your enthusiastic reaction to it. I am looking forward to starting work on preserving our own history, making our state society stronger by providing funds for our use of technology, and preparing a stronger generation for the future by impacting early childhood literacy. I know that these are very achievable goals as we work together to accomplish them.

A change in the CMR will emphasize the service aspect of our organization. Your chapter will earn points if it meets a goal of 30 hours/member for community service. This is something with which everyone can help. Please log your volunteer hours to help your chapter achieve recognition. Plan to do a service project with your chapter in October for the

National Day of Service. Then publicize what you have done. We are all interested in seeing and hearing about your good work.

Pencil in a "Save the Date" for our 2023 WVDAR State Conference. It will be held on May 4-7 at Canaan Valley Resort and Conference Center. And breaking news. . . President General, Pamela Wright will be with us for the weekend. So, plan to attend the fun! One note as you plan your chapter budget, if you want the President General to personally present your chapter regent with the President General's Project 100% Participation Certificate, the entire \$7.50/member must be paid this year.

Again, thank you for making the summer so rewarding. We look forward to a wonderful year. We know that in DAR, "West Virginia Blooms through Service and Friendship."

With much love and appreciation,

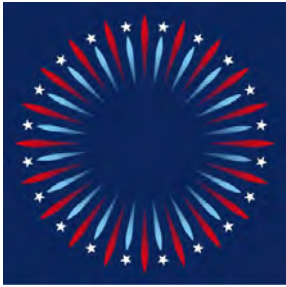
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The **State Information Packet for 2022-2023** is completed.



A copy has been sent to each of the Chapter Regents and copies to the State Committee Chairs and State Officers.

Please share these with the Chapter Committee Chairs and other members who are interested in these areas.

If you have questions or need another copy sent to someone, please contact me.

I would be happy to make those arrangements.

Sandra Isner-Johnson, State Vice-Regent 2022-2025,
NSDAR

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From the Desk of The State Recording Secretary

West Virginia Blooms Through Service & Friendship –



I look forward to meeting all of you in person during this term. Until that happens; here are State reporting guidelines for you to follow:

State Officers,
District Directors,

Chapter Regents and State Committee Chairs please submit your reports to me by March 15, 2023.

These reports are to be sent to me as a Microsoft WORD document. Settings are 1.5-inch margins, double-spaced, Times New Roman 11-pt font, and limited to 500 words. Please ask me for assistance in condensing the story of your exceptional work.

Please also advise me if you are hosting events that would welcome other chapters and members. Be sure to include your contact information and chapter, what the event is, where it is being held, date and time of the event, and also whether or not you would like the attendance of the Executive Committee.

Contact me by email at:

Katherine@TwoGenungs.com OR by phone at 540-486-8473.

Greetings from your State Organizing Secretary

It is my honor to serve as your organizing secretary. I am looking forward to a great three years.

But first, I want to thank everyone for the prayers, hugs, expressions of sympathy, condolences, flowers, etc. during this difficult summer. I am truly blessed to have such Blooms of friendship.

Now for the Blooms of Service, don't forget to send me a copy of your yearbook. My mailing address is Vickie Baker, 5466 Russett Rd, Grantsville, WV 26147. Additionally, state bylaws require the state organizing secretary to maintain a record of chapters with organizing members. Please send me this information if it is not included in your chapter yearbook. You can email the information if that is easier for you. My email address is vickiebak@gmail.com. I hope to create a scrapbook-like book with this information.

If you need my assistance, let me know. I look forward to serving as your state organizing secretary as West Virginia Blooms Through Service and Friendship.



Community Classroom News

If you have been listening to the news lately you have heard about the state of our country's reading scores! According to CNN on Thursday, September 1st, the "Nation's Report Card" reported results from the National Assessment of Educational Progress exams (NAEP.) Our



country's scores have dropped by a level not seen in decades. The NAEP is administered to fourth graders yearly. In 2020 before Covid and in 2022, two years after the pandemic began, the scores dropped by more than 5 to 10 points due to the pandemic plus other factors. We, as Daughters, need to show our support by volunteering in schools to help raise those scores. Our students need us now more than ever! Work with your chapter's Community Classroom Chair. Any help will help!! Let's close the gap!



Insignia Committee

Sally Ann Greenfield, Chair

The Insignia Committee is excited to Celebrate Stars and Stripes Forever. One of DAR's oldest committees, the Insignia Committee was first authorized on December 11, 1890, and is concerned with the proper use of the DAR Insignia.

Please use the Insignia Committees resources on the DAR Members' Website to answer questions about placement of the DAR Insignia and pins on the Official Ribbon, DAR pin requirements, and frequently asked questions.

Guidance about DAR attire while wearing Your Insignia and Pins: DAR Insignia and pins should be worn with business professional attire or formal evening attire, which includes mix and match or coordinating skirt suits and pants suits, day dresses, tea length dresses, evening dresses, and other formal evening attire.

The DAR Insignia Store: A member's Insignia and pins communicate her unique story of volunteer service and the heritage of our National Society. There is a meaning behind every pin—a DAR office or chairmanship, committee or volunteer service, a donation, the remembrance of a commemorative event, or an ancestor.

Please plan to visit the Insignia Store website (<https://shop.dar.org/darinsignia-store>). There is a new pin that may interest you—the NSDAR Legacy pin. Members qualify for NSDAR Legacy status if their original Application connected to the established DAR lineage of a relative within three generations. All DAR Insignia Store pins and ribbons are made in the USA. Net proceeds from each purchase support the National Society's mission of historic preservation, education, and patriotism.

Please contact this Chair if she can be of assistance to you.

Continental Congress Update

Sandra Isner-Johnson, WV Congress Event Chair

Some of you may have already heard about the **131st National Convention**. Those who attended had a fantastic time. This picture displays the people who came to the *WV Breakfast* on Wednesday morning. There were 71 people in attendance. For our little WV event, that was wonderful!



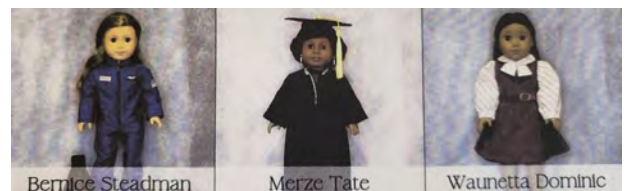
The **132nd Continental Congress** will be here before you know it—June 28 thru July 2, 2023. Plans are already being made to go back to the Army Navy Club for our *Breakfast*.

Date is set for **Wednesday, June 28, 2023**.

Talk with others and make plans to attend. Good friends, good food, and a beautiful facility. If you have questions about the Breakfast, please let me know. More details will follow as it gets closer.

Junior Membership is selling voices for the Jr. Doll. Voices are \$5 per ticket or 5 tickets for \$20.

Please send a check written to "DAR of Michigan" and the memo line to read Jr. Doll to: Katie Brown
1014 30th St
Parkersburg, WV 26104-2442





While attending the Daughters of the American Revolution Continental Congress, a few West Virginia Daughters laid flowers at the West Virginia pillar of the World War II memorial in Washington D.C. on July 2. Members were from several chapters across the state including Old Hickory Chapter, Ripley; Blennerhassett Chapter and James Wood Chapter, both of Parkersburg; and Blackwater Chapter, Davis.



In the photo: Brenda Chevront, State Parliamentarian, Old Hickory; Ashley Burgess, Blennerhassett; Carolyn Kesterson, James Wood; State Regent Jane Larke, Blackwater; State Vice Regent Sandra Isner-Johnson, Old Hickory; Chapter Regent Cathy Hinkle, Blennerhassett; Chapter Regent Grace Arthur, Old Hickory.

Patriot Records Project Committee



All of us have special talents and one of those talents is the ability to read cursive handwriting. The Patriot Records Project Committee could use your special talent. **Volunteer today** to help index Revolutionary War Patriots, making their names easier to

find in collections that may be hard to access. The names that are indexed become part of the DAR Genealogical Research System (GRS) which is available to genealogists, history students, researchers, scholars, teachers, and the general public. Volunteers can work from the comfort of their home (internet access is the only requirement) and your time counts as Service to America. **It's win-win!** Volunteer today, sparkling ladies! To volunteer, visit the Patriot Records Project Committee page on the members only website (members.dar.org) on the Committees tab. On the right hand side of the



page, click on Volunteer Now, fill out the form and click 'submit'! That's all it takes. You will receive an email from our committee telling you how to proceed to volunteer. Or you can send us your name and national number and tell us you wish to volunteer at patriotrecords@nsdar.org. We hope you join us today!



WVDAR Awards

- DAR Project Patriot Committee, Outstanding Service and Support**
- Junior American Citizens Committee, 2nd place, Most JAC Groups, States with 26-50 Chapters**
- Junior American Citizens Committee, 1st place, Most Students Participating in JAC, States with 26-50 Chapters**
- Junior American Citizens Committee, 1st place, Most JAC Publicity**
- Page Committee, Appreciation for Bringing 4 Pages to the 131st Continental Congress**
- Patriot Records Project Committee, Patriot Records Project Challenge**
- One Hundred Percent Participation in the President General's Project Rise and Shine for America**

East Central Division

- Americanism Committee, Largest Chapter Participation in Americanism Activities**
- Constitution Week Committee, Most Constitution Week Kits Distributed**



Constitution Week Committee, Most Constitution Week Displays
 DAR Service for Veterans Committee, 2nd place (1,500-5,000), Wreaths Across America
 DAR Service for Veterans Committee, 3rd place (1,500-5,000), Greatest Monetary Donations Given - \$7,509
 DAR Service for Veterans Committee, 3rd place, Miles Traveled for Volunteer Participation
 DAR Service for Veterans Committee, 1st place (1,500-

5,000), Greatest Number of Youth Volunteers
 DAR Service for Veterans Committee, 1st place (1,500-5,000), Greatest Number of Youth Volunteer Hours
 DAR Service for Veterans Committee, 1st place (1,500-5,000), Greatest Number of Adult Volunteers
 The Flag of the USA Committee, 2nd place, State with the Most DAR Flag Certificates Presented
 The Flag of the USA Committee, 1st place, Most Creative State Program Using Technology

Welcome New Members
May 5-September 5, 2022

Anne Bailey
*Alexandra Webb**

Barboursville
*Alaina Krantz**
Kimberly Krantz
Kimberly Turley

Bee Line
Isabelle Courtney
Deanna Kropf
Paula Markstrom
Karla Miller
Haley Werner

Blennerhassett
Nicole Adams
Nancy Hammer
Catherine Maas
Julianne Potter
Melody Zimmerman

Buford
Lisa Fowler

Captain James Allen
Kayleigh Taylor

Cheat River
Lesa Feather
Marion Feather

Colonel Charles Lewis
*Katherine Deem**
Melissa Deem
*Sarah Deem**
*Emma Diehl**
Lorrie Wright

Daniel Davisson
Ina Grimes
Kathryn Miller
Kristina Patton

Elizabeth Zane
*Leah Blevins**
Holly Bonnett
Mary Morton
Cynthia Raffety
Marilyn Walton
Kelly Williams

Highlands of the Potomac
*Naomi Bane**
Kathy Jenkins
Glenda Parsons
Kathleen Shank
Dinah Courier

James Wood
Amy Adams
*Caroline Leon**
Mary Smith
Barbara Vierheller

John Hart
Mary Smith

Old Hickory
Paula Barker
Lora Kyer
Sarah Keyer
Savanna Whited

South Branch Valley
Susan Sprague
Melissa Conrad
Sara Kanamine

Trans-Allegheny
*Ava Coyle**

Westmoreland
Sheila Stevenson

Wheeling
Nancy Diebert
Donna Diserio

William Henshaw
Linda Grubb

Woodburn
Bernice Kincaid

Ye Towne of Bath
Shirley Hovermale

**Junior*



WELCOME TO DAR LEADERSHIP TRAINING



**Become a shooting star
by taking leadership training courses
and encouraging others to do so!**

Training courses enlighten, educate, and motivate members.

Knowledge is power.

Whether you have just joined or have been a member for many years, the DAR Leadership Training Committee has a constellation of resources to give you a greater foundation and understanding of the organization and to make you and your chapter shine.

WEST VIRGINIA STATE DAR LEADERSHIP TRAINING COORDINATOR

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Bethany Student Receives the Blanche L. Reymann Scholarship

On August 25, 2022, Kaitlyn Adkins, a student at Bethany College, was presented with the 2022-2023 Blanche L. Reymann State Scholarship. Kaitlyn was not able to attend the Northern District Meeting because of commitments at move-in day at Bethany, so the scholarship was presented by State Regent Jane Larke at the Bethany campus. She plans to use the \$1,000 award to offset the tuition costs of her fall semester.



Lisa McNeil, State Chairman Blanche L. Reymann Scholarship; Kaitlyn Adkins, Scholarship Recipient; and State Regent Jane Larke at the presentation ceremony.

In addition to pursuing a psychology major, Kaitlyn is a member of the Honors Program and a proctor in the psychology department. She was on the Dean's List in 2019-2020 and the President's List for the fall 2021 and spring 2022 semesters. In a thank you note to WVDAR, Kaitlyn wrote:

Dear Donors of the Blanche L. Reymann Scholarship,

I would like to personally extend my gratitude to the donors of the Blanche L. Reymann Scholarship for making this opportunity a possibility. Because of this scholarship, I will be able to attend my senior year of collage in an affordable manner. I am immensely grateful for all that you have done to make this a possibility for not only me, but also other women in the state of West Virginia.

*Thank you,
Kaitlyn Adkins*

Next year, the scholarship will be awarded to a student from Alderson Broaddus University in Philippi, West Virginia.

CHAPTER TREASURER

DEADLINES!

- ◆ November 1, 2022 – 2022-2023 Chapter Treasurers Report due to the State Treasurer.
- ◆ November 15, 2022 – 990 filings for Chapters with a Fiscal Year End Date of 6/30 due to the IRS
- ◆ December 1, 2022 – National Dues must be postmarked or electronically submitted on or before this date.

DAR SCHOLARSHIP



- Applicants must be citizens of the United States (U.S.).
- Applicants must attend or plan to attend an accredited college or university in the U.S.
- All multi-year scholarships, typically renewable up to four years, must be for consecutive years of attendance.
- Awards are based on academic excellence, commitment to the field of study, and/or financial need, or other restrictions on specific scholarships.
- Awards are placed on deposit with the college or university and any unused portion shall be returned to the NSDAR.
- Students are eligible for one scholarship only from NSDAR.

To Apply:

The portal will reopen for the coming year 2023 on November 1, 2022 through January 31, 2023 at 11:59 pm (Eastern Standard Time).

Questions? Contact: Scholarships@nsdar.org



DAR Magazine and the CMR

1. DAR Magazine Co-Op Payments—payment is part of the CMR/CAA requirement and will earn **25 points**

Amount Due - **\$40.00**

2. Subscriptions—if totals 20% of membership will

earn your chapter **20 points**, 30% will earn your chapter **30 points** and 40% or more will earn your chapter **40 points**.

3. Chapter Regent having a subscription to the magazine is **10 points** on the CAA.

Master Reports Reminders:

- The NSDAR Chapter Master Report 2022 can be located on the Members DAR web at <http://members.dar.org/CMR> or on the eMembership Website <http://emembership.dar.org> Under: Updates – Chapter Master Report.
- All chapters are strongly encouraged to use the new CMR for reporting.
- Designate member(s) to assist chapters who do not complete the CMR to transfer the information into the web based CMR.
- The Cut-off date for entry into the CMR is **February 1, 2023**.

Chapter Achievement Awards 2022 Reminders:



- Be sure to download your CAA Planning Guide
- Be sure to download your CAA Chapter Checklists
- No Paper copies will be accepted.
- Section 8: Chapter Contributions deadline is set by your State Treasurer. These donations are sent directly to the State Treasurer. Deadline for funds to be received by the Office of the Treasurer General is December 15, 2022.
- Please contact State Chair Debbie Burge if Chapters have any trouble reporting their data electronically.

Chapter Achievement Awards

Blue Ribbon = 600 points+
Red Ribbon = 450 points+
White Ribbon = 300 point+



Levels

<50 Members
 51-100 Members
 101-150 Members
 151+ Members

The top four Chapters with the highest CAA points for their category, blue ribbon chapters, based on chapter size, will be recognized at Continental Congress.



WVDAR Lineage Research

Hi, Chapters!

How many of you have members who have genealogical research books that others in our WVDAR state society may need access to in order to solve PM or Supplemental questions? While going through a number of books that our chapter's deceased registrar had and most of us didn't know she possessed, it occurred to me that maybe WVDAR might put together such a list that registrars and other members interested in genealogy might use, helping each other.

This WVDAR Lineage Research chairman would like to put together such a booklet for the state that will provide such a list. **BUT, I need YOUR HELP!** Using **EXCEL**, make the following categories: **Title, Author, Content, Counties**. Send to me a list for each member who wants to share her books with others in the state. Please include her name, email address and phone number on her list.

This may be a daunting assignment for some of us, but worthwhile in the long run for all of us. (Something I need to do myself!)

Please send ME your member's list—one member at a time, if you want. Email the EXCEL document to: dar.linda.whitman66@gmail.com.

Subject: Genealogy Book List

I hope to start sharing lists with you in future WVDAR Newsletters (prior to putting them in a book. See List of books provided by Anita McClung.)

THANK YOU!

Linda L. Whitman, WVDAR Lineage Research chairman

Genealogy Books (owned by Anita McClung) now in Linda Whitman's Library Linda Whitman, email: dar.linda.whitman66@gmail.com or text (304) 725-7659			
Title	Author	Content	Counties
Early Virginia Marriages	Crozier, William A.	Marriages 1694-1824	Amelia, Augusta, Charles City, Elizabeth, Fauquier, King George, Lancaster, York, Middlesex, Rockbridge, Southampton
			Surry, Sussex, Westmoreland, Lunenburg
Amherst County Virginia in the Revolution	Sweeney, Lenora H.	Includes extracts from Lost Order Book 1773-1782	Amherst
Personal Property Tax Records 1831 & 1833		Personal Property Tax Records 1831 & 1833	Fayette Co, WV
and Fincastle Counties VA 1733-1831	Worrell, Anne L.	Wills, Marriages 1733-1831	Montgomery, Fincastle
and of Orange, Spotsylvania, and Stafford Co 1722-1850	Fisher, Therese A.	Marriages 1722-1850	Fredricksburg, Orange, Spotsylvania, Stafford
Marriages by Rev. John Alderson	Genealogy Trail History Group	Marriages 1776-1798	Rockingham, Augusta, Greenbrier,
A Brief of Wills and Marriages in Montgomery			
Augusta County Marriages 1748-1850	Vogt & Kethley	Marriages -1748-1850	Augusta, Montgomery
Caroline Co., VA - Marriage & Relations 1728-1800	Wright, F. Edward	Marriage References and Family Relationships 1728-1800	Caroline
Chesterfield Co., VA Marriage Bonds 1771-1852	Ricks, Joel	Marriage Bonds 1771-1852	Chesterfield
Early Marriages, Wills, etc. -Botetourt Co., VA	Worrell, Anne L.	Marriages, Wills and Some Revolutionary War Records	Botetourt
Fayette Co WV Marriages 1830-1870	Haga, Pauline	Marriages 1830-1870	Fayette Co, WV
Fayette Co WV Marriages 1930 - 1931	Shuck, Larry G.	Marriages 1903-1931	Fayette Co, WV
First Marriage Record of Augusta Co., VA 1785-1813	Col. Thomas Hughart Ch.DAR	Marriages 1785-1813	Augusta
Giles County Marriages 1806-1850	Vogt & Kethley	Marriages 1806-1850	Giles
Lancaster Co., VA Marriage Bonds 1652-1850	Lee, Ida J.	Marriage Bonds 1652-1850	Lancaster
Lynchburg and Nelson County VA	Davis, Rev. Bailey	Wills, Deeds, Marriages	Nelson
Marriage Bonds of Bedford County, VA 1755-1800	Dennis & Smith	Marriage Bonds - Bedford Co., VA/Index of Wills 1754-1830	Bedford



Marriage Bonds of Franklin County, VA 1786-1858	Wingfield, Marshall	Marriage Bonds 1758-1858	Franklin
Marriage Bonds/Ministers' Returns of Halifax Co 1753-1800	Knorr, Catherine	Marriage Bonds/Ministers' Returns 1753-1800	Halifax
Marriage License Bonds of Mecklenburg Co., VA 1765-1810	Nottingham, Stratton	Marriage Bonds 1765-1810	Mecklenburg
Marriage Records 1811-1853 -Mecklenburg Co., VA	Prestwoud Chapter DAR	Marriage Records 1811-1853	Mecklenburg
Marriage Records of the City of Fredricksburg			
Marriages in the New River Valley, VA	Fisher, Therese A.	Marriages - Montgomery, Floyd, Pulaski, and Giles	Montgomery, Floyd, Pulaski, and Giles
Marriages of Campbell County, VA 1782-1810	Baber & Williamson	Marriages 1782-1810	Campbell
Marriages of Lunenburg County, VA 1746-1853	Matheny & Yates	Marriages 1746-1853	Lunenburg
Marriages of Orange County Virginia 1747-1810	Knorr, Catherine	Marriages 1747-1810	Orange
Marriages of Patrick County, VA 1791-1850	Adams, Lela C.	Marriages 1791-1850	Patrick
Patrick Co., VA Unrecorded Documents 1791-1920	Baughan & Pilson	Decds, Inventory and Appraisements, Bonds, Accounts	Patrick
Smuth County Marriages 1832-1850	Vogt & Kethley	Marriages 1832-1850	Smyth
Some Marriages in the Burned Recorded Counties of VA	Virginia Genealogical Society	Marriages	Burned Record Counties
Tazewell County, VA, Marriages 1800-1853	Haga, Pauline	Marriages 1800-1853	Tazewell
Wythe County Marriages 1790-1850	Vogt & Kethley	Virginia Historic Marriage Register - Wythe Co.	Wythe
			Monroe, Kanawha
Early Deaths of Raleigh County, 1853-1875	Haga, Pauline	Deaths 1853-1875	
Index for Clay Co. Marriages 1858-1958	WV Genealogical Society	Marriages 1858-1958	Clay Co, WV
History of Fayette County 1993	Fayette Co Chamber of Comm	History - a little of everything	Fayette Co, WV
Kanawha Co Marriages 1792-1869	Wintz, Julia	Marriages 1792-1869	Kanawha
WV Newspaper Obituaries 1822-1899	Lindner, June Ann	Obituaries 1822-1899	
The Marriages of Washington County, VA, 1781-1853	Brown, D.E.	Marriages 1781-1853; sketches of early ministers	Washington
Marriage Bonds of Franklin Co., VA 1787-1853	Merritt, Beverly	Marriage Bonds 1787-1853	Franklin
Amherst County, VA, Marriage Bonds 1753-1853	Genealogical Society of Utah	Marriage Bonds 1753-1853	Amherst
Fayette County Records 1853-1855		Births 1853-1855; Marriages 1854-1860;	Fayette Co, WV
		Deaths 1854-1859; Wills	
Raleigh County Marriages 1850-1903	Haga, Pauline	Marriages 1850-1903	Raleigh Co
Boone County Marriages 1854-1861	Kith & Kin, Vol 1	Marriages 1854-1861	Boone Co.
Early Kanawha Co Marriages Part 1	Kanawha Valley Genealogical	Marriages 1794-1843	Kanawha Co.
Clay County Marriage Records 1858-1958	WV Genealogy Society	Marriages 1858-1958	Clay Co.
Fayette Co., [W]Virginia Marriages 1832-1853 and 1865-1903	Shuck, Larry G.	Marriages 1832-1853; 1865-1903	Fayette Co, WV



Celebrate Stars & Stripes Forever



America 250! Celebration Grants now available. \$500 available to each chapter. Chapters can work together on joint projects. Now is the time to start planning for your celebration.

AMERICA 250! Choose a project or event that supports the NSDAR America 250! vision of celebrating the 250th birthday of the United States of America and the Patriots who achieved American independence. Celebrations should fall under one of the categories below:

- ◆ Celebrating America's 250th Birthday
- ◆ Celebrating Patriot Ancestors
- ◆ Encouraging the study of family history
- ◆ Encouraging DAR Membership

More information can be found on the members website under America 250! Celebration Grants or contact the America 250! State Chair: Georgette Ward at gwardezchapter@gmail.com.



WITH THE CHAPTERS

Anne Bailey Chapter

At our September meeting, State Regent Jane Larke spoke about her State Regent's Project and pre-



Patsy Adkins (left) and Joetta McCallister (right) receiving awards from Jane Larke

sented awards to a few members. She also witnessed prospective member Samantha Hageboeck signing her membership application.



Nickie Evenson set up a Constitution Week display at the Cross Lanes Library that stayed up through the month of September. Helen Hall and Diana Schwab got proclamations from Hurricane and South Charleston respectively.



Bee Line Chapter

"We'll Meet You at the Fair"

Once again, the women of Bee Line Chapter in Charles Town joined their neighbors by participating in the annual Jefferson County Fair. Since 2019, Bee Line Daughters have upheld a new tradition of linking with likeminded organizations to create a fair booth honoring both their historical roots and their dedication to service. This year, Bee Line shared its booth with the General Adam Stephen Chapter SAR.

Because this is Bee Line Chapter's centennial year, the booth featured displays celebrating its past achievements, including projects and programs undertaken with other community groups such as Friends of Happy Retreat, the Jefferson County Historical Society, local schools, and the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Martinsburg.

The booth also included a craft center, complete with a variety of art supplies featuring patriotic colors and themes. Children of all ages were invited to create individual masterpieces, which they could either keep or place on a display board provided for that purpose. Children's books on patriotic themes were available for inspiration, and a "Past and Present" game was also provided. The game paired drawings of commonplace items from the past with their counterparts from modern life. The children were then asked to place each item



within its proper timeframe. For example, a horse-shoe representing transportation in the past was paired with an automobile tire as its modern equivalent.



Members Amy Stottlemyer (Constitution Week chair) and Mary Werner (first vice regent) host Bee Line DAR's booth at the Jefferson County Fair. In the foreground, fairgoers are invited to take the Constitution Quiz and sign proclamations of support for the U.S. Constitution. In the background, artwork created by children visiting the booth's craft center is prominently displayed.

The Bee Line booth also showcased a display on the Constitution, including an interactive quiz designed to encourage fair-goers to test their knowledge of the Nation's founding document. Handouts included free pocket-sized booklets on the Constitution and its history, bookmarks featuring the Preamble, and folding fans that expanded into a representation of the flag. Finally, fairgoers were invited to read and sign a pledge declaring support for the Constitution. These pledges were then used to select the winner of a Blenko glass ornament depicting an outline of the state of West Virginia.

For their part, the Sons of Adam Stephen Chapter of SAR were present to answer questions about their programs, assist with the children's craft table, and encourage passersby to honor the Constitution. They also displayed a full-scale replica of a Revolutionary-era rifle, offering hands-on information about how such weapons were created and used, and they distributed small American flags to children.

In addition to hosting the booth, Bee Line members served the fair as volunteers across a broad range of roles—working as departmental staff, sponsoring awards, helping with administrative tasks, working with 4-H groups, and providing behind-the-scenes support to ensure that everything ran smoothly. For example, one member machine-

embroidered many of the prizes presented to winners of the fair's special awards. Another helped to edit the master schedule and other documents, ensuring that the public had access to accurate information. Still another is the lead singer of a local band that entertained fair-goers. One member also serves on the fair's board of directors.

At its heart, the fair is always a family event, offering opportunities for extended families to share a very American experience. In this regard, Bee Line members are no different. Whether they attended the traditional carnival or competed for prizes in categories ranging from livestock, to hand-crafts, to tractor pulls and cornhole contests, Bee Line members and their families were in the midst of it all. Depending on where they reside, a few



Three-year-old Ridge Lincoln, grandson of member Jean Slonaker, conquers the fair from the back of a carnival dolphin.

members also participated in the nearby Clark County fair.

As exhibitors, Bee Line families took home over 170 ribbons in such wide-ranging categories as horticulture, photography, baking, food preservation, herbs, needle-craft, art, various 4-H categories, and livestock. Bee Line members and their families won Best of Class for one-crust pies, medicinal

herbs, and culinary herbs; Most Blue Ribbons in horticulture; and Best of Show Overall in art and in arts & crafts. They also took an award for Overall Grand Champion Hereford in cattle.

Bee Line DAR Earns 65 State, Division, and National Awards

This year, the Bee Line Chapter, based in Charles Town, received a total of 65 awards and recognitions for its activities during the 2021 business year. These included 40 state-level awards and 25 division-level and national awards.

As all Daughters know, awards within NSDAR generally represent long hours of work in support of historic preservation, education, and patriotic service—the Society's fundamental pillars. For Bee



Line, historic preservation includes not only supporting restoration efforts at Charles Town's own Happy Retreat, the historic home of Charles Washington, it also embraces activities honoring Revolutionary-era Patriots through grave markings and work in anticipation of the Nation's 250th anniversary. Education includes scholarships and support for local schools and libraries, as well as through programs built around historical events. In practice, patriotic service incorporates such diverse areas as environmental protection and conservation, support for active duty military personal and veterans, and outreach to programs for women and children in crisis. Bee Line has embraced work in all these areas. Within this context, the awards themselves are not really important – rather it is the commitment to service that counts.

With that in mind, state-level awards for West Virginia chapters were announced during and after our state conference, which was held virtually this year due to COVID. Bee Line received its 40 state awards from 19 standing committees and state officers. These included statewide "first place" or "best chapter" or "exceptional" recognitions from the following committees: America 250!, American Heritage, American History, Americanism, Commemorative Events, Conservation, Constitution Week, Membership, Public Relations and Media, the Reymann Scholarship Fund, and Service to Veterans. They also included special recognitions from West Virginia's State Regent, Registrar, and Chaplain. Finally, they included a first place Chapter Achievement Award for leading the state in the number of service points earned during 2021. The chapter also received several second and third place awards and a variety of special recognitions.

During the Eastern District Meeting, held in Martinsburg on August 27, State Regent Jane Larke announced a total of 25 East Central Division and NSDAR National Awards for Bee Line. The committees represented by these included America 250!, Americanism, American Indians, Chapter Achievement, Commemorative Events, Constitution Week, DAR Genealogy Preservation, DAR Project Patriot, DAR Scholarships, Membership, Public Relations and Media, and Women's Issues.

"First place" or "best chapter" division-level awards recognized Bee Line programs on Native American history and culture, the chapter's commemoration featuring the 400th anniversary of the voyage of the Mayflower, electronic media cover-



Bee Line Daughters attending the DAR Eastern District meeting in Martinsburg (left to right): Johanna Myers, Darla Treat Courtney (historian), Sharon Criswell, Alice Davenport McCarthy (regent), Sharon Carrigan (chaplain), and Mary Werner (first vice regent).

age, print coverage, and promotional activities for Constitution Week.

Bee Line also received three national awards: a first for its Mayflower 400 program, a second for its electronic media coverage, and a special recognition for reporting by a committee chair.

Finally, six Bee Line members received individual recognitions. Wendy Evans received multiple awards for her service as editor of the WVDAR newsletter. Becki Jones was honored for her work in the area of Women's Issues. Heidi Ware and Darla Treat Courtney were recognized for serving as state committee chairs and for their contributions in developing programs for Commemorative Events. Heidi also received awards for her work as chapter registrar and for creating a unique wall tree honoring the service of the veterans and staff at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Martinsburg. And Darla was recognized for outstanding reporting by the Public Relations and Media Committee.



Five Bee Line Daughters attended the West Virginia Breakfast at the Army and Navy Club during Continental Congress. Shown left to right are Heidi Ware (registrar), JoAnn Bailey, Barbara Siebenmann, Alice Davenport McCarthy (regent), and Darla Treat Courtney (historian). It was a grand gathering in a stunningly grand venue, all in the company of our West Virginia Daughters and with others who share a special affection for our beautiful state.



Blackwater Chapter

The Blackwater Chapter was well represented at the Naturalization Ceremony of the United States District Court of West Virginia, which was held in the Jennings Randolph Federal Building in Elkins,



WV on August 5, 2022. The Honorable Thomas E. Kleeh, United States District Court Judge, presided. Blackwater Regent, Cathy Hebb, had the privilege of presenting American Flag pins (donated by the John Hart Chapter) to the 19 newly naturalized citizens. Other Blackwater members attending were Janice Barnes, Phyllis Garcia, Daryla Rapp, Sue Ann Silk, and Wanda Booth.



Captain James Allen Chapter

Members Linda Whitman and Linda Sumner of the Captain James Allen Chapter kicked off Constitution Week with a beautiful and informative display at the Raleigh County Public Library. The display included take-away coloring sheets and word search puzzles as well as articles and information about the Constitution. We also left pamphlets with information about the Daughters of the American Revolution and our chapter contact numbers as another way to reach new prospective members. The display will remain at

the library for the month of September.



The Captain James Allen Chapter, along with the John Beckley Chapter, NSSAR, participated in the world record holding Lilly Reunion, held August 12th, 13th, and 14th at Flat Top in Raleigh County. The Lilly Reunion holds the Guinness World Book of Records for the Largest Family Reunion, and they have a permanent stand where visitors can receive complimentary ancestry



search! We spent a beautiful day under the trees giving out flags and information about becoming a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Members Margaret Rusnak, Carolyn Jones, Barbara Wiseman, Eloise Moore, Sally Chapman, our Vice Registrar, Linda Whitman, and Registrar Terry Noland were on hand to talk with prospective members. They also assisted them with completing a genealogy worksheet and an application for membership. We considered it a successful day with several new prospective



members. There was also lots of interest generated from the 20 states and various counties represented, with hopes they will seek out chapters in their respective states. We are looking for exciting ways to garner new members, make our community aware of the presence of our chapter, and the opportunities we can share in to serve, educate, and promote patriotism.



Cheat River Chapter



The Cheat River Chapter, NSDAR, spent the summer building a float that will be used in local parades. The base of the float was donated to us by the Preston County Chamber of Commerce, and many hours were spent removing old staples, nails and decorations, building and painting a fence and decorating the float. We were grateful to several of our HODAR's who helped with the construction. Our first outing with the float will be the Preston County Buckwheat Festival at the end of September.



During our August meeting, two potential members signed their applications to join DAR. One of the prospective members,



Deb Hemler, gave a presentation on Native American petroglyphs found in WV, one of which is on her farm in Albright. Donations were collected for the Food for Preston Backpack Feeding Program for students in Preston County.



The chapter also participated in two City of Kingwood Street Fairs over the summer, talking with women interested in learning if they have ancestors who supported America in the Revolutionary War, and providing activities for the kids



including coloring and putting together pinwheels. The granddaughter of Susie Batson (pictured in the blue colonial dress) and her best friend did face painting. They enjoyed interacting with the kids and talking about DAR.



Six Cheat River Chapter members were able to participate in Continental Congress in June, all for the first time. Two Junior members served as Pages. Four members were able to participate in the WV

Breakfast, and we all had a chance to sit in the WV State Box with State Regent Cheryl Brown.



Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter

Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter Celebrates 100 Years

The Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter celebrated our 100th Anniversary with a tea at the historic Pricketts Fort on Saturday, July 16. The tea had a 1920s theme and many members and guests dressed accordingly.



Venue

Chaplain Patricia Haught gave the Invocation. Tammy Rumer led those in attendance in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Deborah Jo Linn Layman led the group in reciting the Americans Creed. Mara Squires led everyone in reciting the Preamble to the Constitution. Regent Barbara Channell wel-



Table centerpieces

comed everyone and recognized our special guest, State Regent, Jane Larke.

Several WVDAR state officers were in attendance, as well as living history interpreters, Pam and Art Dodds, who portray Frances Pierpont, "Father of West Virginia" and Julia Pierpont, Founder of Memorial Day. Tom Mainella, Mayor of Fairmont, read a Proclamation for the Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter, DAR 100th birthday. Pattie Norman and Mara Squires presented past and present historical information about the chapter.



Regent Barbara Channell and State Regent Jane Larke



Tina Seese, Northern District; Samantha Shleser, Southern District; Georgette Ward, Central District)

Regent Barbara Channell wrote the following history of our chapter. The Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter, Fairmont, Marion County, WV



was organized on July 25, 1922, at the home of Mrs. Gail Fishback by Organizing Regent Mrs. Leota Morgan Berry and was confirmed on December 6, 1922. Of the 26 charter members all but one were descendants of Colonel Morgan who was born in Wales. He is recognized as being the first European to settle in what is now West Virginia. Morgan was the first civil, judicial, and commissioned military officer of his county, holding the honorary title of colonel. In 1735 he formed a militia which later became the 201st Infantry/Field Artillery Regiment based in Fairmont, WV. He engineered and built the first 12-mile public road. Morgan sponsored the first church named Morgan's Chapel, which is presently the Christ Episcopal Church. The Colonel Morgan Morgan Monument commissioned through Senate Bill 368 is located near his grave at Bunker Hill, Berkeley County, WV. Our chapter rendered the program for the 1923 dedication. Colonel Morgan died in 1766 at the age of 78. Many of his descendants proudly served their country and settled in this state.

A Memorial Service was held by Patricia Haught to pay tribute to the 26 charter members. Barbara Channell shared some comments and placed a white rose in the vase in memory of Rita Marlene Jones, the chapter regent from 1998 through 2004, who passed away in May 2022. Debbie Layman placed white carnations in the vase as Patricia Haught

read each name of the charter members.

Jane Larke, State Regent, inducted the newly elected chapter officers who included Barbara Channell (Regent), Mara Squires (Vice-Regent), Patricia Haught (Chaplain and Secretary) and Pattie Norman (Treasurer and Registrar).

Thanks to the Pricketts Fort Memorial Foundation for allowing the tea to be held in their facilities with a special thanks for Greg Bray for his help and advice. We thank Fairmont Mayor Tom Mainella for bringing his 1929 Chevy to use as a backdrop for photos. We also thank Rudy and Chris Vincent for taking photos during the tea. Lastly, we thank those members who worked several months preparing and decorating for the tea, for providing lovely period decorations and great food. Thank you bags containing several types of tea, instructions for brewing tea, and candy were presented to each guest.



Group photo in front of vintage 1929 Chevy car with Pricketts Fort in the background



Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans Chapter

On a beautiful summer Saturday in June, the Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans Chapter hosted the annual Flag Day Luncheon for the three Morgantown chapters in the outdoor gazebo at Tropics Restaurant near Cheat Lake. Tables were decorated with small flags, patriotic centerpieces, and iced flag cookies; and everyone enjoyed the eagle favors containing Lindt chocolates that were made by Stephanie Burns. Interesting flag facts were printed in the program.



Officer inductions



This was State Regent Cheryl Brown’s official visit to the chapters in Morgantown. She updated the members on her state projects and distributed state awards to the chapters. At the conclusion of the meeting, she installed the new 2022-2025 officers for the Hagans-Evans and Colonel Zackquill Morgan Chapters.



Pictured (L-R): Becky Davis, outgoing Regent Col. Zackquill Morgan Chapter; Brenda Shinkovich, outgoing Regent Hagans-Evans Chapter; Anna Chandler, Treasurer; Susan Arnold, Regent; Stephanie Burns, Secretary; Cheryl Brown, State Regent; Karen Adams, Chaplain, and Brenda Fisher, Vice-Regent.

Brenda Shinkovich was featured in an interview on Wreaths Across America Radio in July as a representative of both DAR and West Virginia. The chapter received a National First Place award for State Wreath Sponsorships in the East Central Division.

Over the summer, the chapter has mailed out 49 books to veterans via Operation Paperback, donated books and magazines to the local Veteran’s Center, sent two care packages to the USS *Gerald R. Ford* and purchased Wish List items for the USS *Indiana* in support of Project Patriot, and donated 55 books for the Monongalia County Read Aloud Book Sale as well as hundreds of magazines to local nursing homes in support of literacy.



Elizabeth Zane Chapter

Nathan Gould Honored at French Creek Pioneer Gathering

Nathan Gould, Sr., a Revolutionary War Patriot, was honored during the Descendants of the French Creek Pioneers gathering, Saturday August 13, 2022, at the French Creek Presbyterian Church Cemetery with a Daughters of the American



Revolution bronze plaque.

Gould was one of the first residents of the French Creek area to have settled here from Massachusetts. The ceremony was organized by the Elizabeth Zane Chapter of the WVDAR. The unveiling ceremony included an official DAR service and presentation of colors by the Upshur County Honor Guard. A large

gathering of descendants were present at the ceremony.

Nathan Gould, Sr. was born, 18 Jan 1733, at Boxford, Essex Co, MA, and died in 1816. He was the son of Samuel Gould and Mehitable Stiles of Boxford, MA.

His lineage runs: Nathan; Samuel, c1701-1791; Samuel, c1669-1724; John Gould, c1635-1709; Zaccheus



Gould, c1589-1670, born in England and died in MA.

Nathan married Martha Gilbert of Brookfield,



MA. His family resided in Charlemont, Hampshire County, MA. Known children were: Jonathan, Benjamin, Mehitable, Benjamin (2nd), Paschal,



Lydia, Nathan, and Gilbert.

During the American Revolution he served under Capt. Ephraim Jennings, Col. David Wells, 5th Hampshire County Militia Regt. The company was called up at Shelbourne, MA, as reinforcements for the Saratoga Campaign of 1777.

Nathan Gould, Jr. moved with his family from Charlemont, Hampshire County, MA in 1816 to the French Creek area of Upshur County. Nathan



Elk River Chapter

Chapter Celebrates 50th Anniversary

The Elk River Chapter celebrated the 50th anniversary of its organization, June 9, 1972, on June 4, 2022. Nineteen members gathered at the Gassaway Baptist Church for a luncheon, awards, entertainment, and gifts. Among them was the chapter's only living charter member, Patricia "Trish" Hall Moore, who was an honored guest. Elk River has members from Braxton, Nicholas, Clay, and Calhoun counties. Mayor Richard Roach

PROCLAMATION
"Elk River Chapter, NSDAR Month"

WHEREAS: the Elk River Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution was organized on 9 June 1972 in Gassaway, WV; and

WHEREAS: the Elk River Chapter was established as Charter # 4058WV, being part of the West Virginia Society Daughters of the American Revolution; and

WHEREAS: the twenty-four Charter Members include Alice Faith Calhoun, Mary Goad Calhoun, Virginia Rader Carr, Inez Skidmore Dean, Martha Rader Dobbins, Annie Harvey Dulaney, Beulah Dean Garlow, Beatrice Long Given, Lola Butcher Given, Mary Janice Hall, Patricia Gale Hall, Roberta Marie Hall, Annie Matheny Hamric, Sarah Sprigg Hopkins, Roberta Dobbins Jack, Mary Faye James, Kathryn Jean Kestner, Margaret K. Kestner, Flossie McLaughlin Lytle, Patricia Ann Hall Moore, Clara Blanche Boggs Reip, Edith Lockard Singleton, Ellen McLaughlin Walker, and Elizabeth Gale Zinn; and

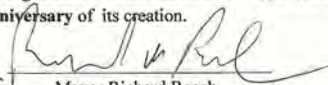
WHEREAS: the all-volunteer service organization provides education recognitions in our schools, patriotic service to veterans and deployed military personnel and historic preservation of graves as well as erecting a Memorial Plaque on the courthouse lawn in 1981 honoring the patriots of the Revolutionary War who are buried in Braxton County; and

WHEREAS: the Elk River Chapter has expanded membership to qualified lineage-proven women in Nicholas, Clay, and Calhoun Counties;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Richard Roach, mayor of Gassaway, West Virginia, do hereby officially proclaim June 2022, to be

"Elk River Chapter, NSDAR Month"

in Braxton County, and ask our citizens to recognize the work and dedication of this organization in our communities as the Elk River Chapter celebrates the 50th Anniversary of its creation.


 Mayor Richard Roach

June 9, 2022
 Date

of Gassaway proclaimed June 2022 as "Elk River Chapter, NSDAR Month."



Highlands of the Potomac Chapter

First Annual Memorial Day Ceremony for Highlands of the Potomac Chapter

The annual Memorial Day Ceremony was held under the shade of wonderful old trees overlooking the beautifully decorated Potomac Memorial Gardens cemetery. This year's program was led by members of Keyser Area Veterans Association. New to the event was the recently organized Highlands of the Potomac Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

The event began promptly at 11am with Commander Mike Price as master of ceremonies who gave warm greetings to more than an estimated 75 guests. He noted the lovely view of the cemetery and the reason for celebrating on Memorial Day holiday, to honor those who have given their lives for our freedoms.





The Rainbow Choir from Burlington United Methodist Family Services, BUMFS enthusiastically sang the National Anthem, led by Cindy Hall. Post 6775 Chaplain Ken Paugh delivered the invocation which was followed by Laying of Memorial Wreaths by Commander Price, Commander Jim Shumaker of Post 41 and Paul McIlwee of Keyser VFW. The Highlands of the Potomac Chapter DAR Vice Regent Shirley Pyles and Registrar Darlene Frederick also placed a memorial wreath.



The newly formed chapter of the NSDAR, Highlands of the Potomac Vice Regent Pyles gave a brief explanation and history of the Americans Creed by William Tyler Page, written in 1917. The creed became a resolution passed by the U.S. House of Representatives on April 3, 1918. Pyles noted, "The American's Creed is a statement of principles and beliefs that proclaims loyalty to the United States of America and fosters patriotism and civic responsibility among US citizens."

The guest speaker for the program was Darlene Frederick, Highlands of the Potomac Chapter Registrar. She spoke of history of the DAR which dates to 1890 and is an organization of over a million members. The Memorial Day holiday became official in 1971 but started as Decoration Day just after the Civil War when Americans had the task of burying and honoring more than 600,000 Union and Confederate soldiers. She spoke of the many wars our country has seen and Americans need to remember all fallen soldiers who fought as far back as the 1700s in the American Revolution until today. She ended with a story of a teacher who removed all the classroom desks, and at the end of the day when no students could answer her question of how they earned the right to sit at the desks, she invited in 27 U.S. veterans who carried in the desks. The teacher told the students, "These heroes earned them the right

to sit in the desks, but their responsibility was to learn, be good students and citizens. They paid the price and others the ultimate prices with their lives for the freedoms we have that are often taken for granted."

Frederick concluded, "Remember these heroes from all the years of the great country; those who fought for us from the birth of this nation until today."



James Wood Chapter

James Wood was pleased to host the 75th Northern District Conference on August 17th at Stout Memorial United Methodist Church in Parkersburg. We had a wonderful time being together after two years due to COVID. State Regent Jane Larke shared highlights of Continental Congress and her goals and projects for her administration. She and Sandra Isner-Johnson, Vice Regent, awarded certificates for achievements to Northern District chapters.

We participated in a Patriot Grave Marking with Captain James Neal SAR on Memorial Day for Spencer Sharp. Carolyn Kesterson, James Wood Daughter, is a descendant of Mr. Sharp. From the grave marking we moved to Parkersburg City Park for the annual Memorial Service with Blennerhassett Chapter honoring Revolutionary War soldiers buried in Wood County.

We also participated in Compatriot Grave



Selfie Board for pictures at Northern District



Spencer Sharp grave marking



Memorial Day Service with Blennerhassett

Markings for Casper Ruf, Henry Louis Ruf, and Dr. Logan Hovis. In addition, we dedicated a DAR insignia for Phyllis Ruf, deceased member, mother and grandmother of several James Wood daughters and granddaughters. Many members of the Ruf family traveled from Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia for the dedication.



Compatriot grave marking



History Expo

On August 20th we participated in the Wood County Historical Society History Expo at historic Henderson Hall in Williamstown. We enjoyed visiting with all who stopped by and helped potential members locate their ancestor.

We will be kicking off our new year and Constitution Week Celebration with our annual Dues Tea on September 17. The oath of membership will be given to our newest member, Barbara Vierheller.



Kanawha Valley Chapter

On April 2, Kanawha Valley Chapter members attended a Watch Party at the Embassy Suites in Charleston to view the Virtual State Conference. A number of Daughters from other chapters were also in attendance. On May 7, 2022, Kanawha Valley installed new chapter officers for 2022-2025 at Edgewood Country Club.



Pictured are: Patty Young, Assistant Treasurer; Diane Hendricks, Recording Secretary; Teresa Silva, Assistant Registrar; Julie Boggess, Librarian; Connie Bowling, Regent; Lynn Cvechko, Registrar; Linda Keeling, 2nd Vice Regent and Kathie Bowling, Corresponding Secretary. Not pictured: Heather Harrison, 1st Vice Regent; Kim Casdorff, Chaplain; April Norris, Treasurer; Jessica Warner, Historian.

On May 29, 2022, members of the Kanawha Valley Chapter honored our veterans by placing flags on veterans' graves at the Donel C Kinnard State Veterans Cemetery.



Carolyn Monk, Sandra Childress, Shirley Gilkeson, Connie Boggess and Patty Young at Donel C Kinnard on May 29.

Members of the Kanawha Valley Chapter attended a ceremony at the Culture Center on July 14, 2022, during which State Treasurer, Riley Moore, presented military medals and memorabilia from unclaimed property to veterans and their families. Attending were: Diane Hendricks, Connie Bowling, Camille Keller, Heather Harrison (who is employed by the Unclaimed Property Division), Sandra Childress, Lynn Cvechko, Kathie Bowling and Kim Casdorff.



In August, Kanawha Valley Chapter donated to the Veterans Hospital in Huntington three interactive mechanical companion pets for veterans suffering from dementia/Alzheimers.



Ohio Valley Chapter

Anna Carson from the Ohio Valley Chapter and friend Bente Biddle made 51 lap quilts including 8



patriotic ones for the veterans for the nursing home in Sistersville.



Right: Dorothy Milhoan, activity director, Anna Carson and Bente Biddle



Old Hickory Chapter

Dues Tea and Constitution Week

We had our annual Dues Tea at the Ravenswood Mason Lodge in Ravenswood on September 3, 2022. We had a great turnout and discussed several of the projects and dates of events that are upcoming. West Virginia State Vice Regent Sandy Isner-Johnson discussed our new State Regent's projects for the upcoming 3 years and our Chapter





Regent Grace Arthur discussed some of the President General's projects.

Several of our members participated in a small service project by stuffing packets for Ripley, Henry J. Kaiser and Fairplain Elementary students for Constitution Week. These packets include coloring sheets and bookmarks for the over 900 students in the schools.

Constitution Week is September 17-23. Chapter members plan to meet at the Jackson County Courthouse on September 17th at 4pm to ring bells to celebrate! We will also be presenting a "History is Alive" program about the Constitution to Ripley Elementary School on September 16. The Constitution Week packets to Henry J. Kaiser and Fairplain Elementary students will be distributed on September 15, while Ripley Elementary will be getting their packets on the 16th. Also, the Ripley branch of the Jackson County Public Library will have a bulletin board up for two weeks in honor of Constitution Week, with items donated by the Old Hickory Chapter.



Pack Horse Ford Chapter

Pack Horse Ford Chapter met for a special luncheon at the Bavarian Inn on Saturday, May 14th to celebrate our 106th birthday. Chapter member Lauren Turco provided the featured presentation for this meeting which was a special PowerPoint slide show she designed to celebrate our chapter's 106 years, set to a composition of music titled "Beautiful Memories". It was divided into four sections: Pack Horse Ford's chapter history, members who are veterans, current chapter members, and an in memoriam to remember those we have lost.

Pack Horse Ford Chapter has a rich history; the presentation displayed images from the plaque of the chapter's founding, various charitable events, such as Relay for Life, the chapter's participation in the Shepherdstown, WV Christmas and 4th of July parades, making and delivering masks during the Covid-19 pandemic, the chapter's involvement during Constitution and Naturalization weeks, DAR Project Patriot which helps the USS *West Virginia* by sending cards and supplies, and marking graves of DAR Real Daughters, Patriots, and chapter members.



Chapter members attended the Major General Adam Stephen Memorial Service on Friday, May 13, at the Adam Stephen Monument in Martinsburg. This event was organized by The Adam Stephen Memorial Association and the General Adam Stephen Chapter, NSSAR. Marlyn Keesecker, our chapter's first vice regent, represented our chapter by laying a wreath during the ceremony. Susan Benson, Joyce Englebright, Marlyn Keesecker, and Sandra Riggleman assisted with tours of the Adam Stephen Open House that weekend.



Marlyn Keesecker, Joyce Englebright, and Susan Benson

The Pack Horse Ford Chapter participated in the oldest continuously held Memorial Day parade in the nation on Saturday May 28th in Sharpsburg, Maryland, just across the river. The theme of the 155th Memorial Day Commemoration was "Honoring the Greatest Generation". From the chapter's float, created by member Kimberly Sencindiver (and expertly driven by her), members held signs with their patriot's name on them and handed out 175 Flags of the USA. Additional participating chapter members were: Dorrene Hale, Katherine Genung, Marlyn Keesecker, Joyce Englebright, and Lauren Turco.

First Vice Regent Keesecker represented Pack Horse Ford Chapter for two Memorial Day Services this year. She placed our chapter's wreath during the Sharpsburg Memorial Service while wearing her colonial dress. The service was held in front of Town Hall on Saturday morning, May 28. She also placed our chapter wreath in the annual Memorial Day Service at Edge Hill Cemetery in Charles Town



organized by the American Legion Jackson-Perks Post 71 held on Monday, May 30.



Joyce Englebright, Marlyn Keesecker, Katherine Genung, Lauren Turco, Dorrene Hale, and Lois Kimble.

Chapter members and guests gathered for our annual June Picnic on Saturday, June 11th. The following new members were sworn in by Chaplain Lois Kimble: Susan Benson (April 2022), Amy Elmore (February 2022), Ruth McQuade (February 2022), Alisun Meske and Greta Meske (April 2021), and Kathleen Olson (August 2020). Each new member was presented with a beautiful red rose created by Katherine Genung. Awards from State Conference were presented, the outgoing board members were recognized for their three years of dedicated service, and a graduation ceremony was held to honor Lois Kimble and Cheryl Brown for completing the DAR Training Courses—both the Members Course and the New Horizons Course.

Cheryl Brown, West Virginia State Regent, installed the new chapter officers at this meeting: Regent, Cindy Nicewarner; First Vice Regent, Lois Kimble; Second Vice Regent, Cheryl Brown; Chaplain, Kathy Sholl; Recording & Corresponding Secretary, Nicole Saunders-Meske; Treasurer,



June picnic

Katherine Genung; Registrar, Dorrene Hale; Librarian, Patricia Toffling; Historian, Marlyn Keesecker.

Chapter members gathered at the home of Cheryl Brown and Joe Khare on Monday, July 4th to decorate the chapter's float in preparation for the Shepherdstown Independence Day Parade. Members threw patriotic beads and bracelets to spectators as Kim Sencindiver pulled the float with her truck. Several members walked alongside the float handing out U.S. flags, flag code booklets, Pledge of Allegiance bookmarks, and colorful pin-wheels. Marlyn Keesecker, Susan Benson, and Joyce Englebright wore their colonial attire. Marty Keesecker joined the float wearing his Revolutionary War military uniform. The lead article for Tuesday July 5th's edition of the *Martinsburg Journal* was on the Shepherdstown parade illustrated with a photo of our chapter float! What a wonderful day—we were blessed with beautiful weather, warm hospitality, and enjoyable fellowship!



PHFC members and their float for the Shepherdstown Independence Day Parade

The Pack Horse Ford and Bee Line chapters were granted retroactive Lantern Chapter status this summer based on the withdrawal of Anna Morgan Getzendanner from the Pack Horse Ford Chapter in 1922 to serve as Organizing Regent of the Bee Line Chapter. The proof needed to obtain the designation was found in two articles in the *Shepherdstown Register* and submitted to the Office of the Organizing Secretary General. Members of both chapters may purchase and wear the Lantern Chapter pin!



The following chapter members attended the 131st Continental Congress at NSDAR Headquarters and the "Soar to New Heights" West Virginia Breakfast at the Army and Navy Club the end of June: Cheryl Brown, Cindy Nicewarner, Johnna Nicewarner, Lauren Turco, Katherine Genung, Patricia Toffling, and Lois Kimble. West Virginia State Page Chair, Johnna Nicewarner served as Chief Page at Constitution Hall Exit Door 9 for business sessions and evening events. She also

held the West Virginia state flag for State Regent Cheryl Brown's report on Saturday morning of Congress.



Lauren Turco and Johnna Nicewarner at the West Virginia Breakfast.

Marlyn Keesecker, Chapter Historian, joined by members Kathy Klein and Rosalind Grenfell, presented the chapter's \$2,000 donation in memory of Honorary State Regent and Past Chapter Regent, Jean Ann Elliott, to Scarborough Library Director, Theresa Smith, at the annual Scarborough Gala at the Bavarian Inn on August 12, 2022. According to the Shepherd University Foundation's website, proceeds from the Scarborough Gala "provide funds to support and enhance library collections, programs, and technology." Jean was a 1954 graduate of the school, an Assistant Professor of Library Science there, and served as a member of the Scarborough Society Board of Directors for almost 15 years.



Kathy Klein, Marlyn Keesecker, Theresa Smith, Director of Scarborough Library at Shepherd University, and Rosalind Grenfell.

Chapter members Cheryl Brown and Dorrene Hale are transcribing the ledger books of Robert Samuel McClay Hoffman who operated an undertaker business in Shepherdstown. While the two ledger books cover the years 1897-1914, it will be published in four separate volumes. Each volume is spiral bound and includes corresponding transcribed obituaries from local newspapers and an index. Proceeds from the sale of the books will be used by the chapter to mark the graves of Revolutionary War patriots buried in Shepherdstown.

The first volume in the series, Vol 1, Part 1, August 20, 1897-December 31, 1900, is published and ready for sale! In addition to the transcribed undertaker records and corresponding obituaries, it also features a 26-page introduction focusing on Hoffman's undertaking business and a full-color map showing cemetery locations.

The records cover both black and white individuals from Shepherdstown, Kearneysville, Duffields, Uvilla, and Walper's and Moler's Cross Roads in Jefferson County, West Virginia. These records provide insight into small town funeral customs in addition to documentation for genealogy purposes.

The first volume in the series was donated to the Daughters of the American Revolution Genealogy Library in Washington, DC. Co-transcriber Dorrene Hale presented volume 1 to Telisa Wallace of the Washington County Free Library in Hagerstown, Maryland.



Dorrene Hale on right presents first published volume in the series to Telisa Wallace, Washington County Free Library, Hagerstown, Maryland

Chapter members attended the Eastern District meeting in Martinsburg on August 27th including Regent, Cindy Nicewarner; First Vice Regent and Eastern District Secretary-Treasurer, Lois Kimble; Treasurer, Katherine Genung; Registrar, Dorrene Hale; Chaplain, Kathy Sholl; and Susan Benson. The chapter was honored to receive several awards and enjoyed the delicious lunch and warm fellowship. Chapter members Joan Keller and



Mary Davis were remembered at the District Memorial Service following the meeting.



Susan Benson, Lois Kimble, Katherine Genung, Cindy Nicewarner, Dorrene Hale, and Kathy Sholl at the Eastern District Meeting.



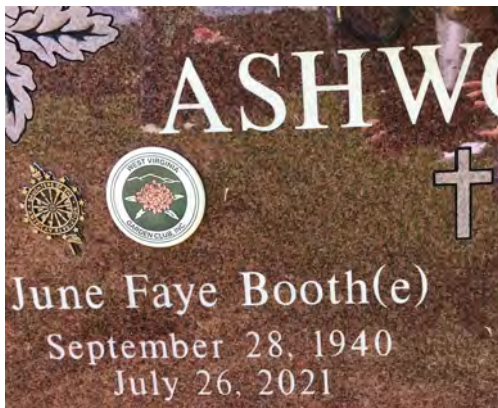
Westmoreland Chapter

On August 19, 2022, Westmoreland Chapter Daughters held a Marker Dedication Ceremony for Past Regent June Ashworth. Members were joined at the ceremony (led by Chaplain Linda LeMaster and Regent Stephanie Smith) by June’s husband, Jim; her brother, Gary Booth; and her two sisters, Maudie Karickhoff and Wilma Johnson. Following the dedication, everyone joined in singing “Amazing Grace”.



Linda Parsons, Linda LeMaster, Stephanie Smith

Stone showing insignia



Others attending were Treasurer Linda Parsons and her HODAR, Eugene; Registrar Wylma Skean; and Vice Regent Marilyn Oppenheimer, who is also Western District Director.



Westmoreland Daughters Linda Parsons, Linda LeMaster, Stephanie Smith, Wylma Skean, Marilyn Oppenheimer

From Westmoreland Chapter Regent Stephanie Smith

I want to tell everyone how blessed my family is. We have two new members to our family. Chiara from Italy (left) and Alba from Spain (right) will be spending the next school year with us. They already love it here in Wayne County and will be attending their first DAR meeting soon! If you’d like to send these young ladies a card to welcome them to America, you may do so c/o Stephanie Smith, 83 Dogwood Ct., Wayne, WV 25570-9808. Thanks!





Wheeling Chapter

It's an exciting time for the Wheeling Chapter! We met in June at beautiful Sandscrest Retreat Center. We welcomed new member, Donna DiCerio and collected donations for the Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center in Clarksburg. Our annual auction raised over \$100 for the Fort Van Metre monument restoration projection.



Wheeling Chapter Chaplain, Roseanna Keller, and new member, Donna DiCerio

Over the summer, Roseanna Keller, our Veterans Chair, delivered over \$700 worth of supplies, books, games, quilts and lap blankets to the VA Medical Center. The project was so well supported we hope to do it again in the fall and the spring next year. Our new Registrar, Cynthia Archer, got right to work and had 3 applications verified, 2 transfers and 1 supplemental application completed before the end of August. And our Second Vice Regent, Debi Smith, secured a \$1,500 grant for the Fort Van Metre project.

The fall will be a busy time for the Wheeling Chapter. We will be participating in Fort Henry Days on September 3rd and 4th, followed by Constitution Week and our first meeting on September 14th with Wheeling Mayor, Glenn Elliott, bringing us up to date on the city's historic preservation efforts. In October, we hope to have warm days to clean up the Madonna of the Trail for our day of service. Roseanna Keller and her writing partner, Gary Ryder, will be speaking at our October meeting on their new book about the

history of the Benwood Steel Mill. In November Bob Blake will be our special guest speaker at our Veterans Day meeting. Bob will be sharing his experience while serving in Vietnam.



Ye Towne of Bath Chapter

Ye Towne of Bath Chapter's Annual Tea Party in the Park

Ye Towne of Bath Chapter hosted its 3rd annual Tea Party in the Park on June 11, 2022. What a great success it was. Participants General Adam Stephen Chapter, WV Society, Sons of the American Revolution, demonstrated games such as Games of Grace which was a popular activity for girls created by the French in the 1800s, and Quoits which was a traditional game that involves the throwing of metal, rope or rubber rings over a set distance, usually to land over or near a spike (sometimes called a hob, mott or pin). These were popular games during the Revolutionary Era. The president of the General Adam Stephen Chapter, Marty Kessecker, also shared his great great grandmothers doll. William Henshaw Chapter, NSDAR, and Shenandoah Valley Chapter, NSDAR, brought delicious scones and dressing of the era. Steve French, historian, signed his novels such as *Rebels Chronicles* and shared his vast knowledge of history.

Tea Party in the Park was held to commemorate Flag Day. Chapter members dressed in Revolutionary-Era clothing; made scones, cakes, and cookies, as well as sweet and unsweetened tea; and distributed them free to the patrons. The chapter handed out packets with wooden flags, the Pledge of Allegiance, the Americans Creed, the





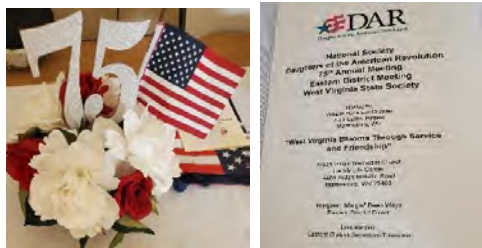
Pledge of Allegiance for the Deaf in American Sign, the Preamble to the Constitution of the United States of America, the Flag Code Booklet, and the Today's DAR Brochure. The great surprise was the chapter was honored by the distinguished guest, the Daughters of the American Revolution, West Virginia State, and incoming State Regent, Jane Larke. Fun was had by all. What a great success it was!



DISTRICT NEWS

Eastern District

75th Eastern District Meeting



The Eastern District 75th Meeting was held Saturday, August 27th at the Arden United Methodist Church Family Life Center, Martinsburg, WV. William Henshaw Chapter host welcomed fifty-eight WVDAR members during registration and provided a delightful continental breakfast followed by a wonderful catered lunch. Julia Gates, Regent for William Henshaw Chapter, brought greetings to the membership. All seven Eastern District chapters were represented by their regent.

Margie Ways, Eastern District Director, introduced WVDAR State Regent Jane Larke, State officers, State Committee chairs, and many other special guests attending the 75th Eastern District meeting. Eastern District business presented was to approve the revised



Sally Ann Greenfield, Bylaws Chair and Margie Ways, Eastern District Director presents Districts Bylaws

Eastern District Bylaws updated by committee members Sally Ann Greenfield and Debbie Popenoe. Sally Ann Greenfield, chair, presented the Eastern District Bylaw articles in a PowerPoint to the membership. After much discussion and a few changes, the bylaws were approved.

Jane Larke, State Regent, shared the projects and goals of our new President General, Pamela Rouse Wright, and her administration. The President General's pins and merchandise were shown that may be purchased to support her projects. Jane shared her WVDAR State projects of Past, Present and Future. The Eastern District looks forward to helping Jane meet the goals of these projects. Congratulations to all the Eastern District chapters on the many awards presented by Jane Larke, WVDAR State Regent, from East Central Division and the National Society. Thank you, Eastern District chapters, for your hard work and service to NSDAR!



Jane Larke, State Regent, presented Jerell Wright, Regent Shenandoah Valley, with a conservation award



Linda McGraw, Ye Towne of Bath, is presented an award by Jane Larke, State Regent. Sandra Isner-Johnson, Vice Regent, announced the awards.

DARlings Voices purchased by the members were very much appreciated. Eastern District chapters and members graciously donated the many wonderful items. The proceeds from the DARlings Voices were presented to our State Regent Jane Larke for her projects.



Susan Arnold and Katherine Genung catching up on WVDAR news.

Pictures by Carolyn Scheydt and Barby Frankenberry



The meeting concluded with an inspirational memorial service given by Shelley Hamilton, Chaplain William Henshaw Chapter, for the eleven Eastern District daughters that departed this life in the past year. We will remember them fondly for their DAR service and friendship.



Southern District

The Southern District meeting kicked off the 2022 district meetings across our state. We were honored to have 50 WVDAR ladies attending our meeting and helping to make it a joyous and fun-filled day. Everyone was very interested in the projects our new State Regent, Mrs. Jane Larke, brought to the table. Certificates and awards were presented to chapters and individuals and all together this was very exciting.

I want to thank everyone who attended and we hope to see you all again next year when the General Andrew Lewis Chapter will be hosting.

Samantha Shleser
Southern District Director



Western District

At the Western District Conference on July 30th, participants heard from Ms. Carolyn Kender and Mr. Jason Wyant. Kender, an archaeologist with the WV State Historic Preservation Office, referenced the fact that her office would very much appreciate receiving documentation of West Virginia graves. To receive a blank copy of the cemetery form, instructions, and an example of a

completed cemetery form, please email me (marilyn3_ky@yahoo.com) to request them and Ms. Kender's contact information. Please keep in mind that if your chapter has put together any books on cemeteries or patriot grave locations then those would be quite helpful to her office.

Wyant is the manager of The Fisher House located at the Hershel "Woody" Williams VAMC. If you are not familiar with The Fisher House, I welcome you to visit this page to learn more: <https://www.fisherhouse.org/programs/houses/current-houses/west-virginia-hershel-woody-williams-va-medical-center/>. It is the only one in our wonderful state!

State Regent Jane Larke's presentation was well received and the announcement of awards much appreciated! Our Western District Daughters voted to donate \$500.00 to Hindman Settlement School due to the recent flooding (from funds left over from the Veterans Home shelter project); some Daughters made personal contributions to The Fisher House; and Heather Harrison, Patty Young and April Norris shared that The Home Depot had awarded a sizeable grant for our Veterans Home shelter project.



Marilyn Oppenheimer, Western District Director, welcomes everyone to her first district meeting.



Unless indicated, all volunteers at the Veterans Home workday September 3rd were from the Kanawha Valley Chapter. Left to right, front: Carolyn Monk, Stacy Greathouse (DAV volunteer and prospective Kanawha Valley member), and Vanessa Ramey (Westmoreland); Back: Samara Harrison (CAR), Jessica Warner, April Norris, Heather Harrison, and Patty Young.



We are excited about what the future holds as we work together for God, Home and Country!

Marilyn Oppenheimer
Western District Director



Volunteers from Barboursville Home Depot, as well as Cpl. Adam Greathouse and DAV Chapter 5, Huntington, along with HODAR David Harrison put a huge dent in the work to be done at the Veterans Home shelter.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

118th WVDAR State Conference May 3-7, 2023
Canaan Valley Resort, Davis, WV

119th WVDAR State Conference April 5-7, 2024
Holiday Inn, Martinsburg, WV

120th WVDAR State Conference April 4-6, 2025
Bridgeport Conference Center at
Charles Pointe, Bridgeport, WV

From the Editor

I want to thank everyone who submitted articles for this edition of the *West Virginia DAR News*. I have enjoyed reading about your activities and encourage you to keep sending news to share with Daughters around the state as we "Bloom through Service and Friendship."

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