

## WVDAR STATE HISTORIAN

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Duties of the WVDAR State Historian include providing assistance to chapters by encouraging appreciation for American history; honoring Americans who have contributed significantly to promoting our history; and assisting members and chapters in finding ways to support historical knowledge and observances within their communities.

All members are encouraged to study and promote American history; work toward preserving historical structures and sites; mark the graves of Revolutionary War Patriots, wives, daughters, and Real Daughters; promote and assist with maintaining historical records; participate in efforts to support historic preservation; and recognize outstanding teachers of American history.

To help accomplish these goals, please explore the DAR Members' Web site at <https://members.dar.org/execs/histg.cfm>. Keep in mind that the National organization will continue to emphasize and celebrate "Our Patriots" as part of approaching America 250 observances. Chapters are encouraged to seek opportunities to honor our Patriots in their communities, during meetings, and through social media.

### Awards

Four award programs have been established to help chapters honor outstanding men and women who have contributed to the study and promotion of American history: the Outstanding Teacher of American History Contest; the DAR History Award Medal; the NSDAR Excellence in American History Book Award; and the NSDAR Excellence in American History Children's Book Award. Nomination guidelines and applications are available on the DAR Members' Web site.

- The Outstanding Teacher of American History Contest honors full-time teachers of American history or related fields for grades 5–12. The application form and instruction sheet are available on the DAR Members' Website. *WVDAR particularly encourages our chapters to participate in this recognition.*
- The DAR History Award Medal honors an individual or group whose study and promotion of American history on the state, regional, or national level has significantly advanced the understanding of America's past. The criteria for this award are strict. Nominees must demonstrate significant contributions beyond those required for any paid employment.
- The NSDAR Excellence in American History Book Award recognizes distinguished literary works of historical non-fiction or biographies. The focus of the book must be on

American History from the Early Colonial Period (1607) through the Federalist Period (1801). The award is administered by the Office of the Historian General and awarded at the national level only.

- The NSDAR Excellence in American History Children’s Book Award recognizes distinguished literary works of historical non-fiction or biographies for which children are the main audience (persons of ages up to and including fourteen). The focus of the book must be on American History from the Early Colonial Period (1607) through the Federalist Period (1801). The award is administered by the Office of the Historian General and awarded at the national level only.

## Markers

The NSDAR Historian General’s office manages approval and permission for markers honoring graves of Revolutionary War Patriots, wives, daughters, and Real Daughters, as well as for historical or commemorative markers. Specific documentation is required for each statement requested in a marker’s text.

The Historian General’s office reviews the text of each marker in detail to ensure accuracy. Any statement that cannot be verified will not be approved for inclusion. At least six months should be allowed for this process. Instruction sheets and application forms are available in Part II of the NIP and on the DAR Members’ Web site at [https://members.dar.org/publ\\_forms/?List=hist](https://members.dar.org/publ_forms/?List=hist).

## Resources

A selection of key resources available on the DAR National Web site are provided below. Some information is generally available to the public. DAR-specific information must be accessed through the Members portal. For more information, refer to the National Information Packet or contact the WVDAR State Historian.

- Historian General’s page: <https://members.dar.org/execs/histg.cfm>
- America 250! Patriots Marker Form (HG-7003):  
<https://www.dar.org/sites/default/files/members/darnet/forms/HG-7003.pdf>
- Application and Instructions for Permission to Place a DAR Historical or Commemorative Marker (HG-7002):  
<https://www.dar.org/sites/default/files/members/darnet/forms/HG-7002.pdf>
- DAR Chapter Property Agreement (HG-5000):  
<https://www.dar.org/sites/default/files/members/darnet/forms/HG-5000.pdf>
- Instructions and Official Application for Nominating a Teacher for the NSDAR Outstanding Teacher of American History Contest (HG-4000):  
<https://www.dar.org/sites/default/files/members/darnet/forms/HG-4000.pdf>