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State Recording Secretary

National Theme
“Rise and Shine for America”



*“Let your light shine before others that they may see your
Good deeds and glorify your father in heaven.”*

Matthew 5:16

State Theme
“Soar to New Heights”



“But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.

They will soar on wings like eagles;

They will run and not grow weary;

They will walk and not be faint.”

Isaiah 40:30

Fourteenth Edition of the of the West Virginia Triennial Proceedings is dedicated to the Daughters of the West Virginia State Society, NSDAR, and to the active duty men and women of our Armed Forces all over the world.

This compilation of Minutes and Reports is dedicated to all West Virginia Daughter who have given tirelessly and unselfishly of their time, energy, and talents to further the goals and objectives of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution.



Cheryl A. Brown
West Virginia State Regent

2019 – 2022



Denise Doring VanBuren
President General, NSDAR

2019 – 2022

**2019-2022 West Virginia State Regent's
Projects:**

**PHASE II: Refurbishing
West Virginia Peters Cottage
At Tamassee DAR School
Sandra Isner-Johnson, Chair**

**Genealogical, Burial and Service Data
For Revolutionary War Patriots
Buried in West Virginia
Mary Johnson, Chair**

Teaching children Cursive Writing

Jane Richards, Chair

WVDAR State Regent, Cheryl A. Brown

State Regent's Project

WV Peters Cottage at Tamasee DAR School

Cheryl Alexander Brown – State Regent

Sandra Isner-Johnson – State Chair

Committee Members – Sandra Isner-Johnson, Patricia

Goodwin, Brenda Shinkovich, Kelly Goodwin

WV Peters Cottage at Tamasee DAR School, 2020

The WV Peters Cottage Committee has been assigned, and has accepted, the challenge of refurbishing the cottage during this administration....and have we been busy. We started with studying information related to the cottage: the school's maintenance history (which wasn't much) and the very recent, thorough Inspection Report. We collected as much information as we could before our first Work Weekend over the Labor Day holiday in 2019. During this visit, we walked through the cottage evaluating what was needed; we cleaned outside in the flower beds and did some basic lawn maintenance; we cleaned out every cabinet and ALL of the windows. The evenings were spent preparing the Punch Lists and dividing them into phases: Phase I included items that would be done by a contractor (part 1) and items done by Tamasee Maintenance (part 2). Phase II, which is completely separate from Phase I, included items for the State Regent's Project. We spent hours comparing notes with the school representative to come up with the three complete lists. Once the lists were completed, the school representative provided three contractor bids which were presented to and discussed among the Executive Committee. On December 5, 2019, a contractor was selected. We had a second Work Weekend during Founder's Day activities (October 12 through 16, 2019). We freshened up the outside and placed some flowers and West Virginia decorations around the cottage to make it pleasant for the Founder's Day events. We did not have an open house this year as we were "under construction." The guest cottage was then closed after Founder's Day. The contractor began work the week before Christmas and Progress Reports were provided from the school approximately every two weeks as items were completed from the Punch Lists. An anonymous donation was provided for the cottage with a restriction for it to be used only for items on Phase I. Districts began fundraising for items included on Phase II – The State Regent's Project. A site visit/progress review was completed at the end of January 2020.

WV Peters Cottage at Tamasee DAR School, 2021

At the end of the first year of the Brown Administration, the WV Peters Cottage Committee along with the WV DAR Members completed 100% of the tasks in Phase I of the Cottage Project. We then moved on to Phase II which was the State Regent's project – the Refurbishment of WV Peters Cottage.

Then COVID-19 hit; which turned into a Pandemic; which stopped most of the country. But not our Daughters, we kept moving forward. We continued to sell the State Regent's pins and scarves. We also provided opportunities for members to have their name (or a loved one's name) on a Plaque by making donations to the State Regent's project. Pat Goodwin was over this fundraiser and reported that Central and Eastern Districts had 100% of their respective chapters that had donated \$100 or more for the State Regent's Project-Phase II. Donors included Officers, Honoraries, Districts, Chapters, and Members. These ladies provided donations to fill four plaques that will hang permanently in the Cottage. Our State Librarian, Sandy Cowan, continued to collect books for the WV Little Library which will be housed in the Cottage. These are books about West Virginia or by West Virginia authors. Also, we are still accepting items by WV artisans for donations to the Cottage.

The American Heritage Committee had a wall hanging contest where the winning entry's piece would be donated and will hang in the Cottage. The district adopted rooms to refurbish during Phase II: Eastern District adopted the Living Room; Central District adopted the Kitchen; Southern District adopted the Laundry Room and the State Regent's Room; Western District adopted Presley Wagoner's Room; and Northern District adopted the Front Bedroom.

As of this report, the Committee and the Members have completed 95% for Phase II of the Cottage Project. Along with the District rooms, new kitchen and bath towels were purchased that included embroidery of the cottage name and the WV State Flower, the Rhododendron. The Plantation Shutters were purchased and installed throughout the interior of the cottage. The old driveway was removed, and a new driveway was poured. The old sidewalk, which was original to the cottage, was removed and each stone was marked to insure the replacement as close as possible to the original location. In addition, the red brick pavers were replaced along the sides of the stone that would tie into the bricks on the new porch area. The porch bricks were replaced, the railings were replaced, and items were painted as needed.

The Rededication Ceremony for the Josephine C Peters Cottage, West Virginia Cottage is being planned for October 2021. Peters Cottage is listed as #26 for the contributing facilities of Tamassée DAR School on the National Register of Historic Places. As the Cottage will be 70 years old, we have obtained a historical marker from the NRHP and plan to recognize this during the ceremony.

WV Peters Cottage at Tamasee DAR School - 2022

At the end of the third year of the Brown Administration, the WV Peters Cottage Committee along with the WV DAR Members had already completed the tasks in Phase I of the Cottage Project. With the structural items finished, work continued the items in Phase II, which was the State Regent's project – the Refurbishment of WV Peters Cottage.

Each of the District sponsored rooms were now complete. The Living Room (Eastern District) received a new couch, chairs, lamps, side tables, behind the couch table, mirror, mantel, area rug and artwork. The front bedroom (Northern District) received a new wardrobe, area rug, freshly distressed painted furniture, benches and artwork. The Presley Wagoner bedroom (Western District) received new artwork, floor mirror, benches, and area rug. The State Regent bedroom (Southern District) received new bed, new mattress & box springs, freshly distressed painted desk, area rug, bench, floor mirror and artwork. Each bedroom received new linens, bedspreads, comforters, pillows, and decorative/throw pillows. The Laundry Room (also Southern District) received new cabinetry and mirror. The Kitchen (Central District) received new stove, refrigerator, table & chairs, Fiesta ware dishes, pots & pans, artwork, and area rug.

The Josephine C Peters WV Cottage sign was damaged by bore bees, so a new sign was purchased with material that will withstand the bees.

Our State Librarian, Sandy Cowan, continued to collect books for the WV Little Library which will be housed in the Cottage. These are books about West Virginia or by West Virginia authors.

Due to Covid, the Rededication Ceremony did not take place in October 2021. However, the marker from the National Register of Historical Places was placed on the outside of the cottage.

Also, the State Regent's project was recognized in May 2022 during the Awards Ceremony at Tamasee DAR School.

The Committee continued to do the annual maintenance review throughout the Cottage, inside and outside. Any maintenance or minor repairs were reported to the school so that would be fixed. Follow up continued to make sure that these items were completed, and repairs were made.

It has been a pleasure being the Chair for the WV Peters Cottage Committee during this Administration.

West Virginia Cottage at Tamassee DAR School Open House – May 16, 2022

On Monday, May 16, 2022, an Open House was held at **Josephine C. Peters – West Virginia Cottage** on the campus of Tamassee DAR School in Tamassee, South Carolina. The event was twofold: to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the cottage and to honor the districts' work on the WV State Regent's Project.

Constructed by the Ivy McNeil Dunan fund (Ohio), the cottage was dedicated on October 28, 1951, and rededicated as the **Josephine C. Peters – West Virginia Cottage** on October 16, 1993. A sunroom was added in honor of Presley Merritt Wagoner, President General, NSDAR, 2004-2007. October 2021 marked the 70th anniversary of the cottage and the WV State Society, NSDAR added a marker from the South Carolina Department of Archives and History to commemorate the cottage's placement on the National Register of Historic Places as a contributing structure. Due to Covid, the recognition had to be delayed until the Open House in May 2022.

The WV State Regent, Cheryl A. Brown, chose as her State Regent's Project to refurbish the original section of the cottage. Before the 'refurbishment' could take place, there were numerous items that needed to be addressed from the Inspection Report and Committee visits. This renovation work was identified as Phase I. Once completed Phase II began, which was to replace some furniture, furnishings, and decorations. Five of the rooms were sponsored by the five districts. Central District sponsored the kitchen; Eastern District, the living room; Northern District, the front bedroom; Southern District, the State Regent's room and laundry area; and Western District, Honorary President General Presley Wagoner's room. Many of the decorations were WV items made by WV artisans. Additionally, plantation shutters were added throughout the entire cottage, the front entrance was upgraded, the front walkway was completely reworked, and a new driveway was paved and widened. New landscaping was donated by Frank C. Khare, Jr.

Sandy Cowan, WV State Librarian, headed the drive to collect books either about WV or by WV authors. Donation labels were included in all volumes, which are now a part of the WV Little Library in the sunroom at Peters Cottage.

Invitations were designed by Katherine Genung, Pack Horse Ford Chapter, and sent out prior to the event. Approximately 25 adults and 40 children were in attendance. Hostesses included WV State Regent Cheryl Brown, State Chaplain and WV Peters Cottage Committee Chair Sandra Isner-Johnson, State Registrar Susan Arnold, State Librarian Sandy Cowan, State Historian Mary Johnson and General Andrew Lewis Chapter Treasurer Beverly Boswell. Among the guests were Libby Billham, Vice President General, NSDAR and Chairman of the Tamassee DAR School Board of Trustees; Wendy Brott and Martha Dyar, members of the Tamassee DAR School Board Trustees; Rev. Jon Holland, CEO,

Tamassee DAR School; Billy Deese, contractor; and many Tamassee DAR School personnel.

Refreshments were served to adults attending the Open House. After touring the cottage, each child received a snack bag and a gift bag filled with a DAR coloring book, crayons, and colorful bookmark from the WV State Society.



WVDAR Peters Cottage at Tamassee

Open House

May 2022

Cheryl Alexander Brown, State Regent
Sandra Cowan, Librarian; Susan Arnold,
Registrar, Sandra Isner-Johnson, State
Chaplain and WV Peters Cottage Chair;
Beverly Boswell, Gen. Andrew Lewis,
Treasurer; and Mary Johnson, State Historian.

West Virginia Peters Cottage at Tamasee





Western District



Northern District







WVDAR Little Library



GRACE WARD CALHOUN SUPPORTER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Congratulations to Cheryl A. Brown, WV State Regent for receiving the **Grace Ward Calhoun SUPPORTER OF THE YEAR AWARD** from Tamassee DAR School.

The **Grace Ward Calhoun Award** was created in memory of Tamassee's leading Founder and to honor an outstanding supporter of their beloved school.

The Rev. Jon Holland, **CEO** of Tamassee DAR School, made this announcement during the Awards Day ceremony –

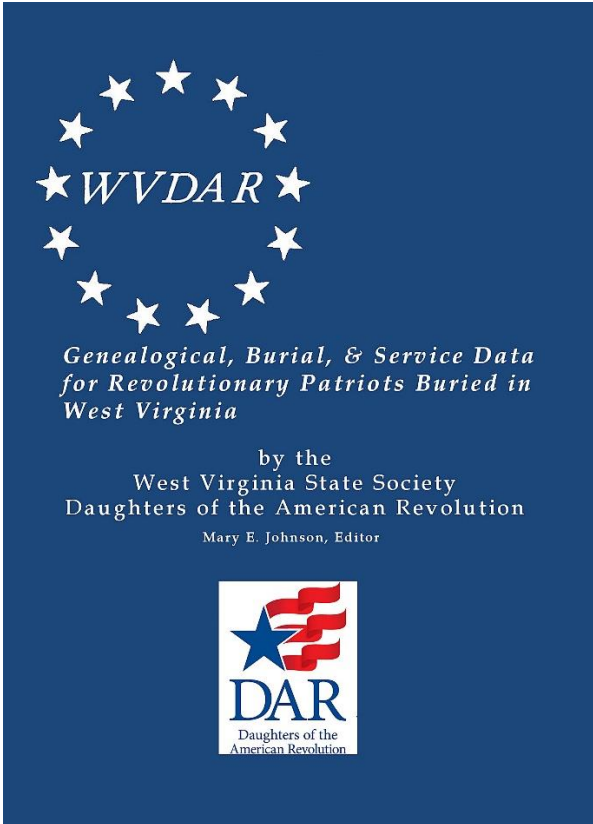
You have just heard about the incredible work Ms. Brown has done at the West Virginia Cottage. It took considerable courage for Cheryl to stay the course with this project and her support for Tamassee during a time when the allegiance of the DAR to Tamassee was changing. So, both for her outstanding generosity

to Peters Cottage and her devotion to Tamasee, I am pleased to award the **Grace Ward Calhoun Award for 2022** to Ms. Cheryl Brown.

State Regent's Project

Revolutionary War Patriots Buried in West Virginia

Mary Johnson, Chair

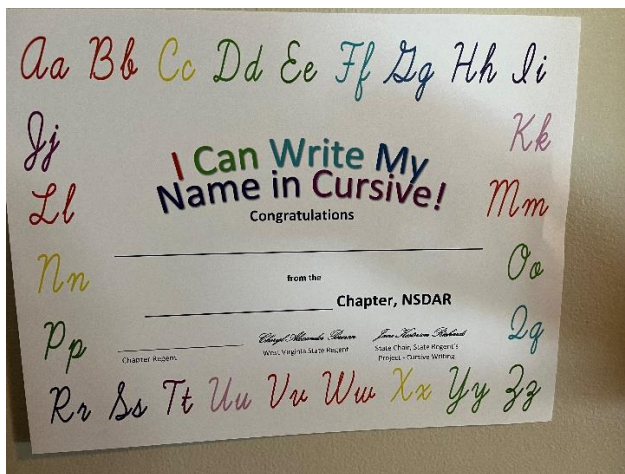


State Regent Cheryl Brown chose as one of her projects the compilation and publication of genealogical, burial, and service information on Revolutionary War patriots buried in West Virginia. Patterned after a similar project compiled several years ago by the Virginia Sons of the American Revolution, this project also was a perfect fit for the America 250! Activities encouraged by the National Society.

We started with knowledge that more than 2,000 DAR ancestors had been identified as dying in the state and that an unknown number of non-DAR patriots were buried as well. West Virginia Daughters began work in the heady days of the Fall of 2019, only to be sent scurrying home in 2020 as the pandemic took hold across the United State and brought closure of much needed facilities, blocking access to resources that were not online for months. Burial proved an insurmountable hurdle for roughly half of the patriots, because a few have graves just across the state line and many, too many, lie in unmarked and forgotten or destroyed graves. In addition, 7-8 percent of West Virginia patriots had been flagged with the dreaded “Future Applicants Must Prove Correct Service” that was a death knell for inclusion in the absence of providing alternative service. The absence of these and other persons in the state’s history to whom Revolutionary War service long has been ascribed but not proven will, no doubt, disappoint some.

By the time Cheryl Brown’s administration ended, daughters had demonstrated Revolutionary War service and identified burial, or probable burial sites for just over 970 patriots. Of these, more than 100 are non-DAR patriots. That means that about 40 percent of recognized DAR patriots buried in West Virginia are included in the final product, an accomplishment of which those who participated can be proud.

State Regent Cheryl Brown’s Project Teaching Children to Write Their Name in Cursive Writing Jane K. Richards, Chair



State Regent Cheryl Brown’s Cursive Handwriting Project distributed Certificates to students and adults who submitted a handwriting sample showing mastery of cursive handwriting. Submissions included scripture, The Preamble, and paragraphs from students about their favorite things. We hoped for better

participation but due to Covid and the schools being closed we did not have the submissions we hoped for. We were pleased to distribute certificates to those who participated.

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NATIONAL MEETINGS

2020-2022

129th Continental Congress: June 24 – June 28, 2020, Washington, D.C.

130th Continental Congress: June 30 – July 4, 2021 Washington, D.C.

131st Continental Congress: June 29 – July 3, 2022 Washington, D.C.

STATE CONFERENCE MEETINGS: 2019 - 2022

115th Bridgeport Conference Center at Charles Pointe, Bridgeport, Northern District, Hostesses, April 24-26, 2020

116th The Greenbrier: White Sulphur Springs, Southern District, Hostesses, March 12-14, 2021

117th Embassy Suites by Hilton, Charleston, Western District, Hostesses, April 1-3, 2022

Dates and locations for District Meetings will be announced

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2019 – 2022

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Senior Society President: Rebecca Davis

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Senior Society President: Carolyn Flinn

West Virginia DAR State Officers



2019-2022

Sandy Cowan, Librarian; Susan Arnold, Registrar; Margaret Ways, Organizing Secretary; Carolyn Kesterson, Recording Secretary; Jane Larke, Vice Regent; Cheryl A. Brown, State Regent; Sandra Isner-Johnson, Chaplain; Cynthia Nicewarner, Corresponding Secretary; Kelly Goodwin, Treasurer; Mary Johnson, Historian; Patricia Goodwin, Parliamentarian

MINUTES FOR THE

115th, 116th, and 117th

STATE CONFERENCES

2020 2021 2022

West Virginia State Society
of the National Society
Daughters of the American Revolution

WVDAR Executive Committee Teleconference Meeting

Thursday, August 15, 2019

The West Virginia State Society of the National Daughters of the American Revolution Executive Committee Meeting was opened with a prayer from State Chaplain Sandra Isner-Johnson.

West Virginia State Society of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution Teleconference was called to order at 8:00PM by State Regent Cheryl Brown. State Officers participating were Vice Regent, Jane Larke; Chaplain, Sandra Isner-Johnson; Recording Secretary, Carolyn Kesterson; Corresponding Secretary, Cynthia Nicewarner; Organizing Secretary, Margaret Ways; Treasurer, Kelly Goodwin; Registrar, Susan Arnold; Historian, Mary Johnson; Librarian, Sandy Cowan; and Parliamentarian, Patricia Goodwin. State Regent Brown asked the following to attend the Teleconference: Past State Vice Regent, Charla Nutter – present and Northern District Director, Mary Ellen Hunt – present.

A quorum was established.

The discussion centered on the State Regent's Projects for 2019-2022.

- (1) A book entitled Genealogical, Burial and Service Data for Revolutionary War Patriots buried in West Virginia.
- (2) The refurbishment of the WV Peters Cottage, at Tamassee DAR School
- (3) Teaching children to write their name in cursive from 2019 - 2022

Kelly Goodwin made a motion to adopt the State Regent's Proposed Project which includes creating a book entitled Genealogical, Burial and Service Data for Revolutionary War Patriots Buried in West Virginia. Mary Johnson seconded the motion. The Ayes have it. The recommendation was adopted.

Kelly Goodwin made a motion to adopt the State Regent's Proposed Project which includes the refurbishment of WV Peters Cottage at Tamassee DAR School. Cindy Nicewarner seconded the motion. The Ayes have it. The recommendation was adopted.

Kelly Goodwin made a motion to adopt the State Regent's Proposed Project which includes teaching children to write their name in cursive from 2019-2022. Margie Ways seconded the motion. The recommendation was adopted. Mary Johnson, Sandra Cowan, and Susan Arnold were asked to approve the Executive Committee Meeting minutes.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM by State Regent Cheryl Brown.

The minutes were approved by: Sandra Cowan, Susan Arnold and Mary Johnson. Carolyn Skidmore Kesterson, State Recording Secretary

Board of Management Meeting

Central District Meeting
Saturday, August 17, 2019
First United Methodist Church
Parsons, WV

West Virginia State Society, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, State Regent Cheryl Alexander Brown opened the Meeting of the State Board of Management, on August 17, 2019, at 2:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, Parsons, West Virginia.

The State Regent called the meeting of the Central District Board of Management Meeting to order and welcomed members. State Regent Brown appointed the following individuals to approve the Minutes of this Board of Management Meeting: Ruth Mooney, Regent, Elk River Chapter; Anne Smittle, Regent, Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans Chapter; and Vickie Baker, Regent, Tanners Cross Roads Chapter.

The State Recording Secretary, Carolyn Kesterson, called the roll of the West Virginia's National Officers, Past Vice President Generals, Honorary State Regents, State Officers, District Directors, and Chapter Regents. They responded as follows: National Officers – 0, Past Vice President Generals – 0, Honorary State Regents -0, State Officers -11, District Directors -1, Chapter Regents -14. The State Regent asked for and received verification from the State Recording Secretary that a quorum was present.

The State Regent asked for the three recommendations be read. Carolyn Kesterson State Recording Secretary read the Recommendations Advanced from the Executive Committee.

- Recommendation 1: That one of the State Regent's Projects for 2019-2022 will be compiling a book entitled Genealogical, Burial and Service Data for Revolutionary War Patriots Buried in West Virginia.

The State Recording Secretary moved the adoption of Recommendation 1. The State Regent stated that since the motion comes from the Executive Committee, it does not need a second. The motion was adopted.

- Recommendation 2: That one of the State Regent's Projects for 2019-2022 will be the refurbishment of West Virginia Peters Cottage at Tamassee DAR School.

The State Recording Secretary moved the adoption of Recommendation 2. The State Regent stated that since the motion comes from the Executive Committee, it does not need a second. The motion was adopted.

- Recommendation 3: That one of the State Regent's Projects for 2019-2022 will be teaching children to write their name in cursive.

The State Recording Secretary moved the adoption of Recommendation 3. The State Regent stated that since the motion comes from the Executive Committee, it does not need a second. The motion was adopted

State Regent Brown asked if there was any other business to be brought before the Board of Management. There was no further business.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

The minutes were approved by: Ruth Mooney, Anne Smittle and Vickie Baker.

Carolyn Skidmore Kesterson, State Recording Secretary

WVDAR State Executive Board Teleconference

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Present: Cheryl Brown, State Regent; Jane Larke, State Vice Regent; Sandra Isner-Johnson, State Chaplain; Cynthia Nicewarner, State Corresponding Secretary; Margaret Ways, State Organizing Secretary; Kelly Goodwin, State Treasurer; Susan Arnold, State Registrar; Mary Johnson, State Historian; Sandra Cowan, State Librarian; and Patricia Goodwin, State Parliamentarian.

Cheryl Brown, State Regent called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.

1. Peters Cottage at Tamassee DAR School – Sandra Isner-Johnson WV Peters Cottage is Contributing Property 26 for Tamassee DAR School – on National Register of Historic Places. A new historical plaque will be placed on the outside of the cottage in the future. The Cottage will be 70 years old in 2021, which may be a perfect time to coordinate the placement of the plaque.

The committee has spent a great deal of time reviewing the inspection report, the maintenance history; collecting information about the school and the cottage. In two work weekend trips to the cottage, committee members cleaned ALL the windows and sills (interior and exterior), cleaned out the kitchen and bathroom cabinets and closets, and worked in the flower beds and around the outside of the house. The committee also completed an in-depth inspection to determine what items should be included on the Punch Lists for each phase.

The 3 phases of this project: Phase I is related to construction, major maintenance and repair aspects of the cottage, based on items listed in June 2019 inspection report; Phase II is the State Regent's Project and is related to the refurbishment aspects of the cottage; Phase III is the walkway and driveway. Phases II and III will be discussed at a future date.

Phase I is broken down into two areas: items that will be completed by the contractors and items that will be completed by Tamassee Maintenance.

Tamassee Maintenance has already received their list and has started working on a few of the items. A new water heater was installed, chimney was capped, birds in chimney removed, fireplace sealed off, gutters cleaned, downspouts installed. Tamassee

Maintenance charges \$25.00 per hour for their work, less than a contractor would charge.

Jon Holland, who is interim CEO of the school is the point of contact with the contractors. Everything done to the property must go through Tamasee DAR School: all the work that is done, all bids that are collected, everything. The process of securing contractor's bids began in September and Sandra, the committee chair, has worked with Jon with the goal of securing three bids. For many reasons, this process has been delayed and to date, the committee has no secure bids from contractors to present to the State Executive Board for a vote.

Jane Larke made a motion to wait for three secure bids and schedule a teleconference for a vote at that time. The motion was seconded by Sandra Cowan. It was unanimously approved.

The committee will attempt to secure bids by mid-December.

Cheryl Brown extended her sincere appreciation to Sandra Isner-Johnson for her hard work on this project and her diligence in pursuing contractor bids.

2. Continuation of Charter Communication Cable Service at WV Peters Cottage at Tamasee – Kelly Goodwin, State Treasurer

WVDAR pays the Charter Communication cable bill for the WV Peters Cottage at Tamasee which is \$38.62 per month. The State Society also pays for One Tone which costs \$72.19 per month that covers broadband, Wi-Fi, Internet and phone service. Kelly advised that we must keep the broadband service but with Internet and Wi-Fi, cable service was not really needed.

Jane Larke made a motion to cancel Charter Communications cable service for the cottage. Susan Arnold seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

3. Clarification of WVDAR social media Policy – Jane Larke

WVDAR has no formal policy regarding social media. Ericka Chevront, State VIS Chair asked the Board for clarification regarding two specific items on National DAR social media Policy: associate members access to private DAR Facebook groups and chapter advertising on the WVDAR private Facebook page.

Kelly Goodwin made a motion that WVDAR allow Associate members access to private Facebook pages or other private social media platforms. Mary Johnson seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

It was noted in the discussion that while Ericka Chevront has access to e-membership and can check on memberships status of people requesting to join members. Chapter Regents should be encouraged to provide Ericka with a list of their Associate members, and those that drop (so the dropped Associates could be removed from the group).

Cynthia Nicewarner made a motion that WVDAR allow chapters and the State Society to publicize fundraisers on the WVDAR private Facebook page of other private social media platforms. Margaret Ways seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

WVDAR Obligation to Sponsor the WVDAR State Box for refurbishment and WV State Seal replacement for the DAR Constitution Hall Project – Cheryl Brown

The President General’s Project is “DAR Constitution Hall: The Next Act” which is the completion of the refurbishment of Constitution Hall. Each state is expected to fund the refurbishment of their State Box in Constitution Hall (\$5,000) and cover the cost of a State Seal replacement (\$2,500) for a total cost of \$7,500 during the Van Buren Administration. The funds were not required immediately; however, each State Regent is expected to sign a pledge agreement for the funds by December 3, 2019.

Mary Johnson made a motion for Cheryl Brown, WV State Regent, to sign the pledge agreement for \$7,500. Sandra Isner-Johnson seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Cheryl Brown will contact State Honorary Regents to ask for their support for the State Box and Seal Fund. Chapters will not be solicited for funds as they are already burdened with enough obligations. Unrestricted funds will be used to fund this project.

Cheryl Brown, State Regents, adjourned the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Nicewarner, WVDAR Corresponding Secretary

WVDAR Executive Committee Meeting

Thursday, December 5, 2019

Teleconference

West Virginia State Society of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution State Regent Cheryl Alexander Brown called the Executive Teleconference Meeting to order at 8:00 p.m., Thursday, December 5, 2019. The State Regent presented the Roll Call: State Regent - Present; State Vice Regent – present; State Chaplain – present; State Recording Secretary – present; State Corresponding Secretary – present; State Organizing Secretary – absent; State Treasurer – present; State Registrar – present; State Historian – present; and State Parliamentarian – present.

State Regent Brown appointed the following Officers to review and approve the minutes of the last meeting - Sandra Isner-Johnson, Jane Larke, and Kelly Goodwin - and report to State Regent Brown. State Regent Brown also appointed Sandra Isner-Johnson, Mary Johnson and Susan Arnold to review the minutes of this meeting and report to State Regent Brown and State Recording Secretary Carolyn Kesterson.

State Regent Brown stated that the meeting tonight is about the bids for the West Virginia Peters Cottage at Tamasee DAR School. Everyone should have received a copy of bids previously. Sandra Isner-Johnson reported on the bids

from three contractors. McGuire Renovations and CDI – Construction Design Interiors have done work for Tamassee before. Discussion ensued on differences of Contractors bids. A motion was made by Vice Regent Jane Larke and seconded by State Corresponding Secretary Cindy Nicewarner “To accept the bid #1 from Billy Deese for \$34,505. plus 6% tax as long as Jon Holland checks on Mr. Deese’s quality of work and references and the contract with Mr. Deese is acceptable to Tamassee DAR School.” The motion passed. The Cottage is to be opened May 1, 2020 if work is completed.

State Regent Brown gave homework for the next teleconference: Ideas on how to shorten Saturday night at WVDAR State Conference. The next teleconference is scheduled for January 16, 2020.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Carolyn Skidmore Kesterson, State Recording Secretary

Minutes approved 12/16/19 by: Jane Larke, Sandra Isner-Johnson and Kelly Goodwin.

WVDAR Executive Committee Meeting

Thursday, January 16, 2020

Teleconference

West Virginia State Society of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution State Regent Cheryl Alexander Brown called the Executive Teleconference Meeting to order at 8:02 p.m., January 16, 2020. The State Regent presented the roll call: State Regent – present; State Vice President – present; State Chaplain – present; State Recording Secretary – present; State Corresponding Secretary – present; State Organizing Secretary – present; State Treasurer – present; State Registrar – present; State Historian – present; State Librarian – absent; State Parliamentarian – present. A quorum was established.

State Regent Brown appointed the following Officers to review and approve the minutes: Cynthia Jones Nicewarner, Jane Jacobs Larke, and Margaret Bean Ways.

The discussion for the teleconference centered on the State Conference. The Call to Conference has been sent out. More rooms have been added to the block. The main discussion in the Business Session will be the Bylaws. The Bylaws Committee has been working very hard and we will probably have a session in February on this. The speakers for the Conference will be Mary Frisch, National Chairman for CDRC on Friday evening and Jason Eller who is Development Officer of Tamassee DAR School on Saturday evening. We will recognize all teachers on Friday evening. On Saturday evening we will honor select Chapters on work well done, major donors of Tamassee and the work that has been done.

The State Regent asked Executive members how we could shorten the banquet. Cynthia Nicewarner spoke on how much easier the drawings for the Baskets and the Voices were the previous year. Having them drawn ahead of time saved so much time. Susan Arnold also voiced the same idea. Jane Larke asked if we could rotate the Regent’s report with the Chairman’s reports. Maybe the Host Chapter could alternate their report to next year. Perhaps we could move some of the reports to Saturday afternoon instead of Saturday evening as it could save

some time. State Regent Brown stated that the Scrapbook/Press Book has been moved to Sunday morning. She feels that Chapter Regents and delegates need to be given something to do to keep them at Conference. Patricia Goodwin stated that as previous State Recording Secretary with 20 or more pages to type for Sunday morning the meeting needs to be shortened. Many additional pages make for a long night.

Margaret Ways suggested Regents send their reports electronically. To recognize the Regents at the banquet she suggested as the Regents enter, they introduce themselves and their Chapter. Cynthia Nicewarner suggested that Chapter Regents present one slide showing something their Chapter has done while introducing themselves and their Chapter. The picture could be given to Ericka Chevront to display on the screen behind the presenter. The Chapter members should stand when their Chapter Regent introduces herself and gives Chapter name. As each presenter introduces herself the picture will change. Everyone agreed on this recommendation. State Regent Brown suggested the cutoff time for Saturday dinner, our speaker, singing and announcements would be at 10:00 p.m. All Executive Committee members agreed on this suggestion.

Regent Brown talked about the Business Session for Saturday. Almost every report has to do with Education this year. These are before and after the meeting.

The following is a list of minutes allowed: State Committee Chairmen – 2 minutes; District Directors – 2 minutes; State Officers – 2 minutes. The following officers be allowed longer due to reports: Treasurer - State of Finances, State Regent – State Regent’s Project, Historian – Patriot Book, Chaplain – Tamassee DAR School.

We have been collecting money for the past 2-3 years for Scholarships for Seniors at Tamassee. We have collected \$400. Deloris Nelson, School Chair, and Patricia Goodwin, State Parliamentarian will be selling voices for Tamassee for students at State Conference. There is one graduating senior. Discussion will be held on how money is distributed.

Patricia Goodwin, Parliamentarian, spoke on 23 pages of revisions of the by-laws to comply with National By-laws. There are 18 Articles and there is a change in every Article. There will be an overview of the By-laws at the Executive Committee and the Board of Management meeting. This will give the Committee information, and this would help with questions. Regent Brown is asking Sally Ann Greenfield to present by-laws at the State Conference. Patricia Goodwin suggested that we make copies of the By-laws to give to the delegates. Carolyn Kesterson suggested that the by-laws and all copies for the Conference be put in a packet and given to the delegates when they sign in. This would be By-laws, Finance Report, Budget, Historian’s Patriot Book, and Constitution Hall Project. We will make 175 copies. It is suggested the Awards be put in packets to save time.

State Regent Brown was checking on the screen at Conference and Patricia Goodwin requested we make sure that the font can be seen in the back of the room.

State Regent Brown spoke on the State Regent “Soar to New Heights” pin. The price for the pin has been set at \$30. The price for the scarf is \$30. We can

give a \$5 deal on pin and scarf. State Regent Brown sent us a e-picture of the pin and it is beautiful.

State Regent Brown said three things need to be done before Conference.

1. Audit results and letter
2. District meetings – what kind of training
3. Bylaws

The next teleconference will be held on Feb. 6 at 8:00 p.m. The topic will be District meetings. Our homework is: What should we have for training for District meetings?

The Central District meeting will be held August 1st at Fairmont and we will have an Executive Committee meeting.

Regent Cheryl Brown had good news. WVDAR gained members for 2019. Malinda (Mindy) Davis, Vice President General and Honorary State Regent, paid our Pledge of \$1,000 plus \$250 for the President General's project. Mindy will be given credit for her Vice President General's project.

State Regent Brown adjourned the meeting at 9:12 p.m.

Minutes approved by: Cindy Nicewarner, Jane Larke, Margie Ways.

Carolyn Skidmore Kesterson, State Recording Secretary

WVDAR Executive Committee Meeting

Thursday, February 6, 2020

Teleconference

West Virginia State Society of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution State Regent Cheryl Alexander Brown called the Executive Teleconference Meeting to order at 8:02 p.m. on February 6, 2020. The State Regent presented the roll call: State Regent - present; State Vice Regent - present; State Chaplain - present; State Recording Secretary - present; State Corresponding Secretary - present; State Organizing Secretary - present; State Treasurer - present; State Registrar - present; State Historian - present; State Librarian - present; State Parliamentarian - present. A quorum was established.

State Regent Brown appointed the following Officers to read and approve the minutes: Sandra "Sandy" Cowan, Jane Jacobs Larke and Kelly Gainer Goodwin.

State Regent Brown made the following announcements:

1. All Chapters finished the Master Report on time without any questions or problems.
2. The State Regent of Virginia gave WVDAR two boxes of Genealogically related books from West Virginia and Maryland. They had been withdrawn from the National DAR library. Sandra Cowan will be put in charge of finding places for these books. She was asked to contact Brenda Chevront for help. There may be 1 or 2 books that may be needed for Tamasee Cottage. Hackers Creek is also being contacted to see if they would want some of these books. Sandra Cowan was given a phone number to contact Hacker's Creek.
3. On Feb. 7 there will be a mailing of the newly revised Call to Conference via mail per West Virginia State Bylaws.

Old Business: Sandra Isner-Johnson spoke on West Virginia Peters Cottage at Tamasee DAR School. A bid was previously accepted from Billy Deese for \$34,505. This contract is between Mr. Deese and Tamasee DAR School. Mr. Deese references, and work were acceptable to Tamasee. Tamasee agreed to accept payments in three increments instead of two. A payment was made of \$11,501.67 on Dec. 11, 2019. Work was started about a week before Christmas. Another payment of \$11,501.67 was made and it was confirmed on Jan. 17, 2020. The final payment will not be sent until work is completed.

Regent Cheryl Brown and Sandra Isner-Johnson visited Tamasee School on January 25th, 2020, to check on the progress of the work. They met with Jon Holland and another man from Tamasee. A walk through was done and work was being completed on the punch list. There was evidence found of past termite damage which they were not aware of. There is also a flea infestation. A trip was made to Lowes to pick out the appliances, counter tops, tile, lighting and paint. A Change order was submitted with the following changes: \$400 for fireplace; \$250 for tile to be placed under the washer and dryer in the laundry room; \$250 for lights that needed to be replaced with recessed lighting; and \$150 to secure the shower floor where the unit wasn't secure underneath. The kitchen cabinets will have to be reconfigured due to the new kitchen appliances being higher than the previous appliances. They were hoping to have the charge for reconfiguration done before the meeting. The change order is for \$1,050 to make these changes. Vice Regent Jane Jacobs Larke made a motion to accept the change order for \$1,050. State Librarian Sandra Cowan seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Regent Cheryl Brown and Tamasee Chair Sandra Isner-Johnson held a discussion on the front door of the cottage and the door on the Sunroom. These doors are different sizes. Neither door has a screen door and they do not provide much safety. The sunroom door is plastic. The front door is wood. Neither door has a window or peep hole in them. The doors that were found at Lowes were \$399 each. The screen doors were \$175 each. The new doors are metal insuring more safety. The shutters across the front of the Cottage are very faded. They are hoping to get them painted with the same color as the paint for the doors. We are waiting for prices from Tamasee and the contractor. The State is hoping to submit a grant for the walkway. Tamasee School is on the Historical Registry. We are wanting to keep the walkway stone. The driveway is falling apart, and we are trying to get a quote for this. There has been an infestation of fleas at the Cottage and all the members who stayed at there had gotten bug bites. The Cottage was treated in 2019 and the cost was \$95. The treatment could be done after the work is finished but before appliances are put in. Jon Holland from Tamasee said that they preferred that people staying in the Cottage not bring any animals except for Service animals. Prices will be checked on for these problems.

Regent Brown asked for New Business for the Executive Committee. Discussion was about training at our District meetings and how we can help our Chapters. Vice Regent Jane Larke said that there are still many questions from Chapter Regents concerning the Master Report. Regent Brown suggested that we have four (4) break-out sessions at our District meetings. They will be: Treasurers;

Registrars - PMD; Chapter Master Reports - Regents; and Committees. Officers in breakouts are: Treasurers – Kelly Goodwin and Patricia Goodwin; Registrars – Susan Arnold and Cheryl Brown; Regents – Chapter Master Report- Sandra Cowan, Cynthia Nicewarner, Mary Johnson, and Margaret Ways; Committees – Jane Larke, Carolyn Kesterson, and Sandra Isner-Johnson.

Regent Brown gave us the dates for the District meetings. Southern District is July 18 at Jesse, WV; Northern District is July 25 – Col. William Lowther Chapter; Central District is Aug. 1 at Fairmont; Western District is Aug. 15 at Edgewood Country Club, Charleston; and Eastern District is Aug. 22 at Moorefield.

The Districts are being asked to raise \$2,500 for the State Regent’s Project. There will be a teleconference with the District Directors first before it is taken to the Chapters.

The next teleconference will be March 19, 2020.

The teleconference adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Carolyn Skidmore Kesterson, State Recording Secretary

The minutes were read and approved by: Sandy Cowan, Jane Larke, and Kelly Goodwin.

WVDAR Executive Committee Meeting

Thursday, March 19, 2020

Teleconference

West Virginia State Chaplain Sandra Isner-Johnson led the West Virginia State Society, Daughters of the American Revolution in prayer.

West Virginia State Society of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution State Regent Cheryl Alexander Brown called the Executive Teleconference Meeting to order at 8:00 p.m., March 19, 2020. The State Regent presented the roll call: State Regent, Cheryl Brown – present; State Vice Regent, Jane Jacobs Larke – present; State Chaplain, Sandra Isner-Johnson – present; State Recording Secretary, Carolyn Skidmore Kesterson – present; State Corresponding Secretary, Cynthia Jones Nicewarner – present; State Organizing Secretary, Margaret Bean Ways – present; State Treasurer, Kelly Gainer Goodwin – present; State Registrar, Susan Glasscock Arnold – present; State Historian, Mary Edith Johnson – present; State Librarian, Sandra Cowan – present; State Parliamentarian, Patricia McKown Goodwin – present. State Regent Brown asked the following to attend the Teleconference: Past State Regent, Charla Louise Nutter – present; and Northern District Director, Mary Ellen Jackson Hunt – present. State Regent Brown thanked Charla Nutter and Mary Ellen Hunt for Co-Chairing the State Conference. A quorum was established.

State Regent Brown thanked the Executive Board for “Hanging Tough” during these uncertain times with the COVID-19. She expressed special thanks to Honorary State Regent Charla Nutter and State Parliamentarian Patricia Goodwin for their hard work in preparation for this meeting and State Vice Regent Jane Larke for her sage advice.

State Regent Brown appointed the following Officers to review and approve the minutes: Mary Johnson, Sandra Cowan, and Margaret Ways.

State Regent Brown discussed New Business.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Executive Committee needs to make two decisions.

1. Postpone the 115th WVDAR State Conference to August 28-30, 2020, or cancel the conference.

Background: Charla Nutter has met with Bridgeport Conference Center and Wingate personnel. Due to the national and state emergency declarations, there are no charges or penalties regardless of whether we vote to postpone or cancel the Conference. She has booked the Conference Center for August 28-30, 2020, for the Conference, but we can still vote to cancel the conference by May 15th, 2020.

If we vote to postpone the conference:

a) Each individual will need to cancel and rebook reservations at the Wingate by Wyndham, Bridgeport, WV.

a. Call 304-808-1000 and request the group code **DAR**

b) Checks accompanying meal reservations will be deposited and only those who decide not to attend the rescheduled conference will receive a refund.

c) On March 20, 2020, the State Regent will notify the membership via email and

Facebook of new date and a), b), e), f), g), h), i) and 2. Below

d) The Bridgeport Conference Center at Charles Pointe will issue a new contract, which the State Regent will sign.

e) The State Regent will notify conference guests, dignitaries, color guard, pages and sponsors of award recipients of the change in date.

f) The State Regent will issue a new Call to Conference by 1 Jul 2020

a. As required by the WVDAR Bylaws, State Officers; Honorary State Regents; State Chairs; District Directors; and Chapter Regents will receive a copy via USPS.

b. All others will receive a copy via email and WVDAR Facebook page.

c. Contents will include new schedule and due dates, meal reservation form, information on speakers and proposed WVDAR Bylaws amendments.

State Regent Cheryl Brown asked Patricia Goodwin – State Parliamentarian to speak on what she had found out with talking to National Parliamentarian, Linda Hardin Sehrt, PRP. The State Parliamentarian asked the National Parliamentarian if the Proposed Bylaws could be resent with the new Call to Conference. The amendment is specifically regarding the Executive Committee and the State Board of Management and meetings. The Bylaws committee is going to meet and look at the need for a contingency plan since there is no provision in the Bylaws for a national or state emergency like this. The National Parliamentarian stated that we would be within the timeline if we had a postponed meeting and new Bylaws were resent with the new Call to Conference.

g) The State Chair of the Credentials Committee will mail new Credentials forms which will be due back to her by August 14, 2020.

h) The report submission date will remain the same, March 21, 2020.

i) The Executive Committee will review the State Society's budgets for the new fiscal year, which begins on July 1, 2020, at a meeting via teleconference on May 7, 2020. The President General stated that the State Regent could call a special emergency meeting using technological methods; however, due to limitations of the WVDAR Bylaws as currently written, the State Board of Management cannot meet using such methods and would not be able to vote on the budget until the rescheduled WVDAR State Conference. If approval is not given until State Conference, no unrestricted funds could be spent between July 1, 2020, and August 28, 2020, although there is usually no need to use unrestricted funds during the summer. The National Parliamentarian has told us we need to stick with our Bylaws. Because the Bylaws allow the Executive Committee to meet by teleconference, a special emergency meeting will be held on June 4, 2020, with everything mailed before that date. A motion was made by Jane Larke and seconded by Margaret Ways to contact each member of the Board of Management to get their approval in writing for the Executive Committee to approve the budget for the upcoming year. The vote was taken, and the vote was unanimously approved.

If we vote to cancel the conference:

- a) On March 20, 2020, the State Regent will notify the members via email and Facebook of cancellation.
- b) The State Regent will notify conference guests, dignitaries, Color Guard, Pages and Sponsors of award recipients of cancellation.
- c) The State Treasurer will return all of the meal reservation checks.
- d) The report submission date will remain the same: March 21, 2020.
- e) A face-to-face meeting of the State Board of Management will be required to approve budgets for the new fiscal year. The meeting will occur after a district meeting if they are held. If they are not held, the meeting will be held sometime during the summer.
- f) The proposed Bylaws amendments will be considered at the WVDAR State Conference in 2021, when the President General visits.
- g) We will consider fundraising strategies. Should we have a virtual auction like some States are having?

A motion was made by State Vice Regent Jane Larke to postpone the 115th State Conference until August 28-30, 2020. The motion was seconded by State Historian Mary Johnson. Margaret Ways expressed concern that we would have to pay a penalty if we canceled. Susan Arnold agreed with Margaret Ways but wanted to know if we could do without a penalty. Discussion was held on the subject. Kelly Goodwin, State Treasurer expressed a thought on having a one-day Conference to take care of business such as our Bylaws and Budget. Kelly suggested having a one-day Conference at Jackson Mills. With all of the social distancing and all of the additional expense for State Conference next year this

was just a suggestion. Charla Nutter looked through the papers and found that we had until the 15th of May to decide to cancel. State Regent Brown called for a vote on the motion. Jane Larke amended her original motion. Jane Larke made a motion to postpone the 115th State Conference until August 28-30 with the caveat to be able to cancel by May 15, 2020. Mary Johnson seconded the motion. An All-Call vote was called. All Officers voted aye. The motion to postpone the Conference to August 28-30 with the possibility of canceling by May 15th passed.

2. Conduct District Meetings as currently scheduled with caveat that the Executive Committee will reassess the decision in June 2020 – or cancel them.

Mary Johnson voiced that the ladies of the Districts are more inclined to go to District meetings than to State Conference. Mary Ellen Hunt, Northern District Director agreed with Mary. She stated that a lot of the ladies go the District meetings and don't go to State meetings. Jane Larke voiced that we get many things done with the Districts. Jane Larke made a motion to go along with District meetings if possible and they can be canceled at a later date if needed. Mary Johnson seconded. Sandy Cowan called for the question. The vote was called. The vote was unanimous.

Other New Business:

3. If the Conference is postponed, vote on proposed 115th WVDAR State Conference Standing Rules. Discussion was made on the subject. Susan Arnold made a motion to accept the Standing Rules for the 115th State Conference. Margaret Ways seconded the motion. State Regent Brown called for the question. The vote was unanimous ayes.
4. The next subject was the audit of past year's financial records. What needs to be done with cancelled checks? The previous State Treasurer, Cheryl Brown, sent the Treasurer's records to the WVDAR Archives at Marshall University with destruction date instructions on the front of each group of records.

The next teleconference will be April 16, 2020. Another conference is scheduled for May 7, 2020.

TASKS:

Carolyn and Jane – Carolyn, please email Jane a list of who has and hasn't submitted reports. Jane, as we discussed earlier today, please follow-up with State Chairs that have not submitted reports.

Jane – Consider asking State Chairs to provide a short list of what WVDAR members can do from home during the pandemic for dissemination to the membership.

Kelly – Please coordinate with Vice President General Mindy Davis to obtain all of the checks and deposit them (or return them if vote is to cancel the state conference).

Kelly – Please coordinate with the Finance Committee to see that the budgets are available to the Executive Committee by May 1, 2020.

Pat – Please continue working with the Bylaws Committee to streamline decision making processes in times of emergency.

Cindy – (if conference is postponed) please find a business to print the conference program).

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 by State Regent Brown

Carolyn S. Kesterson, State Recording Secretary

The minutes were approved by: Mary Johnson, Margaret Ways, and Sandra Cowan

WVDAR Executive Committee Emergency Meeting

Saturday, April 18, 2020

WVDAR State Regent, Cheryl Alexander Brown, emailed, April 18, 2020, all members of the Executive Committee to present a recommendation by State Treasurer Kelly Gainer Goodwin: A recommendation has been made to move \$3,000 (three thousand dollars) from the WV Room at Memorial Continental Hall Certificate of Deposit, which has now become due April 23, 2020, to the WVDAR Checking account. The Certificate of Deposit balance is \$18,723.91 and the \$3,000 (three thousand dollars) transfer would make the balance of the Certificate \$15,723.91 at an interest rate of .9% when reinvested. The funds moved to the checking account would be temporarily restricted, which means they could only be spent on the WV Room at Memorial Continental Hall.

The State Parliamentarian stated that a motion is not a recommendation to be presented before the entire body. It is a recommendation within the Executive Committee.

Vice Regent, Jane Jacobs Larke, made a motion to accept State Treasurer, Kelly Gainer Goodwin's recommendation to move \$3,000 (three thousand dollars) from the WV Room at Memorial Continental Hall's Certificate of Deposit to the WVDAR checking account. State Registrar, Susan Glasscock Arnold, seconded the motion. A vote was called by State Regent Brown to transfer \$3,000 from the Certificate of Deposit for the WV Memorial Constitution Hall to the checking account of the WVDAR checking account. State Regent – aye, State Vice Regent – aye, State Chaplain – aye, State Recording Secretary – aye, State Corresponding Secretary – aye, State Organizing Secretary – aye, State Treasurer – aye, State Registrar – aye, State Historian – aye, State Librarian – aye. State Regent Cheryl Brown informed State Recording Secretary Carolyn Kesterson on Sunday, April 19, 2020, that the motion passed. State Regent Brown thanked the ladies for a prompt response.

Addendum # 1. The Memorial Continental Hall Certificate of Deposit balance is \$18,897.62. The change is due to interest in the amount of \$ 173.71. That would make the Certificate balance \$ 15,897.62 after the \$3000 (three thousand dollars) transfer into the WVDAR checking account.

Addendum # 2. The reinvested interest rate is .70% for seven months.

These addendums were added April 21, 2020, and information provided by State Treasurer Kelly Goodwin and State Regent Cheryl Brown per their conversation.

Carolyn S. Kesterson, State Recording Secretary

WVDAR Executive Teleconference Committee Meeting

Thursday, May 7, 2020

The West Virginia State Chaplain Sandra Isner-Johnson led the West Virginia State Society of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution in prayer on the National Day of Prayer.

West Virginia State Society of the National Society of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution State Regent Cheryl Alexander Brown called the Executive Teleconference Meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. May 7, 2020. The State Regent presented the roll call: State Regent, Cheryl Brown – present; State Vice Regent, Jane Jacobs Larke – present; State Chaplain, Sandra Isner-Johnson – present; State Recording Secretary, Carolyn Skidmore Kesterson – present; State Corresponding Secretary, Cynthia Jones Nicewarner – present; State Organizing Secretary, Margaret Bean Ways – present; State Treasurer, Kelly Gainer Goodwin – present; State Registrar, Susan Glasscock Arnold – present; State Historian, Mary Edith Johnson – present; State Librarian, Sandra Cowan – present; and State Parliamentarian, Patricia McKown Goodwin – present. Guests for the teleconference were Charla L. Nutter – Honorary State Regent and Regent of Col. William Lowther Chapter and Mary Ellen Hunt – Northern District Director and Regent of Blennerhassett Chapter. These ladies are Co-Chairs of the 115th State Conference. A quorum was established.

State Regent Brown appointed the following Officers to review and approve the minutes: Cynthia Jones Nicewarner, Margaret Bean Ways, and Mary Edith Johnson.

West Virginia State Regent Cheryl A. Brown started the teleconference with Old Business.

Old Business:

1. Vote on whether to go forward with district meetings in 2020. We need to decide whether to do virtual, cancel or go forward with the meetings. Southern District has decided and voted NOT to have a District meeting. Discussion ensued. Sandra Cowan voiced the fact that rooms are too small for social distancing. Margaret Ways asked about virtual meetings. Mary Ellen Hunt spoke of rooms being too small because of additional or late registrations. Jane Jacobs Larke made a motion to NOT have District meetings through the year 2020. Sandra Cowan seconded the motion. The motion is we NOT have District Meetings during 2020. The vote was taken, and it was unanimous ayes.
2. Vote on whether to go forward with the 115th WVDAR State Conference, August 28-30, 2020

Mary E. Johnson voiced that per the West Virginia Governor James Justice and the State Conference it is highly unlikely that we will be allowed to have large groups together. Margaret Ways and Sandra Cowan voiced that they felt the same way. Sandra Isner-Johnson talked on the aspect of cleaning between each meeting. Jane Larke made a motion to NOT hold the 115th WVDAR State Conference in

person this year due to the pandemic. Kelly Goodwin seconded the motion. The motion is that we NOT have the State Conference in person. The vote was taken. The motion was unanimous to NOT have the State Conference for 2020. Cynthia Nicewarner voiced the fact that this vote was painful. Other Officers shared her voice. This sometimes is the only time we all get together in the State and it was painful for all of us to have to vote against not having State Conference.

Charla Nutter, Co-Chair for the 115th WVDAR State Conference told the Executive Board that the Wingate assured us that the reservations for the whole conference could be cancelled at one time rather than individual calls. Co-Chair Nutter will see to the reservations being cancelled.

The next item of cancelling the State Conference is the meal payments. Following an initial suggestion that people be given the option of credit for the next Conference, reimbursement, or donation to other state funds, a recommendation was made to give credit to members since this would be easiest and least expensive. If requests are made for reimbursement should postage come from postage of WVDAR State Conference fund? Kelly Goodwin, Treasurer, said that not much money has been used for postage and postage should be taken from the regular postage account. Any overage can be paid from unrestricted funds.

Packets are to be made up for the Chapter Regents. These will include information on the President General's Project, Tamasee DAR School Scholarship, WV Peters Cottage at Tamasee DAR Tri-fold, Financial report and Budget, and DAR Burial projects. Five (5) copies per Chapter will be given to each Chapter. Charla Nutter has the means to print and get the packets mailed. She has volunteered to take on this project. All packet content must be sent to Charla by July 15.

Speakers and presenters for the WVDAR 115th State Conference were to be Mary Frisch, National Chair of the Chapter Development and Revitalization Commission and Jason Eller, Development Officer of Tamasee DAR School. Also speaking were Sandra Isner-Johnson - State Chaplain and Peters Cottage at Tamasee DAR School Chair and Mary E. Johnson - State Historian, WV Patriots Burial Book. Since the State Conference has been cancelled State Regent Brown is asking the speakers to do a virtual presentation of no more than 20 minutes to post during the time of our scheduled State Conference in August. This could be posted as one presentation per week in August, and these could also be used as programs for the Chapters. These programs could also be used for points on our CMR. These can be posted on the WVDAR Facebook page. There was also discussion that not all Chapters and members have Facebook pages. State Vice Regent can help Chapters who are having difficulty with this.

Fundraising is our next topic. The Blanche Reymann Scholarship Fund is still funded for this year but will need funds next year, and there are other funds that also depend on sales at State Conference. Past Curator General and Honorary State Regent Barbara McDonald Frankenberry had suggested a virtual auction to State Regent Brown. Northern District is in charge of the Conference; and

therefore, they have been asked for the recommendations for the auction. It has been suggested to take pictures of items and post on the WVDAR Facebook page. A picture of the Fiestaware basket for the Blanche Reymann Scholarship basket could also be posted. Deloris Nelson, DAR Tamassee School, has a West Virginia wreath that she wants to sell voices to raise money for the Tamassee School Scholarship fund. State Regent Cheryl Brown donated a “Star” from Tamassee like the light post at Tamassee. All pictures will be sent to Charla Nutter. The drawings for all items will be held around the time of the State Conference in August.

State Regent Brown is working with Randi Gray on the Regular chapter awards. State Regent Brown has the templates for the Peters Cottage and Teacher certificates. Chairs of the Education awards will give the information for their awards. State Regent Brown will ask the Chapter Regents for a list of teachers from the Chapters. The State VIS winner will be awarded at the 2021 State Conference at the Greenbrier.

State Regent Cheryl Brown will work with Joanna McKown (Member and New Horizons) and Vickie Baker (GEP) as to whether to do virtual certificates or to mail certificates for graduation.

The State Officers Club needs to have an election of Officers and the point of contact is a meeting by Zoom or teleconference.

Table decorations for the State Conference were to be done by the Northern District. James Wood Chapter was going to spend \$250 for books to be given to Tamassee School. If these have been bought State Regent Brown has the address for the books to be sent to Tamassee. It was suggested that any decorations for the School luncheon be given or sold to Southern District for the luncheon at Greenbrier.

Due to the cancellation of the 115th State Conference State Regent Brown suggested that the Chapters bring their Scrapbooks and Press Books for 2020 and 2021 to the 116th State Conference at the Greenbrier. This was wholeheartedly agreed upon.

State Regent Cheryl Brown spoke on strengthening the Chapters. Since we must do social distancing, it was suggested that we do virtual meetings. Jane Larke has been asked to work with the Chapters on virtual meetings. State Regent Brown would like to work on a virtual Genealogy workshop in the fall. State Regent Brown will get with Brenda Chevront, CDRC Chair to work on this.

Thankyou letters will be sent by State Regent Brown to: Caroline Adams, the WVDAR Pages, Northern District, Robert Kyle at the Wingate, and Andy (Andrew) Lang, Mayor of Bridgeport, WV.

State Regent Brown asked if the next State Conference at the Greenbrier would be too late to go ahead with the Women’s Suffrage skit and theme for the Cameo Club. Cindy Nicewarner said that she thought this was timeless. Charla Nutter said that the Col. William Lowther Chapter was in charge of the luncheon, and they had vintage postcards, pictures of Suffragettes, and lapel pins that they would donate to the Cameo Club. It was suggested that ladies take pictures of their costumes and banners and post on the WVDAR Facebook page for Women’s Equality Day during the last week of August.

The WVDAR State Society Bylaws will be approved at the 116th State Conference at the Greenbrier.

The West Virginia Board of Management has been asked by the State Regent and the State Executive Committee to vote on whether the WV State Society BOM will authorize the Executive Committee to approve the State budgets for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2020. Ballots were mailed on May 4, 2020, to all BOM members and cc:ed to Honorary State Regents, and completed ballots must be mailed in with a postmark date no later than June 5, 2020. If approved the BOM, Executive Committee will discuss and begin approval process on June 11, 2020, at 8:00 p.m.

Cindy Nicewarner talked about honoring our Pages since there would not be a Conference this year. It was suggested that the Pages dress up in their dresses and have a short video stating their name and Chapter membership relationship. Pictures could be placed on a group zoom video. Margie Ways will write a paragraph for State Regent Brown, and she will send this with thank you notes.

Announcements made by State Regent Brown are:

Jane Richards, Regent, James Wood Chapter, has accepted appointment as State Chair, State Regent's Project – Cursive Writing.

Continental Congress will be held virtually on June 24-28, 2020. Please plan to participate.

The next teleconference will be May 14th to discuss District actions.

The teleconference was adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

Carolyn S. Kesterson, State Recording Secretary

The minutes for the May 7, 2020, Executive Committee Teleconference were read and approved by Cynthia Nicewarner, Margaret Ways, and Mary Johnson on May 10, 2020.

WVDAR Executive Committee Teleconference

Thursday May 14, 2020

The West Virginia State Chaplain, Sandra Isner-Johnson, led the West Virginia State Society of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution in prayer for our Country.

West Virginia State Society of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution State Regent Cheryl Alexander Brown called the Executive Teleconference Meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. on May 14, 2020. The State Regent presented the Roll Call: State Regent, Cheryl Alexander Brown – present; State Vice Regent, Jane Jacobs Larke – present; State Chaplain, Sandra Isner-Johnson – present; State Recording Secretary, Carolyn Skidmore Kesterson – present; State Corresponding Secretary, Cynthia Jones Nicewarner – present; State Organizing Secretary, Margaret Bean Ways – present; State Treasurer, Kelly Gainer Goodwin – present; State Registrar, Susan Glasscock Arnold – present; State Historian, Mary Edith Johnson – present; State Librarian, Sandra Cowan – present; and State Parliamentarian, Patricia McKown Goodwin – present. District Directors are: Central District, Jane Jacobs Larke - present; Eastern District – Gail Potter – present; Northern District, Mary Ellen Hunt –

present; Southern District – Samantha Shleser – present; and Western District, April Norris – present. A quorum was established.

State Regent Brown appointed the following to review and approve the minutes: Mary Johnson, Susan Arnold, and Samantha Shleser.

West Virginia State Regent Brown started the teleconference with New Business.

State Regent Brown talked about the 2020 Census. In the next few weeks, you will see information going out to Chapter Regents asking them to contact members, family, and friends to fill out the 2020 Census if they haven't already done so. This doesn't mean going door to door but calling, emailing, or putting on Facebook. Barbara Holt – Women's Issues; Darla Treat Courtney – Public Relations; and Mary Johnson have been asked to work on this. Amount of money we get in our State is based on the Census. Women are disproportionately impacted negatively if we don't get this money. We all know that we like to read the Census for genealogy and if a family is missed, we miss our history. West Virginia Governor James Justice has asked every day for the citizens of West Virginia to please fill out the 2020 Census if they haven't already done so. This is for vital dollars to our State funding.

The Executive Committee voted Thursday, May 7, 2020, to NOT have District Meetings during 2020. We also know the 115th State Conference was canceled.

New Business: Follow on Actions Due to Cancellation of District Meetings. Jane Jacobs Larke, Central District Director reported that her District didn't have much business to discuss but they were concerned about fund raising for projects. Her Chapter, Woodburn, had discussed fund raising. State Regent Brown expressed to the District Directors that they needed to appoint a nominating committee for election next year. Samantha Shleser, Southern District Director, expressed to State Regent Brown that we would like to follow her lead. Mary Ellen Hunt voiced that Chapters might be alienating older members if they had virtual nominations. Samantha Shleser reminded the Committee that we have to have nominations for the nominating committee then vote on the nominations. April Norris suggested the following plan: Contact each Chapter Regent in their District and ask them to contact members to nominate a person for the Nominating Committee. After nominees are in, then the District can have a vote. Each District Director needs to follow their District's Bylaws in choosing the number of members for the nominating committee. There will be a ballot with the names of the nominees for the nominating committee. Ballots will be mailed to the Chapter Regents. Samantha Shleser suggested that each District work on their own timeline as to when to have the nominations in. District Directors need to make sure a definite date for completion of the nominations is done in a timely manner. This was agreed upon by the District Directors.

Gail Potter - Eastern District Director, stated that South Branch Valley Chapter was supposed to have the District meeting for 2020. They were concerned about fund raising for the State Regent's Project. Since District meetings have been canceled, we will go through with the order for next year. South Branch Valley will have the District Meeting in 2021.

State Regent Brown asked the District Directors if they had any expenditures for this year: Southern District – NO; Northern District – NO; Western District – NO; Eastern District – fundraising; Central District – NO. Eastern District would like to have fund raising. State Regent Brown has asked the District Directors to NOT have a virtual auction on Aug 29th. This is when the WVDAR Auction will be held.

Margaret Bean Ways stated that more members go to District meetings than State Conferences. District Directors need to speak to Chapter Regents and have them explain to members as to why we are not having the District meetings. The State Conference, District Meetings and Continental Congress have been canceled for 2020 due to the Covid-19. Communication to members could be done by email, phone calls, post cards, letters, or a call chain where other members call the members in the Chapters. They could also have newsletters via email and newsletters mailed to them. State Regent Brown would like to encourage Chapters to hold virtual meetings. If you need technical assistance, Jane Larke is the one to contact. We have no idea how long it will be to get back together. Mary Ellen Hunt, Blennerhassett Chapter, will have a virtual meeting Saturday; Margie Ways, Shenandoah Valley Chapter, is having a meeting the 27th of May; and Sandy Cowan, General Andrew Lewis Chapter, is having a meeting Thursday. Ye Towne of Bath will be the first week of July.

State Regent Brown talked about Social/Strengthening of Chapters. The Chapter Development and Revitalization Commission is working on a genealogy workshop which will be over the computer and the phone. Details will follow.

Packets of materials to the Chapters were discussed. We will have: State Officers; State Chairs; Awards and additional materials like the NIP and the Directory Supplement. State Vice Regent Jane Larke stated since this is the second year of the NIP it is usually downloaded. State Regent Brown stated that there are several Chapters who won't be able to download this report. District Directors agreed that they didn't think it would be downloaded by some Chapters. Jane Larke is in charge of State Chairs. Some State Chairs may not have new information to send. She was told by a lot of members that they would like their information digitally rather than a paper copy. State Regent Brown wishes to have a report from each Committee Chair. Jane Larke will contact the Chapter Regents to find out whether they want the packet information sent by mail or electronically.

Awards will have to go out in a packet. The deadline will be the 15th of August to mail out packets. State Officers and Committee Chairs need to have their reports into Jane Larke by Aug. 1. Treasurer's forms and Corresponding Secretary's State Supplement will go out then also. The Awards and Supplements can go in a packet and be mailed to Chapter Regents. Mary Johnson asked if we could find out how many copies of reports to send. Jane Larke will find out from Chapters and we will send a digital copy of our report to Jane.

State Regent Brown said that the primary expense resulting from the lack of District meetings is postage. At the Executive Committee meeting May 7th, it was determined that the State Conference mailing expense would be paid from the postage account, with any overage coming from Unrestricted funds. The

same will be done with expenses to mail packets to chapters instead of handing out at District meetings.

State Regent Brown asked about Speakers and Presenters for the District Meetings. The State Regent and CDRC will give virtual presentations for the meeting, along with the State Officers and State Chairs. All information for the District Meetings will included: State Officers, State Chairs, Awards and Supplement Directories. State Officers and State Chairs are submitting their information on paper with email copies sent to Jane Larke for electronic distribution to those Chapters requesting that means of receipt. This is due by Aug. 1, 2020.

Gail Potter, Eastern District Director asked about the Women's Suffrage group. Her Chapter had a group who had a presentation for Women's Suffrage. This will be held next year. State Regent Brown expressed the thought that Chapters and members could take pictures in their costumes and post on Facebook page for Women's Equality Day.

State Regent Brown asked Northern District Director Mary Ellen Hunt if she had talked to the Chapter Regents about giving decorations for the State Conference to Southern District and Samantha Shleser will meet with Mary Ellen Hunt to pick these up. Northern District was to have decorations and with the cancellation they have decorations they can't use.

State Regent Brown was asked about her State pins. She has been dealing with corona virus for a long time due to the pins being ordered from China through Pamela Wright. She was told that hopefully they were to be in by late May. She still also has scarves for sale. She has sold 71 scarves already.

Western District Director, April Norris, questioned the vote on the State Budget. She was wondering about the State Conference Budget since the State Conference had been cancelled. State Regent Brown said that the Board of Management was voting to let the Executive Committee approve the budgets. The State Conference Budget had to be done to get through the audit. This will just allow the Executive Committee to approve the budgets. Not just this specific budget. These are the proposed budgets from the Finance Committee, and we would still go through these line by line. The final vote would be held at the next State Conference even though the year would almost be over.

Southern District Director, Samantha Shleser, asked that since we are not spending the \$11,877 this year for State Conference does this gives us more flexibility for the Greenbrier. State Regent Brown explained that they were trying to get people to leave their meal payments in the Treasury rather than State Treasurer, Kelly Goodwin, having to disburse 75 plus checks, thus saving the price of the check and postage. Kelly Goodwin could let us know how much credit we have to go against our meals at the Greenbrier. The ladies were agreeable to this.

State Recording Secretary Carolyn Kesterson reminded the ladies that there are several reports outstanding. State Regent Brown asked the ladies to please get these in.

Continental Congress will be held virtually on June 24 – 28, 2020. Please plan to participate. Please get your Chapters to participate.

The West Virginia DAR virtual auction will be held Aug. 29, 2020.

Madam State Regent Brown asked for further comments. There were no further comments.

She adjourned the meeting at 9:07 p.m.

Carolyn S. Kesterson, State Recording Secretary

The meeting minutes were approved by: Mary Edith Johnson, Susan Arnold, and Samantha Shleser on May 19, 2020.

WVDAR Executive and Finance Committee Teleconference

Thursday, June 11, 2020

The West Virginia State Chaplain, Sandra Isner-Johnson, led the West Virginia State Society of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution in prayer for our Country. West Virginia State Society of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution State Regent Cheryl Alexander Brown called the combined teleconference meeting of the Executive Committee and Finance Committee to order at 8:00 p.m. on June 11, 2020. The State Regent presented the Roll Call: State Regent, Cheryl Alexander Brown – present; State Vice Regent, Jane Jacobs Larke – present; State Chaplain, Sandra Isner-Johnson – present; State Recording Secretary, Carolyn Skidmore Kesterson – present; State Corresponding Secretary, Cynthia Jones Nicewarner – present; State Organizing Secretary, Margaret Bean Ways – excused; State Treasurer, Kelly Gainer Goodwin – present; State Registrar, Susan Glasscock Arnold – present; State Historian, Mary Edith Johnson -present; State Librarian, Sandra Cowen – present; and State Parliamentarian, Patricia McKown Goodwin – present. Members of the Finance Committee attending were Malinda (Mindy) Davis, Vice President General- present. Grace Arthur, State Chair, Finance Committee was excused. Carolyn Channell, Vice Regent, John Hart Chapter, was absent. A quorum was established.

State Regent Brown appointed the following to review and approve the minutes: Kelly Goodwin, Sandra Isner-Johnson, and Susan Arnold. State Regent Brown expressed Thanks to the Committees for taking time to attend the meeting. She expressed that a lot had been going on with families and expressed her appreciation.

West Virginia State Regent Brown started the teleconference with Old Business.

State Regent Brown stated that ballots to vote on whether the WV State Society Board of Management would authorize the Executive Committee to approve the budgets for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2020, were mailed on May 4, 2020, to all Board of Management (BOM) members and copied to Honorary State Regents. The ballots were required to be postmarked by June 5, 2020. Carolyn Kesterson, State Recording Secretary, reported that 44 Ballots had been received. All 44 Ballots were “aye” votes to allow the Executive Committee to discuss and approve the Budgets. State Regent Brown then held discussion on the three proposed budgets. The Executive Committee was asked to either approve each budget as proposed or make changes and vote to approve the changes.

Malinda (Mindy) Davis, Vice President General and Honorary State Regent, member of the Finance Committee presented the West Virginia State Society, National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution Proposed Budget for July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021 in the absence of Grace Arthur, Finance Committee Chair.

The Income for the Budget was \$8,998.87. Proposed Expenses were \$8,998.87. The only change in the budget as presented was to change Disbursements to Expenses.

Jane Larke, State Vice Regent made a motion to accept the WVDAR State Budget as presented with the change of Disbursements to Expenses. Sandra Cowan, State Librarian, seconded the motion. State Regent Cheryl Brown called for discussion. Jane Larke asked about funding for possible repairs on the West Virginia Room at Memorial Continental Hall. She was asking if we needed to have more money in the budget for that. State Regent Brown stated that this Budget had Restricted funds. Kelly Goodwin got the money from the CD for Memorial Continental Hall (\$3,000) when it rolled over and put it in the WVDAR checking account in the Restricted line for the West Virginia Room repairs. State Regent Brown called for a vote. The vote was unanimous “aye” votes to accept the Budget with the change. State Regent Brown wanted to be sure that the Chapters pay their share on the DAR magazine Co-op ads. The Co-op ads cost us \$1,800 and it is very important for the Chapters to pay for the ad.

Vice President General Davis gave the report on the West Virginia Josephine C. Peters Cottage at Tamasee DAR School Budget. Note: This is not a budget because there is no income that we can count on. The word Cable under Expenses was changed to Internet due to the cable being removed. There was an increase of \$109.65 in Repairs and Upkeep. This line was changed from \$2,000 to \$2,109.65. The Major Renovation amount was changed from \$20,606.31 to \$20,496.66. Total Expenses remain at \$24,606.31. The remaining balance in the checking account is \$0.00. Vice President General Davis added a Note: The amount of the operating funds is dependent upon chapters continuing with the \$1/member donation. Jane Larke, State Vice Regent, made a motion to accept the West Virginia Peters Cottage DAR Budget with the following changes: In Expenses – change Cable to Internet; change Repairs and Upkeep from \$2,000 to \$2,109.65; and change Major Renovation from \$20,606.31 to \$20,496.66. Total Expenses would remain at \$24,606.31. The motion was seconded by Cynthia Nicewarner, State Corresponding Secretary. State Regent Brown called for discussion. Hearing no discussion, she called for the vote. The vote was unanimous “ayes” to accept the Budget with the changes.

Vice President General Davis gave the report on the WVDAR Proposed Budget for 2020 State Conference. Total Income is \$13,619.00, total Expenses are \$11,877.00, leaving a balance in the WVDAR State Conference Fund of \$1,742.00. Note: The income figure used above is based on the meal reservations received as of April 30, 2020 for the 2020 State Conference. All requested refunds have been made to date. A motion was made by Jane Larke, State Vice Regent to accept and approve the budget as read. Sandra Cowan, State Librarian,

seconded the motion. State Regent Brown called for discussion. Hearing no discussion, she called for the vote to accept the WVDAR Proposed Budget for 2020 State Conference as read. The vote was unanimous “ayes” to accept the Budget as read.

State Regent Brown discussed that Tamassee DAR School is transitioning from a residential school to a campus with several different programs. These programs include:

1. **Early Childhood Learning Program** at the Pennsylvania Children’s Center has returned, after a hiatus due to COVID-19. This serves children ages 3 months to five years old, and this summer additional school age children. They anticipate serving 39 this fall when school begins again, including a 4K First Steps Program.
2. **After School Program** will begin August 10, 2020, and will serve elementary and middle school age children. The goal is to begin with initial enrollment of 30 this fall and grow by 30 each year for the next few years. The program will focus on academic excellence, citizenship values, enrichment activities, and resiliency skills.
3. **Summer Camps** will begin next summer.

As we receive additional information about the new programs, Deloris Nelson, State Chair, DAR School Committee, and State Regent Brown will let you know. Please share the information with your Chapters. Please let members know that Tamassee DAR School is not closing. The Thrift Shop is not closing. They are working hard to make these new programs work.

Sandra Isner-Johnson, State Chair, WV Peters Cottage at Tamassee DAR School Committee, will now talk about Phase I (Renovation) project involving the cottage.

The item for discussion is restoring the walkway to the cottage. Rationale: this was brought to our attention with the inspection report. It is a Liability Issue. We have two bids. The bids are: Alexander Concrete - \$2,000 and Cornerstone Masonry - \$2,360. Each contractor would be pouring a concrete base, then placing the stone back in the concrete, then place the mortar around the stone and finishing with placing red brick along the sides. Pat Goodwin, State Parliamentarian, had spoken with her husband who has contracting experience and expressed concern about going over \$2,000. Jane Larke expressed concern about having the \$2,000 in the budget. Discussion from Regent Brown and Kelly Goodwin, Treasurer talked about approximately \$11,000 being left in budget. The walkway is a Liability issue and the WVDAR State Society would be responsible for accidents. Is there any discussion – hearing none, State Regent Brown asked what we would like to do. State Regent Brown has told the Executive Committee that the landscaping is being donated by Frank (Joe) Khare – WVSAR State President due to his son having a landscaping business. There will be no cost to WVDAR for the landscaping. Jane Larke made a motion to spend no more than \$2,000 and go with Alexander Concrete and try to get the work scheduled. Cindy Nicewarner seconded the motion. State Regent Brown called for any additional discussion. Hearing none she called for a vote on the

motion to accept the bid of Alexander Concrete for \$2,000 and not to go above \$2,000. The vote was unanimous “ayes”. The motion carried.

Patricia McKown Goodwin, State Parliamentarian, and member of the WVDAR Peters Cottage committee was asked to speak on an additional way to raise money for the State Regent’s Project. When the State Regent and the Tamassee Committee spoke with the District Directors it was decided to purchase a plaque to be placed in Peters Cottage at Tamassee DAR School to help pay for the renovation of the cottage. A plaque will be placed in the cottage and individuals, or Chapters may make a donation of \$100 and have their name or message engraved on the plaque. The District that the donation comes from, the Chapter or individual, will have that money donated towards their Phase II project. Discussion was held on the idea. Jane Larke and Sandra Cowan voiced that they like the idea.

State Regent Brown had the following announcements:

1. “Soar to New Heights” pins are here. There are also plenty of scarves available.
2. On June 11,2020, a check was mailed to the NSDAR Development Office for the installment of \$3,850 for the WV Box and Seal. The remaining \$2,400 will need to be paid at the WVDAR State Conference in March 2021.
3. Follow-up on State Conference and District next steps is ongoing. State Regent Brown has been receiving names for the West Virginia teachers for this project.
4. Continental Congress will be held on June 24-28, 2020. The schedule of events is on the Members section of the NSDAR Web site. You may want to download the Continental Congress app to help you track the schedule of events.
5. Save the date: We are planning to re-dedicate the WV Peters Cottage at Tamassee DAR School during Founders Day on October. 12, 2021. That will be the Cottage’s 70th Anniversary. The next Teleconference meeting will be held on July 30th at 8:00 p.m. Madam State Regent Brown asked for any further discussion. After hearing none, the meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Carolyn S. Kesterson, State Recording Secretary.

The minutes were approved by: Kelly Goodwin, Sandra Isner-Johnson and Susan Arnold on July 2, 2020.

WVDAR Executive Committee Teleconference Meeting

Thursday, August 6, 2020

The West Virginia State Chaplain, Sandra Isner-Johnson, led the West Virginia State Society of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution in prayer for our Country.

West Virginia State Society of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution State Regent Cheryl Alexander Brown called the Executive Teleconference Meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 6, 2020. The State Regent presented the Roll Call: State Regent, Cheryl Alexander Brown –

present; State Vice Regent, Jane Jacobs Larke – present; State Chaplain, Sandra Isner-Johnson – present; State Recording Secretary, Carolyn Skidmore Kesterson – present; State Corresponding Secretary, Cynthia Jones Nicewarner – present; State Organizing Secretary, Margaret Bean Ways – present; State Treasurer, Kelly Gainer Goodwin – present; State Registrar, Susan Glasscock Arnold – present; State Historian, Mary Edith Johnson – present; State Librarian, Sandra Cowan – absent; and State Parliamentarian, Patricia McKown Goodwin – present. A quorum was established.

State Regent Brown appointed the following Officers to review and approve the minutes: Sandra Isner-Johnson, Kelly Gainer Goodwin, and Jane Jacobs Larke.

West Virginia State Regent Brown started the Teleconference with State Regent's comments. State Regent Brown stated that we would discuss two topics of which are Financial Reports and the Phase 1 of West Virginia Peters Cottage at Tamassee. State Regent Brown also reminded the Committee of the West Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution Zoom Auction on August 29, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.

State Regent Brown asked State Treasurer Kelly Goodwin to present the Financial Report for West Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution from April 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020. These dates are due to not having a State Conference this year due to Covid-19. A copy of the report is included. Total Assets are \$224,711.23. Fund balances - Unrestricted Funds are \$67,172.20 plus Temporarily Restricted Funds are \$157,539.03. Total Net Assets/Fund Balances are \$224,711.23. State Treasurer Goodwin asked for questions. There were none. State Regent Brown stated that the State Treasurer had done amazingly well. One area where we had a zero balance in the Temporarily Restricted Funds was the DAR Good Citizens awards. This was due to the National Society not being open and unable to reimburse our State. Virtual applause was given to State Treasurer Kelly Goodwin for her hours of hard work. Patricia Goodwin, Parliamentarian, stated that she was concerned about the amount of cash in the checking account. State Regent Brown noted that there was a payment for the Tamassee Cottage renovation. State Treasurer Kelly Goodwin also stated that there was money in the account that had been collected for meals for State Conference that was being held until next year. There is also money left over from the Davis Administration which will be voted on at next Conference. Projects must involve West Virginia Gold Star Mothers because the funds are temporarily restricted for that purpose. This could include upkeep on the grounds.

State Regent Brown stated that Audit Committee member June Ashworth is unable to serve, and a replacement is required. Discussion was held on a replacement. State Regent Brown asked that Executive Committee members please email her eligible delegates.

Sandra Isner-Johnson, State Chair, West Virginia Peters Cottage Chair led a discussion on Phase I of the Cottage. The first order of business is Restoring the driveway at Peters Cottage. Three quotes were requested on restoring the driveway. The three quotes were as follows: Hubbard Paving \$2,700 - has been used before and they are backlogged for months. Gary T. Wood Contracting \$2,500 – have not done business with them but have a good reputation and could start in

a matter of weeks. Gary Wood Contracting also included a gravel base and leveling in the contract, and they would remove the old driveway. They also will provide a two” pad. D&G Owens Asphalt Paving Co. \$2,310 – have not done business with them but have a good reputation and could start within a couple of weeks. Sandra Isner-Johnson discussed with Jon Holland, Tamassee CEO, who they would recommend. He suggested not having Hubbard Paving only because of their backlog. Even though Tamassee had not done business with Gary T. Wood or D&G Owens Asphalt they would feel comfortable with either one due to their reputations. Mary Johnson, State Historian, stated that Gary T. Wood had stated that they would put in a 2-inch base and were taking out old asphalt and D&G Asphalt had not stated what they were doing that we didn’t know what we were comparing. Patricia Goodwin, West Virginia Peters Cottage Committee member, stated that if we didn’t have a three” base like we asked for if a heavy truck would make the driveway crumble. Gary T. Wood’s idea of taking out the old driveway was a much better idea. A motion was made by Mary Johnson to give the contract to Gary T. Wood Contracting for \$2,500 to replace the driveway with a two” base and taking out the old driveway. Susan Arnold, State Registrar, seconded the motion. State Regent Cheryl Brown called for a vote to accept the bid from Gary T. Wood Contracting for \$2,500 to take out old driveway and restore the driveway. The vote was unanimous ayes. The motion carried. State Regent Brown then asked Sandra Isner-Johnson to discuss deep cleaning of the Cottage and restoring the floors. Jon Holland gave the WVDAR recommendations. Thomas Smith Cleaning has been used by Tamassee. Thomas Smith has a bid for \$125 to come in after the contractors are gone and deep clean the Cottage including the sunroom. Thomas Smith would clean and shine all the hardwood floors for \$225 including the main house and the closets and sunroom. If Thomas Smith Cleaning is selected it was suggested a tip being included. This would be around \$70. The total amount would be \$420. Susan Arnold, State Registrar, made a motion to accept the bid from Thomas Smith Cleaning to deep clean the Cottage and clean and shine the floors and to include a 20% tip making the total \$420. Margaret Ways, State Organizing Secretary, seconded the motion. State Regent Brown called for the vote. State Regent Brown called for the vote to accept the bid of Thomas Smith Cleaning to deep clean the Cottage and clean and shine all the hardwood floors and include a 20% for a total of \$420. The motion carried.

State Regent Brown made the following announcements:

Because the DAR is no longer involved in the Christopher Columbus Essay Contest, State Regent Brown has appointed Becky Neal as State Vice Chair, American History Committee. She has accepted and State Chair Susan Garrett is happy with the appointment.

State Regent Brown is preparing her August 29, 2020, Zoom presentation and would like for the Executive Committee members to please let her know by August 15, 2020, what they would like emphasized for the upcoming year. The CDRC is sponsoring a virtual session on DNA by Cricket Crigler on September 19, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. This is a fun event for those who are interested in learning more about DNA and is not connected to completing DAR applications.

State Regent Brown stated that two topics of discussion for the next Teleconference were: WVDAR membership status and WVDAR State Conference. West Virginia Peters Cottage Committee member, Patricia Goodwin, who is getting the plaque for Tamasee Cottage, thanked Jane Larke, Kelly Goodwin, Sandra Cowan, Sandra Isner-Johnson and Mary Johnson for their donations for the plaque.

State Regent Brown reminded the Committee that we have plenty of scarves and pins available.

State Regent Brown stated the next Teleconference will be Sept. 10, 2020.

State Regent Brown wanted to know ideas on how West Virginia DAR could make a Christmas Card to be sent to other State Regents.

State Regent Brown adjourned the meeting at 8:59 p.m.

Good night wishes were expressed by all.

Carolyn S. Kesterson, State Recording Secretary

The minutes were approved on Sept. 3, 2020, by: Sandra Isner-Johnson, Kelly Gainer Goodwin, and Jane Jacobs Larke.

115th State Conference

Due to Covid-19, the 115th West Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution did not hold their 115th State Conference.

WVDAR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

115th State Conference ~ State Regent ~ Cheryl Alexander Brown

At first blush the past year as the West Virginia State Regent can be summed up in one word: challenging. However, on further reflection the year has been so much more. It has been a time of overcoming adversity through creativity and perseverance, a time of digging deep, and a time of exploration and growth, especially in the area of information technology. The results are awe inspiring!

In spite of the pandemic and the lack of an in-person state conference and in-person chapter meetings, the West Virginia DAR grew from 1,758 members on January 1, 2020, to 1,794 members by year's end. This growth can be attributed to one half of all chapters' successful participation in the "We Can Do It" Membership Challenge and to a lot of hard work by Chapter Registrars, Chapter Development and Revitalization Commission members and the State Application Team.

Great progress was made on statewide projects. Phase I – renovation of the West Virginia Peters Cottage at Tamasee DAR School – was completed and about 90% of Phase II – refurbishment of the cottage – was finished with the Southern District being the first district to complete the transformation of its assigned area. Information on over 260 Patriots buried in West Virginia was submitted to the State Historian for inclusion in a companion volume to the [Genealogical, Burial and Service Data for Revolutionary War](#)

Patriots Buried in Virginia. Certificates were made available for chapters to give to individuals that learn to write their names in cursive, and a recipient was featured in our co-op ad in the January-February 2021, edition of the DAR Newsletter.

While in-person visits were limited due to the pandemic, the State Regent was honored to meet with the William Henshaw Chapter, attend the "Tea Party in the Park" sponsored by the Ye Towne of Bath Chapter, and participate in the presentation of the Blanche L. Reymann Scholarship at West Virginia Wesleyan College. She enjoyed attending three workshops presented via Zoom and numerous teleconferences and virtual meetings with state leadership and committees.

On August 29, 2020, Northern District hosted an informal state conference, during which West Virginia Daughters connected via Zoom to hear news and conduct a fundraiser. When it became apparent in November 2020 that an in-person state conference could not be held in 2021, the State Regent appointed the Virtual 116th WVDAR State Conference Committee and, with the help of Southern District chapters, they undertook the work necessary to reimagine the state conference into a virtual experience. To date over 175 individuals have registered to attend various meetings.

Looking forward, the most important step we can take is to return to in-person meetings and normal operations when it is safe to do so. Hopefully, we can be together again at in-person district meetings in August and September. Until then please enjoy the Virtual 116th State Conference, which will feature a visit by Denise Doring VanBuren, President General, NSDAR; recognition of West Virginia heroes; and some critical business.

115th State Conference ~ State Vice Regent ~ Jane Jacobs Larke

This state officer enjoyed state conference last year and got ready for a busy summer, attending all district meetings, both Gold Star Mother plaque dedications, 2 Naturalization ceremonies, the Tanner's Cross Roads Chapter Confirmation Celebration, the Captain James Allen Chapter Luncheon and Wreath Laying to honor the founder of Beckley, and Continental Congress.

Through the year I attended commemorations for Flag Day, 4th of July, Constitution Week, Battle Days, Veterans Day, Pearl Harbor Day, and Women's Suffrage. I attended Woodburn Chapter's 10th anniversary celebration and the West Augusta Society C.A.R. Confirmation Celebration.

I also was involved in documenting quilts in West Virginia, a historic preservation project, working with members of Blennerhassett Chapter, Captain James Allen Chapter, Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans Chapter, and Woodburn Chapter. Additionally I documented quilts at Malden and Jackson's Mill.

I was pleased to visit with Blackwater Chapter, James Barbour Chapter, John Hart Chapter, and the 3 Morgantown Chapters this year. I attended the genealogy workshop sponsored by the Chapter Development and Revitalization Commission, worked with the State Application Team, and completed all 4 GEP classes.

This year I coordinated with a Roselyn Dowling, a Virginia daughter, to honor her aunt, Dorothy Kelly Fortney, an Ohio daughter, in placing a grave marker with Woodburn Chapter. I worked with Wreaths Across America, coordinated our chapter's day of service project at Rosenbaum House at WVU, and coordinated projects to thank our local WVU veterans. I was happy to communicate with and mentor many chairs and Chapter Regents to further the goals of our society.

115th State Conference ~ State Chaplain ~ Sandra Isner-Johnson

The second year as State Chaplain brought many challenges due to COVID-19. I attended Teleconference Meetings for Executive Committee & District Directors, and a Zoom State Conference, where Opening Prayers were provided.

New this year was the "Today's Message" on Facebook each day (well, almost) where scriptures, stories, and inspirational quotes offered uplifting messages to our members.

Chapters reported on the CMR their support by providing SunShine Reports, sending cards, observing Days of Prayer, conducting Memorial Services, and featuring Patriots during a chapter program:

Anne Bailey: Sunshine Reports; cards to 90+ members; NSDAR/National Days of Prayer; Memorial Service.

Anne Royall: Sunshine Reports; 5 Member's Patriots.

Barboursville: Sunshine Reports; card to 90+ member; NSDA/National Days of Prayer.

Bee Line Chapter: Sunshine Reports; cards to 90+ members; NSDAR/National Days of Prayer; 33 Patriots; supported VA hospital.

Blackwater: Sunshine Reports; Memorial Service; patriot memorials article in WVDAR newsletter.

Blennerhassett: Sunshine Reports; Memorial Service.

Buford: Sunshine Reports; cards to 90+ members; 1 Patriot.

Captain James Allen: Sunshine Reports; cards to 90+ members; NSDAR/National Days of Prayer.

Colonel Charles Lewis: Sunshine Reports; cards to 90+ members; NSDAR/National Days of Prayer; Memorial Service.

Colonel Morgan Morgan: Sunshine Reports; cards to 90+ members; 10 Patriots.

Colonel William Lowther: Sunshine Reports; National Day of Pray; Memorial Service.

Colonel Zackquill Morgan: Sunshine Reports; cards to 90+ members; Memorial Service.

Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Col John Evans: Sunshine Reports; members cleaned Patriot's tombstones.

Elizabeth Zane: Sunshine Reports; 5 Patriots.

Elk River: Sunshine Reports; cards to 90+ members.

General Andrew Lewis: Sunshine Reports; cards to 90+ members; National Day of Prayer.

James Wood: Sunshine Reports; cards to 90+ members; 5 Patriots.

John Hart: Sunshine Reports; birthday cards to members.

John Young: Sunshine Reports; cards to 90+ members; NSDAR/National Days of Prayer; Memorial Service.

Kanawha Valley: Sunshine Reports; 4 Patriots.

Matthew French: Sunshine Reports; National Day of Prayer; 1 Patriot,

Ohio Valley: Sunshine Reports; cards to 90+ members; NSDAR/National Days of Prayer & WV COVID-19 Prayer Day; offered 'well checks' for members; 2 Patriots; sympathy cards; Disaster Relief program donation.

Old Hickory: Sunshine Reports.

Pack Horse Ford: Sunshine Reports; cards to 90+ members; provides card ministry to members and families; National Day of Prayer; paid tribute to 6 Patriots by making ornaments during December meeting.

Peters Mountain: Sunshine Reports; cards to 90+ members; telephone/text/internet to members regarding sicknesses/bereavements

Shenandoah: Sunshine Reports; cards to 90+ members.

South Branch Valley: Sunshine Reports; honored deceased members with prayer and scriptures; 3 Patriots

Tanner's Cross Roads: NSDAR/National Days of Prayer.

Trans-Allegheny: Sunshine Reports; cards to 90+ members; NSDAR/National Days of Prayer; placed grave marker; 11 Patriots.

Westmoreland: Sunshine Reports; cards to 90+ members; NSDAR/National Days of Prayer; Memorial Service; 14 Patriots.

Wheeling: Sunshine Reports; cards for bereavement/illness.

William Henshaw: Sunshine Reports; cards to 90+ members; Memorial Service; 1 Patriot.

Woodburn: Sunshine Reports; cards to 90+ members.

Ye Town of Bath: Sunshine Reports; cards to 90+ members; 1 Patriot.

Sympathy cards were sent to families of 36 deceased members, four birthday cards to elderly members, and 12 thinking-of-you/get-well cards.

115th State Conference ~ State Recording Secretary ~ Carolyn Kesterson

The Installation of new Officers for the West Virginia Society, National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution was held on April 7, 2019 in Martinsburg. My predecessor, Patricia Goodwin, presented me with the WVDAR State Recording Secretary pin and all books. She will be my mentor for the next three years and has already been a Godsend. This officer attended Continental Congress in June. While attending I went to workshops, the library, daily meetings, and wonderful evening meetings. It is such a joy to see the Flag drop down.

Upon returning home I readied for a whirlwind tour of the State with the 5 District meetings. At the Central District meeting we had a Board of Management Meeting. At all of the district meetings each officer presented a class on her job. The Recording Secretary keeps permanent records for the Chapter. Reports are sent to the State Recording Secretary yearly during the three-year term and they are entered into the Proceedings Book which is published at the end of the three-year term.

Prior to the District meetings this officer attended the dedications of the Gold Star Mother Monuments in Fairmont and Point Pleasant. The dedications were beautiful events. The weather was beautiful but sometimes windy and they were very solemn events. The Mothers were very appreciative. State Regent Mindy Davis and Committee did a wonderful job.

This officer is the compiler of the Proceedings Book and I need your reports to be sent in a timely manner. Reports need to be sent to the State Recording Secretary and to the State Regent to be placed in the Proceedings Book.

This year the Executive Committee has had several Teleconferences of which I have taken minutes. The minutes are read and approved by three members of the Committee.

I am looking forward to the 115th West Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution State Conference held in Bridgeport, WV. If I may be of assistance, I am always ready to help with your minutes.

Madam State Regent, it has been a pleasure to serve with these wonderful ladies.

115th State Conference ~ State Corresponding Secretary ~ Cindy Nicewarner

Upon being elected to office last spring, work commenced on creating the 2019-2022 West Virginia Society Directory which was a huge undertaking. Much thanks to Jane Larke, State Vice Regent for her assistance with formatting. The directory was distributed to State Officers, State Chairs, District Directors, Chapter Regents, and members.

It was a very busy summer spent traveling around the beautiful state of West Virginia visiting our West Virginia Daughters from one end of the state to the other. I attended all five district meetings and co-led break-out training sessions at each one along with State Chaplain Sandra Isner-Johnson and State Recording Secretary Carolyn Kesterson for Chapter Secretaries and Chapter Chaplains.

This past fall I attended the Genealogy workshop organized by the West Virginia State Chapter Development and Revitalization Committee held in Sutton. The Director of Genealogy for NSDAR, Sara Sukol provided very informative training and I enjoyed this event.

Over the course of the year, I have participated in all of the WDAR Executive Officer's teleconferences. I'm very grateful for the fellowship, friendship and partnership of this amazing group of women. Serving with them is my greatest pleasure.

115th State Conference ~ State Organizing Secretary ~ Margaret Bean Ways

Twenty-Twenty has been a very challenging year! The pandemic has affected our entire DAR Society from National to State to Chapters. We held no in-person State Conference or District Meetings during 2020 and Chapter Meetings were a hit and miss throughout the State.

Our Executive Officers met often via Teleconferences throughout 2020 where Cheryl Brown, WVDAR State Regent kept us up to date on what was happening at DAR Society headquarters and around our state. Our team was able during this pandemic year to conduct business, plan our first virtual conference, and conduct training sessions. I reviewed and revised Executive Officer meeting minutes throughout the year.

I have been and are currently working with a Chapter that has needed assistance and support. Please reach out to me if your chapter needs assistance, or if there is an area within your district that is interested in establishing a new chapter.

I continued to serve during the year on the Chapter Development and Revitalization Committee and the State Application Team (SAT).

The collection of yearbooks from the Chapters around the State continue to come in but there are still many that I have not received for 2020 and a few from 2019. These yearbooks are kept in our state archives and become an important part of our history as a State DAR Society. So please remember to send a copy of your chapter yearbook.

I look forward to continuing to work with the State Regent, other state officers and Chapters across the state. I am here to support our chapters, help them grow, and become stronger for our state society. It is a pleasure to work with this administration.

115th State Conference ~ State Registrar ~ Susan Glasscock Arnold

As the new WVDAR State Registrar, I had the privilege of attending all five District Meetings in the summer of 2019, where I conducted a training workshop for those Chapter Registrars in attendance. Packets were provided with several handouts that emphasized the newly re-designed Genealogy page on the NSDAR Members' website and many of its helpful resources. These sessions were also a great opportunity for discussion and answering questions from the attendees.

There are currently 38 active chapters in West Virginia. We were delighted to welcome a new chapter on 5 March 2019, the Tanner's Cross Roads Chapter (WV4064) based in Spencer, WV. Vickie Lynn Baker was the Organizing Regent, and there were 13 organizing members.

Our state membership count as of January 1, 2019, was 1,716; as of December 31, 2019 it was 1,758, resulting in a net increase of 42 members. There were 31 members who were dropped for non-payment of dues, as well as 40 resignations, but on the positive side, there were 10 reinstatements plus we gained 102 new members! Eight chapters achieved the President General's goal of 10% growth or more: Bee Line, Blennerhassett, Colonel Morgan Morgan, Daniel Davisson, Matthew French, Westmoreland, Woodburn, and Ye Towne of Bath. Four chapters achieved growth of 5-9%: Elizabeth Ludington Hagans – Colonel John Evans, Elk River, Pack Horse Ford, and South Branch Valley. All of these chapters are to be commended for their efforts.

2019 Member Change Report

• Deceased	41
• Drops	31
• Resignations	40
• Reinstatements	10
• Transfers Out West Virginia	13 with 10 that left
• Transfers In new to West Virginia	14 with 11 that are
• New Members	102

Currently, West Virginia has 8 Additional Information Requested (AIR) Letters, 1 with a 6-month warning, and no Pre-Letters. This represents a significant improvement over prior years.

I have answered several questions from Registrars regarding AIRs and applications, and I helped the Elk River Chapter with two new applications, including research and gathering documentation, when their Registrar resigned. I look forward to continuing to help West Virginia Chapter Registrars any way that I can.

115th State Conference ~ State Historian ~ Mary Edith Johnson

The state historian attended all five district meetings over the summer and provided information to chapter historians during scheduled workshops. A major task of the office will be State Regent Cheryl Brown's project to compile and publish information on Revolutionary War patriots buried in West Virginia.

Daughters in several chapters already are working on this project, and some forms have been submitted.

A few chapters have drawn attention to “Our Patriot” ancestors in other ways. Since March 2019, Westmoreland Chapter has administered a Facebook page on Wayne County (WV) Revolutionary War Soldiers that features those who have been verified by NSDAR. During the opening of a new exhibit at the Morgantown History Museum, one Hagans-Evans Chapter member spoke about her patriot ancestor and the Ice family. At a memorial service for deceased members, the Ohio Valley Chapter also honored the patriots of these members. Matthew French includes an article on “Our Patriots” in each newsletter, while Capt. James Allen gave veterans at the Veterans Day Parade thank you cards that had the name of a member’s patriot on the back. In some chapters, members are sharing “Our Patriot” minutes or having programs in which members can talk about their patriot ancestors.

While no chapters marked historical/commemorative sites or Revolutionary War graves during the year, in the summer of 2019, Westmoreland Chapter designed and began selling t-shirts, proceeds from the sales of which will go toward purchasing DAR markers for patriots buried in Wayne County. The t-shirts include the names of 12 patriots from Wayne County. Bee Line Chapter tied up loose ends from a historical marker dedication made the previous year, and Wheeling Chapter is working on a grave to be marked in the future. Woodburn Chapter honored member Dorothy Kelly Fortney during a grave marker dedication in the Masontown Cemetery.

Several chapters presented wreaths at the dedication of then State Regent Mindy Davis’s West Virginia Gold Star Mothers plaques in Fairmont and Point Pleasant. Chapters also took part in the annual Battle Days ceremony at Tu Endie Wei State Park in Point Pleasant in October. Wheeling Chapter honored Betty Zane, Revolutionary War heroine during the Zane Memorial. Shenandoah Valley Chapter participated in the wreath laying ceremony for General Adam Stephen in May 2019 and in the 60th anniversary celebration of the General Adam Stephen Memorial Association in September.

The historian of Old Hickory Chapter is compiling a biography on each member and will put them together as a book with charter members. Chapters promoted history with programs on World War II, the transcontinental railroad, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower, the centennial of woman suffrage, and historical artifacts from the Revolutionary era.

This year’s recipient of the Outstanding Teacher of American History Award is Kizmet Chandler, a teacher at Nitro High School. The John Young and Kanawha Valley chapters jointly sponsored her for the award, and her paperwork has been forwarded to the Historian General for further judging.

115th State Conference ~ State Librarian ~ Sandra Cowan

As West Virginia State Librarian, I attended all five District Meetings during 2019. I enjoyed the round table discussions and interaction with members who were the Librarians in their Chapter or interested in serving as a Librarian.

The total number of books donated to the National Library from the West Virginia chapters in 2019 was 8.

The Chapters:

1. General Andrew Lewis Chapter 1
2. Kanawha Valley Chapter. 3
3. Matthew French Chapter. 1
4. Pack Horse Ford Chapter. 1
5. Westmoreland Chapter 1
6. William Henshaw Chapter 1

Chapters are encouraged to donate books to the National Library.

We are still collecting books for the Peter's Cottage Library. The books should celebrate West Virginia, either books by West Virginia authors or books about West Virginia including short stories.

I have twenty books that have been donated to the Peter's Cottage at Tamassee with promises for more. The Elizabeth Zane Chapter has donated a set of 65 Walter J Black edition Zane Grey books. These books are still in their original rice paper jackets. They will be donated to the Tamassee School Library.

We will be placing a label in the front of all the books that are donated to Peter's Cottage or to the Tamassee School Library indicating the donating member and/or Chapter. If you wish to honor someone, we can accommodate a dedication. The Peter's Cottage dedication will be held October 12, 2021, we have time to collect more books.

The Virginia State Regent gave us books and pamphlets that were released from the National Library. These items will be afforded to offered to our Chapters including Chapters in other States as some of these are about Maryland

115th State conference ~ State Parliamentarian ~ Patricia McKown Goodwin

This officer attended all five West Virginia State Society of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution District meeting held during the Summer of 2019. It was her pleasure to present information during the leadership training sessions regarding District Directors/Chapter Regents responsibilities pertaining to their respective Bylaws. She requested District Directors and Chapter Regents to submit electronically and printed the District or Chapter Bylaws, once amended. These printed District/Chapter Bylaws will be collected during the three years of the Brown Administration and at its conclusion, the collection will be sent, along with a flash drive entitled, "WV District/Chapter Bylaws," created from the digitized copies of District/Chapter Bylaws to the Special Collections Department, James E. Morrow Library, Marshall University.

In January 2020 this officer sent a friendly reminder concerning the District/Chapter Bylaws submission. In addition, she provided helpful instructions on creating District/Chapter Bylaws Committee, suggesting a timeline to prepare the final amendments, and presenting the Proposed Amendments. Several Regents and Directors have consulted with the State Parliamentarian regarding proposed amendments for her respective Districts/Chapters.

This officer is looking forward to receiving all West Virginia District and Chapter Bylaws. She is always at the service of the West Virginia State Society.

Teleconference
Thursday, September 10, 2020

The West Virginia State Chaplain, Sandra Isner-Johnson, led the Executive Board of the West Virginia State Society of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution in prayer for our Country.

West Virginia State Society of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution State Regent Cheryl Alexander Brown called the Executive Teleconference Meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. on September 10, 2020. The State Regent presented the Roll Call: State Regent, Cheryl Alexander Brown – present; State Vice Regent, Jane Jacobs Larke – present; State Chaplain, Sandra Isner-Johnson – present; State Recording Secretary, Carolyn Skidmore Kesterson, present; State Corresponding Secretary, Cynthia Jones Nicewarner – present; State Organizing Secretary, Margaret Bean Ways –present; Kelly Gainer Goodwin – excused; State Registrar, Susan Glasscock Arnold – present; State Historian, Mary Edith Johnson- present; State Librarian, Sandra Cowan – present; and State Parliamentarian, Patricia McKown Goodwin – present. A quorum was established.

State Regent Brown appointed the following Officers to read and approve the minutes for the September 10, 2020, Teleconference Meeting: Susan Glasscock Arnold, Mary Edith Johnson, and Sandra Cowan.

West Virginia State Regent Brown thanked the Executive Committee for attending the teleconference. The major topic of discussion will be the 116th West Virginia Daughters of the America Revolution State Conference.

State Regent Brown started the meeting with Old Business. The proceeds from the auction for the Tamassee DAR School after school scholarship funds resulted in \$435 being collected. State Regent Brown stated that there was already \$382. That means that the total amount available is \$817. DAR School Committee State Chair Deloris Nelson recommends that \$700 be donated to Tamassee DAR Schools as after school scholarship funds. Jane Jacobs Larke made a motion to make an expenditure of \$700 to be given to the Tamassee DAR School after school scholarship. The motion was seconded by State Registrar Susan Glasscock Arnold. With no discussion, State Regent Brown called for the vote. The vote was unanimous ayes. The motion carried.

State Regent Brown proceeded to New Business. The 116th WVDAR State Conference is scheduled for March 12-14, 2021, at the Greenbrier in White Sulphur Springs. Southern District will provide the hostess Chapters. The President General will leave the Virginia State Conference in Richmond on Saturday morning and visit our Conference for the remainder of the weekend. Conference Co-Chairs Samantha Shleser and Margaret Rusnak have been working on Conference plans and Linda Whitman has worked with Samantha Shleser to draft the meal and activity form. The Co-Chairs are meeting with the Greenbrier staff later this month. The draft theme is “Rise and Shine for America with Patriotism”.

The Conference Service Project will involve the West Virginia Veterans Home in Barboursville. Plans are being made for individuals to participate in an

untimed, 2 mile walk on Friday morning or, if they choose a trip to historic cemeteries at a cost of \$10 each with proceeds going to the WV Veterans Home.

State Regent Brown shared the topics for discussion tonight:

1. Any workshops that may be conducted at or before the State Conference.

At the Saturday morning business meeting we will spend time on the revised WV State Society Bylaws. With this much business, there will not be time for workshops during State Conference. We will have reports from Committees focused on Patriotism plus selected administrative committees such as Finance, Audit, etc. There will also be recommendations from the Board of Management that will require action. Vice Regent Jane Larke suggested that State Historian Mary Johnson present a workshop on the Patriot Burial Project. Possible plans are being made to have an October workshop.

State Regent Brown reminded us that the Call to Conference will be sent out in December 2020. All Officers need to have their information in before the deadline which is December 1, 2020.

2. The Saturday night banquet with the President General in attendance as follows. Processional: Regents – like was discussed for 115th WVDAR State Conference.

Speaker: The President General. We will need to present her with the remainder of the Next Act money. Recognition of the DAR Service to Veterans Committee award winners for 2020 and 2021. It was suggested by State Parliamentarian, Patricia Goodwin, that the WVDAR State Choir do a presentation of Patriot music for the President General.

3. A virtual option for the conference: COVID-19 precautions will be taken. For example, there will be assigned seating so that individuals cannot congregate outside the Crystal Room before meals. However, we also must plan for a virtual conference. State Vice Regent, Jane Larke and State Librarian, Sandra Cowan are working with State Parliamentarian Patricia Goodwin on a virtual Conference in case of COVID-19.
4. Recognizing Chapters/individuals – all first responders, health care workers, National Guard and Reserves, essential workers, face mask makers.
Membership increases – Chapters who have added at least 2 new members or 10% increase.
SAT.

Announcements:

1. Reminder: The Chapter Development and Revitalization Commission is sponsoring a virtual session on DNA by Cricket Crigler on September 19, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. This is a fun event for those who are interested in learning more about DNA and is not connected to completing DAR applications.

2. On August 17, 2020, the President General announced a membership challenge. Each Chapter is asked to complete two new membership applications and submit them to arrive at NSDAR headquarters before November 16, 2020. State Registrar Susan Arnold is the lead for this initiative.
3. All National, Division and State level certificates for the past year have been sent to Chapter Regents. All chapters have received Chapter Achievement Award level 1 or 3. The awards are spottier than State Regent Brown would have liked. Some State and National Chairs did a wonderful job and for that we should be grateful.
4. Due dates for the WVDAR News will be September 25, 2020; December 1, 2020; and May 1, 2021. State Regent Brown stated that the National DAR magazine ad was \$600. State Regent Brown asked the Executive Committee if they agreed on pictures to go in the magazine. State Regent Brown wanted to place a picture of the State Officers taken at Point Pleasant for the Western District meeting, along with a picture of the Blanche Reymann Scholarship Fund recipient and one more that involves education. State Regent Brown is working on choices in the next couple of weeks.

State Regent Brown discussed the topic for our next meeting: WVDAR membership status. She asked if any Executive Committee member had read the book The New Breed - Understanding and Equipping the 21st Century Volunteer? None one had read the book and State Regent Brown indicated that Officers would be assigned parts of the book to be read.

State Regent Brown asked if the Executive Committee would be available on October 15, 2020, for our next meeting or would October 22, 2020, be better? The next teleconference date is Oct. 15, 2020, at 8:00 p.m.

State Regent Brown asked if there was any further discussion. Hearing none, the meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Carolyn S. Kesterson, State Recording Secretary

The minutes were approved by Susan Arnold, Mary Johnson, and Sandra Cowan on September 17, 2020, at 7:28 a.m.

WVDAR Executive Committee Teleconference Meeting

Thursday, October 15, 2020

West Virginia State Chaplain Sandra Isner-Johnson led the West Virginia State Society, Daughters of the American Revolution in prayer for our Country.

West Virginia State Society of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution State Regent Cheryl Alexander Brown called the Executive Teleconference Meeting to order at 8:00p.m. on October 15, 2020. The State Regent presented the roll call: State Regent, Cheryl Brown – present; State Vice Regent, Jane Jacobs Larke – present; State Chaplain, Sandra Isner-Johnson - present; State Recording Secretary, Carolyn Skidmore Kesterson – present; State Corresponding Secretary, Cynthia Jones Nicewarner – present; State Organizing Secretary, Margaret Bean Ways – present; State Treasurer, present; Kelly Gainer

Goodwin – present; State Registrar, Susan Glasscock Arnold – present; State Historian, Mary Edith Johnson – present; State Librarian, Sandra Cowan – present; Patricia McKown Goodwin – present. A quorum was established.

State Regent Brown reported on the latest developments of Tamassee DAR School. The President General and the National Board of Management announced that Tamassee has been resigned as a DAR School as of October 10, 2020. Jon Holland, Chief Executive Officer, was not told in advance that National DAR was dropping their help for the school. The Board of Management at Tamassee was not notified.

State Regent Brown attended a two (2) hour State Regents Council Meeting via Zoom on Oct. 12, 2020, with 15 other Regents whose States sponsor property at Tamassee DAR School. Those attending Lilly Bilham, State Regent for South Carolina; Jon Holland, CEO of Tamassee; Linda Hawkins, State Chairman – Tamassee School.

Please see the attached notes:

State Regent Brown presented the attached notes she made from the October 10, 2020, Zoom meeting with the State Regents Committee and included Jon Holland and Linda Hawkins from Tamassee DAR School.

State Regent Brown presented the following proposal to the Executive Committee:

Short Term:

1. We complete the State Regent's Project – Refurbishment of WV Peters Cottage.
2. We continue the American Heritage Committee contest, the West Virginia Book Project and placement of the historical marker on the cottage.
3. We continue fundraising, plaques, pins, and scarves.
4. We leave the proposed WV State Society Bylaws revisions as is.
5. I appoint a State Vice Chair, Community Classroom Committee to handle Tamassee DAR School projects.

Long term:

State Regent Cheryl Brown will establish and fund a temporarily restricted account to cover utilities, maintenance, repairs, and capital improvements of the WV Josephine C. Peters at Tamassee DAR School. The money in the account can only be used after 1 July 2022. If the school is sold, the residual money in the fund will be given to the WV Veterans Home at Barboursville, WV. The legacy State Regent Brown wishes for this administration is one of a job well-done. State Regent Brown believes the proposed plan will result in that.

Discussion was held on the proposal. Mary Johnson, State Historian, stated that she fully supported the proposal. Cindy Nicewarner, State Corresponding Secretary, asked what States were supportive of the proposal. State Regent Brown stated that South Carolina and North Carolina were the most supportive. Margaret Ways, State Organizing Secretary; Carolyn Kesterson, State Recording Secretary; Susan Arnold, State Registrar; and Sandra Cowan, State Librarian all agreed that State Regent Brown had done

so much research and agree with her plan. Jane Larke, State Vice President, wasn't sure of her feelings but would support the State Regent. Kelly Goodwin, State Treasurer, stated that she approved and didn't approve of the proposal. State Regent Brown stated that she appreciated the truthful feelings.

Mary Johnson made a motion to reaffirm the State Regent's Project for Tamasee and explore long term involvement. Sandra Isner-Johnson seconded the motion. State Regent Brown gave her thoughts on the longterm involvement. State Regent Brown stated that since we do not know if we can use Josephine C. Peters funds for the cottage, she and husband, Joe Khare, want to establish a fund to cover utilities, maintenance, repairs, and capital improvements of the Josephine C. Peters Cottage at Tamasee. The money in the account can only be used after 1 July 2022. If the school is sold, the residual money in the fund will be given to the West Virginia Veterans Home in Barboursville, WV. State Regent Brown called for the vote. The motion was to reaffirm the State Regent's Project for Tamasee and explore long term options. The vote was called, and the ayes have the vote. There were no nay votes. The motion passed.

State Regent Brown voiced that State Treasurer Kelly Goodwin wrote a check today, 10/15/20, for the shutters at Tamasee Cottage. The walkway is halfway finished. There are some rooms that need to be finished.

State Regent Brown asked if there was any further discussion on items to be brought before the Executive Committee. She asked Mary Johnson, State Historian to give an update on the Zoom meeting for October 24, 2020. Mary Johnson stated the speakers for the meeting were State Regent Brown, State Parliamentarian Patricia Goodwin, Doreen Hale and Mary. The meeting is at 10:00 a.m. Ms. Johnson asked that participants register with her.

Hearing no further discussion State Regent Brown adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

Carolyn S. Kesterson, State Recording Secretary

The October 15, 2020, minutes were approved by Margaret Ways, Susan Arnold and Mary Johnson.

WVDAR Executive Committee Teleconference Meeting Thursday, November 5, 2020

The West Virginia State Chaplain, Sandra Isner-Johnson, led the West Virginia State Society of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution in prayer from the National Ritual Book for the Thanksgiving for Peace.

West Virginia State Society of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution State Regent Cheryl Alexander Brown called the Executive Teleconference Meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. on November 5, 2020. The State Regent presented the Roll Call: State Regent, Cheryl Alexander Brown – present; State Vice Regent, Jane Jacobs Larke – present; State Chaplain, Sandra Isner-Johnson – present; State Recording Secretary, Carolyn Skidmore Kesterson

– present; State Corresponding Secretary, Cynthia Jones Nicewarner – present; State Organizing Secretary, Margaret Bean Ways – present; State Treasurer, Kelly Gainer Goodwin – absent; State Registrar, Susan Glasscock Arnold – present; State Historian, Mary Edith Johnson – present; State Librarian – Sandra Cowan – present; and State Parliamentarian, Patricia McKown Goodwin – present. A quorum was established.

State Regent Brown appointed the following Officers to review and approve the minutes: Sandy Cowan, Margaret Ways, and Susan Arnold.

West Virginia State Regent Brown started the teleconference with Thanking the following State Officers: State Vice Regent Jane Larke for attending and representing the WVDAR at Battle Days in Point Pleasant on October 10, 2020; State Historian Mary Johnson for the online workshop held on October 24, 2020 on WV Patriot Burials and State Parliamentarian Patricia Goodwin for telling about experiences in documenting West Virginia Patriots; and State Registrar Susan Arnold for the update on new Daughters approved – 14 new members were approved at the November Board of Management Meeting. Eleven West Virginia Chapters have now met the President General’s Membership Challenge.

West Virginia State Regent Brown began the meeting with New Business. The main business is the Impact of Covid-19 on the 116th WVDAR State Conference on March 12-14, 2020.

The Current Status is the 116th WVDAR State Conference is scheduled to occur at The Greenbrier Resort in White Sulphur Springs, WV. Per the contract signed in July 2019, our room revenue commitment is \$36,750. Our initial deposit was \$1,250 and a second deposit of \$1,250 was also paid. Our third deposit of \$2,500 is due February 10, 2021.

The WVDAR is sharing the President General with the Virginia DAR during March 12-14, 2021. The President General is scheduled to arrive at the Greenbrier at lunch time on Saturday.

The Virginia DAR is planning a hybrid in-person and virtual conference with the option of changing to a virtual conference.

WV Executive Orders in Effect:

1. Effective 15 Sept. 2020 – Gold, orange and red counties – 10 people
2. Effective 14 Sept. 2020 – Green and yellow counties – 25 people

WVDAR Letter of Agreement with The Greenbrier. It states:

CANCELLATION POLICY

Should Group cancel the entire program, the Group will forfeit the deposit and be billed the Cancellation Rate as liquidated damages in accordance with the schedule listed below:

Cancellation from 0 – 90 days prior to the arrival date, 100 percent of all cancelled contracted guest rooms and food and beverage revenues plus applicable taxes and fees.

Cancellation from 91-180 days prior to the arrival date, 75 percent of all cancelled contracted guest rooms and food and beverage revenues plus applicable taxes and fees.

Cancellation greater than 181 days prior to the arrival date, 50 percent of all cancelled contracted guest rooms and food and beverage revenues plus applicable taxes and fees.

Cancellation must be received in writing. In the event of a cancellation, attrition allowances are not applicable. The date of the received written notice will be the official date of the cancellation. One hundred percent of the determined liquidated damages is due fifteen days after the Resort is advised of the cancellation.

FORCE MAJEURE CLAUSE

“The performance of this Letter of Agreement is subject to acts of God, war, government regulations, domestic terrorism, disaster, strikes, civil disorder, or curtailment of transportation facilities or any emergency beyond the parties’ control, making it illegal or impossible to perform their obligations under this Agreement.”

WVDAR State Regent asked members of the Executive Committee their opinions of having a virtual meeting instead of an in-person meeting. The Executive Committee all stated that although we were all disappointed to have to cancel the 116th WVDAR State Conference in person, it was stated that a virtual State Conference was a much safer choice.

WVDAR State Vice Regent Jane Jacobs Larke made a motion to cancel the in-person 116th WVDAR State Conference to be held at The Greenbrier on March 12 – 14, 2020, and to hold the Conference virtually around the same time. State Organizing Secretary Margaret Bean Ways seconded the motion. State Regent Brown asked for discussion. There being no discussion, State Regent Brown called for the vote. The vote to hold the 116th State Conference virtually passed unanimously. State Regent Brown stated that she would: 1. Contact the Office of the President General and the Virginia State Regent. 2. Send a letter to the membership. 3. Ensure the Conference at The Greenbrier is canceled. 4. Ask Rebecca (Becky) Davis, State Chair, Credentials Committee to mail the Credentials to Chapters this month. The Virtual State Conference Committee will add Ericka Chevront, State Chair, VIS Committee, and Samantha Shleser, Southern District Director to the Committee and work on details. State Regent Brown noted that everyone will have a role, but we can do it!

WVDAR State Regent Brown made the following Announcements:

1. State Regent Brown has appointed Dot Sandy to the Audit Committee, which is led by Vicky Shears, State Chair. She will serve to the end of this administration.
2. The Chapter Development and Revitalization Committee is sponsoring a virtual session on DNA by Cricket Crigler on November 14, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. This is the second of Cricket’s workshops. Please plan to attend if you are interested in learning more about how DNA can be used in genealogy.
3. A committee, which includes Organizing State Secretary Margie Ways, Central District Director Jane Larke, CDRC State Chair Brenda Chevront and Public Relations and Media State Chair Darla Treat Courtney, are assisting the James Barbour Chapter.

State Regent Brown asked if there was any other discussion from the group. Hearing none, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. Carolyn Skidmore Kesterson, State Recording Secretary The Minutes were approved by Sandy Cowan, Margie Ways, and Susan Arnold on Nov. 13, 2020, at 2:24 p.m.

WVDAR Executive Committee Zoom Meeting

Thursday, February 11, 2021

The West Virginia State Society of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution State Regent, Cheryl Alexander Brown called the Executive Zoom Meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. on February 11, 2021. The State Regent presented the Roll Call: State Regent, Cheryl Alexander Brown – present; State Vice Regent, Jane Jacobs Larke – present; State Chaplain, Sandra Isner-Johnson – absent; State Recording Secretary, Carolyn Skidmore Kesterson – present; State Corresponding Secretary, Cynthia Jones Nicewarner – present; State Organizing Secretary, Margaret Bean Ways – present- State Treasurer, Kelly Gainer Goodwin – absent; State Registrar, Susan Glasscock Arnold – present; State Historian, Mary Edith Johnson – present; State Librarian, Sandra Cowan – present; and State Parliamentarian, Patricia McKown Goodwin – present. A quorum was established.

Zoom guests for the evening were Charla Louise Nutter, Honorary State Regent and 116th WVDAR Chair of Protocol – present; and Ericka Chevront, State Chair of the VIS Committee – absent.

State Regent Brown appointed the following Officers to read and approve the minutes for the February 11, 2021, Zoom meeting: Margaret Ways, Susan Arnold, and Mary Johnson.

West Virginia State Regent Cheryl Brown thanked the Executive Committee for attending the Zoom meeting. The major topic of discussion will be the 116th West Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution State Conference.

State Regent Cheryl Brown introduced the members of the Virtual 116th WVDAR State Conference Committee. Committee members are Patricia Goodwin, Chair; Jane Larke, Sandra Cowan, Ericka Chevront, and Honorary State Regent, Charla Louise Nutter.

State Regent Brown introduced Honorary State Regent Charla Nutter who serves as the Chair of the Protocol Committee. Honorary State Regent Nutter presented Protocol for the Virtual State Conference. Honorary State Regent shared the definition of Protocol as: “the ceremonial forms and courtesies that are established as proper and correct or as the proper etiquette for recognizing and honoring those in positions of leadership. The fundamental principles of protocol are dictated by ethics, courtesy, good manners and common sense.”

Honorary State Regent Charla Nutter presented a Power Point on Protocol. Roberts Rules of Order has been revised to include the Virtual Issues that came about in 2020. Check what will show behind you on screen before opening night and declutter as needed. A background can be downloaded if necessary. Tell

your family that you are doing a Zoom meeting so that you will not be disturbed. Make sure that your pets are not present. Check the color and fabric of your clothing. Solid colors such as black, blue and red are better choices. If you must step away from the screen, please turn off the video. Please do not eat or drink during the video. DAR pins go on the left. Eagle, flag, and starburst pins go on the right. Make sure you log in five (5) to seven (7) minutes before the meeting. Always mute yourself when you are not speaking. Protocol from the National Society is always used: Appropriate Dress, Rules of Conduct, and Polite Behavior. Address the screen during the Opening and introductions. Use Sunshine hands instead of clapping.

State Regent Brown asked other State Conference Committee members for further comments. State Vice Regent Jane Larke shared the Zoom Overview on how to join a meeting. State Vice Regent Larke shared the different functions of the screen with the Executive Committee. There will be a pre-conference training session on March 2, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. for help and practice.

State Vice Regent Larke advised that the voting for the Nominating Committee must be done by ballot. Ballots will be sent out as e-mails to all delegates as close to 3:00 p.m. on March 13 as possible. Results should be back very quickly. Margaret Ways, State Organizing Secretary, asked if all e-mail addresses would be available. State Vice Regent Larke stated that when a delegate registered for a meeting their e-mail is listed on the registration.

State Regent Brown stated that the Executive Committee needs to adopt Standing Rules for the 116th State Conference. The Virtual 116th WVDAR State Conference Committee has prepared a draft of Standing Rules for the State Conference. State Regent Brown asked if the Executive Committee has had a chance to read the Standing Rules. State Parliamentarian Goodwin stated that these are basically the Rules previously approved. The new standing Rules had to be changed to allow for the Virtual Meetings.

State Historian Mary Johnson asked about # 9. If someone wanted to speak by using their phone instead of device could this be done? State Vice Regent Larke said that if they were on the smart telephone, they could use the app. VIS Chair Ericka Chevront could then tell them that they are in line for their questions. Their question would be answered in the order that it came in. If you call in on your phone you will not have the capability to “raise your hand” to vote on the phone. Speakers need to state their name and their chapter. The 116th Virtual WVDAR State Conference Committee Chair Patricia Goodwin went through all the rules and asked if there were any questions. Complete minutes of the meeting of the State Conference shall be approved by a committee of not less than three State Board of Management members appointed by the State Regent. The minutes taken of the meetings will be Friday night, Saturday day, Saturday evening, and Sunday morning business.

A copy of the Standing Rules is enclosed in the minutes.

State Regent Cheryl Brown called for a motion to accept the Standing Rules for the Virtual 116th State Conference as read and discussed. State Vice Regent Jane Larke made a motion to accept the Standing Rules for the Virtual 116th State Conference as read. State Organizing Secretary Margaret Ways seconded to the

motion. State Regent Brown called for discussion. Hearing none, State Regent Brown called for the vote. The vote was a unanimous vote for the motion. The motion passed.

In the Call to Conference the Chapter Regents were to send in a special Chapter Activity so that it could be presented at State Conference. State Recording Secretary Carolyn Kesterson is to forward these Chapter activities to State Regent Brown. These are to be presented at the very beginning of the State Conference on Friday night.

State Regent Cheryl Brown had the following Announcements:

1. All chapters completed the Chapter Master Report (CMR) on time. Judy Bowyer, State Chair, Chapter Achievement Award (CAA) Committee; State Vice Regent Jane Larke; and Treasurer Kelly Goodwin greatly assisted with the completion of the CMR. Chapter Regents and other officers need additional training on the CMR and CAA, possibly at this summer's district meetings.
2. All state conference-related certificates will be mailed to Chapter Regents after the Conference.
3. The District Directors have set dates for the 2021 district meetings: Central District – August 14; Western District – August 21; Eastern District – August 28; Southern District – September 18; and Northern District – September 25. A decision will be made by May 1, 2021, on whether these meetings will be in-person or virtual. District Directors really want in-person meetings.
4. NSDAR will announce by April 1, 2021, whether Continental Congress this year will be held in-person or virtually.
5. The due date for input to the next edition of the WVDAR News will be May 1, 2021.
6. The President General has asked that at least 80% of chapters in each state use direct payment by the next National dues payment. The WVDAR is at 38%. We have a lot of work to do. Some WVDAR Chapters have stated that their bank would not allow direct payments. Discussion was held as to National's request for using direct payment for further uses. With the pandemic and the National Office being closed at times direct payments make the Office work run efficiently.

State Regent Brown asked if there was any further discussion. State Parliamentarian Patricia Goodwin suggested that we have an Assistant Treasurer to help with direct payments and other duties. State Organizing Secretary Margaret Ways and State Vice Regent Jane Larke spoke on different ways to help the Districts and Chapters. State Corresponding Secretary Cynthia Nicewarner asked if District Directors could get successful Chapter Treasurers to help other chapters. It was suggested that this could be a later topic for District meetings.

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, March 8, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. This will be the executive committee during state conference. Dress for the meeting will be business attire with insignia/pins.

State Regent Cheryl Brown adjourned the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Carolyn S. Kesterson, State Recording Secretary

The minutes for the WVDAR Executive Zoom meeting were read and approved: Margaret Ways, Mary Johnson, and Susan Arnold on February 17, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.

**WVDAR Virtual Executive Committee Virtual Zoom Meeting
113th State Conference
Monday, March 8, 2021**

The West Virginia State Society of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution State Regent, Cheryl Alexander Brown called the Executive Committee Virtual Zoom meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on March 8, 2021. State Regent Brown thanked the Executive Committee for attending this meeting, which precedes the Virtual 116th State Conference.

The State Chaplain, Sandra Isner-Johnson, gave the Invocation from the NSDAR Missal. The Flag of the United States of America was displayed on-screen by Ericka Chevront, VIS Chair. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by State Vice Regent Jane Jacobs Larke.

State Regent Brown introduced the guests for this evening: Malinda (Mindy) Horner Davis, Vice President General, Honorary State Regent; Grace Arthur, Finance Committee Chair; and Vicky Shears, Audit Committee Chair. We also appreciated having the assistance of Ericka Chevront, State Chair, VIS Committee, this evening. Ms. Davis was to join the meeting later but was unable to attend.

State Regent Brown appointed a committee of Mary Edith Johnson, Chair; Susan Glasscock Arnold; and Margaret Bean Ways to read and approve the minutes for this evening's Executive Committee meeting.

The Roll was Called by State Recording Secretary, Carolyn Skidmore Kesterson: State Regent, Cheryl Alexander Brown – present; State Vice Regent, Jane Jacobs Larke – present; Sandra Isner-Johnson – present; State Recording Secretary, Carolyn Skidmore Kesterson – present; State Corresponding Secretary, Cynthia Jones Nicewarner – present; State Organizing Secretary, Margaret Bean Ways – present; State Treasurer, Kelly Gainer Goodwin - present; State Registrar, Susan Glasscock Arnold – present; State Historian, Mary Edith Johnson – present, State Librarian, Sandra Cowan – present; and State Parliamentarian, Patricia McKown Goodwin – present. A quorum was established.

The State Regent presented the procedure for voting this evening: When the Chair asks for all those in favor, please tap the green “yes” button. Next, the Chair will ask: those opposed, please tap “no”, you will tap the red button. Please do not cancel your vote; it will be automatically cleared for you. The State Recording Secretary will provide the Chair with the vote results, and the Chair will announce the outcome of the vote.

State Regent Brown shared that the President General stated on March 26, 2020 that if a state's Bylaws do not specify the use of electronic meetings, the State Society may call an emergency “special meeting” to deal with the business of the State Society using technological methods such as a conference call, webinar, video conferencing – as long as: a.) due notice is given; b.) all

participants may be heard; and c.) there is a quorum. State Regent Brown asked if there was a motion for the West Virginia State Society to consider the business sessions of the Virtual 116th State Conference as emergency special sessions to conduct the business of the State Society. A motion was made by State Vice Regent Jane Jacobs Larke for the West Virginia State Society to consider the business sessions of the Virtual 116th State Conference as emergency special sessions to conduct the business of the State Society. State Librarian Sandra Cowan seconded the motion. State Regent Brown called for the vote. Those in favor of the Virtual 116th State Conference being considered as emergency special sessions to conduct the business of the State Society, please tap “yes” and those opposed please tap “no”. The “Yes” votes are 9 and the “No” votes are 0. The “in favor” votes have it, and the business sessions of the Virtual 116th State Conference are considered as emergency special sessions to conduct the business of the State Society.

State Regent Brown presented that the State Board of Management approved the State Regent’s Projects on August 17, 2019. Recommendations 1, 2, and 3 to the delegates will be as follows:

Recommendation 1: That one of the State Regent’s Projects for 2019 – 2022 will be compiling a book entitled Genealogical, Burial, and Service Data for Revolutionary War Patriots Buried in West Virginia.

Recommendation 2: That one of the State Regent’s Projects for 2019 – 2022 will be the refurbishment of the WV Peters Cottage at Tamassee DAR School.

Recommendation 3: That one of the State Regent’s Projects will be teaching children to write their name in cursive.

These recommendations will be advanced to the delegates during the Business Session.

State Regent Brown provided reports for July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020, to all members of the Executive Committee and asked if there were any questions for State Treasurer Kelly Goodwin. Regarding the Proposed Budget for the Josephine C. Peters Cottage at Tamassee DAR School, State Regent Brown asked about the sub-account (Repairs/Upkeep) negative amount of \$1,032.87. This amount was corrected to zero in Repairs/Upkeep and taken from Major Renovation to make its total \$ 3,909.63. Under expenses, the \$1,032.87 was deducted from Major Renovation and added to Repairs and Upkeep. The initial balance in WVDAR Checking Account – Peters Cottage at Tamassee is \$9,021.12. Peters Cottage Expenses total \$9,021.12. Final balance remaining in checking -- \$0.00.

State Regent Brown requested that Vicky Shears, State Chair, Audit Committee present the audit report of the State Society’s financial records for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020. The report was given by Ms. Shears. State Regent Brown asked for questions. There being none, Ms. Shears and the members of the Audit Committee were thanked for a job well done. Members of the Audit Committee included: Karen Bonifacio, Dorothy Sandy, and Vicky Shears.

Upon approval of the State Board of Management, on June 11, 2020, the Executive Committee adopted the 2020 – 2021 proposed State Budget, 2020

State Conference Budget, and 2020 – 2021 West Virginia Peters Cottage at Tamasee DAR School Budget.

Recommendations 4, 5, and 6 to the State Board of Management will be as follows:

Recommendation 4: That the 2020 – 2021 State Budget as presented by the Finance Committee be approved.

Recommendation 5: That the 2020 State Conference Budget as presented by the Finance Committee be approved.

Recommendation 6: That the 2020-2021 West Virginia Peters Cottage Budget as presented by the Finance Committee be approved.

State Regent Brown asked State Treasurer Kelly Goodwin to give her financial report for July 1, 2020, to February 28, 2021. State Treasurer Goodwin presented her report. State Regent Brown asked for questions. There being none, State Regent Brown thanked State Treasurer Goodwin for the wonderful job she has done.

State Regent Brown asked Grace Arthur, Chair of the Finance Committee to give her report on the proposed budgets for 2021-2022. State Chair Grace Arthur gave her Finance Committee report, and the Executive Committee was asked to consider the budgets one at a time.

The proposed State Society Budget was presented to the Executive Committee as Recommendation 7. State Recording Secretary Carolyn Skidmore Kesterson read Recommendation 7: That the 2021-2022 State Society Budget as presented by the Finance Committee be approved. Madam State Regent, I move the adoption of Recommendation 7. State Regent Brown asked for a second to the motion. State Librarian Sandra Cowan seconded the motion. State Regent Brown asked for discussion. There being none, State Regent Brown presented the question. Those in favor of the recommendation of the 2021-2022 State Regent Budget as presented by the Finance Committee be approved, please tap “yes”. Those opposed to the motion please tap “no”. The “Yes” votes were 9 and there were 0 “No” votes. The “in favor” votes have it, and the recommendation was adopted.

Mrs. Arthur presented the next budget: Presentation of the 116th State Conference Budget. State Regent Brown called for questions. The proposed adoption of this budget will be presented to the Executive Committee as Recommendation 8. Mrs. Kesterson read Recommendation 8: That the 116th State Conference Budget as presented by the Finance Committee be approved. Madam State Regent, I move the adoption of Recommendation. Regent Brown called for a second. The motion was seconded by Margaret Ways. State Regent Brown called for discussion. There being none, she presented the question. Those in favor tap “yes”, and those opposed, please tap “no”. The “Yes” votes were 9 and the “No” votes were 0. The “in favor” votes have it, and Recommendation 8 was adopted.

Mrs. Arthur presented the next budget: Presentation of the 2021-2022 WV Peters Cottage at Tamasee DAR School Budget. State Regent Brown asked for questions. The proposed adoption of this budget is included in Recommendation 9. Mrs. Kesterson read: Recommendation 9: That the 2021-2022 West Virginia

Peters Cottage Budget as presented by the Finance Committee be approved. Madam State Regent, I move the adoption of Recommendation 9. State Regent Brown asked for a second: a second was made by State Treasurer, Kelly Goodwin. State Regent Brown asked for discussion. There being none, Regent Brown gave the question that the 2021-2022 West Virginia Peters Cottage Budget as presented by the Finance Committee be approved. Those in favor were asked to tap “yes” and those opposed were asked to tap “no”. The “Yes” vote was 8 and the “No” vote was 0. The “in favor” votes have it and the recommendation was adopted.

State Regent Brown thanked the State Treasurer and the Finance Committee for doing such a great job during this especially challenging time. Those on the Finance Committee were Grace Arthur, Chair; Carolyn Corley Channell; Malinda (Mindy) Davis, Vice President General; and Kelly Goodwin, State Treasurer.

State Regent Brown stated that during the Business Session the delegates will consider proposed amendments to the State Society’s Bylaws. Malinda Davis, Vice President General, NSDAR, will present the amendments to the delegates. In Mrs. Davis’s absence, State Parliamentarian Patricia Goodwin, an ex officio member of the Bylaws Committee, presented an overview of the amendments. State Regent Brown thanked Mrs. Goodwin for the overview.

State Regent Brown spoke on Denise Doring VanBuren, President General, NSDAR, attending the Virtual 116th State Conference on Saturday evening. At the conclusion of her presentation, we will give her the following: 1.) the final payment of the pledge to refurbish the West Virginia box and purchase the replica state seal; and 2) a 14K West Virginia charm. These gifts are made possible through the generosity of West Virginia Daughters. State Regent Brown asked for any other business to come before the Executive Committee.

Mrs. Sandra Cowan was asked if there were any announcements. Mrs. Cowan presented these announcements: The State Board of Management meeting will be held March 9, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. Beginning with that meeting, the meeting room will open 30 minutes before the meeting begins. Due to the number of expected attendees, we ask that you join each meeting early.

* Please note that daylight savings time will begin at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 14, 2021. You will need to set your clocks so you will be on time to the conference events that morning.

State Regent Brown thanked Mrs. Cowan for the announcements from Southern District.

State Parliamentarian Patricia Goodwin wished to thank State Corresponding Secretary Cynthia Jones Nicewarner for the wonderful job on the State Conference Program.

State Regent Brown asked for any other questions or comments. There being none, State Regent Brown adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

Carolyn Skidmore Kesterson, State Recording Secretary

The Minutes were approved by: Mary Johnson, Margaret Ways, and Susan Arnold on March 11, 2021 at 12:45 a.m.

Board of Management Virtual Zoom Meeting
116th State Conference
Tuesday, March 9, 2021

The State Regent, Cheryl Alexander Brown opened the Annual Meeting of the State Board of Management, West Virginia State Society of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution on March 9, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. via Virtual Zoom meeting. State Regent Brown welcomed and thanked Officers, members, and guests for attending the 116th Virtual State Conference.

The invocation was given by State Chaplain, Sandra Isner-Johnson from the NSDAR Ritual and Missal Book. The Flag of the United States of American was shown by Ericka Chevront, State VIS Chair. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Linda Link Whitman, Regent, James Allen Chapter. Ms. Isner Johnson and Mrs. Whitman were thanked by State Regent Brown.

State Regent Brown presented our distinguished West Virginia Daughters: Malinda (Mindy) Horner Davis, Vice President General, Honorary State Regent; Barbara (Barby) McDonald Frankenberry, National Chair of the Museum Outreach Committee, Past Curator General, Honorary State Regent; and Charla Louise Nutter, Honorary State Regent. Honorary State Regent Virginia “Ginger” Nalley was to attend but was not able due to illness of her husband. State Regent Brown asked for prayers. State Regent Brown thanked these ladies for all they do for WVDAR.

State Regent Brown introduced the Executive Committee: State Vice Regent, Jane Jacobs Larke; State Chaplain, Sandra Isner-Johnson; State Recording Secretary, Carolyn Skidmore Kesterson, State Corresponding Secretary, Cynthia Jones Nicewarner; State Organizing Secretary, Margaret Bean Ways; State Treasurer, Kelly Gainer Goodwin; State Registrar, Susan Glasscock Arnold; State Historian, Mary Edith Johnson; and State Librarian, Sandra Cowan. State Regent Brown thanked the ladies for being such a wonderful group of women. It has been a privilege to work with you over the past two years which have been challenging.

A person State Regent Brown and all our WVDAR Daughters depend on to keep meetings moving smoothly and correctly is our State Parliamentarian, Patricia McKown Goodwin. Thank you, Mrs. Goodwin, for all you have done.

A committee of Brenda Noble Chevront, Judith Law Bowyer, and Susan Glasscock Arnold approved the State Board of Management minutes on April 24, 2019. A committee of Mary Ellen Hunt, Chair; Laura Brown Fullen and Karen Edwards Taylor approved the minutes for Board of Management meeting on March 9, 2021.

State Regent Brown asked the State Recording Secretary if there was an accurate list of attendees. The Recording Secretary gave the report. There were 37 participants. State Recording Secretary Carolyn Kesterson stated that a quorum had been established.

State Regent Brown presented that for voting on motions this evening the following procedure will be followed: When the Chair asked for all those *in*

favor, please tap “Yes”, look on your electronic device to tap the green “Yes” button. Next, the Chair asked: all those *opposed*, please tap “No”, you tap the red “No” button. Please do not cancel your vote; it will be automatically cleared for you.

The State Recording Secretary and Mrs. Mary Ellen Hunt will provide the Chair with the vote results, and the Chair will announce the outcome of the vote.

State Regent Brown shared as stated by the President General on March 26, 2020: If a state’s Bylaws do not specify the use of electronic meetings, the State Society may call an emergency “special meeting” to deal with the business of the State Society using technological methods such as a conference call, webinar, video conferencing – as long as: a.) due notice is given; b.) all participants may be heard; and c.) if there is a quorum. State Regent Brown asked if there was a motion for the West Virginia State Society to consider the business sessions of the Virtual 116th State Conference as emergency special sessions to conduct business of the State Society? State Vice Regent Jane Jacobs Larke made the motion to consider the business the sessions of the 116th State Conference as emergency special sessions to conduct the business of the State Society. State Regent Brown read the motion that the West Virginia State Society to consider the business sessions of the Virtual 116th State Conference as emergency special sessions to conduct business of the State Society. Marilyn Oppenheimer, Regent of Westmoreland Chapter, seconded the motion. State Regent Brown called for the vote. Those in favor of the business sessions of the Virtual 116th State being considered as emergency special sessions to conduct business of the State Society, please tap “Yes”. Those opposed, please tap “No”. There were 31 “Yes” and 0 “No”. The “Yes” votes have it, and the business sessions of the Virtual 116th State Conference are considered as emergency special sessions to conduct the business of the State Society.

State Regent Brown called on Patricia Goodwin, State Parliamentarian to read the Standing Rules on Page of the 116th State Conference program found on pages 19-20 on the 116th WVDAR State Conference Program. State Regent Brown asked if there were any questions. There were none. Any changes must pass by majority vote. Mrs. Goodwin was thanked by State Regent Brown. State Regent Brown asked for a motion to accept the Standing Rules as read. State Regent Brown stated a motion was made by Barbara (Barby) Frankenberry, Past Curator General and Honorary State Regent, to accept the Standing Rules as read. A second to the motion was made by Sandra Cowan, State Librarian and Chapter Regent of General Andrew Lewis Chapter. State Regent Brown asked for those in favor of accepting the Standing Rules as read please tap “Yes”. Those opposed, please tap “No”. The vote was 31 “Yes” and 0 “No”. The “Yes” votes have it, and the Standing Rules of the Virtual 116th State Conference were adopted.

State Regent Brown shared that the State Board of Management approved the State Regent’s Projects on August 17, 2019.

Recommendations 1, 2, and 3 to the delegates will be as follows:

Recommendation 1. That one of the State Regent's Projects for 2019-2022 will be compiling a book entitled Genealogical, Burial, and Service Data for Revolutionary War Patriots Buried in West Virginia.

Recommendation 2. That one of the State Regent's Projects for 2019-2022 will be the refurbishment of the WV Peters Cottage at Tamassee DAR School.

Recommendation 3. That one of the State Regent's Projects will be teaching children to write their name in cursive.

These recommendations will be advanced to the delegates during the Business Session.

State Regent Brown provided reports for July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020, in preparation of the Board of Management Meeting. State Regent Brown asked for questions for State Treasurer Kelly Goodwin. Hearing no questions, State Regent Brown thanked State Treasurer Goodwin for a job well done.

The State Regent requested that Vicky Shears, State Chair of the Audit Committee to present the Audit Report of the State Society's financial records for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020. Ms. Shears thanked Karen Bonifacio and Dorothy Sandy who are other members of the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee found that the records were in good order. A letter was submitted to the State Recording Secretary regarding minor issues and other recommendations. Ms. Shears thanked State Treasurer Goodwin for an excellent job which made the Audit Committee's job easy. State Regent Brown asked for questions. There being none, Ms. Shears and the Audit Committee were thanked for a job well done.

Upon approval of the State Board of Management, on June 11, 2020, the Executive Committee adopted the 2020-2021 proposed State Budget, 2020 State Conference Budget, and 2020 – 2021 West Virginia Peters Cottage at Tamassee DAR School Budget. The State Regent called on Mrs. Grace Arthur, Chair of the Finance Committee for the report on the Proposed State Budget. Mrs. Arthur presented the budget. State Regent Brown asked for questions on the State Budget. The proposed adoption of this budget will be presented to the State Board of Management as Recommendation 4. State Recording Secretary Carolyn Kesterson read Recommendation 4: That the 2020-2021 State Budget as presented by the Finance Committee be approved. The State Recording Secretary moved the adoption of Recommendation 4. The State Regent stated since this recommendation comes from the Executive Committee, a second is not required. State Regent Brown asked for discussion. There being none, she asked for the question. Those in favor of the recommendation, please tap "Yes". Those opposed, please tap "No". There were 31 "Yes" votes and 0 "No" votes. The "Yes" votes have it, and the recommendation is adopted.

Mrs. Arthur presented the next budget: Presentation of the 2020 116th State Conference Budget. State Regent Brown called for questions. The proposed adoption of this budget will be presented to the State Board of Management as Recommendation 5. State Recording Secretary Kesterson read Recommendation 5: That the 2020 State Conference Budget as presented by the Finance Committee be approved. The State Recording Secretary moved the adoption of Recommendation 5. The State Regent stated that since this Recommendation

comes from the Executive Committee, a second is not required. State Regent Brown asked for questions. There being none, State Regent Brown asked for those in favor or the recommendation to please tap “Yes” and those opposed please tap “No”. There were 33 “Yes” votes and 0 “No” votes. The “Yes” votes have it and Recommendation 5 is adopted.

Mrs. Arthur presented the next budget: Presentation of 2020 – 2021 West Virginia Peters Cottage at Tamassee DAR School Budget. State Regent Brown asked for questions. Marilyn Oppenheimer, Regent of Westmoreland Chapter asked about the use of Peters Cottage for anyone’s use. State Regent Brown said that Peters Cottage was not to be used for anything other than WVDAR member’s use or for Tamassee DAR School. The proposed adoption of this budget will be presented to the State Board of Management as Recommendation 6. State Recording Secretary Kesterson read Recommendation 6: That the 2020-2021 West Virginia Peters Cottage Budget as presented by the Finance Committee be approved. The State Recording Secretary moved the adoption of Recommendation 6. The State Regent stated since this recommendation comes from the Executive Committee, a second is not required. State Regent Brown called for discussion. State Regent Brown gave the question. Those in favor of the recommendation, please tap “Yes” and those opposed, please tap “No”. The “Yes” votes were 25 and the “No” votes were 0. Recommendation 6 is adopted.

State Regent Brown asked State Treasurer Goodwin to give her financial report for July 1, 2020, through February 28, 2021. State Treasurer presented her Financial Report. State Regent Brown asked for questions. There being none, State Regent Brown thanked State Treasurer Kelly Goodwin for the wonderful job she has done.

State Regent Brown called on State Chair of Finance Committee, Grace Arthur, to present the 2021-2022 Proposed State Budget to the Executive Committee. State Chair Arthur presented the 2021-2022 Proposed State Budget. State Regent Brown stated the proposed adoption of this budget will be presented to the State Board of Management as Recommendation 7. The State Recording Secretary read Recommendation 7: That the 2021-2022 State Budget as presented by the Finance Committee be approved. The State Recording Secretary moved the adoption of Recommendation 7. The State Regent stated since this recommendation comes from the Executive Committee, a second is not required. State Regent Brown asked for discussion. There being none she presented the question. Those in favor of the recommendation please tap “Yes” and those opposed, please tap “No”. There were 31 “Yes” votes and 0 “No” votes. Recommendation 7 is adopted.

State Regent Brown asked Mrs. Arthur to present the next budget of 116th State Conference Budget. Mrs. Arthur presented the 116th State Conference Budget and State Regent Brown asked for questions. Debi Smith, Regent of Wheeling Chapter asked about the \$2,500 deposit which was charged by the Greenbrier for the canceled 116th State Conference. The Conference was canceled due to the pandemic. State Regent Brown told the Board of Management that the Greenbrier had originally charged \$35,348.68 but when an attorney was consulted by the WVDAR they took the \$2,500 as a fee. The reason

behind the charge was the fact that the State Conference could not be rescheduled due to the President General's schedule. The next State Conference was to be held in the Western District and plans had already been made to have the Conference in Charleston. State Regent Brown stated the proposed adoption of this budget will be presented to the State Board of Management as Recommendation 8. The State Recording Secretary read Recommendation 8: That the 116th State Conference Budget as presented by the Finance Committee be approved. The State Recording Secretary moved the adoption of Recommendation 8. The State Regent stated since this Recommendation comes from the Executive Committee, a second is not required. State Regent Brown asked for other questions. There being none, State Regent Brown called for the question. Those in favor of the recommendation, please tap "yes" and those opposed, please tap "No". There were 30 "Yes" votes and 0 "No" votes. Recommendation 8 is adopted.

State Regent Brown asked Mrs. Arthur for the next budget of Presentation of the 2021-2022 West Virginia Peters Cottage at Tamassee DAR School Budget to be presented. Mrs. Arthur presented the Peters Cottage Budget for 2021-2022. State Regent Brown asked for questions. There being none, State Regent Brown stated the proposed adoption of this budget will be presented to the State Board of Management as Recommendation 9. The State Recording Secretary read Recommendation 9: That the 2021-2022 West Virginia Peters Cottage at Tamassee DAR School Budget as presented by the Finance Committee be approved. The State Recording Secretary moved the adoption of Recommendation 9. The State Regent stated since this recommendation comes from the Executive Committee, a second is not required. State Regent Brown called for the question. Those in favor of the recommendation, please tap "Yes" and those opposed, please tap "No". There were 26 "Yes" votes and 1 "No" vote. Recommendation 9 is adopted.

State Regent Brown thanked the State Treasurer and the Finance Committee. Taking care of the State finances during these challenging times is especially difficult, and your outstanding stewardship of the State Society's funds is greatly appreciated.

State Regent Brown expressed that during the Business Session the delegates will consider proposed amendments to the State Society's Bylaws. Malinda Davis, Vice President General, NSDAR, presented the amendments to the delegates. Mrs. Davis presented the overview, along with Mrs. Patricia Goodwin, ex-officio of the Bylaws Committee. The Amendments are being aligned with the National Amendments. Proposed Bylaws are in three types of amendments. 1. Proposed Bylaws 2. Mandated Bylaws voted on by Continental Congress and National Board of management. 3. Amendments by Bylaws Committee and members. There are at least 55 separate votes.

State Regent Brown stated that, as you know, Denise Doring VanBuren, President General, NSDAR, will visit with us on Saturday evening of the Virtual 116th State Conference. At the conclusion of her presentation, we will give her the following: 1) the final payment of the pledge to refurbish the West Virginia

box and purchase the replica state seal; and 2) a 14K West Virginia charm. These gifts are made possible through the generosity of West Virginia Daughters.

State Regent Brown asked if there was any other business to come before the State Board of Management? There being none, Mrs. Sandra Cowan was asked to make the following announcements: The meeting room will open 30 minutes before each meeting begins. Due to the expected number of attendees, we ask that you join the meeting early. * Please note that daylight savings time will begin at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 14, 2021. You will need to set your clocks so you will be on time to the conference events that morning. State Regent Brown thanked Mrs. Cowan.

Hearing no further announcements, State Regent Brown adjourned the 116th State Conference Virtual Board of Management Meeting at 8:21 p.m.

The minutes were approved by: Mary Ellen Hunt, Chair; Barbara McCreary, and Laura Fullen on March 20, 2021

Opening Session
116th Virtual State Conference
Friday evening, March 12, 2021

The State Regent, Cheryl Alexander Brown, of the West Virginia State Society of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution called the Opening Session of the 116th Virtual State Conference to order at 7:00p.m. on Friday, March 12, 2021.

West Virginia State Chaplain, Sandra Isner-Johnson, gave the invocation. Susan Glasscock Arnold, State Registrar, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. Mary Edith Johnson, State Historian, led the American's Creed. Barbara (Barby) McDonald Frankenberry, DAR Museum Outreach Committee, Past Curator General, Honorary State Regent read the welcome message from the Honorable Jim Justice, Governor of the State of West Virginia. State Corresponding Secretary, Cynthia (Cindy) Nicewarner, will send a letter of appreciation on behalf of the State Society to Governor Justice.

Minutes of the evening's opening minutes were approved by Margaret Ways, Chair; Barbara McCreary and Patricia Bills.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the conference is virtual this year – a first for the West Virginia State Society. Accordingly, the Virtual 116th WVDAR State Conference Committee was appointed. The committee members are: Patricia (Pat) McKown Goodwin, Chair; Jane Jacobs Larke, Sandra (Sandy) Cowan, Ericka Chevront, and Charla Louise Nutter. Thank you, for your hard work, organizational ability, information technology skills and making this conference possible.

Members of the Southern District are serving as hostesses for the conference. Samantha Shleser, Southern District Direct, presented the welcome from Southern District Chapter Regents and members. Ms. Shlesher then introduced the Chapter Regents from Southern District: Linda Whitman, Capt. James Allen Chapter; Sandra Cowan, Gen. Andrew Lewis Chapter; Sharon Houston, John Chapman Chapter; Anita Lusk, John Cooke Chapter; Donna Brewster, Matthew French Chapter; and Caroline Kleizli, Peters Mountain Chapter. State Regent

Brown thanked the Southern District for giving of their time, energy, and talents in helping with this conference. Jane Jacobs Larke, State Vice Regent, responded to the welcome.

The State Regent introduced Senior State President, Brooks A. Morton, of the West Virginia State Society of the Children of the American Revolution, our outstanding patriotic youth organization. Mr. Morton brought greetings from the CAR. The State Regent then introduced the State President of the Children of the American Revolution, Sam Lake, who brought greetings from the Society. State Regent Brown pledged the WVDAR support to the WVCAR. Mr. Lake was accompanied by his mother, Ann Lake, State Chair, Children of the American Revolution Committee.

Another organization with whom the Daughters have enjoyed a close bond of friendship since 1890 is the National Society Sons of the American Revolution. State Regent Brown introduced Dr. John A. Turley, President, West Virginia State Society Sons of the American Revolution. Dr. Turley was joined by his wife, Margie Turley, State Chair of the West Virginia Room in Memorial Continental Hall Committee, and member of the Kanawha Valley Chapter.

Each year we look forward to having with us a very special group of ladies. State Regent Brown introduced the Honorary State Regents. Those attending were: Malinda (Mindy) Horner Davis, Vice President General, Honorary State Regent, Barbara (Barby) McDonald Frankenberry, National Chair of the DAR Museum Outreach Committee, Past Curator General, Honorary State Regent; Virginia "Ginger" Nalley, Honorary State Regent; and Charla Louise Nutter, Honorary State Regent. Virginia "Ginger" Nalley could not be with us this evening due to the hospitalization of her husband. Prayers are sent to the Nalley family for speedy recovery. Charla Louise Nutter was asked to bring greetings from the Honorary State Regents. State Regent Brown expressed having the support and friendship of the Honorary State Regents means so much, as their DAR experience and knowledge are so very helpful to this State Regent.

State Regent Brown stated that Presley M. Wagoner, Honorary President General, Honorary State Regent, sent her regards that she could not be with us this evening. State Corresponding Secretary Cindy Nicewarner read a letter from Honorary President General Wagoner. A copy of the Program for the 116th State Conference will be mailed to her as well as the Honoraries Mrs. Rumberg, Mrs. Gess, Mrs. Gilkeson and Mrs. Silliman.

The State Regent introduced the conference guests: Morgan Elliott, Arizona State Regent and Associate Member of Kanawha Valley and Pack Horse Ford Chapters; and Dr. Gloria Lester, Delaware State Regent.

The State Regent recognized officers of other hereditary organizations: Rebecca Lazell Davis, West Virginia State Society National Society United States Daughters of 1812, President of the West Virginia State Society Daughters of Colonial Wars, President of the West Virginia Society Dames of the Court of Honor, Regent of the Monongahela Valley Chapter National Society Daughters of American Colonists; Brenda Noble Chevront, Organizing President, West Virginia Colony, National Society of New England Women; Cindy Jones Nicewarner, Chapter President of James Gibson Chapter, National Society United

States Daughters of 1812.; and Frances Van Scoy, Chapter President of Monongahela River Chapter, National Society United States Daughters of 1812. The State Regent recognized and greeted the State Executive Committee: State Vice Regent, Jane Jacobs Larke; State Chaplain, Sandra Isner-Johnson; State Recording Secretary, Carolyn Skidmore Kesterson; State Corresponding Secretary, Cynthia (Cindy) Jones Nicewarner; State Organizing Secretary, Margaret Bean Ways, State Treasurer, Kelly Gainer Goodwin; State Registrar, Susan Glasscock Arnold; State Historian, Mary Edith Johnson, and State Librarian, Sandra Cowan. Thank you, ladies, for your service to the West Virginia State Society. State Regent Brown expressed her pleasure to present the State Parliamentarian, Patricia (Pat) McKown Goodwin, whom we all depend on for the orderly and proper procedure during the State Conference.

The State Regent introduced West Virginia State Society members who have been appointed by the National Society to serve as National Chair and National Vice Chairs. They are as follows: National Chair of the DAR Museum Outreach Committee – Barbara (Barby) McDonald Frankenberry; and the following National Vice Chairs for East Central Division: Americanism, Vicky L. Shears; DAR Leadership Training, Chris Painter; Service to American, Judith (Judy) Ann Bowyer; Volunteer Information Specialists, Jane Jacobs Larke; Women’s Issues, Malinda (Mindy) Davis.

The State Regent also recognized the Representatives and Deputy Representatives at the Veterans Affairs Medical Centers in West Virginia who are appointed by the President General.

Mrs. Cheryl Haight, the State Chair of the Americanism Committee presented the State award for Americanism to Mr. Wayne Worth, who gave a presentation on what he has been doing around the State to talk to youth in schools.

The State Regent introduced the five District Directors: Central District Director, Jane Jacobs Larke; Eastern District Director, Gail Potter; Northern District Director, Mary Ellen Hunt; Southern District Director, Samantha Shleser; and Western District Director, April Norris. The State Regent thanked the ladies for a wonderful job coordinating the district meetings during the summer of 2019, and your work with the chapters in your districts during the pandemic has been commendable.

The State Regent had the rare privilege to greet the members whose loyalty and devotion to the National Society have spanned 50 years or more. Thank you for your continued devotion to God, Home and Country. Another group that is special is composed of members who are attending the state conference for the first time. Welcome and we hope this is the first of many conferences for you.

The smooth running of the state conference depends on the hard work and enthusiasm of the State Pages. We would be lost without their assistance. State Regent Brown was to present Johnna Nicewarner, State Chair of Pages, but Ms. Nicewarner was called to work at the Emergency Room. State Regent Brown stated that the pages would be very busy and that they were very much appreciated. The Pages include Johnna Nicewarner, State Chair; Sarah Lustrea, State Vice Chair; Grace Parsons Arthur, Courtney Blank, Cassie Brown, Katie

Brown, Cheyenne Hunt, Emma Hunt, Abigail Kennedy, Jillian Kennedy, Taylor Sams, and Elizabeth Satterfield. Thank you, ladies.

State Regent Brown recognized State Choir Director Selma Humphreys, and her assistant, Linda Hendrickson. While we miss hearing from the chorus this year, we look forward to a time when we can get together and enjoy its music.

State Regent Brown introduced Joanna McKown, State Chair, DAR Leadership Training Committee; and Vickie Baker, State Chair, Volunteer Genealogists Committee and asked them to conduct the graduation ceremony. Members Course Graduates: Lisa Jackson, Capt. James Neal; Linda Whitman, Capt. James Neal; Kim Casdorph, Kanawha Valley; Cheryl Brown, Pack Horse Ford; Teresa Lomasney, South Branch Valley; and Mary Herald, Ye Towne of Bath. New Horizon Course Graduates: Susan Arnold, Elizabeth Luding Hagans – Col. John Evans; Heather Harrison, Kanawha Valley; D. Geneal Bailey, Old Hickory; Darlene Frederick, South Branch Valley; Joanne Krishack, William Henshaw, and Linda McGraw, Ye Towne of Bath.

Next came the GEP classes: GEP I: R. Christine Painter, Blennerhassett; Kim Casdorph, Kanawha Valley; Jane Larke, Woodburn. GEP II: Kim Casdorph, Kanawha Valley; and Jane Larke, Woodburn. GEP III: Georgette Ward, Elizabeth Zane; Grace Arthur, Old Hickory; Vickie Baker, Tanner's Cross Roads; and Jane Larke, Woodburn. GEP IV: Georgette Ward, Elizabeth Zane; Jane Larke, Woodburn; and Deborah Popenoe, Ye Towne of Bath. New Version: D. Geneal Bailey, Old Hickory. State Regent Brown expressed Congratulations to the new graduates and thanked Mrs. McKown and Mrs. Baker.

WVDAR membership grew in 2020 from 1758 to 1794. This was quite an achievement during the pandemic. State Regent Brown introduced Susan Arnold, State Registrar, who celebrated the successes in membership growth in 2020. State Registrar Arnold recognized the chapter registrars who had an increase in membership of 5 new members or more. The chapter registrars are Marsha Cobb, Anne Bailey – 5 members; Dottie Cornell, Blennerhassett – 5 members; Darlene Frederick, South Branch Valley – 11 members; and Dorrene Hale, Pack Horse Ford – 7 members; Carolyn Hamilton, Colonel Morgan Morgan – 5 members; Heather Harrison, Kanawha Valley – 10 members; Sue Silk, Blackwater – 7 members; Susan Tucker, Tanner's Cross Roads – 5 members; Heidi Ware, Bee Line – 6 members; and Tracy Zang, Daniel Davisson Chapter – 10 members. The second group of certificates are for those chapters who successfully met the President General's Membership Challenge. The President General issued a challenge in mid-August to add 2 new members by application or reinstatement by the end of the year. West Virginia's grand total for the Membership Challenge period was 49 new members, 14 of whom were juniors, and 4 by reinstatements. 50% of West Virginia chapters met the challenge. They include: Anne Bailey, Barboursville, Bee Line, Blackwater, Blennerhassett, Buford, Colonel Charles Lewis, Colonel Morgan Morgan, Daniel Davisson, Elizabeth Ludington Hagans – Colonel John Evans, Elk River, James Wood, John Young, Kanawha Valley, Pack Horse Ford, South Valley Branch, Tanner's Cross Roads, Trans-Allegheny and Woodburn Chapters. The final group of certificates are for overall outstanding membership growth in 2020. President

General VanBuren's goal was 10% growth. These certificates range from lowest to highest starting at 5%: Ohio Valley – 5%, Trans-Allegheny – 6%, Bee Line – 9%, Ye Towne of Bath – 9%, James Wood – 10%, Colonel Charles Lewis – 11%, Elizabeth Ludington Hagans – Colonel John Evans – 12%, Elk River - 15%, Blackwater – 16%, Daniel Davisson – 20%, Tanner's Cross Roads – 23%, Colonel Morgan Morgan – 24%, South Branch Valley – 26%, and Barboursville – 27%. State Regent Brown thanked State Registrar Arnold and everyone who recruited prospective members and completed applications.

State Regent Brown asked Mrs. Sandra Cowan, Regent of General Andrew Lewis for announcements. Mrs. Cowan announced that the meeting room would open in the morning at 8:30 a.m. and that the morning business session would begin promptly at 9:00 a.m.

State Regent Brown recessed the Virtual 116th State Conference until Saturday, March 13th at 9:00 a.m. Good evening.

The minutes were approved by Margaret Ways, Chair, Barbara McCreary, and Patricia Bills.

Carolyn Skidmore Kesterson, WVDAR State Recording Secretary.

116th West Virginia Virtual State Conference
Morning Business Session
Saturday, March 13, 2021

The Business Session of the 116th Virtual State Conference, West Virginia State Society of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution reconvened Saturday morning, March 13, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.

The State Regent Cheryl Alexander Brown called the meeting to order. Sandra Isner-Johnson, State Chaplain, gave the Invocation. Barbara (Barby) McDonald Frankenberry, National Chair of the DAR Museum Outreach Committee, Past Curator General, Honorary State Regent, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. Samantha Shleser, Southern District Director, led the American's Creed.

The State Regent appointed a committee of Sandy Cowan, Chair; Nancy Shifflet and Cindy Kolsun to read and approve the minutes of Saturday's minutes. Brenda Chevront and Selma Humphreys served as timekeepers for Saturday's business session.

The State Regent requested Rebecca Lazzell Davis, Chairman of Credentials, to report.

The State Chairman of the Credentials Committee gave the following report: State Officers: 10; Honorary State Regents: 3; District Directors: 5; Chapter Regents: 25; Delegates: 119; Total Voting Strength: 128. The Chairman moved to adopt the report. The report was adopted. The State Regent declared a quorum was present and the voting strength was 128.

The State Regent announced that the State Parliamentarian, Patricia McKown Goodwin, read the Standing Rules of the Conference at the Board of Management Meeting on Tuesday, March 9, 2021, and they were approved as printed in your Program on pages 19-20. There being no further objection, the rules were not read. Mrs. Patricia Goodwin, State Parliamentarian, read "the

rules are printed on pages 19-20 of your program”. By direction of the Committee on Standing Rules, I move the adoption of the Standing Rules of the State conference as printed. State Regent Brown gave the question to adopt the Standing Rules as printed. The State Regent called for the vote and the Standing Rules were adopted.

State Regent Brown asked State Corresponding Secretary, Cindy Jones Nicewarner, to present the State Conference Program. Mrs. Nicewarner asked for any corrections. There being none, Mrs. Nicewarner asked: By direction of the Program Committee, I move the adoption of the program as printed. There was no discussion. The State Regent called for the vote on the motion. The motion was adopted.

State Regent Brown welcomed our honored guests for the State Conference. Morgan Elliott, State Regent of Arizona and Associate Member, Kanawha Valley and Pack Horse Ford Chapters and also Dr. Gloria Lester, State Regent of Delaware. A warm West Virginia welcome with Sunshine hands was extended. State Regent Brown welcomed our honored guests for the State conference.

The State Regent recognized West Virginia’s Honorary State Regents: Malinda (Mindy) Horner Davis, Vice President General and Honorary State Regent; Barbara (Barby) McDonald Frankenberry, National Chair of DAR Museum Outreach, Past Curator General, and Honorary State Regent; and Charla Louise Nutter, Honorary State Regent. Virginia (Ginger) Nalley, Honorary State Regent, was not able to attend due to the hospitalization of her husband. Please keep both of them in your prayers. State Regent Brown expressed her thanks to all the ladies for what they continue to do for WVDAR.

State Regent Brown announced that the State Board of Management approved the State Regent’s Projects on August 17, 2019. State Recording Secretary, Carolyn Skidmore Kesterson read the Recommendations from the State Board of Management involving the State Regent’s Projects:

State Parliamentarian, Patricia Goodwin, advised that Rebecca Davis, Credentials Chair, should give her report to establish a quorum. Mrs. Davis, Credentials Chair, read: State Officers – 10; Honorary State Regents – 3; District Directors – 5; Chapter Regents – 25; Delegates – 119 - Total Voting Strength is 128. State Credentials Chair Davis moved the adoption of the Credentials Report. The State Regent called for the vote on the motion. The motion was adopted. The State Regent proclaimed a quorum is present.

Recommendation 1: That one of the State Regent’s Projects for 2019-2022 will be compiling a book entitled “Genealogical, Burial, and Service Data for Revolutionary War Patriots Buried in West Virginia.”

The State Regent announced since the recommendation comes from the State Board of Management, a second is not required. The State Regent called for the vote on the motion. The motion was adopted.

- Recommendation 2. That one of the State Regent’s Projects for 2019-2022 will be the refurbishment of West Virginia Peters Cottage at Tamasee DAR School.

The State Regent announced since the recommendation comes from the State Board of Management, a second is not required. The State Regent called for the vote on the motion. The motion was adopted.

- Recommendation 3. That one of the State Regent's Projects will be teaching children to write their name in cursive.

The State Regent announced since the recommendation comes from the State Board of Management, a second is not required. The State Regent called for the vote on the motion. The motion was adopted.

The State Regent announced that all delegates had been provided the financial reports for July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020 and hoped that all had been able to review them in preparation for the meeting. State Regent Brown asked if there were any questions for State Treasurer Kelly Goodwin. There being no questions, State Regent Brown asked that Karen Bonifacio, Audit Committee member, present the Audit Report of the State Society's financial records for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020. Ms. Bonifacio stated the Audit Committee, consisting of Vicky Shears, Chair; Dorothy Sandy and Ms. Bonifacio reviewed the records and financial statements for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2020, found the records in good order and the financial statements fairly represented the financial position and the revenues and the expenses of the organization. She stated the committee suggested small recommendations to the Executive Committee showing minor issues during the year. Ms. Shears thanked her Audit Committee members Karen Bonifacio and Dorothy Sandy for their help and research. Ms. Bonifacio also thanked State Treasurer, Kelly Goodwin, for her excellent record keeping. State Regent Brown thanked all of the ladies for their excellent work for the State Society.

State Regent Brown stated that upon approval of the State Board of Management, on June 11, 2020, the Executive Committee adopted the 2020-2021 proposed State Budget, 2020 State Conference Budget, and 2020-2021 West Virginia Peters Cottage at Tamassee DAR School Budget. The State Board of Management approved the budgets on March 9, 2021. Mrs. Grace Arthur, State Chair, Finance Committee, presented the budgets and the delegates considered them one at a time. The first Budget Mrs. Arthur discussed was the State Budget. There being no questions, the State Regent returned to the Recommendations from the State Board of management. The State Recording Secretary, Mrs. Kesterson, will give Recommendation 4.

- Recommendation 4. That the 2020-2021 State Budget as presented by the Finance Committee be approved. The State Regent stated that this recommendation comes from the State Board of Management a second is not required. The State Regent called for the vote on the motion. The motion was adopted. The next Budget presented by Mrs. Arthur was the Presentation of the 2020 State Conference Budget. The State Regent stated that since this recommendation comes from the State Board of Management a second is not required. The State Regent called for the vote on the motion. The motion was adopted.

There is a balance in that account of \$1,742.00. The State Regent asked for Recommendation 5.

- Recommendation 5. That the 2020 State Conference Budget as presented by the Finance Committee be approved.

State Regent Brown stated that since this recommendation comes from the State Board of Management, a second is not required. State Regent Brown called for the vote on the motion. The motion was adopted.

State Regent Brown asked Mrs. Arthur to present the 2020-2021 the West Virginia Peters Cottage at Tamassee DAR School Budget. Mrs. Arthur stated that a line had been added for the major renovations of Peters Cottage. Joan Gibson, Woodburn Chapter, asked if Tamassee is no longer a DAR School but a venue for weddings and further activities why would be it be updated and not used for DAR. The State Regent stated that the South Carolina DAR is still supporting Tamassee and the children are still the same children who went to the summer program and the school programs. The cottage is used by adjunct teachers who visit and teach the children. The weddings and other activities are to provide additional income for Tamassee. Mrs. Malinda Davis, Vice President General, stated that this budget was approved before National had removed Tamassee as a DAR School. State Regent Brown stated that this Budget will be presented as Recommendation 6. The State Recording Secretary presented Recommendation 6.

- Recommendation 6. That the 2020-2021 West Virginia Peters Cottage Budget as presented by the Finance Committee be approved.

State Regent Brown stated that since this recommendation comes from the Board of Management, a second is not required. State Regent Brown called for the vote on the motion. The motion was adopted.

State Regent Brown asked State Treasurer, Kelly Goodwin, to give her financial report for July 1, 2020, to February 28, 2021. State Regent Brown thanked Mrs. Goodwin for her report. State Regent Brown asked for questions. There being none, State Regent Brown stated the report would be filed for audit.

State Regent Brown called for the report of the Finance Committee on the proposed budgets for 2021-2022 as presented to the State Board of Management. State Chair Grace Arthur presented the report from the Finance Committee. State Regent Brown asked for the delegates to consider the budgets one at a time.

Finance Chair, Grace Arthur, presented the 2021-2022 State Budget. State Regent Brown stated that this budget will be presented as Recommendation 6. The State Recording Secretary presented Recommendation 7.

- Recommendation 7. That the 2021-2022 State Budget as presented by the Finance Committee be approved.

Since this Recommendation comes from the State Board of Management, a second is not required. State Regent Brown asked for questions. There being none, she called for the vote. The recommendation was adopted.

Finance Chair Arthur presented the 116th State Conference Budget. State Regent Brown asked for questions. Finance Chair Arthur stated that we had a charge of \$2,500 for a non-refundable charge for canceling the State Conference

at the Greenbrier. The original charge to cancel was \$35,348.58. It was lowered to the \$2,500 charge since this was down payment. Laura Shifflett, William Henshaw Chapter, asked about the \$97 charge which was the charge for the voting for the Virtual voting for the afternoon voting. Software for non-profit voting. Ms. Gibson questioned why we were being billed \$2,500 when the Greenbrier voided the contract when they told us we could only have 25 people in a room. Finance Chair Arthur stated that when the State Regent spoke with the Greenbrier at length and then sent WVDAR the bill for the full \$35,348.58. With the help of an attorney the Greenbrier charged \$2500. The charge was due to not being able to change the date of the State Conference. Mrs. Arthur was thanked. The proposed adoption of this budget will be presented as Recommendation 8. The State Regent asked for questions. Cynthia Cox, Elizabeth Ludington Hagans – Col. John Evans Chapter asked if the \$2,500 could be used at a later date. State Regent Brown stated that if we could have rescheduled then we could have used it as a credit. This could not be done because Southern District would not have another State Conference for five (5) years. This would have been in the next administration. State Regent Brown could not sign a contract five years ahead. The State Regent asked for Recommendation 8. The State Recording Secretary presented Recommendation 8.

* Recommendation 8. That the 116th State Conference Budget as presented by the Finance Committee be approved.

State Regent Brown stated that since this recommendation comes from the State Board of Management, a second is not needed. The State Regent asked for questions. There being none, she called for the vote. The recommendation was adopted.

Finance Chair Arthur presented the 2021-2022 West Virginia Peters Cottage at Tamassee DAR School Budget. The State Regent asked for questions. The proposed adoption of this budget will be presented to the delegates as Recommendation 9.

* Recommendation 9. That the 2021-2022 West Virginia Peters Cottage Budget as presented by the Finance Committee be approved.

Since this recommendation comes from the State Board of Management, no second is required. State Regent Brown called for the vote. The State Regent called for questions. There being none, State Regent Brown called for the vote. The motion was adopted. State Regent Brown thanked State Treasurer Kelly Goodwin and State Finance Chair, Grace Arthur and her committee – Malinda “Mindy” Davis and Carolyn Channell for their hard work.

State Regent Brown stated as in the State Society’s Bylaws, it is the second year of the term, and it is time to elect the Nominating Committee. The Committee will consist of one member from each of the five districts. Tellers for the election will be as follows: Eastern District – Judy Bowyer, Chair; Central District – Laura Fullen; Northern District – Cathy Hinkle; Southern District – Barbara Holt; and Western District – Marilyn Oppenheimer. The process for electing the Nominating Committee will be as follows: At this business session, delegates and approved alternates will nominate individuals to serve on the Nominating Committee. Ericka Chevront, State Chair, VIS Committee, will

then prepare the ballot and email a link to delegates and approved alternates. Delegates and approved alternates will elect the Nominating Committee by voting between 3:00 and 5:00. Question Pro Advanced will be used to conduct the election.

State Regent Brown stated that we would begin seeking nominations for Central District. The districts will be called alphabetically. The State Regent received nominations from the delegates for each District: **Central District:** Joan Gibson, Woodburn Chapter, nominated Ruth Ellen Mooney, Elk River Chapter. Barbara McCreary, John Hart Chapter, nominated Karen Kurilko, Woodburn Chapter. With no further nominations coming from the floor, the State Regent announced Ruth Mooney and Karen Kurilko will appear on the ballot. **Eastern District:** Margaret Ways, Shenandoah Valley Chapter, nominated Sally Ann Greenfield, Shenandoah Valley Chapter. With no further nominations from the floor, the State Regent announced Sally Ann Greenfield will appear on the ballot. **Northern District:** Chris Painter, Blennerhassett Chapter nominated Mary Ellen Hunt, Blennerhassett Chapter. Patricia Bills, Ohio Valley Chapter, nominated Frances Weekley, Ohio Valley Chapter. With no further nominations, the State Regent announced Mary Ellen Hunt and Frances Weekley will appear on the ballot. **Southern District:** Linda Whitman, Capain James Allen Chapter, nominated Sandra (Sandy) Cowan, General Andrew Lewis Chapter. With no further nominations from the floor, the State Regent announced that Sandy Cowan will appear on the ballot. **Western District:** Charlene Honaker, Westmoreland Chapter, nominated Shirley Gilkeson, Kanawha Valley Chapter. JoAnn McKown, Old Hickory Chapter, nominated Brenda Chevront, Old Hickory Chapter. With no further nominations from the floor, the State Regent announced that Shirley Gilkeson and Brenda Chevront would appear on the ballot.

State Regent Brown shared that there was an individual that has done an exceptional job for the State Society during this term. While she has served as a chapter officer and state co-chair, she has also given of her time and talents to design numerous items – the “Soar to New Heights” scarf and pin and the special certificates given to teachers, frontline workers, military personnel and supporters of West Virginia Peters Cottage at Tamassee DAR School. A certificate of award was given to Katherine Genung for brightening our lives during this difficult time.

State Regent Brown stated that the next order of business is the consideration of the Proposed Amendments to the West Virginia State Society’s Bylaws, which is a Bylaws revision and was presented by Malinda “Mindy” Davis, Vice President General, NSDAR; Honorary State Regent, for the Bylaws Committee State Chair, Sally Ann Greenfield, who was ill.

State Regent Brown asked for the delegates to allow her to explain the voting of the Proposed Bylaws due to voting virtually. The Proposed Bylaw Amendment will appear on the screen; some are longer and may require more than one screen. After the Vice President General’s presentation of each Proposed Bylaw, the Chair will ask for discussion. As per Standing Rules, each speaker is allowed two (2) minutes to make a statement. You will only be

allowed one vote per Proposed Amendment. You will have “yes” and “no” votes. The Chair will announce the outcome of the vote.

Malinda “Mindy” Davis, Vice President General, stated the requirements for amendments to these Bylaws were met and sent to the membership on December 6, 2020. Ms. Davis asked permission to explain the three divisions of addressing these Proposed Amendments. Permission was granted.

Mrs. Davis: In order to expedite the presentation of the Proposed Bylaws Amendments, she divided them into three sections. The first group will be Proposed Bylaws that have been edited by Bylaws Committee because they contain grammatical, punctuation, and alignment errors. The Second group contains mandated National changes. The mandates have been voted on by the National Board of Management and delegates to Continental Congress. The last group are the Proposed Amendments from the Bylaws Committee. The Proposed Bylaws changes will be voted on one-at-a -time. Slides were presented on each Bylaws Amendment.

**PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENTS
FOR THE
116TH STATE CONFERENCE, 2021**

Mrs. Davis presented the changes to **ARTICLE IV, SECTION 3** and **ARTICLE VI, SECTIONS 4** and **9**.

Rationale: These **ARTICLES** and **SECTIONS** have been edited to correct grammar, punctuation, and alignment throughout the current WVDAR Bylaws of WVDAR Bylaws format with National format.

Mrs. Davis moved to amend **ARTICLE IV, SECTION 3** and **ARTICLE VI, SECTIONS 4** and **9**.

The State Regent called for questions. Hearing none, the State Regent called for the vote on the motion. The motion passed.

Mrs. Davis presented the following nationally mandated changes: **ARTICLES I** and **II, ARTICLE III, SECTIONS 1** AND **2; ARTICLE IV, SECTIONS 1, 2,4; ARTICLE V, SECTIONS 1, 2,3,4; ARTICLE VII, SECTION 1; ARTICLE VIII, SETION 10; ARTICLE IX, SECTION 7; ARTICLE X, SECTION 10; ARTICLE XII, SECTIONS 3** AND **9; ARTICLE XVII, SECTION 3, AND ARTICLE XVIII, SECTIONS 5** and **10; ARTICLE IX, SECTION 7; ARTICLE X, SECTION 9; ARTICLE XVII, SECTION 3, and ARTICLE XVIII.**

Rationale: to conform with National mandates.

Mrs. Davis moved to amend **ARTICLES I** and **II, ARTICLE III, SECTIONS 1** AND **2; ARTICLE IV, SECTIONS 1, 2,4; ARTICLE V, SECTIONS 1, 2,3,4; ARTICLE VII, SECTION 1; ARTICLE VIII, SETION 10; ARTICLE IX, SECTION 7; ARTICLE X, SECTION 10; ARTICLE XII, SECTIONS 3** AND **9; ARTICLE XVII, SECTION 3, AND ARTICLE XVIII, SECTIONS 5** and **10; ARTICLE IX, SECTION 7; ARTICLE X, SECTION 9; ARTICLE XVII, SECTION 3, and ARTICLE XVIII.**

The State Regent called for questions. Hearing none, the State Regent called for the vote on the motion. The motion passed.

Mrs. Davis presented **ARTICLE III – Membership** by adding new **SECTION 4**.

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

Rationale: To amend **ARTICLE III** by adding SECTION 4. explains specific language concerning Chapter memberships' financial and legal responsibilities.

Mrs. Davis moved the adoption to add SECTION 4.

The State Regent called for questions. Hearing none, the State Regent called for the vote on the motion. The motion passed.

Mrs. Davis presented **ARTICLE III – Membership** by adding new **SECTION 5.**

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

Rationale: To explain specific language concerning Chapter memberships' financial and legal responsibilities. To provide specific language necessary for individual members to be aware of financial malfeasance and reasonable compensation for services.

Mrs. Davis moved to amend to add SECTION 5.

The State Regent called for questions. Hearing none, the State Regent called for the vote on the motion. The motion passed.

Mrs. Davis presented **ARTICLE IV - Fees and Dues**, SECTION 1 by striking SECTION 1., replace it with mandated National wording, and create subsections.

SECTION 1. The annual state dues for each chapter shall be \$5.00 per member which shall be sent by the chapter treasurer and shall be postmarked no later than

November 1. A chapter whose dues have not been paid sixty days prior to each year's State Conference shall be notified by the State Treasurer that the chapter shall not be entitled to representation at the State Conference. Annual State Dues shall be:

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

Rationale: To strike SECTION 1. and replace it with mandated National wording. To create subsections (a) and (b) to use the wording that provides clarification for dues payment by members and members-at-large who are organizing a new chapter.

Mrs. Davis moved the adoption to strike SECTION 1., replace it with mandated National wording, and create subsections.

The State Regent called for questions. Hearing none, the State Regent called for the vote on the motion. The motion passed.

Mrs. Davis presented **ARTICLE IV - Fees and Dues**, SECTION 3 by striking SECTION 3., and clarify it without using redundant wording.

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

(a) are payable to the State Treasurer within sixty (60) days after the date of

admittance or reinstatement; and,

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

Rationale: To strike SECTION 3. and clarify it without using redundant wording.

Mrs. Davis moved the adoption to strike SECTION 3., by striking SECTION 3., and clarify it without using redundant wording and replacing it with mandated National wording and create subsections.

The State Regent called for questions. Hearing none, the State Regent called for the vote on the motion. The motion passed.

Mrs. Davis presented **ARTICLE IV - Fees and Dues**, SECTION 6 by striking SECTION 6 because it is included in new SECTION 1.

Rationale: To strike SECTION 6. because it is included in new SECTION 1.

Mrs. Davis moved the adoption to strike SECTION 6.

The State Regent called for questions. Hearing none, the State Regent called for the vote on the motion. The motion passed.

Mrs. Davis presented **ARTICLE VI – Nominations and Elections**, SECTION 2.

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

Rationale: To replace SECTION 2. with sub-sections that assist in clarifying the necessary steps

for an effective Nomination process. The membership of WVDAR shall have input in

determining a chairman by their vote.

Mrs. Davis moved the adoption to replace SECTION 2. with sub-sections that assist

in clarifying the necessary steps for an effective Nomination process. The membership of

WVDAR shall have input in determining a chairman by their vote.

The State Regent called for questions. After discussion, the State Regent called for the vote on the motion. The motion passed.

Mrs. Davis presented **ARTICLE VI – Nomination and Election of Officer** by adding SECTION 2. with sub-section (a).

- (a) Each member shall contact the Chapters in her district asking that **Applications and Résumés** ~~endorsements~~ for State Officers be submitted to the Nominating Committee Chairman and to each member of the Nominating Committee. **The member applying**

for a State Office must include an endorsement from her own chapter.

Rationale: To clarify the process to seek nomination for State Office.

Mrs. Davis moved the adoption to add SECTION 2. with sub-section (a) that clarifies the process to seek nomination for State Office.

The State Regent called for questions. Hearing none, the State Regent called for the vote on the motion. The motion passed.

Mrs. Davis presented sub-section (b) that had no change:

(b) The candidate for State Regent shall have the privilege of suggesting the name of a member for the office of State Corresponding Secretary.

Mrs. Davis presented **ARTICLE VI – Nomination and Election of Officer** by adding SECTION 2. with sub-section (c). Ginger Nalley, maker, Ohio Valley Chapter; Patricia Bills, second, Ohio Valley Chapter, proposed a member’s bylaw amendment that was presented first.

Chapters may endorse only one chapter member for state office unless in the case of State Regent and State Corresponding Secretary.

Rationale: To clarify the number of chapter nominees permitted per chapter.

Mrs. Davis moved the adoption SECTION 2. with sub-section (c). that clarified the number of chapter nominees permitted per chapter.

The State Regent called for questions. After discussion, the State Regent called for the vote on the motion. The motion passed.

Mrs. Davis presented **ARTICLE VI – Nomination and Election of Officer** by adding SECTION 2. with sub-section(d). Linda Whitman, maker, Capt. James Allen Chapter; Samantha Shleser, second, Captain James Allen Chapter, proposed a member’s bylaw amendment that was presented first.

Applications and Résumés with her chapter endorsement must be submitted to the Nominating Committee members by September 27. By October 1, Nominating Committee members will inform chapters in their district of the nominees for State Office. This information will also be distributed on the WVDAR email system.

Rationale: The August 28 and Sept. 1 does not give chapters time to accomplish this due to the fact that most chapters do not meet during the summer months of July and August.

Mrs. Davis moved the adoption SECTION 2. with sub-section (d) that clarified the dates applications and résumés need to be returned.

The State Regent called for questions. Hearing none, the State Regent called for the vote on the motion. The motion passed.

Mrs. Davis presented **ARTICLE VI – Nomination and Election of Officer** by adding

SECTION 2. with sub-section(e)Debi Smith, maker, Wheeling Chapter; Joan McClelland, second, Wheeling Chapter, proposed a member's bylaw amendment that was presented first.

Chapters may endorse one candidate for each state office. A candidate must have her own chapter's endorsement ONLY. All endorsements must be in the hands of all members of the Nominating Committee by October 30. Electronic endorsements may be made. After receiving the résumé and Chapter endorsement by October 30, the nominating Committee shall meet to make up the slate for election.

RATIONALE: Competing for more than one endorsement divides chapter members and the State Society.

Mrs. Davis moved the adoption SECTION 2. with sub-section (e). that clarified the number of chapter nominees permitted per chapter.

The State Regent called for questions. After discussion, the State Regent called for the vote on the motion. The motion passed.

Mrs. Davis presented **ARTICLE VI – Nominations and Elections**

SECTION 3. by striking the wording ~~or until their successors are elected.~~

SECTION 3. The Officers of this Society shall hold office for three years(3). ~~or until their~~

~~successors are elected.~~ All State Officers shall assume office when the Continental Congress

confirms the election of the State Regent and the State Vice Regent.

Rationale: To delete the extension of any office. This change aligns with National Bylaws.

ARTICLE VI – Elections, SECTION 1. A member having served more than half a term in any

office shall be considered to have served a term. WVDAR is a volunteer service organization.

Candidates for office need to know the length of their commitment.

Mrs. Davis moved the adoption SECTION 3, striking wording and clarifying National intentions for officers.

The State Regent called for questions. Hearing none, the State Regent called for the vote on the motion. The motion passed.

Mrs. Davis presented **ARTICLE VI – Nominations and Elections**

SECTION 6. Samantha

Shleser, maker, Capt. James Allen Chapter; Linda Whitman, second, Capt. James Allen

Chapter, proposed a member's bylaw amendment that was presented first.

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

Rationale: To add the wording "Chapter Regent" and to eliminate the wording "and District Director." to better serve the districts with large number of chapters.

Mrs. Davis moved the adoption SECTION 6, adding the wording Chapter Regent and eliminating District Director.

The State Regent called for questions. Following discussion, the State Regent called for the vote on the motion. The motion passed.

Mrs. Davis presented **ARTICLE VI – Nominations and Elections**
SECTION 9.

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

(a) be made at the annual State Conference.

(b) **present** a motion for endorsement that designates the specific
Continental Congress

at which she desires to be a candidate for election and shall be made
not more than

eighteen (18) months in advance of the Continental Congress so
designated. Nominations for a candidate for the office of Vice
President General from West Virginia shall be made by the
Nominating Committee at the annual State Conference. There may
be nominations from the floor. The vote shall be by ballot. A
majority vote shall be necessary for endorsement.

Rationale: To delete SECTION 9, replacing it with more specific language and
remove redundant wording, clarifying the nomination and election process for the
Office of Vice President General from West Virginia.

Mrs. Davis moved to amend **ARTICLE VI – Nominations and Elections**,
SECTION 9. by deleting SECTION 9, replacing it with more specific language
and remove redundant wording, clarifying the nomination and election process
for the Office of Vice President General from West Virginia.

The State Regent called for questions. Following discussion, the State Regent
called for the vote on the motion. The motion passed.

The State Regent announced the Morning Business Session would be recessed
for lunch. Delegates may enter the meeting room at 12:30 p.m. to attend the
Afternoon Business Meeting that will reconvene promptly at 1:00 p.m. The
meeting recessed at 11:05 a.m.

116th West Virginia Virtual State Conference
Afternoon Business Session
Saturday, March 13, 2021

The State Regent reconvened the Saturday Business Session of the
116th West Virginia Virtual State Conference on Saturday, March 13, 2021, at 1
p.m. She introduced Vice President General, NSDAR Malinda “Mindy” Davis,
who was the presenter for the Bylaws Committee.

Mrs. Davis presented **ARTICLE VII – Duties of Officers** by replacing
ARTICLE VII, SECTION 1 by inserting a new SECTION 1, and renumbering
the remaining SECTIONS.

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

Rationale: To clarify the purpose of ARTICLE VII. This new SECTION 1

provides an introduction of the prescribed duties of officers.

Mrs. Davis moved to amend **ARTICLE VII – Duties of Officers**, SECTION 1. by replacing the current SECTION 1 and inserting a new SECTION 1, an introduction to the **ARTICLE VII – Duties of Officers**, and renumber the remaining SECTIONS.

The State Regent called for questions. Following discussion, the State Regent called for the vote on the motion. The motion passed.

Mrs. Davis presented **ARTICLE VII – Duties of Officers**, to renumber old SECTION 1 to SECTION 2 and by adding subsections f through j. Ginger Nalley, maker, Ohio Valley Chapter; Patricia Bills, seconder, Ohio Valley Chapter, proposed a member’s bylaw amendment in sub-section (i) that was presented first.

Have authority to assign duties to the State Officers and State Committee Chairs, removing District Directors.

Rationale: No change

Mrs. Davis moved to amend **ARTICLE VII**, SECTION 2. Subsection (i) is to state that State Regent have authority to assign duties to the State Officers and State Committee Chairs.

The State Regent called for questions. Hearing none, the State Regent called for the vote on the motion. The motion passed.

Mrs. Davis presented **ARTICLE VII – Duties of Officers**, SECTION 2. by replacing the current SECTION 1 and inserting a new SECTION 2, adding subsections f through h and j, with i as amended.

SECTION 2. The State Regent shall:

- (f) sign checks in the absence of the State Treasurer.**
- (g) sign all contracts and agreements made in the name of the State Society authorized by the State Conference or State Executive Committee.**
- (h) appoint an Audit Committee to perform annually an audit of the books of the State Society.**
- (i) have authority to assign duties to the State Officers-and State Committee Chairs; and,**
- (j) perform such other duties as the National Society may require or as directed by the Executive Committee, State Board of Management, or State Conference.**

Rationale: Duties of the Office of State Regent are the same as current Bylaws, subsections f

through h and j, and I as amended contain explanations of the specified duties of the State

Regent.

Mrs. Davis moved to amend **ARTICLE VII**, SECTION 2. by replacing the current SECTION 1 and inserting a new SECTION 2, adding subsections f through h and jn with I as amended.

The State Regent called for questions. Hearing none, the State Regent called for the vote on the motion. The motion passed.

Mrs. Davis presented **ARTICLE VII – Duties of Officers, SECTION 3.** Jane Larke, maker, Woodburn Chapter; Charla Nutter, seconder, Col. William Lowther Chapter, proposed a sub-section (c) bylaw amendment.

(c) perform other duties as may be requested by the State Regent.

Rationale: to provide consistency in the language of the duties of officers.

Mrs. Davis moved **ARTICLE VII, SECTION 2.** Subsection (c) is to state that the State

Vice Regent shall perform other duties as requested by the State Regent.

The State Regent called for questions. Following discussion, the State Regent called for the vote on the motion. The motion passed.

Mrs. Davis presented **ARTICLE VII – Duties of Officers, SECTION 3** by replacing the current SECTION 2 and inserting a new SECTION 3, adding subsections b and c which has previously been amended.

SECTION 3. The State Vice Regent shall:

(a) in the absence of the State Regent, perform the duties of the State Regent.

(b) fill the un-expired term if a vacancy occurs in the office of State Regent; and

(c) perform such other duties as may be ~~directed~~ requested by the State Regent.

Rationale: Duties of the Office of State Vice Regent are the same as current Bylaws, subsections b and c contain explanations of the specified duties of the State Regent.

Mrs. Davis moved to amend **ARTICLE VII – Duties of Officers, SECTION 3** by replacing the Current SECTION 2 and inserting a new SECTION 3, adding subsections b and c which has previously been amended.

The State Regent called for questions. Hearing none, the State Regent called for the vote on the motion. The motion passed.

Mrs. Davis presented **ARTICLE VII – Duties of Officers, SECTION 4** by replacing the current SECTION 3 and inserting a new SECTION 4 and by adding subsections e through g.

Jane Larke, maker, Woodburn Chapter; Charla Nutter, seconder, Col. William Lowther Chapter, proposed a sub-section (g) bylaw amendment.

(g) perform other duties as may be requested by the State Regent.

Rationale: to provide consistency in the language of the duties of officers.

Mrs. Davis moved to amend **ARTICLE VII, SECTION 4.** Subsection (g) is to state that the

State Chaplain shall perform other duties as requested by the State Regent.

The State Regent called for questions. Hearing none, the State Regent called for the vote on the motion. The motion passed.

Mrs. Davis presented **ARTICLE VII – Duties of Officers, SECTION 4.** by replacing the current SECTION 3 and inserting a new SECTION 4, adding subsections e and f, g which has been previously amended.

SECTION 4. The State Chaplain shall:

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

Rationale: Duties of the Office of State Chaplain a-d are the same as current Bylaws, subsections e through f contain explanations of the specified duties of the State Chaplain and g as previously amended.

Mrs. Davis moved the adoption to amend **ARTICLE VII – Duties of Officers, SECTION 4.** by replacing the current SECTION 3 and inserting a new SECTION 4, adding subsections e and f, g which has been previously amended.

The State Regent called for questions. Hearing none, the State Regent called for the vote on the motion. The motion passed.

Mrs. Davis presented **ARTICLE VII – Duties of Officers, SECTION 4** by replacing the current SECTION 4 and inserting a new SECTION 5, adding subsections c, d, e, f, h, j, and k.

Jane Larke, maker, Woodburn Chapter; Charla Nutter, seconder, Col. William Lowther Chapter, proposed a sub-section (k) bylaw amendment.

(k) perform other duties as may be requested by the State Regent.

Rationale: to provide consistency in the language of the duties of officers.

Mrs. Davis moved to amend **ARTICLE VII, SECTION 5.** Subsection (k) is to state that the State Recording Secretary shall perform other duties as requested by the State Regent.

The State Regent called for questions. After discussion, the State Regent called for the vote on the motion. The motion passed.

Mrs. Davis presented **ARTICLE VII – Duties of Officers, SECTION 5.** by replacing the current SECTION 4 and inserting a new SECTION 5, adding subsections a, c, through f, h, and j, with k previously amended.

SECTION 5. The State Recording Secretary shall:

- (a) keep a record of all proceedings of the meetings of the State Society, the State Board of Management, and the State Executive Committee.
- (b) keep a record of all decisions, orders and proceedings affecting or pertaining to them.
- (c) **keep a Roll Call roster of the State Executive Committee and State Board of Management.**
- (d) **receive reports annually from State Officers, District Directors, Chapter**

Regents, and Committee Chairs for the current Administration's Proceedings Book.

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

Rationale: Duties of the Office of State Recording Secretary a,b, g, f are the same as current

Bylaws, subsections c through f and j contain explanations of the specified duties of the State

Recording Secretary with k, previously amended.

Mrs. Davis moved to amend **ARTICLE VII – Duties of Officers, SECTION 5.** by replacing the current SECTION 4 and inserting a new SECTION 5, adding subsections a, c, through f, h, and j, with k previously amended.

The State Regent called for questions. Following discussion, the State Regent called for the vote on the motion. The motion passed.

Mrs. Davis presented **ARTICLE VII – Duties of Officers, SECTION 6** by replacing the current SECTION 5 and inserting a new SECTION 6, adding subsections c, d, e, f. Jane Larke, maker, Woodburn Chapter; Charla Nutter, second, Col. William Lowther Chapter, proposed a sub-section (f) bylaw amendment.

(f) perform other duties as may be requested by the State Regent.

Rationale: To provide consistency in the language of the duties of officers.

Mrs. Davis moved to amend **ARTICLE VII, SECTION 6.** Subsection (f) is to state that the State Recording Secretary shall perform other duties as requested by the State Regent.

The State Regent called for questions. Hearing none, the State Regent called for the vote on the motion. The motion passed.

Mrs. Davis presented **ARTICLE VII – Duties of Officers, SECTION 6.** by replacing the current SECTION 5 and inserting a new SECTION 6, adding subsection d, with subsection f previously being amended.

SECTION 6. The State Corresponding Secretary shall:

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

Rationale: Duties of the Office of State Corresponding Secretary a-c and e are the same as current Bylaws, subsections d and f contain explanations of the specified duties of the State Corresponding Secretary.

Mrs. Davis moved to amend **ARTICLE VII – Duties of Officers, SECTION 6.** by replacing the current SECTION 5 and inserting a new SECTION 6, adding subsection d, with subsection f previously being amended.

The State Regent called for questions. Hearing none, the State Regent called for the vote on the motion. The motion passed.

Mrs. Davis presented **ARTICLE VII – Duties of Officers, SECTION 7** by replacing the current SECTION 6 and inserting a new SECTION 7, adding subsections e through h.

SECTION 7. The State Organizing Secretary shall:

- (a) supervise the organization of chapters in cooperation with the State Regent and through the Organizing Secretary General;
- (b) keep a record of the following facts regarding each chapter of the State Society: name and date of organization; names of organizing members and officers; date of issuance of charter; and a complete record of all officers;
- (c) assist chapters whose membership falls below the number specified by the NSDAR

- Bylaws (Article XIII, Chapters, Section 19);
- (d) notify the State Regent of the possible disbandment of a chapter according to the requirements of NSDAR Bylaws (Article XIII, Chapters, Section 19);
 - (e) **serve as a member of the State Chapter Development and Revitalization Commission;**
 - (f) **work with District Directors and Chapter Regents;**
 - (g) **investigate and ascertain the possibility of the organizing of new chapters and supervise the merging of chapters; and.**
 - (h) **perform other duties as may be requested by the State Regent.**

Rationale: Duties of the Office of State Organizing Secretary a through d are the same as current Bylaws, subsections e through h contain explanations of the specified duties of the State Organizing Secretary.

Mrs. Davis moved to amend **ARTICLE VII – Duties of Officers**, SECTION 7 by replacing the current SECTION 6 and inserting a new SECTION 7, adding subsections e through h.

The State Regent called for questions. Hearing none, the State Regent called for the vote on the motion. The motion passed.

Mrs. Davis presented **ARTICLE VII – Duties of Officers**, SECTION 8 by replacing the current SECTION 7 and inserting a new SECTION 8, adding subsections h and i.

SECTION 8. The State Treasurer shall:

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

Peters Cottage at Tamassee DAR School Committee;

(h) revise the WVDAR Financial Procedures and Policies as needed;
and,

(i) perform other duties as may be requested by the State Regent.
Rationale: Duties of the Office of State Treasurer a through g are the same as current Bylaws, subsections h through i contain explanations of the specified duties of the State Treasurer.

Mrs. Davis moved to amend **ARTICLE VII – Duties of Officers, SECTION 8.** by replacing the current SECTION 7 and inserting a new SECTION 8, adding subsections h and i.

The State Regent called for questions. Hearing none, the State Regent called for the vote on the motion. The motion passed.

Mrs. Davis presented **ARTICLE VII – Duties of Officers, SECTION 9** by replacing the current SECTION 8 and inserting a new SECTION 9, adding subsections e through g.

SECTION 9. The State Registrar shall:

(a) keep a record of all chapters including chapter names, dates of organization;

(b) keep records of all state officers, past and present, and national officers from

West Virginia;

(c) prepare such data as the State Chaplain may require for the preparation of the

Necrology to be read at the annual State Conference;

(d) serve as a consultant to Lineage Research and Volunteer

Genealogists

Committee Chairs, and Chapter Registrar regarding application requirements

and that Chapter Registrars are keeping e-Membership information current;

(e) cooperate with the State Organizing Secretary with forming new chapters by

assisting the Organizing Regent with prospective member applications;

(f) serve on the State Chapter Development and Revitalization Commission; and,

(g) perform other duties as may be requested by the State Regent.

Rationale: Duties of the Office of State Registrar a through d are the same as current Bylaws, subsections e through g contain explanations of the specified duties of the State Registrar.

Mrs. Davis moved to amend **ARTICLE VII – Duties of Officers, SECTION 9.** by replacing the current SECTION 8 and inserting a new SECTION 9, adding subsections e through g.

The State Regent called for questions. Following discussion, the State Regent called for the

vote on the motion. The motion passed.

Mrs. Davis presented **ARTICLE VII – Duties of Officers, SECTION 10** by replacing the current SECTION 9 and inserting a new SECTION 10, adding subsections d through f. Jane Larke, maker, Woodburn Chapter; Charla Nutter, seconder, Col. William Lowther Chapter, proposed a sub-section (f) bylaw amendment.

(f) perform other duties as may be requested by the State Regent.

Rationale: to provide consistency in the language of the duties of officers.

Mrs. Davis moved to amend **ARTICLE VII, SECTION 10**. Subsection (f) is to state that the State Historian shall perform other duties as requested by the State Regent.

The State Regent called for questions. Hearing none, the State Regent called for the vote on the motion. The motion passed.

Mrs. Davis presented **ARTICLE VII – Duties of Officers, SECTION 10**. by replacing the current SECTION 9 and inserting a new SECTION 10, adding subsections d and e with f previously amended.

SECTION 10. The State Historian shall:

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

Rationale: Duties of the Office of State Historian a through c are the same as current Bylaws, subsections d through f contain explanations of the specified duties of the State Historian.

Mrs. Davis moved to amend **ARTICLE VII – Duties of Officers, SECTION 10**. by replacing the current SECTION 9 and inserting a new SECTION 10, adding subsections d and e with f previously amended.

The State Regent called for questions. Hearing none, the State Regent called for the vote on the motion. The motion passed.

Mrs. Davis presented **ARTICLE VII – Duties of Officers, SECTION 11**. by replacing the current SECTION 10 and inserting a new SECTION 11, adding subsections b and c. Jane Larke, maker, Woodburn Chapter; Charla Nutter, seconder, Col. William Lowther Chapter, proposed a sub-section (c) bylaw amendment.

(c) perform other duties as may be requested by the State Regent.

Rationale: to provide consistency in the language of the duties of officers.

Mrs. Davis moved to amend **ARTICLE VII, SECTION 11**. Subsection (c) is

to state that the State Librarian shall perform other duties as requested by the State Regent.

The State Regent called for questions. Hearing none, the State Regent called for the vote on the motion. The motion passed.

Mrs. Davis presented **ARTICLE VII – Duties of Officers**, SECTION 11, by replacing the current SECTION 10 and inserting a new SECTION 11, adding subsection b with c previously amended.

SECTION 11. The State Librarian shall:

(a) solicit gifts, negotiate exchanges, and purchase new volumes for the Library of the

National Society;

(b) **keep a record of any genealogy books donated by DAR chapters or individuals**

to public libraries and to the National Society; and,

(c) **perform other duties as may be requested by the State Regent.**

Rationale: Duties of the Office of State Librarian (a) is the same as current Bylaws, subsections b contains explanations of the specified duties of the State Librarian, and c, as previously amended.

Mrs. Davis moved **ARTICLE VII – Duties of Officers**, SECTION 11, by replacing the current SECTION 10 and inserting a new SECTION 11, adding subsection b with c previously amended.

The State Regent called for questions. Hearing none, the State Regent called for the vote on the motion. The motion passed.

Mrs. Davis presented **ARTICLE VII – Duties of Officers**, SECTION 12 by renumbering current SECTION 11 to SECTION 12 and by inserting the words 500 words or less.

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

Rationale: By adding a word limit to the officers' reports helps clarify its length.

Mrs. Davis moved **ARTICLE VII – Duties of Officers**, SECTION 12, by renumbering current SECTION 11 to SECTION 12 and by inserting the words 500 words or less.

The State Regent called for questions. Hearing none, the State Regent called for the vote on the motion. The motion passed.

Mrs. Davis presented **ARTICLE VII – Duties of Officers**, SECTION 12 by renumbering to SECTION 13 and adding new wording.

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

Rationale: The addition of the wording provides direction to the officers concerning the DAR Property Agreement.

Mrs. Davis moved **ARTICLE VII – Duties of Officers**, SECTION 12 by renumbering to SECTION 13 and adding new wording.

The State Regent called for questions. Following discussion, the State Regent called for the vote on the motion. The motion passed.

The State Regent announced that the Afternoon Business Session had concluded and stood in recess until the Saturday Evening Session. She reminded delegates that the voting for Nominating Committee members would begin at 3 p.m. and end at 5 p.m. If any delegate has difficulty receiving the email ballot, she should contact Ericka Chevront, WVDAR VIS Chair.

The State Regent asked Mrs. Cowan if she had any announcements. Mrs. Cowan announced the following: delegates may enter the Saturday Evening Session at 6:30 p.m. with the Session beginning promptly at 7 p.m. Mrs. Cowan also reminded the delegates that Daylight Saving Time begins at 2:00 a.m. and they should “Spring Forward” one hour tonight. Please, don’t be late for the Memorial Service at 9:00 a.m. with the Sunday Closing Session beginning promptly at 10:00 a.m.

The State Regent thanked Mrs. Cowan. State Regent Brown stated that we would continue the Bylaws Committee’s presentation with **ARTICLE VIII** in the Sunday Closing Business Session. She announced the meeting was recessed until this evening at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of welcoming the President General, NSDAR to West Virginia. She concluded by reminding all delegates to check her email for the voting ballot. The meeting recessed at 3:10 p.m.
Carolyn S. Kesterson, State Recording Secretary

Report of the Audit Committee

Date: February 18, 2021

The members of the Audit Committee have examined the records of the Treasurer of the West Virginia State Society of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, namely the account registers for checking, savings and investment accounts, bank statements and supporting documentation. We find the records to be in good order and their contents to appear reasonable.

We also reviewed the financial statements of the West Virginia State Society of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, which summarize the records referred to above, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020. These statements appear to fairly represent the financial position and the revenues and expenses of the organization.

Signed,

West Virginia Society NSDAR Statement of Financial Position		
Assets		
	6/30/2019	6/30/2020
Cash		
Checking - Operating	59,960.60	111,448.53
Savings - Blanche Reymann Scholarship Fund	582.25	582.55
Total Cash	60,542.85	112,031.08
Investments		
CD - Blanche Reymann Scholarship Fund	12,984.72	13,155.46
CD - Cameo Club	3,253.85	3,292.81
CD - Peters Cottage at Tamassee	8,133.03	5,238.08
CD - WV Room at Memorial Continental Hall	18,723.91	15,916.22
Investment - Edward Jones - Josephine C. Peters Fund	44,184.65	45,602.89
Investment - Edward Jones - Unrestricted	31,324.23	28,658.94
Total Investments	118,604.39	111,864.40
Total Assets	179,147.24	223,895.48
FUND BALANCES		

Unrestricted Funds	65,134.18	66,541.67
Board Restricted Funds		
Total Unrestricted Funds	65,134.18	66,541.67
Temporarily Restricted Funds		
Savings-Blanche Reymann Scholarship Fund	582.25	582.55
Operating Account -Blanche Reymann Scholarship Fund	1,954.75	836.05
CD - Blanche Reymann Scholarship Fund	12,984.72	13,155.46
Cameo Club	1,550.00	2,060.00

CD - Cameo Club	3,253.85	3,292.81
Chapter Development & Revitalization Commission	227.50	219.36
DAR Good Citizens	161.75	31.75
DAR Service to Veterans Committee	-	50.00
Josephine C. Peters Fund	44,184.65	45,602.89
Junior Membership	598.68	1,327.68
NSDAR Contributions	20.00	32.50
DAR Magazine Co-op Ad		-
DAR School Pins		-
Peters Cottage at Tamassee	1,808.25	4,109.65
Peters Cottage at Tamassee (Major Renovations)		25,309.16
CD - Peters Cottage at Tamassee	8,133.03	5,238.08
State Regents' Gifts		-
State Regents' Projects		
Davis Administration	9,238.71	8,874.73
Brown Administration		8,240.91
Tamassee DAR School		382.00
WV C.A.R.	170.24	252.24
WV Continental Congress Event	1,741.65	1,591.65
WV Pages		155.00
WV Room at Memorial Continental Hall	1,671.32	4,799.32
CD - WV Room at Memorial Continental Hall	18,723.91	15,916.22
WVDAR Awards		-
WVDAR History Update	72.00	72.00
WVDAR State Conference	6,935.80	15,221.80
Total Temporarily Restricted Funds	114,013.06	

Permanently Restricted Funds		-
Total Net Assets/Fund Balances	179,147.24	223,895.48
Change in Net Assets/Fund Balances		44,748.24

**West Virginia Society,
NSDAR**

Statement of Activities

**July 1, 2019 - June 30,
2020**

INCOME

Contributions to State Society		
Blanche Reymann Scholarship Fund		881.00
Chapter Development & Revitalization Commission		-
DAR Good Citizens		370.00
DAR Service to Veterans Committee		50.00
Junior Membership		72
Peters Cottage at Tamasee		1,000.00
Peters Cottage Major Renovation		54,812.50
State & Chapter Regents' Pins		-
State Regent's Gift		-
State Regents' Projects		10,598.35
Tamasee DAR School		-
Unrestricted Donations		15.80
WV C.A.R.		82.00
WV Continental Congress Event		47.00
WV Pages		155.00
WV Room at Memorial Continental Hall		128.00
WVDAR Archives		-
WVDAR Awards		77.00
Total Contributions to State Society		68,945.65
Contributions to National Society		
DAR Magazine Co-op Ad		1,650.00
DAR School Pins		1,250.00
DAR Schools		965.10
Other Contributions		5,525.48
Pathway of Patriots - WV Tree		-
President General's Project		11,515.00
Programs		3,833.00
Total Contributions to National Society		24,738.58
Dues		
Cameo Club		510.00
WVDAR State Conference Dues		1,796.00
WVDAR State Dues		8,980.00
Total Dues		11,286.00
Event/Conference Income		

WV Continental Congress Event - 2019		53.00
WVDAR State Conference - 2019		-
WVDAR State Conference - 2020		8,990.00
Chapter Development & Revitalization Commission		730.00
Total Event/Conference Income		9,773.00
Other Income		
Interest from Checking & Savings Accounts		228.39
WVDAR Directories/Supplements/Proceedings		440.00
Total Other Income		668.39
Investment Income		
CD - Blanche Reymann Scholarship Fund		170.74
CD - Cameo Club		38.96
CD - Peters Cottage at Tamassee		105.05
CD - WV Room at Memorial Continental Hall		192.31
Investment - Josephine C. Peters Fund		1,418.24
Investment - Unrestricted		(2,665.29)
Total Investment Income		(739.99)
TOTAL INCOME		
		114,671.63

EXPENSES

Contributions to National Society		
From Chapters		5,142.50
From Sales: President General's Project		1,260.00
PG Next Act		5,100.00
Other Expenses		10,323.58
DAR Magazine Co-op Ad		1,800.00
DAR School Pins		1,250.00
Total Contributions to National		24,876.08
State Society Projects		
Blanche Reymann Scholarship Fund		2,000.00
Junior Membership		-
Peters Cottage at Tamassee		1,698.60
Peters Cottage Major Renovation		29,503.34
State Regent's Gift		-
State Regent's Pin		-
State Regent's Project - Brown		2,357.44
State Regent's Project - Davis		363.98
Tamassee DAR School		(382.00)
WV Pages		-
WVDAR Archives		150.00
WVDAR Awards/Good Citizen		1,000.00
Total State Society Projects		36,691.36
Event/Conference Expenses		
WV Continental Congress Event - 2020		
WV Continental Congress Event - 2019		250.00
WVDAR State Conference - 2019		1,250.00
WVDAR State Conference - 2020		1,250.00

Chapter Development & Revitalization Commission		738.14
Total Event/Conference Expenses		3,488.14
Other Expenses		
Audit		-
Bank Fees		-
Licenses & Permits		41.00
Award Winners' Meals & Travel		-
State Regent's Allotment		2,951.66
Supplies - Officers & Committee Chairs		242.00
WVDAR Directories/Supplements		1,633.15
Total Other Expenses		4,867.81
TOTAL EXPENSES		69,923.39
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)		44,748.24

**West Virginia
Society NSDAR
Temporarily
Restricted Funds
July 1, 2019 -
June 30, 2020**

	Balance			Balance
Fund Name	6/30/2019	Credits	Debits	6/30/2020
Blanche Reymann Scholarship Fund	15,521.72	-	-	15,521.72
Donations	-	881.00	-	16,402.72
Interest - CD	-	171.04	-	16,573.76
Interest - Savings Account		0.30		16,574.06
Scholarship Award	-	-	2,000.00	14,574.06
Reimbursement for Fiestaware	-	-	-	14,574.06
Total Blanche Reymann Scholarship Fund	15,521.72	1,052.34	2,000.00	14,574.06
Cameo Club	4,803.85	-	-	4,803.85
Dues	-	510.00	-	5,313.85
Interest - CD	-	38.96	-	5,352.81
Total Cameo Club	4,803.85	548.96	-	5,352.81
Chapter Development & Revitalization Commission	227.50	-	-	227.50
Donations	-	730.00	-	957.50
Event costs	-	-	738.14	219.36
Total Chapter Development & Revitalization Comm	227.50	730.00	738.14	219.36
DAR Good Citizens	161.75	-	-	161.75
Purchases by Chapters	-	370.00	-	531.75
Supplies	-	-	-	531.75
NSDAR Contribution	-	-	-	531.75
Awards	-	-	500.00	31.75
Transfer from Unrestricted				31.75
Total DAR Good Citizens	161.75	370.00	500.00	31.75
DAR Magazine Co-op Ad	-	-	-	-
Contributions from	-	1,650.00	-	1,650.00

Chapters				
Disbursement from State Dues per Budget	-	150.00	-	1,800.00
Co-op Ad to National	-	-	1,800.00	-
Total DAR Magazine Co-op Ad	-	1,800.00	1,800.00	-
DAR School Pins	-	-	-	-
Sales	-	1,250.00	-	1,250.00
Contributions to NSDAR	-	-	1,250.00	-
Total DAR School Pins	-	1,250.00	1,250.00	-
Josephine C. Peters Fund	44,184.65	-	-	44,184.65
Change in Value	-	1,418.24	-	45,602.89
Total Josephine C. Peters Fund	44,184.65	1,418.24	-	45,602.89
DAR Service to Veteran Committee	-	-	-	-
Donations	-	50.00	-	50.00
Total DAR Service to Veteran Committee	-	50.00	-	50.00
Junior Membership	598.68	-	-	598.68
Sales	-	729.00	-	1,327.68
Purchases	-	-	-	1,327.68
Contribution to NSDAR	-	-	-	1,327.68
Total Junior Membership	598.68	729.00	-	1,327.68
NSDAR Contributions	20.00	-	-	20.00
Chapter Donations: DAR Schools	-	965.10	-	985.10
Contributions to NSDAR: DAR Schools	-	-	965.10	20.00
Other Chapter Donations	-	5,525.48	-	5,545.48
Other Contributions to NSDAR	-	-	5,525.48	20.00
Sales: President General's Project	-	1,265.00	-	1,285.00
Contribution to NSDAR: President General's Project	-	-	1,260.00	25.00
Donations to President General's Project	-	5,150.00	-	5,175.00
Contributions to NSDAR: Pres General's Project	-	-	5,142.50	32.50

Chapter Donations to Programs	-	3,833.00	-	3,865.50
Contributions to NSDAR: Programs	-	-	3,833.00	32.50
Total NSDAR Contributions	20.00	16,738.58	16,726.08	32.50

Peters Cottage at Tamassee	9,941.28	-	-	9,941.28
Donation from State Officers Club - Utilities	-	-	-	9,941.28
Donations from Chapters - Utilities	-	975.00	-	10,916.28
Donations from Chapters - Upkeep	-	25.00	-	10,941.28
Utilities	-	-	692.18	10,249.10
Repairs	-	-	1,006.42	9,242.68
Major Renovation	-	54,812.50	29,503.34	34,551.84
Interest - CD	-	105.05	-	34,656.89
Total Peters Cottage at Tamassee	9,941.28	55,917.55	31,201.94	34,656.89
State Regents' Gifts	-	-	-	-
Donations	-	-	-	-
Disbursed for Gift Purchase	-	-	-	-
Total State Regents' Gifts	-	-	-	-
State Regent's Projects - Mindy Davis	9,238.71	-	-	9,238.71
Donations	-	-	-	9,238.71
Expenses	-	-	363.98	8,874.73
Total State Regent's Projects - Mindy Davis	9,238.71	-	363.98	8,874.73
State Regent's Projects - Cheryl Brown	-	-	-	-
Donations	-	10,598.35	-	10,598.35
Expenses	-	-	2,357.44	8,240.91
Total State Regent's Projects - Cheryl Brown	-	10,598.35	2,357.44	8,240.91
Tamassee DAR School	-	-	-	-
Donations for Scholarship	-	-	(382.00)	382.00
Total Tamassee DAR School	-	-	(382.00)	382.00
WV C.A.R.	170.24	-	-	170.24
Donations	-	82.00	-	252.24
Disbursement from State Dues per budget	-	-	-	252.24
Total WV C.A.R.	170.24	82.00	-	252.24
WV Continental Congress Event	1,741.65	-	-	1,741.65
Donations from chapters	-	100.00	-	1,841.65
Fees - 2020 event	-	-	-	1,841.65
Disbursement from State Dues per budget	-	-	-	1,841.65
Event costs - 2019	-	-	250.00	1,591.65
Total WV Continental Congress Event	1,741.65	100.00	250.00	1,591.65
WV Pages	-	-	-	-
Donation from Chapter Regents Club	-	-	-	-
Disbursements from State Dues per budget	-	-	-	-

Donations from Chapters	-	155.00	-	155.00
Total WV Pages	-	155.00	-	155.00
WV Room at Memorial Continental Hall	20,395.23	-	-	20,395.23
Donations from Chapters	-	128.00	-	20,523.23
Transfer from CD			3,000.00	17,523.23
Transfer to Operating Account		3,000.00		20,523.23
Disbursement from State Dues per budget	-	-	-	20,523.23
Interest - CD	-	192.31	-	20,715.54
Total WV Room at Memorial Continental Hall	20,395.23	3,320.31	3,000.00	20,715.54
WVDAR Awards	-	-	-	-
Disbursement from State Dues per Budget	-	423.00	-	423.00
Chapter Donations	-	77.00	-	500.00
American History Essay Awards - 2020	-	-	200.00	300.00
Christopher Columbus Essay Award - 2020	-	-	100.00	200.00
Outstanding American History Teacher - 2020	-	-	200.00	-
Total WVDAR Awards	-	500.00	500.00	-
WVDAR History Update	72.00	-	-	72.00
Donations	-	-	-	72.00
Total WVDAR History Update	72.00	-	-	72.00
WVDAR State Conference	6,935.80	-	-	6,935.80
2019 Conference Income	-	8,990.00	-	15,925.80
2019 Conference Expenses	-	-	1,250.00	14,675.80
State Conference Dues	-	1,796.00	-	16,471.80
2020 Conference Income	-	-	-	16,471.80
2020 Conference Expenses			1,250.00	15,221.80
Total WV State Conference	6,935.80	10,786.00	2,500.00	15,221.80
Total Fund Balances	114,013.06	106,146.33	62,805.58	157,353.81

116th State Conference*
Saturday Evening
March 13, 2021

West Virginia State Regent Cheryl Alexander Brown called the 116th State Conference to order at 7:00 p.m. Cynthia (Cindy) Jones Nicewarner, State Corresponding Secretary, gave the invocation. Lois Kimble, State Chair, The Flag of the United States of America, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and Cynthia (Cindy) Kolsun, State Chair, DAR Project Patriot Committee, led the American's Creed.

State Regent Brown asked a committee of Gail Potter, Chair; Georgette Ward, and Susan Yablonsky to approve the minutes for the evening's meeting.

State Regent Brown presented the President General, Denise Doring Van Buren as our honored guest for this State Conference. Mrs. Van Buren saved her remarks for later. State Regent Brown introduced other distinguished guests: Morgan Elliott, Arizona State Regent and Associate Member, Kanawha Valley and Pack Horse Ford Chapters, and Dr. Gloria Lester, Delaware State Regent. The State Regent thanked the ladies for taking time from their busy schedules to be with the West Virginia Daughters.

State Regent Brown also presented other distinguished ladies with the Conference this evening: Malinda (Mindy) Horner Davis, Vice President General, Honorary State Regent; Barbara (Barby) McDonald Frankenberry, National Chair of the DAR Museum Outreach Committee, Past Curator General, Honorary State Regent; and Charla Louise Nutter, Honorary State Regent. Virginia "Ginger" Wright Nalley, Honorary State Regent, was unable to attend due to the illness of her husband. The Nalleys have gotten good news. Her husband has been released from the hospital and is home. State Regent Brown asked for continued prayers for the family.

State Regent Brown stated that the State Officers and State Parliamentarian are truly extraordinary ladies. All of them have carried out their duties with passion and professionalism. State Regent Brown presented the State Officers: Jane Jacobs Larke, State Vice Regent; Sandra Isner-Johnson, State Chaplain; Carolyn Skidmore Kesterson, State Recording Secretary; Cindy Jones Nicewarner, State Corresponding Secretary; Margaret Bean Ways, State Organizing Secretary; Kelly Gainer Goodwin, State Treasurer; Susan Glasscock Arnold, State Registrar; Mary Edith Johnson, State Historian; Sandra (Sandy) Cowan, State Librarian; and Patricia (Pat) McKown Goodwin, State Parliamentarian. Please show these ladies some Sunshine Hands. Another group of ladies that State Regent Brown thanked for their hard work were the State Pages. The State Pages Include: Johnna Nicewarner, State Chair; Sarah Lustrea, State Vice Chair; Grace Parsons Arthur; Courtney Blank; Cassie Brown; Katie Brown; Cheyenne Hunt; Emma Hunt; Abigail Kennedy; Jillian Kennedy; Taylor Sams, and Elizabeth Satterfield. Sunshine Hands were extended.

State Regent Brown introduced Ruth Mooney and Patty Young, Co-Chairs, DAR Service for Veterans Committee. Mrs. Mooney presented the 2020 Outstanding Adult Veteran Volunteer Award to Mr. Edward DeMundo. Mr. DeMundo has volunteered at the Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center in Clarksburg for 35 years. He has worked in the Recreational Therapy Department. He has volunteered a total of 18,125 hours over his 35 years. He is 87 years young and an inspiration to all. Mrs. Mooney introduced the 2020 Outstanding Youth Volunteer who is Hunter Monroe. Hunter is an Escort Transport Volunteer who takes patients to and from their appointments. He also volunteers at the Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center. Dr. Oliverio stated that Hunter is team oriented. Hunter Monroe is currently a Medical Student at WVU and wishes to work in a VA Medical Center.

Patty Young presented the 2021 Outstanding Service for Veterans Volunteer who is Debbie Hoback. Debbie has volunteered at the Hershel Woody Williams VA Hospital for over 12 years in same day surgery, cardiology, dental, escort and courtesy van driver. She has also volunteered for Honor Flight Huntington helping with fundraising and has accompanied veterans on 3 flights. She has volunteered 3700 hours at the VA Hospital, 500 hours with Honor Flight Huntington and 40 hours with the US navy Seabee Veterans. The Outstanding Veteran Volunteer Award winner is Adam Greathouse. Mr. Greathouse enlisted in the Army in 1999 at the age of 22 with the intention of being a Lifer, but unfortunately that was not to be. In 2001, while serving in Kosovo, he sustained life-threatening injuries and was only given 2% chance of survival. He had a long road to recovery both physical and mental which he fought for over a decade. He received life changing help at the Hershel Woody Williams VA Hospital and now he volunteers and does counseling one on one. He was awarded the Disabled American Veterans Freedom Award and the Victories for Veterans Award. He has volunteered 5000 hours at the VA Hospital, and he has told his story to over 1700 veterans. On behalf of the West Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution we would like to thank all of you for what you do.

The WVDAR 2 mile walk for the Service to Veterans made a total of \$910. Bed buddies were made for the veterans to place on their beds. Thank you to all who gave for the walk and those making the bed buddies.

Another group of truly inspirational individuals are those West Virginia DAR members that have served on the frontlines during the Covid-19 pandemic, both in their work and as volunteers. The Daughters in attendance are: Grace Parsons Arthur – Pharmacist; Patricia Joanne Bills – Caring for a Veteran’s wife; Beverly Edwards Blake Boswell - Medical transportation driver; Stephanie Ann Burns – Medical Technologist; Jan Frankenberry Chancey – Teacher; Jerriann Maxwell Cochran – Teacher; Susan Feighley Garret – Member of the West Virginia Mask Army; Katherine May Barnett Genung – Mask Maker; Karen Elaine Clarke Gerbo – Physician; Kelly Marie Gainer Goodwin – Office Manager and District Supervisor for dentists; Shannon Marie Sams Harper – Correctional Officer VI (Captain); Catherine Lynn Weimer Hinkle – On-line Grocery pick-up associate – Walmart; Emma Rose Hunt – Member of the Elizabeth Volunteer; Jennifer Beth Nicewarner - Teacher; Johnna Lynn Nicewarner – Emergency Room Nurse; Teresa

Lorraine Carper Noland – Registered Nurse – Raleigh General Hospital; Charla Louise Nutter – Volunteer United Way food bank, church food pantry; Samantha Shleser – Radiologic Technologist; Frances Lucretia VanScoy – Associate Professor, West Virginia University; Margaret Ellen Bean Ways – Adjunct Asst. Professor, Blue Ridge Community and Technical College. Thank you for helping our nation and state navigate through an especially difficult time. You are truly West Virginia Heroes.

Also with us were the veterans of the United States Armed Forces. They include: Corporal Adam Greathouse, US Army, (Ret.); Col. Cheryl A. Brown, US Army (Ret.); Barbara B. McCreary, Captain, US Air Force; and Margaret D. Rusnak, E-3. US Air Force. Thank you for your service. Sunshine Hands were extended.

State Regent Brown was proud to present Denise Doring VanBuren, President General of the Daughters of the American Revolution. In more than three decades as a DAR member, she has held leadership positions including First Vice President General, Organizing Secretary General and New York State Regent. While carrying out this important work, Mrs. VanBuren simultaneously spent 15 (fifteen) years serving as editor in chief of the DAR publications, *American Spirit* magazine and *Daughters* newsletter. She was a former radio and television news anchor. She was also Vice President of Public Relations at Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation. She retired after 26 (twenty-six) years of service in 2020 as the longest-serving female officer.

President General VanBuren's theme, "Rise and Shine for America", encapsulated the vision to rise up and do good things in our communities and empower members to take ownership of the DAR story. Chapters will shine thereby helping more women discover the passion and purpose DAR membership can provide. Mrs. VanBuren is a cancer survivor and attributes her tireless work ethic to the late 1980s diagnosis that inspired her to make the most of each day. In recognition of her wide-ranging impact in the areas of philanthropy, historic preservation and business, she has received many awards for her service to American History.

President General VanBuren presented a Power Point on the remodeling of Continental Hall. She showed how the Hall had been gutted and had been totally restored. She also showed the new West Virginia Seal to be placed on the front of the West Virginia Box. The Museum and the DAR Genealogical Library have been closed for a year. Even though Continental Hall was closed for 98 days the workers have been working at home. While the Hall had been closed the Daughters of the American Revolution have gained 14,000 new members.

Mrs. VanBuren asked her staff at the beginning of her administration for ways to improve the DAR operation. West Virginia Daughter Cindy Nicewarner suggested that family members who connect within three generations be approved as Legacy members. Applications that arrive with less information to verify are approved much quicker. The members have really enjoyed the Legacy concept of getting the Legacy pin with obtaining membership within three generations of grandmother, mother, daughter, or aunt.

President General VanBuren presented the following chapters with Certificates for 100% participation in the President General's Projects. Those chapters receiving certificates were: Anne Bailey Chapter; Barboursville Chapter; Blackwater Chapter; Buford Chapter; Col. Morgan Morgan Chapter; Elizabeth Ludington Hagans – Colonel John Evans Chapter; Elk River Chapter; General Andrew Lewis Chapter; James Wood Chapter; Kanawha Valley Chapter; Ohio Valley Chapter; Old Hickory Chapter; Peters Mountain Chapter; Shenandoah Valley Chapter; South Branch Valley Chapter; Tanners Cross Roads Chapter; Trans-Allegheny Chapter and Woodburn Chapter. The President General was thrilled that there were so many chapters that had completed the project.

Mrs. VanBuren again expressed her appreciation to the West Virginia Daughters and was hoping to have a West Virginia Day to allow the Daughters to visit Washington and see the beautiful Continental Hall after the remodeling.

State Regent Brown thanked the President General for speaking to the West Virginia Daughters and presented her with gifts from West Virginia. On behalf of the West Virginia Daughters State Regent Brown presented Mrs. VanBuren with the final payment of \$5,000 (five thousand dollars) for the pledge for the refurbishment of the West Virginia Box in Constitution Hall and \$2,500 (two thousand five hundred dollars) for the replica West Virginia Seal. Two other gifts were mailed to the President General.

State Regent Brown asked Mrs. Sandra Cowan if there were any evening announcements. Mrs. Cowan state that the next morning was the beginning of Daylight Savings Time. Be sure to set you clock ahead at 2:00 a.m. so that you won't be late for the Memorial Service that begins at 9:00 a.m. The business session began at 10:00 a.m. The Auction will be held after the business session.

State Regent thanked Mrs. Cowan and reminded members to attend the Memorial Service beginning at 9:00 a.m. She reminded the members that the Business Meeting would begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was recessed at 8:25 p.m.

The minutes were read and approved by:

Carolyn S. Kesterson, State Recording Secretary

Virtual 116th WVDAR State Conference

Sunday, March 14, 2021 ~ 10:00 a.m.

RECONVENE Saturday, March 13, 2021, Business Session

West Virginia State Regent Cheryl Alexander Brown reconvened the Virtual 116th WVDAR State Conference Business Session to order at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 14, 2021. State Regent Brown called the conference to order. She asked everyone to rise and remain standing through the recitation of the American's Creed. State Chaplain Sandra Isner-Johnson gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Carolyn Skidmore Kesterson, State Recording Secretary. The American's Creed was led by Cindy Jones Nicewarner, State Corresponding Secretary. State Regent Brown thanked everyone that participated in the beautiful Memorial Service. The State Regent asked a committee of Margaret Bean Ways, Chair; Barbara McCreary, and Patricia Bills to approve the minutes for the closing session. The State Regent reminded the members the following procedure for voting: tap the green button for

“yes” and please tap the red button for “no”. Please do not cancel your vote, it will be automatically cleared for you.

State Regent Brown called for Rebecca Davis, State Chair, Credentials Committee, to give the final report of the committee. Mrs. Davis gave the following report: State Officers – 10; Honorary State Regents – 3; District Directors – 5; Chapter Regents – 30; Delegates – 134, Guests -3. Total voting strength – 142. Total registered strength was 145. Rebecca Davis, State Chair, Credentials Committee made a motion to accept the final report. Marilyn Oppenheimer, Westmoreland Chapter seconded the motion. State Regent Brown called for the vote. The motion was adopted.

State Regent Brown returned to the Bylaws. She called on Malinda (Mindy) Davis to present the Bylaws.

Mrs. Davis presented **ARTICLE VIII – Meeting of the State Society, SECTION 1.**

SECTION 1. A State Conference shall:

- (a) be held annually;**
- (b) have location and date of the meeting set by the State Regent, after consulting with the State Conference Chair/s;**
- (c) receive the reports of the Officers, District Directors, Chapter Regents, and the Chairs of the Committees;**
- (d) consider the business of the State Society;**
- (e) if necessary, be held using technological methods, such as teleconference, Webinar, or virtual conferencing with delegates being able to participate from remote locations;**
 - (1) In an election year, provide information to each delegate for the means to cast her vote by email ballot: name, National Number, Year or Nay vote response to the question, to whom to send the vote and deadline for voting;**
 - (2) The State Regent shall appoint teller/s from each District to receive votes via email. These tellers shall relay the tally to the State Regent who shall report the results via email.**
 - (3) The vote shall be recorded in the State Recording Secretary’s Minutes.**
- (f) refer to ARTICLE VII, SECTION 7 which specifies thirty-five (35) voting members from 12 chapters constitute a quorum.**

Rationale: To clarify the procedure used to determine the location and date of a State Conference. To clarify members who shall provide reports. To address technology that may be used when necessary.

Mrs. Davis moved the adoption to amend **ARTICLE VIII – Meeting of the State Society**, SECTION 1. by striking SECTION 1 and replacing SECTION 1 with format used by the National Society and addressing the procedure to determine the location and date of the State Conference, reports, and the use of technology during regular and emergency meetings.

The State Regent called for questions. Nancy Shifflet, Kanawha Valley Chapter, asked if the State Regent can decide the location, please be cognizant of where it is if amendment passes. After discussion, the State Regent called for the vote on the motion. The motion passed.

Mrs. Davis presented **ARTICLE VIII - Meeting of the State Society**, SECTION 2.

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

Rationale: To align with National who eliminated the Resolutions Committee in 2013 at the Conclusion of Continental Congress, WVDAR Credential forms are sent from the Credentials Chair, and WVDAR uses technology to send the Call to Conference and other items listed above.

Mrs. Davis moved to amend **ARTICLE VIII - Meeting of the State Society**, SECTION 2. by striking Resolutions Chairman that is no longer a recognized Committee at National and WVDAR has a Credentials Chair who mails blanks to respective Chapter Regents, as well as WVDAR uses modern technology to communicate with its members.

The State Regent called for questions. Hearing none, the State Regent called for the vote on the motion. The motion passed.

Mrs. Davis presented **ARTICLE VIII - Meeting of the State Society**, SECTION 8.

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

Rationale: To add SECTION 8. to clarify members' voting privileges during the State Conference.

Mrs. Davis moved to amend **ARTICLE VIII - Meeting of the State Society**, SECTION 8. by adding SECTION 8 to clarify members' voting privileges.

The State Regent called for questions. Kim Casdorff, Kanawha Valley Chapter, asked about changes in Section 5, which were mandated by the National Bylaws. The State Regent called for the vote on the motion. The motion passed.

Mrs. Davis presented **ARTICLE VIII - Meeting of the State Society, SECTION 9.**

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

Rationale: To add SECTION 9. to clarify the members, appointed by the State Regent, who are to approve the Executive Committee, Board of Management, and State Conference Business Meetings' Minutes.

Mrs. Davis moved to amend **ARTICLE VIII - Meeting of the State Society, SECTION 9.**

by adding SECTION 9 to clarify members, appointed by the State Regent, who are to approve the Executive Committee, Board of Management, and State Conference Business Meetings' Minutes.

The State Regent called for questions. Hearing none, the State Regent called for the vote on the motion. The motion passed.

Mrs. Davis presented **ARTICLE VIII - Meeting of the State Society, SECTION 11.**

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

Rationale: To clarify Registration process and an alternate's voting privilege.

Mrs. Davis moved to amend **ARTICLE VIII - Meeting of the State Society,** by adding

SECTION 11 to clarify the registration process and an alternate's voting privilege.

The State Regent called for questions. Hearing none, the State Regent called for the vote on the motion. The motion passed.

Mrs. Davis presented **ARTICLE IX – State Board of Management, SECTION 2.**

SECTION 2. The State Board of Management shall:

- (a) meet at the call of the State Regent;
- (b) shall participate in at least one meeting prior to the State Conference;
- (c) if necessary, call for a special meeting upon written request of

five (5) members of the Board with notice of time and place of the meeting sent

electronically ten (10) days in advance of the meeting;
(d) if necessary, vote using technological methods, such as electronic
or
postal mail, teleconference, webinar, or virtual conferencing. The
votes
conducted shall be affirmed at the next formal meeting of the State
Conference and be recorded in the official minutes of that Meeting;
and,
(e) refer to ARTICLE IX, SECTION 5 clarifying fifteen (15)
members constitute
a quorum.

Rationale: To align format with National Bylaws model. To use current technology and be prepared for alternative meetings.

Mrs. Davis moved to amend **ARTICLE IX – State Board of Management**, SECTION 2 by reformatting to outline form, striking postmarked and inserting sent electronically, and providing technological methods to conduct meetings.

The State Regent called for questions. Hearing none, the State Regent called for the vote on the motion. The motion passed.

Mrs. Davis presented **ARTICLE IX – State Board of Management**, SECTION 3.

SECTION 3. The State Board of Management shall:

(a) have all power and authority over the affairs of the State Society during the interim between its meetings, except that of modifying any action taken by the State Conference;

(b) if a state or national emergency occurs, defer its power and authority to the

Executive Committee which shall meet by teleconference or virtual conferencing which provides aural and/or visual communication among all members; the

Executive Committee shall conduct the necessary business to maintain the State Society during the emergency;

(c) report and make recommendations to the State Conference; and,

(d) be responsible, along with the State Regent, for the State Society

to be in

compliance with rulings of the National Society.

Rationale: To align format with National Bylaws model. To add clarification of state and national emergency procedures giving the Executive Committee authority to conduct State Society business. In an emergency situation, it is easier to include ten members rather than 50 members in an electronic meeting.

Mrs. Davis moved to amend **ARTICLE IX – State Board of Management**, SECTION 3 by reformatting to outline form and inserting emergency provisions for the technological methods to conduct meetings.

The State Regent called for questions. Hearing none, the State Regent called for the vote on the motion. The motion passed.

Mrs. Davis presented **ARTICLE IX – State Board of Management**, by adding SECTIONS 6, 8, and 9.

SECTION 6. Minutes of the Board of Management meeting, either State Conference or

specially called, shall be approved by a committee of three (3) members of the State Board of Management, appointed by the State Regent.

Rationale: To assure that the State Society has a record of all Board of Management meetings.

Mrs. Davis moved to amend **ARTICLE IX – State Board of Management**, by adding SECTION 6.

The State Regent called for questions. Hearing none, the State Regent called for the vote on the motion. The motion passed.

Mrs. Davis presented **ARTICLE IX – State Board of Management**, by adding SECTION 8 to include all proposed budgets.

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

Rationale: To include all business approved by the Board of Management.

Mrs. Davis moved to amend **ARTICLE IX – State Board of Management**, by adding SECTION 8 to include all proposed budgets.

The State Regent called for questions. Hearing none, the State Regent called for the vote on the motion. The motion passed.

Mrs. Davis presented **ARTICLE IX – State Board of Management**, by adding SECTION 9.

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

Rationale: To specify that the members of the State Board of Management, consisting of the Executive Committee, District Directors, and Chapter Regents, have the responsibility to fill vacancies in state offices.

Mrs. Davis moved to amend **ARTICLE IX – State Board of Management**, by adding SECTION 9 which clarifies who has the responsibility to fill vacancies in state offices.

The State Regent called for questions. Hearing none, the State Regent called for the vote on the motion. The motion passed.

Mrs. Davis presented **ARTICLE X – Executive Committee**, SECTION 1. **SECTION 1.**

(a) The Officers of the State Society shall compose the Executive Committee.

The Parliamentarian shall attend the Executive Committee meetings, serving in those meetings without vote.

(b) The Executive Committee shall have general supervision of the affairs of the

State Society between its business meetings, make recommendations to the

State Board of Management and the State Society, and perform such other duties as are specified in these Bylaws.

(c) The State Board of Management may authorize this Committee to perform such duties of the Board between its meetings as it may from time to time deem expedient.

(d) The Executive Committee shall meet at the call of the State Regent or upon the written request of five (5) members of the Committee. Notice of the time, place, and/or means of the meeting shall be ~~postmarked~~ posted electronically to all members of the Executive Committee at least ten (10) days in advance of the meeting date.

(e) The Executive Committee shall vote by electronic or postal mail, teleconference, webinar, or virtual conference, if necessary.

(f) Business undertaken by the Executive Committee shall be reported to the next formal meeting of the State Board of Management and the State Society and be included in the official minutes of the State Conference for informational purposes.

Rationale: To clarify the responsibilities of the State Parliamentarian. To provide information regarding reporting all meetings and business of the State Society. To use modern technology to conduct meetings.

Mrs. Davis moved to amend **ARTICLE X – Executive Committee**, SECTION 1 by reformat to outline form, to clarify the responsibility of the State Parliamentarian, to provide means of reporting all meetings and business of the State Society, and to use modern technology to conduct meetings.

The State Regent called for questions. Hearing none, the State Regent called for the vote on the motion. The motion passed.

Mrs. Davis presented **ARTICLE X – Executive Committee**, by adding SECTION 3.

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

Rationale: To clarify a quorum for the Executive Committee meetings.

Mrs. Davis moved to amend **ARTICLE X - Executive Committee**, SECTION 3, by adding pertinent information.

The State Regent called for questions. Hearing none, the State Regent called for the vote on the motion. The motion passed.

Mrs. Davis presented **ARTICLE X – Executive Committee**, by adding SECTION 4.

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

Executive

Committee, appointed by the State Regent.

Rationale: To clarify the number of members who are to approve the Minutes of the meetings.

Mrs. Davis moved to amend **ARTICLE X - Executive Committee, SECTION 4**, by adding clarifying information.

The State Regent called for questions. Hearing none, the State Regent called for the vote on the motion. The motion passed.

Mrs. Davis presented **ARTICLE X – Executive Committee**, by adding SECTION 5.

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

Rationale: To clarify the responsibilities of the Executive Committee.

Mrs. Davis moved to amend **ARTICLE X - Executive Committee, SECTION 5**, by adding clarifying information.

The State Regent called for questions. Hearing none, the State Regent called for the vote on the motion. The motion passed.

Mrs. Davis presented **ARTICLE X – Executive Committee**, by adding SECTION 6.

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

Rationale: To clarify the responsibilities of the Executive Committee.

Mrs. Davis moved to amend **ARTICLE X - Executive Committee, SECTION 6**, by adding clarifying information.

The State Regent called for questions. Hearing none, the State Regent called for the vote on the motion. The motion passed.

Mrs. Davis presented **ARTICLE X – Executive Committee**, by adding SECTION 7.

SECTION 7. The Executive Committee shall have the authority to enter into contracts or agreements concerning the business of the State Society, so long as such contracts or agreements are not in conflict with the Bylaws of the State Society or National Society, or the directions of the State Conference. Such contracts shall not extend beyond the term of office of the Executive Committee making such contracts or agreements, or in those instances where existing contracts and agreements must be renewed or replaced.

Rationale: To clarify the limits of the Executive Committee’s business agreements.

Mrs. Davis moved to amend **ARTICLE X - Executive Committee, SECTION 7**, by adding clarifying information.

The State Regent called for questions. Hearing none, the State Regent called for the vote on the motion. The motion passed.

Mrs. Davis presented **ARTICLE X – Executive Committee**, by adding SECTION 8.

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

Rationale: To clarify the responsibilities of the Executive Committee.

Mrs. Davis moved to amend **ARTICLE X - Executive Committee**, SECTION 8, by adding clarifying information.

The State Regent called for questions. Hearing none, the State Regent called for the vote on the motion. The motion passed.

Mrs. Davis presented **ARTICLE X – Executive Committee**, by adding SECTION 10.

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

Rationale: To clarify the responsibilities of the Executive Committee.

Mrs. Davis moved to amend **ARTICLE X - Executive Committee**, SECTION 10, by clarifying the responsibilities of the Executive Committee

The State Regent called for questions. Hearing none, the State Regent called for the vote on the motion. The motion passed.

Mrs. Davis presented **ARTICLE XI – Finances**, SECTION 1, by adding specific State Society information regarding the annual proposed budgets

SECTION 1. Fiscal Year and Budgets

(a) The fiscal year of the State Society shall be July first through June thirtieth.

(b) The annual budgets **for the State Society, State Conference, and West Virginia Peters Cottage at Tamasee DAR School** shall be prepared on the

basis of State dues, fees and contributions, payable the preceding November first.

Rationale: To identify the required proposed annual budgets of the State Society.

Mrs. Davis moved amend **ARTICLE XI -Finances**, SECTION 1, by adding specific State Society information regarding the annual budgets.

The State Regent called for questions. Hearing none, the State Regent called for the vote on the motion. The motion passed.

Mrs. Davis presented **ARTICLE XI – Finances**, SECTION 3, by adding specific State Society duties from **ARTICLE VII – Duties of Officers**, SECTION 7. (b) to **ARTICLE XI – Finances**, SECTION 3. (a)

SECTION 3.

(a) The State Treasurer shall be bonded, at the expense of the State Society, in such

amount as shall be determined by the Executive Committee. **Either the signature**

of the State Treasurer or the State Regent shall be sufficient to draw upon funds

as authorized.

Rationale: To clarify State Society Officers who are authorized to draw upon funds.

Mrs. Davis moved to amend **ARTICLE XI -Finances**, SECTION 3, by adding specific State Society duties from **ARTICLE VII – Duties of Officers**, SECTION 7. (b) to **ARTICLE XI – Finances**, SECTION 3. (a)

The State Regent called for questions. Hearing none, the State Regent called for the vote on the motion. The motion passed.

Mrs. Davis presented **ARTICLE XII – Committees**, SECTION 1. By striking unnecessary words and adding new Committees to be included in this ARTICLE.

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

Mrs. Davis moved move to amend **ARTICLE XII -Committees**, SECTION 1, by striking unnecessary words and adding new Committees to be included in this ARTICLE.

The State Regent called for questions. Hearing none, the State Regent called for the vote on the motion. The motion passed.

Mrs. Davis presented **ARTICLE XII – Committees**, SECTION 2. by creating subsections (a), (b), and (c) using the current wording and adding necessary additions to (b).

SECTION 2. The Finance committee consisting of five members to be appointed by the State Regent shall:
(a) consider requests for funds;
(b) plan ~~a budget~~ **proposed budgets for the State Society, State Conference, and the West Virginia Peters Cottage at Tamassee DAR School** and recommend to the State Conference such **income and** expenditures as the Committee deems expedient; and,
(c) appoint the State Treasurer to serve as ex-officio member of the Finance Committee.

Rationale: To strike SECTION 2 and align SECTION 2 with National format and identify all proposed budgets the Finance Committee must prepare.

Mrs. Davis moved move to amend **ARTICLE XII -Committees**, SECTION 2. by creating subsections (a), (b), and (c) using the current wording and adding necessary additions to (b).

The State Regent called for questions. Hearing none, the State Regent called for the vote on the motion. The motion passed.

Mrs. Davis presented **ARTICLE XII – Committees**, SECTION 3. by striking SECTION 3. following National’s elimination of the Resolutions Committee during the 2013

Continental

Congress and renumber the subsequent SECTIONS.

~~SECTION 3. The Resolutions Committee shall consist of at least three but no more than five members appointed by the State Regent. All resolutions to be presented at the State Conference must be postmarked to the Chairman at least fifteen days prior to the date of the State Conference. The Committee shall consider and present to the State Conference all resolutions which have been sent to the Chairman and shall recommend suitable actions thereon.~~

Rationale: To strike SECTION 3. following National's elimination of the Resolutions Committee during the 2013 Continental Congress; renumber the subsequent SECTIONS.

EXPLANATION: With the elimination of SECTION 3., the original SECTION 4. The Credentials Committee, shall be renumbered as SECTION 3. There are no other changes to SECTION.

Mrs. Davis moved to amend **ARTICLE XII – Committees**, SECTION 3, by striking SECTION 3. following National's elimination of the Resolutions Committee during the 2013 Continental Congress and renumbering the subsequent SECTIONS.

The State Regent called for questions. Hearing none, the State Regent called for the vote on the motion. The motion passed.

Mrs. Davis presented **ARTICLE XII – Committees**, SECTION 5. by striking old format for current National format, renumbering SECTION 5 to SECTION 4 and adding necessary additions to (b) through (f), as well as striking unnecessary wording in (c).

SECTION 4. The Long Range Planning Committee shall:

(a) consist of nine members, each of whom shall serve no more than nine years.

Each district shall be represented by at least one member;

(b) **have three (3) members, who have completed the longest term, retire and**

at the beginning of a new administration; the State Regent shall appoint three (3) new members to the Committee;

(c) **have new members, appointed by the State Regent**, should a vacancy occur.

~~in the membership of the Committee.~~ Appointments shall expire at the time of the member she is replacing;

(d) **have a Chair appointed by** the State Regent from the six (6) members already serving. Should a vacancy occur in the chairmanship, the State

Regent

shall appoint a new chair to serve the balance of the unexpired term. This chair shall also be named from those who have completed at least three (3) years on the Committee;

(e) **follow the attendance requirements: Any member who misses two (2) consecutive meetings** of the Committee without just cause shall automatically be retired from the Committee. The State Regent shall appoint a replacement to fill the unexpired term; and,

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

Rationale: To provide specific information regarding replacement procedures

Mrs. Davis moved move to amend **ARTICLE XII -Committees, SECTION 5.** by striking old format for current National format, renumbering SECTION 5 to SECTION 4, and adding necessary additions to (b) through (f), as well as striking unnecessary wording in (c).

The State Regent called for questions. Sheila Dyche, South Branch Valley Chapter, stated, asked if Chairmanship was stated in National Bylaws. Vice President General Davis state that it was not. the State Regent called for the vote on the motion. The motion passed.

Mrs. Davis presented **ARTICLE XII – Committees, SECTION 6.** by striking the old format

for current National format, renumbering SECTION 6 to SECTION 5.

SECTION 5. The Audit Committee shall:

(a) **consist of three (3) members to be appointed by the State Regent;**

(b) **upon the approval by the Executive Committee, examine the accounts of**

the State Treasurer annually; and,

(c) **make reports on such examinations to the Executive Committee immediately thereafter.**

Rationale: To strike SECTION 6. and renumber/align SECTION 5. with National format and language.

Mrs. Davis moved move to amend **ARTICLE XII -Committees, SECTION 6.** by striking old format for current National format, renumbering SECTION 6 to SECTION 5.

The State Regent called for questions. Barbara Holt, Gen. Andrew Lewis Chapter, stated that in the old Section that it stated just three members on the Audit Committee. The new section states 3. Are we limiting it to 3 members? State Parliamentarian Goodwin advised that it needed to be changed next year. Vicky Shears, Chair, Audit Committee, stated that there was no need for more than three members due to the current number of transactions. Following discussion, the State Regent called for the vote on the motion. The motion passed.

Mrs. Davis presented **ARTICLE XII – Committees,** by adding a new

SECTION 6. Bylaws

Committee. (See National Bylaws, **ARTICLE XII – Committees, SECTION 3)**

SECTION 6. The Bylaws Committee shall:

(a) **consist of three (3) members, plus State Parliamentarian, ex-officio;**

(b) **review the State Society Bylaws for compliance with National**

Society Bylaws;

- (c) **give consideration to all proposed amendments properly submitted, edit and correlate proposed amendments before notice is given, and prepare the notice of proposed amendments for distribution in the call to the State Conference.**

Rationale: To include information regarding a State Society Committee. (See National Bylaws, ARTICLE XII – Committees, SECTION 3)

Mrs. Davis moved to amend **ARTICLE XII – Committees**, by adding a new **SECTION 6.**

Bylaws Committee. (See National Bylaws, **ARTICLE XII – Committees**, SECTION 3)

The State Regent called for questions. Hearing none, the State Regent called for the vote on the motion. The motion passed.

Mrs. Davis presented **ARTICLE XII – Committees**, by adding **SECTION 7. West Virginia**

Peters Cottage at Tamasee DAR School Committee.

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

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

Rationale: To add an important State Society committee and its purposes to these Bylaws

Mrs. Davis moved to amend **ARTICLE XII -Committees**, by adding **SECTION 7. West**

Virginia Peters Cottage at Tamasee DAR School Committee.

The State Regent called for questions. Joan Gibson, Woodburn Chapter, asked for clarification on the background in education. Does that mean primary and secondary education only or does that include people with background in college and university education? Does that mean you have a degree or that you have taught? Nancy Kornegay, Peters Mountain Chapter, Bylaws Committee stated that if you have taught you have a degree. Christine Rumbaugh, Trans Allegheny Chapter stated that since Tamasee is no longer a DAR School she was confused as

to why a degree in Education is necessary. State Regent Brown stated that Tamasee is still a school and the children that are in the Early Childhood program are still the same children. This is the largest program. The after-school program is very educational. That is helping the children come up to or above grade level. The are helped with reading and math and citizenship. Nancy Shifflet, Kanawha Valley Chapter, asked how many children are in the two programs. There are more children are in there now than when it was a residential school. It has grown in the last three years. Following discussion, the State Regent called for the vote on the motion. The motion passed.

Mrs. Davis presented **ARTICLE XII – Committees**, by adding **SECTION 8. SECTION 8. A quorum of each committee shall be a majority of the committee’s members.**

Rationale: To establish a specific quorum for each Committee

Mrs. Davis moved to amend **ARTICLE XII -Committees**, by adding **SECTION 8.**

The State Regent called for questions. Hearing none, the State Regent called for the vote on the motion. The motion passed.

Mrs. Davis presented **ARTICLE XIII – Chapters**, SECTION 2 (a), by aligning SECTION 2

(a) with National Bylaws’ format, by adding subsections (b) through ((k) which identify Chapter

Regent responsibilities in regard to the State and National Societies.

SECTION 2. The Regent of a Chapter shall:

(a) **no later than May fifteenth of an election year, update the status of Chapter officers using e-Membership, or** send a list of newly-elected

Chapter Officers, **using the Chapter Officer Form**, to the following: the Organizing Secretary General, the State Regent, the State

Corresponding

Secretary and the State Organizing Secretary. Any subsequent change of

officers should be sent immediately to the above officers;

(b) **submit the names of the chapter committee chairs to the State Corresponding Secretary;**

(c) **send a hard copy and a digitized copy of the current Chapter Bylaws**

to the State Parliamentarian, immediately following any amendment

to a chapter’s Bylaws, the entire revised Bylaws, hard and digitized

copies in full, need to be sent to the State Parliamentarian;

(d) **send a copy of the Chapter Yearbook to the State Regent State Corresponding Secretary, and State Organizing Secretary;**

(e) **along with other chapter officers, take office at the close of Continental Congress;**

(f) **verify that the Chapter Master Report is completed online by the due**

date as required by the National Society;

- (g) disseminate information to chapter members and committee chairs
 - as directed by the State Regent;
- (h) be responsible for ensuring that chapter annual state and national dues
 - have been submitted by the respective November 1 and December 1 deadlines;
- (i) serve as Chapter Regent for no more than six (6) Consecutive years [Exception, see ARTICLE IX, NBoM, Section 3 (j)];
- (j) have the right to hold elections of delegates and alternates to Continental Congress and to the State Conference so long as the chapter is confirmed and recognized by the National Board of Management one year prior to the opening of the State Conference or Continental Congress; and,
- (k) as an organizing Regent who receives confirmation of the new Chapter by the National Board of Management after the first of February, she, or her Vice Regent, shall be allowed to represent the Chapter at the State Conference, providing the chapter has the required number of members and has paid state dues prior to the convening of the State Conference.

Rationale: To provide specific responsibilities of Chapter Regents and other officers.

Mrs. Davis moved move to amend **ARTICLE XIII -Chapters, SECTION 2**

(a), by aligning SECTION 2 (a) with National Bylaws' format, by adding subsections (b) through ((k) which identify Chapter Regent responsibilities in regard to the State and National Societies.

The State Regent called for questions. Randi Gray, Blennerhassett Chapter asked if Chapters who had their Annual Meeting after May 1 should change their Annual meeting date to the preceding month. State Parliamentarian Goodwin stated that the National Society had changed the date to May 1, so Chapters would need to change their Annual meeting to their meeting to the preceding month. Sandra Cowan, Gen. Andrew Lewis Chapter, asked if the Chapter Regents would receive a copy of the Bylaws or would they have to wait until the Supplementals come out. State Regent Brown stated that the Chapter Regents would receive a copy as soon as the Bylaws Committee met. Bylaws Committee member, Patricia Goodwin stated that they would receive a copy via electronic mail before the District meetings. Linda McGraw, Ye Towne of Bath Chapter, asked if e-membership allows for updates before Continental Congress. Cindy Nicewarner, State Corresponding Secretary, stated that changes could be updated through out the

year. Following discussion, the State Regent called for the vote on the motion. The motion passed.

Mrs. Davis presented **ARTICLE XIII – Chapters**, SECTION 3 by striking obsolete wording

and adding current procedures followed by the Chapter Regent.

SECTION 3. The Regent of each Chapter shall prepare a report of the work of her Chapter for a

one-year period ending thirty (30) days before the date of State Conference. This report must be

~~typewritten in triplicate~~ **typed** and shall be limited to five hundred (500) words. ~~one copy to be handed to the State Recording Secretary at the State Conference, one copy to the State~~

~~Regent and one copy to the District Director.~~ **Copies of the report are to be submitted**

electronically to the State Recording Secretary, State Regent, and the District Director.

Rationale: To provide specific, current information concerning the Regent’s annual report.

Mrs. Davis moved to amend **ARTICLE XIII -Chapters**, SECTION 3 by striking obsolete

wording and adding current procedures followed by the Chapter Regent.

The State Regent called for questions. Hearing none, the State Regent called for the vote on the motion. The motion passed.

Mrs. Davis presented **ARTICLE XIII – Chapters**, by adding SECTION 7.

SECTION 7. The Chapter Registrar shall report to the Organizing Secretary General all

changes in membership, marriages, divorces, deaths, resignations, transfers, and changes

of address as they occur.

Rationale: to provide Chapter Registrar’s responsibilities.

Mrs. Davis moved to amend **ARTICLE XIII – Chapters**, by adding SECTION 7.

The State Regent called for questions. Hearing none, the State Regent called for the vote on the motion. The motion passed.

Mrs. Davis presented **ARTICLE XIII – Chapters**, by adding SECTION 8.

SECTION 8. A chapter may admit associate members provided that any member so admitted shall be a chapter member in good standing and may be an associate member in not more than two chapters in a state at the same time.

Evidence of membership in good standing shall be required by the chapter granting the associate membership. The associate member shall not be counted toward representation or have a right to vote or to hold office in the chapter in which she holds associate membership.

Rationale: To provide information to in regards to all changes in membership and associate membership/s.

Mrs. Davis moved to amend **ARTICLE XIII – Chapters**, by adding SECTION 8.

Mrs. Davis moved to amend **ARTICLE XIII – Chapters**, by adding SECTION 8.

The State Regent called for questions. Hearing none, the State Regent called for the vote on the motion. The motion passed.

Mrs. Davis presented **ARTICLE XIV – Districts**, SECTION 1 by adding names of officers when appropriate.

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

Rationale: To add names of officers for clarification.

Mrs. Davis moved to amend **ARTICLE XIV – Districts**, SECTION 1. by adding names of officers when appropriate.

The State Regent called for questions. Hearing none, the State Regent called for the vote on the motion. The motion passed.

Mrs. Davis presented **ARTICLE XIV – Districts**, SECTION 2., by adding names of officers when appropriate.

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

Rationale: To add names of officers for clarification.

Mrs. Davis moved to amend **ARTICLE XIV – Districts**, SECTION 2. by adding names of officers when appropriate.

The State Regent called for questions. Hearing none, the State Regent called for the vote on the motion. The motion passed.

Mrs. Davis presented **ARTICLE XIV – Districts**, SECTION 3 by deleting unnecessary wording.

SECTION 3. Each Chapter shall pay annually to the District Secretary-Treasurer, on or before the first day of December, a sum determined by the District. ~~but not to exceed twenty five (25) cents per capita.~~

Rationale: To delete unnecessary wording.

Mrs. Davis moved to amend **ARTICLE XIV -Districts**, SECTION 3, by deleting unnecessary wording. The State Regent called for questions. Mary Johnson, Anne Bailey Chapter, asked about the Dec. due date. State Parliamentarian Goodwin stated that this is the same date as National. The State Regent called for the vote on the motion. The motion carried.

Mrs. Davis presented **ARTICLE XIV – Districts**, SECTION 4, by adding

name of officers.

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

Rationale: To add name of officer for clarification.

Mrs. Davis moved move to amend **ARTICLE XIV -Districts**, SECTION 4, by adding name of officer.

The State Regent called for questions. Hearing none, the State Regent called for the vote on the motion. The motion passed.

Mrs. Davis presented **ARTICLE XIV – Districts**, SECTION 5, by deleting obsolete wording and adding clarifying explanation in regards to current use of technology.

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

Rationale: To specify the most current use of technology when writing and submitting reports.

Mrs. Davis moved to amend **ARTICLE XIV -Districts**, SECTION 5, by deleting obsolete wording and adding clarifying explanation in regards to current use of technology.

The State Regent called for questions. Hearing none, the State Regent called for the vote on the motion. The motion passed.

Mrs. Davis presented **ARTICLE XIV – Districts**, by adding new SECTION 6. **SECTION 6. District Meetings shall be held annually for the purpose of conducting District business and disseminating DAR information with State Officers and State Chairs who shall provide instruction and inspiration.**

Rationale: To identify the purpose of the District meetings.

Mrs. Davis moved to amend **ARTICLE XIV -Districts**, by adding SECTION 6. that identifies the purpose of district meetings.

The State Regent called for questions. Hearing none, the State Regent called for the vote on the motion. The motion passed.

Mrs. Davis presented **ARTICLE XIV – Districts**, by adding new SECTION 7. **SECTION 7. The purpose of each district is to provide an avenue for the networking of the State Officers, District Director, Chapter Regents, and members within the respective districts.**

Rationale: To identify the purpose of the District in regards to assisting Chapters and State Conference obligations.

Mrs. Davis moved to amend **ARTICLE XIV -Districts**, by adding SECTION 7. that identifies the purpose of district meetings in regard to assisting Chapters and

State Conference obligations.

The State Regent called for questions. Hearing none, the State Regent called for the vote on the motion. The motion passed.

Mrs. Davis presented **ARTICLE XIV – Districts**, by adding new SECTION 8. Linda Whitman, maker, Capt. James Allen Chapter; Samantha Shleser, seconder, Captain James Allen Chapter, proposed a member’s bylaw amendment that was presented first.
Section 8

- (a) No District Director shall simultaneously serve as Chapter Regent or a State Officer;
- (b) The District Director, District Secretary, District Treasurer, or District Secretary-Treasurer shall not serve more than two consecutive terms; and,
- (c) In the event the position of District Director becomes vacant, the State Regent shall consult District Officers and current District Chapter Regents, prior to appointing an interim Director to serve until the next District meeting at which a new District Director shall be elected.

Rationale: To be able serve as District Director without having been a Chapter Regent [eliminating (a) and re-lettering]

Rationale: To eliminate the word “not” in original (c), now currently (b), allowing the District Director to serve not more than two consecutive terms.

Mrs. Davis moved the adoption **ARTICLE XIV, SECTION 8** eliminates subsection (a) referring to District Director, and re-arranging subsections (b)-(d) to (a) – (c).

The State Regent called for questions. Hearing none, the State Regent called for the vote on the motion. The motion failed.

Mrs. Davis presented **ARTICLE XIV – Districts**, by adding new SECTION 8. Proposed by the State Bylaws Committee.

SECTION 8. Eligibility of Officers

- (a) **The District Director shall have served as a Chapter Regent;**
- (b) **No District Director shall simultaneously serve as Chapter Regent or a State Officer;**
- (c) **The District Director shall not be eligible to serve two consecutive terms.**

The District Secretary and District Treasurer or District Secretary-Treasurer shall not serve more than two consecutive terms; and,

- (d) **In the event the position of District Director becomes vacant, the State Regent shall appoint an acting director to serve until the next District meeting at which District Director shall be elected.**

Rationale: To explain the eligibility of District Officers.

Mrs. Davis moved the adoption **ARTICLE XIV, SECTION 8** that explains the eligibility of District Officers.

The State Regent called for questions. Hearing none, the State Regent called for the vote on the motion. The motion failed. [NOTE: since both proposed amendments failed, they cancelled out each other; therefore, the next SECTION will become SECTION 8.]

Mrs. Davis presented **ARTICLE XIV -Districts**, by adding SECTION 9. that clarifies the responsibilities of the District Director.

SECTION 9. Duties of District Director. The District Director shall:

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

Rationale: To clarify the responsibilities of the District Director.

Mrs. Davis moved to amend **ARTICLE XIV -Districts**, by adding SECTION 9 that clarifies the responsibilities of the District Director.

The State Regent called for questions. Hearing none, the State Regent called for the vote on the motion. The motion passed.

Mary Johnson, Anne Bailey Chapter, asked if the Bylaws Committee would re-examine and present again **Article XIV, Sec. 8**. State Parliamentarian Patricia Goodwin stated that yes, the Bylaws Committee would reconvene and would present again next year.

State Regent Brown asked Ericka Chevront, State Chair, Volunteer Information Specialists Committee, to present a slide presentation. Certificates were awarded to Sally Ann Greenfield, Chair; Nancy Kornegay, Kathy Robertson, and Patricia Goodwin, Ex-Officio for their long and hard work to bring the Bylaws into compliance with the National mandates.

State Regent Brown called on Judy Bowyer, Chair of the Tellers Committee, to give the results of the Nominating Committee on March 13, 2021. Mrs. Bowyer reported: **Central District** – Ruth Mooney; **Eastern District** - Sally Ann

Greenfield, Chair; **Northern District** – Mary Ellen Hint, **Southern District** – Sandra Cowan; and **Western District** – Brenda Chevront. Mrs. Bowyer reported: Total number of Delegates – 142; total number of votes cast for Nominating Committee – 137. **Central District** – Ruth Mooney, Elk River Chapter – 71 votes, Karen Kurilko, Woodburn Chapter – 54 votes; **Eastern District** – Sally Ann Greenfield, Shenandoah Valley Chapter – 108 votes; **Northern District** – Mary Ellen Hunt, Blennerhassett Chapter – 68 votes. Frances Weekley, Ohio Valley Chapter – 49 votes; **Southern District** – Sandy Cowan, Gen. Andrew Lewis Chapter – 91 votes; **Western District** – Shirley Gilkeson, Kanawha Valley Chapter – 42 votes; Brenda Chevront, Old Hickory Chapter – 83.

State Regent Brown declared the following elected to the Nominating Committee by ballot vote: Central District – Ruth Mooney; Eastern District – Sally Ann Greenfield; Northern District – Mary Ellen Hunt; Southern District – Sandy Cowan; and Western District – Brenda Chevront. Effective the close of the Virtual 116th State Conference, the following member of the Committee will be the Chair due to the number of votes, Sally Ann Greenfield. Thank you, Mrs. Bowyer and your committee.

WVDAR members were not able to gather in large groups during much of 2020, but we continued to complete DAR projects individually or in small groups. One individual that went the extra mile was Georgette Ward, Regent, Elizabeth Zane Chapter. She indexed 16,026 Patriot names into the Patriot Records Project. Truly outstanding! Let us show some Sunshine hands for Georgette.

Ericka Chevront, State Chair, Volunteer Information Specialists Committee made a special presentation of a Power Point to honor State Vice Regent, Jane Jacobs Larke, with a pin and certificate for Volunteer Information Specialist of the Year.

The American Heritage Committee sponsored two state-level contests. The first contest asked members to craft a wall hanging for placement in the West Virginia Peters Cottage at Tamassee DAR School. The second called for machine stitched quilt entries. Patricia Toffling, State Co-Chair, American Heritage Committee announced the winners: third place was awarded to Cheryl Haught, Anne Royall Chapter, wall hanging; second place was awarded to Roberta Gellner, Blennerhassett Chapter, wall hanging; and first place was awarded to Deborah Hoback, Westmoreland Chapter, wall hanging. The other contest was for a wall hanging 24 X 24. It was titled Country Roads. First place was awarded to Georgette Ward, Elizabeth Zane Chapter. WVDAR has a first place winner on the National level for a picture taken by a member. The first place National winner was Catherine Hinkle, Blennerhassett Chapter. Mrs. Toffling announced the title for the 2021-2022 contest – it will be titled “Rise and Shine Your Light on Our House Beautiful”.

State Regent Brown announced the winners of the scrapbook and press book contest for 2019-2020 and 2020-2021. The press books and scrap books were judged by Morgan Elliott, State Regent from Arizona and Dr. Gloria Lester, State Regent from Delaware. The press book winners for 2019-2020 are: Chapters with fewer than 50 members: Second place – Trans Allegheny Chapter; First place – Ye Towne of Bath. Chapters with more than 50 members: Third place – Anne Royall Chapter; Second Place – Bee Line Chapter; and First place – Pack Horse Ford Chapter. The scrapbook winners for 2019-2020 were: Chapters with fewer than 50

members: Third place – Col Morgan Morgan Chapter; Second place – Tanners Cross Roads Chapter; and First place – Shenandoah Valley Chapter. Winning Chapters with more than 50 members were: Third place; Anne Bailey Chapter; Second place – James Wood Chapter; and First place – Pack Horse Ford Chapter. The winners for 2020-2021 for press books with chapters under 50 members were: Second place – Trans-Allegheny Chapter; and First place was Ye Towne of Bath. Winners with Chapters with over 50 members were: Second place – Anne Royall Chapter; and First place – Bee Line Chapter. The winners for 2020-2021 for the scrapbook contest were: Chapters with under 50 members were: Second place – William Henshaw Chapter; and First place – Col. Morgan Morgan Chapter. Winning Chapters with more than 50 members were: Third place – Anne Bailey Chapter; Second place – James Wood Chapter; and First place – Pack Horse Ford Chapter. Congratulations and Sunshine hands to all of the Chapters.

State Regent Brown asked Nancy Kornegay and Kathy Robertson of the Southern District to announce the winners of the “DAR-lings Delight” auction and the voices sold for the State Regent’s Projects, Blanche L. Reymann Scholarship Fund and the DAR School Committee. The winning tickets were announced: DAR Scarf – Tonya Billeter; DAR necklace – Yvonne Waite; Keepsake Cookbook – Carolyn Kesterson; Cultured pearl earrings – Ruth Mooney; Calico Cats – Linda Whitman; Blue topaz earrings – Lisa McNeil; Vera Bradley wallet – Joe Anne Eye; Golden slippers – Sandy Cowan; door hanging – Yvonne Waite; Patriotic wreath – Brenda Hess; Handmade blue and gold pin – Sharon Kerrigan; Bath salts – Jane Larke; Market bag – Susan Arnold; Blenko sun catcher- Yvonne Waite; Blue plate – Tonya Billeter; Star Bucks gift card – Ruth Mooney; Bird feeder – Sandy Cowan; Serving Up History Cookbook – Jane Larke; Tamassee Article – Randy Gray; Crochet owl handbag – Vicky Shears; Mountain Jewelry – Pat Bills; Hand painted vase – Charla Nutter; Wreath with gift cards – Deloris Nelson; Basket – Carolyn Holstein; Patriotic Bracelet – Lynn Crechko; Tea Baskets – Sharon Carrigan; Holls Chocolates – Cheryl Haught; and the Quilt Bird House – Mindy Davis. The State Regent’s raffle winners were: Pink teacup – Sally Ann Greenfield; white wicker basket – Laura Fullen; three tier basket – Brenda Durham. The Blanche L. Reymann Fiesta ware was won by Karen Genung. The DAR School Country Homes wreath was won by Lisa McNeil. Thank you, Mrs. Kornegay and Mrs. Robertson, for your outstanding job. Thank you to all of you who have provided items for the auctions and bid on items. The money raised will support key initiatives of the state society during 2021. The total raised for the auctions was \$ 1,988.

State Regent Brown asked Marilyn Oppenheimer, Regent of Westmoreland Chapter, to read the Courtesy Resolution in the absence of April Norris, Western District Director. Whereas the hour having arrived for the closure of the Virtual 116th West Virginia State Society Annual State Conference, be it resolved whereas the Conference has allowed the Daughters to renew old friendships and give renewed enthusiasm toward the work of our Society. Therefore, Be It Resolved thanks be offered to the Southern District who began the journey of organizing the 116th West Virginia State Society Annual State Conference at the Greenbrier. Be It Further Resolved that appreciation be expressed to the Southern District Director and State Co-Chair Samantha Shleser and Co-Chair Margaret Rusnak for their dedication to this conference.

Be It Resolved thanks be offered to the Virtual 116th West Virginia DAR State Conference Committee who has given so entirely of their time and talents to the overwhelming success to the 116th State Conference. Be It Further Resolved that appreciation be expressed to the Pages whose services contributed to the success of this Conference. Be It Further Resolved that thanks be expressed to the Bylaws Committee whose efforts to improve our Bylaws are appreciated, with special appreciation expressed to Malinda (Mindy) Davis, Vice President General, Honorary State Regent and Orator. Be It Further Resolved to the Audit Committee whose efforts to maintain our books are appreciated. Be It Further Resolved that thanks be expressed to Rebecca Davis, Credentials Committee Chair, and Linda Whitman, Registration Chair, whose efforts to organize our State Conference are appreciated. Be It Further Resolved that appreciation be expressed to Debi Smith, President of the Chapter Regents Club whose services contributed to the enjoyment of this Conference. Be It Further Resolved that appreciation be expressed to Rebecca Davis, President of the Cameo Club and her officers who services contributed to the enjoyment of this Conference. Be It Further Resolved that appreciation be expressed to Kelly Goodwin, President of the State Officers Club and her officers whose services contributed to the enjoyment of this Conference. Be It Further Resolved that appreciation be expressed to Sandra Isner-Johnson, State Chaplain, for her beautiful Memorial Service, and her inspiring invocations and benedictions throughout this Conference. Be It Further Resolved that appreciation be expressed to Nancy Kornegay and Kathy Robertson, Co-Chairs for the Darling DeLights Auction, for their excellent work and time extended. Be It Further Resolved that appreciation be expressed to Sandra Cowan, State Librarian, for her meeting reminders to keep us informed and on time. Be It Further Resolved that thanks be given to the Honorable James Justice, Governor of the State of West Virginia, for the gracious greetings which opened our State Conference. Be It Further Resolved that thanks be given to Dr. John Turley, President of the West Virginia Sons of American Revolution, for bringing greetings to our organization. Be It Further Resolved that appreciation to our distinguished guests, Dr. Gloria Lester, State Regent of Delaware and Morgan Elliott, State Regent of Arizona, be extended for their participation in our Scrapbooks and Pressbooks for our Virtual 116th State Conference. Be It Further Resolved that appreciation be expressed to our President General, Denise Doring VanBuren, for her delightful and informative conversation with the West Virginia Daughters. Be It Resolved that this assembly expresses our appreciation to our State Regent, Cheryl Brown, for her inspiration, dedication and leadership of our society and our Virtual State Conference during these unparalleled times. Be It Resolved that appreciation be expressed to each and every one who contributed in any way to the success of the Virtual 116th State Conference. Respectfully submitted: April Norris, Western District Director. The question is on the adoption of the Courtesy Resolution. Is there any debate? There being none, State Regent Brown called for the vote. The Resolution was passed.

State Regent Brown called on Jane Larke, Central District Director, for the invitation to the 2023 State Conference. Mrs. Larke: The Central District Daughters cordially extend an invitation to you for the 118th WVDAR State Conference which will be held at Canaan Valley State Park. The date is still to be determined as we work with the President General, Daughters of the American Revolution, who is expected to attend. State Regent thanked Mrs. Larke.

State Regent Chery Brown expressed her sincere and heartfelt thanks to the Virtual 116th WVDAR State Conference Committee. Reimagining a state conference and implementing the IT platforms required to conduct a virtual state conference were very time consuming and difficult, but the members of this committee worked tirelessly to make this conference a success. Let us all show our appreciation to Pat Goodwin, Chair; Jane Larke; Sandy Cowan; Ericka Chevront; and Charla Nutter. Lots of Sunshine hands.

This State Regent also thanks Southern District chapters for serving as hostesses for this wonderful state conference. Thank you to Nancy Kornegay and Kathy Robertson for running the auctions. Thank you to Karen Bonifacio and Margaret Rusnak for overseeing the scrapbook and press book contest. Thank you to Linda Whitman for the tremendous job of taking reservation forms and to Becky Davis for managing credentialing. Sincere appreciation to Johnna Nicewarner, State Chair, Pages, and all the beautiful Pages for their hard work in making the conference run smoothly. Many thanks to all the State Officers and State Parliamentarian Pat Goodwin. Our State Society is truly blessed! And a special thank you to the members of the Bylaws and Tellers Committees for the work they did before and during the conference.

There are so many more thank yous this State Regent could give but please know how grateful she is for all of you and your support of the West Virginia State Society. You all have made this a truly memorable Virtual 116th State Conference.

Again, thank you to our guests for adding so much to our Virtual 116th State conference. Gifts are on the way to you.

State Regent Brown asked Mrs. Cowan if there were any announcements. Mrs. Cowan stated that the Chapter Regents would receive their packet of certificates via the US Postal Service after the conference.

State Regent Brown asked the members to please stand and sing “Bless Be the Tie That Binds”, which will be followed by the Benediction. State Chaplain, Sandra Isner-Johnson gave the Benediction. State Regent Brown stated “By the authority vested in me as State Regent of the West Virginia State Society, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, I declare the Virtual 116th State Conference adjourned! Please take care and I look forward to seeing you in person at the District Meetings.”

The minutes were approved by: Margaret Bean Ways, Chair; Barbara McCreary, and Patricia Bills.

Carolyn S. Kesterson, State Recording Secretary

Memorial Service
115th and 116th State Conference
March 14, 2021
Memorial Service Via Zoom

OPENING Sandra Isner-Johnson

Sandra Isner-Johnson
WV State Chaplain

PRAYER

I invite you to pray in your faith and tradition as I pray in mine.

CALL TO REMEMBRANCE

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Songs of Faith”

Coordinated by
Selma Lee O’Dell-Humphreys
WV State Choir Director
by Sandra Budden
Past Grand Organist for
WVOES

MEMORIAL ROLL CALL OF CHAPTERS

(White Roses will be placed in the alter vases by State Conference Pages,
as we say “We Remember”)

Conference Pages

Abigail Kennedy
Jillian Kennedy
West Augusta C. A. R.
Sandra Isner-Johnson

CLOSING PRAYER

“But those who hope in the Lord
will renew their strength,
They will soar on wings like eagles;
They will run and not grow weary;
They will walk and not be faint.”
Isaiah 40:30

“Songs of Faith”

Medley consisting of:

Amazing Grace

Be Still My Soul

Be Thou My Visio

Because He Lives

He Is Lord

He

His Eye Is On The Sparrow

His Name Is Wonderful

How Great Thou Art

I Believe

I Have Decided To Follow Jesus

In The Garden

It Is Well With My Soul

Let There Be Peace On Earth

Mansion Over The Hilltop

More Love To Thee O Christ

My Faith Looks Up To Thee

*Oh How I Love Jesus
Old Rugged Cross
Open My Eyes That I May See
Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling
Spirit Song
Sweet Beulah Land
The Lord's Prayer
There's Something About That Name*



West Virginia State Society
National Society
Daughters of the American Revolution

Memorial Service

March 14, 2021

Virtual 116th State Conference
at Epworth United Methodist Church
Ripley, West Virginia

Cheryl Alexander Brown
State Regent

Sandra Isner-Johnson
State Chaplain

116th State Conference – Memorial Service – Sandra Isner-Johnson

The Memorial Service was held at Epworth United Methodist Church in Ripley, WV and aired virtually on Saturday, March 14, 2021. Opening Prayer and Call to Remembrance was provided by the State Chaplain. The Memorial Roll Call of Chapters was read to include the following deceased members from the previous two years, as white roses were placed on the altar:

<u>Central District</u>	<u>Jane Jacobs</u>	
<u>Larke, Director</u>		
<u>Blackwater</u>		
Catherine Lanham Hearell	421611	12/21/2018
Nora Elizabeth Flannagan Riggleman	884383	12/05/2020
<u>Colonel Zackquill Morgan</u>		
Jean West Halsey Gould	578914	11/12/2020
Teresa Jane Williams Swanson	733107	11/15/2019
<u>Daniel Davison</u>		
Kimberly Sue Rollins	1007649	12/18/2020
<u>Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Col John Evans</u>		
Nancy Carroll DeVault Holt	846455	09/14/2019
Barbara Gay Coleman Eller	853054	04/30/2020
<u>Elk River</u>		
Bridgett Jane Skidmore Chapman	801027	05/13/2019
Cora Mae English Mitchell	737450	11/15/2019
Hariett Inez Jane Archer Ladany	700510	10/05/2020
<u>James Barbour</u>		
Laura Sue Bartlett Smith	769166	12/22/2018
Sara Baughman Childs	694907	09/03/2019
Reba Estaline Crites Herman	718875	12/18/2019
Karen L. Corley Ketchem		
(Past Chapter Regent)	619933	05/27/2020
<u>John Hart</u>		
Violet Geneva Edmond McElwee	822190	01/22/2020

Trans Allegheny

Kathryn Poling Sprouse	632950	12/02/2019
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Eastern District

Gail Potter, Director

Bee Line

Jeral Ann Milton	932566	10/05/2019
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Fred Helen Norman Treat	978764	01/28/2020
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Pack Horse Ford

Nancy Rebecca Boyd Leidenfrost	767021	07/06/2019
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Martha Stillwell Strom	526014	09/27/2019
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Evelyn Maddox Hendricks Reinhart "Betty"		
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(Past Chapter Regent)	756638	09/15/2020
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Shenandoah Valley

Anita Louene Lloyd Wright	847004	08/06/2020
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South Branch Valley

Pauline Ruddle Harman	605919	09/04/2019
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Anna Janet Lechliter Pyles	992388	01/31/2020
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Mary Frost Williams Rowe	454806	07/22/2020
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William Henshaw

Joyce Jeanne Dial Michels	948601	10/12/2020
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Ye Towne Of Bath

Nancy H. Largent		
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(Past Chapter Regent)	696240	04/20/2019
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Leila M. Stuckey	595706	03/19/2020
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Eileen A. Reeder	632444	09/23/2020
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Northern District
Director

Mary Ellen Hunt.

Anne Rovall

Janet Ruth Davis Brandt 863867 07/31/2019

Kathleen Norris Hayes Keith "Katy"

(Past Chapter Regent) 695321 01/31/2020

Shelia Mae Parks 913029 06/05/2020

Henrietta Wilson Hopper 612977 07/23/2020

Caroleen Sue Wilson Jones 875432 02/24/2021

Blennerhassett

Ethel Parr Vick 555711 08/15/2019

Ireta Mae Smith McCoy 886028 07/06/2020

James Wood

Jane F. Lanham Fuller 417303 06/02/2019

Lee Willingham Nelson 431929 06/25/2019

Barbara Blanche Hale Reed 818158 07/30/2019

Blanche L Kugler Grueser 524652 01/21/2021

Ohio Valley

Betty Lorraine Reaser Tustin 787779 02/20/2020

Paula Marie Taylor Garner 866872 08/31/2020

Wheeling

Mary Jeanne Wheeler Hunt 816041 04/07/2019

Sally Wells Ezell 776301 04/18/2019

Dollye Lee Dakan Guzek 666456 05/20/2019

Southern District

Samantha Shleser.

Director

Captain James Allen

Phoebe Ann Bledsoe Tieche-Herring 832900 10/10/2019

Naomi Ruth Riffe Astle 928180 04/12/2020

General Andrew Lewis

Jane Garrison Demarest Withers	433071	06/29/2019
Bettie Sydenstricker Woodward		
(Honorary Chapter Regent)	606635	08/04/2019
Esther Louise Middaugh Knight	788189	10/04/2019
Helen Haroldlene Taylor Holmes	837072	02/17/2020
Vivian Mossburg Longanacre	433869	12/04/2020
Amaryllis Irene Ray Walkup	760517	2/14/2021

John Cooke

Betty Jo Morgan Day	861092	04/04/2019
Kimberly Christine Hatcher Harrison	976767	08/07/2020
Marion Elizabeth Manning O'Connell	908668	09/19/2020

Matthew French

Margaret Helen Honaker McNutt	525072	08/28/2020
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Western DistrictApril Norris,**Director****Anne Bailey**

Dianna Lou Jones Ryan	985614	01/17/2020
Ann Kendall Morris	917813	03/01/2020
Patty Lee Adkins Montgomery	835641	12/10/2020

Buford

Roxie Maxey Thompson	640813	08/13/2019
Anne R. Cummings	640811	11/04/2020
Gloria Michelle Gatti	572014	11/25/2020

Colonel Charles Lewis

Edith Jane O'Neal Martin	790227	08/16/2019
Glenna R. Hockenberry	539727	10/12/2019
Alice Anne Roush Andrews	476790	12/23/2020

John Young

Juanita Jane Walters Reed	818860	04/06/2019
Jane Elizabeth Downe Comisky	757125	08/01/2019
Eva Mae McNeer Kennedy	748933	01/16/2020
Marian Gail Bailey Byrd	834107	05/08/2020
<u>Kanawha Valley</u>		
Ruby Lee Wood	724762	12/01/2019
Anna Louise Ellison Greenleaf	929339	12/19/2019
Barbara Ann Stringer Smith Holliday	1005255	05/14/2020
<u>Old Hickory</u>		
Brenda Joyce Stanley Elliott	906776	10/25/2019
Lois Staats Casto	628210	10/28/2020
<u>Westmoreland</u>		
Anna Mae Cantrell Harmon	670570	01/28/2020
Viola Kay Dickson Slone	1002153	04/18/2020

Music was provided by Selma O'Dell Humphreys, State Choir Director. Conference Pages were Abigail Kennedy and Jillian Kennedy of the West Augusta C. A. R. Chapter. The West Augusta Chapter then took the flowers to local nursing homes.

WVDAR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

116th State Conference ~ State Regent ~ Cheryl Alexander Brown

At first blush the past year as the West Virginia State Regent can be summed up in one word: challenging. However, on further reflection the year has been so much more. It has been a time of overcoming adversity through creativity and perseverance, a time of digging deep, and a time of exploration and growth, especially in the area of information technology. The results are awe inspiring!

In spite of the pandemic and the lack of an in-person state conference and in-person chapter meetings, the West Virginia DAR grew from 1,758 members on January 1, 2020, to 1,794 members by year's end. This growth can be attributed to one half of all chapters' successful participation in the "We Can Do It" Membership Challenge and to a lot of hard work by Chapter Registrars, Chapter Development and Revitalization Commission members and the State Application Team.

Great progress was made on statewide projects. Phase I – renovation of the West Virginia Peters Cottage at Tamassee DAR School – was completed and about 90% of Phase II – refurbishment of the cottage – was finished with the Southern District being the first district to complete the transformation of its assigned area. Information on over 260 Patriots buried in West Virginia was submitted to the State Historian for inclusion in a companion volume to the Genealogical, Burial and Service Data for Revolutionary War Patriots Buried in Virginia. Certificates were made available for chapters to give to individuals that learn to write their names in cursive, and a recipient was featured in our co-op ad in the January-February, 2021, edition of the DAR Newsletter.

While in-person visits were limited due to the pandemic, the State Regent was honored to meet with the William Henshaw Chapter, attend the "Tea Party in the Park" sponsored by the Ye Towne of Bath Chapter, and participate in the presentation of the Blanche L. Reymann Scholarship at West Virginia Wesleyan College. She enjoyed attending three workshops presented via Zoom and numerous teleconferences and virtual meetings with state leadership and committees.

On August 29, 2020, Northern District hosted an informal state conference, during which West Virginia Daughters connected via Zoom to hear news and conduct a fundraiser. When it became apparent in November 2020 that an in-person state conference could not be held in 2021, the State Regent appointed the Virtual 116th WVDAR State Conference Committee and, with the help of Southern District chapters, they undertook the work necessary to reimagine the state conference into a virtual experience. To date over 175 individuals have registered to attend various meetings.

Looking forward, the most important step we can take is to return to in-person meetings and normal operations when it is safe to do so. Hopefully, we can be together again at in-person district meetings in August and September. Until then please enjoy the Virtual 116th State Conference, which will feature a visit by Denise Doring VanBuren, President General, NSDAR; recognition of West Virginia heroes; and some critical business.

116th State Conference ~ State Vice Regent ~ Jane Jacobs Larke

Like many of you this year, the majority of my DAR involvement revolved around virtual meetings and activities. I know it has been a challenge to stay connected during the pandemic, but the availability of technology allowed me to participate in DAR on many different levels.

On the national level, I was able to participate in DAR webinars to expand my knowledge base on many subjects. During our historic Continental Congress I served as a Balcony Volunteer and represented WV at the State Vice Regents Club meeting and the National Vice Chair Meeting.

Around the state, I enjoyed visiting with Blackwater, Elizabeth Zane and Ye Town of Bath (virtually) at chapter meetings. I attended the WVDAR Scholarship Award Presentation, the Colonel Morgan Morgan Gold Star Mother Remembrance, celebrated Flag Day and Constitution Day with the Colonel Zackquill Morgan and Hagans-Evans Chapters, attended both Genealogy seminars sponsored by the Chapter Development and Revitalization Commission and the WVDAR workshop on the Patriot Burial Project. I particularly enjoyed being able to represent our membership and lay the WVDAR wreath at Battle Days.

This year, I coordinated with our State Chairs to compile the State Information Packet (SIP) and distribute it to all chapters. And I worked closely with the Virtual State Conference Planning Committee to plan and implement the 2021 state conference.

I was busy in my community representing WVDAR in a variety of chapter events. I attended the Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance and a Veterans Day ceremony, coordinated our chapter's Wreaths Across America efforts at the West Virginia National Cemetery in Grafton, and was present to receive a Constitution Day Proclamation from the Monongalia County Commission. It's been an honor to represent the state to further the goals of DAR and Soar to New Heights in this pandemic year with the Brown administration.

116th State Conference ~ State Chaplain ~ Sandra Isner-Johnson

The second year as State Chaplain brought many challenges due to COVID-19. I attended Teleconference Meetings for Executive Committee & District Directors, and a Zoom State Conference, where Opening Prayers were provided.

New this year was the "Today's Message" on Facebook each day (well, almost) where scriptures, stories, and inspirational quotes offered uplifting messages to our members.

Chapters reported on the **CMR** their support by providing SunShine Reports, sending cards, observing Days of Prayer, conducting Memorial Services, and featuring Patriots during a chapter program:

Anne Bailey: Sunshine Reports; cards to 90+ members; NSDAR/National Days of Prayer; Memorial Service.

Anne Royall: Sunshine Reports; 5 Member's Patriots.

Barboursville: Sunshine Reports; card to 90+ member; NSDA/National Days of Prayer.

Bee Line Chapter: Sunshine Reports; cards to 90+ members; NSDAR/National Days of Prayer; 33 Patriots; supported VA hospital.

Blackwater: Sunshine Reports; Memorial Service; patriot memorials article in WVDAR newsletter.

Blennerhassett: Sunshine Reports; Memorial Service.

Buford: Sunshine Reports; cards to 90+ members; 1 Patriot.

Captain James Allen: Sunshine Reports; cards to 90+ members; NSDAR/National Days of Prayer.

Colonel Charles Lewis: Sunshine Reports; cards to 90+ members; NSDAR/National Days of Prayer; Memorial Service.

Colonel Morgan Morgan: Sunshine Reports; cards to 90+ members; 10 Patriots.

Colonel William Lowther: Sunshine Reports; National Day of Prayer; Memorial Service.

Colonel Zackquill Morgan: Sunshine Reports; cards to 90+ members; Memorial Service.

Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Col John Evans: Sunshine Reports; members cleaned Patriot's tombstones.

Elizabeth Zane: Sunshine Reports; 5 Patriots.

Elk River: Sunshine Reports; cards to 90+ members.

General Andrew Lewis: Sunshine Reports; cards to 90+ members; National Day of Prayer.

James Wood: Sunshine Reports; cards to 90+ members; 5 Patriots.

John Hart: Sunshine Reports; birthday cards to members.

John Young: Sunshine Reports; cards to 90+ members; NSDAR/National Days of Prayer; Memorial Service.

Kanawha Valley: Sunshine Reports; 4 Patriots.

Matthew French: Sunshine Reports; National Day of Prayer; 1 Patriot,

Ohio Valley: Sunshine Reports; cards to 90+ members; NSDAR/National Days of Prayer & WV COVID-19 Prayer Day; offered 'well checks' for members; 2 Patriots; sympathy cards; Disaster Relief program donation.

Old Hickory: Sunshine Reports.

Pack Horse Ford: Sunshine Reports; cards to 90+ members; provides card ministry to members and families; National Day of Prayer; paid tribute to 6 Patriots by making ornaments during December meeting.

Peters Mountain: Sunshine Reports; cards to 90+ members; telephone/text/internet to members regarding sicknesses/bereavements

Shenandoah: Sunshine Reports; cards to 90+ members.

South Branch Valley: Sunshine Reports; honored deceased members with prayer and scriptures; 3 Patriots

Tanner's Cross Roads: NSDAR/National Days of Prayer.

Trans-Allegheny: Sunshine Reports; cards to 90+ members; NSDAR/National Days of Prayer; placed grave marker; 11 Patriots.

Westmoreland: Sunshine Reports; cards to 90+ members; NSDAR/National Days of Prayer; Memorial Service; 14 Patriots.

Wheeling: Sunshine Reports; cards for bereavement/illness.

William Henshaw: Sunshine Reports; cards to 90+ members; Memorial Service; 1 Patriot.

Woodburn: Sunshine Reports; cards to 90+ members.

Ye Town of Bath: Sunshine Reports; cards to 90+ members; 1 Patriot.

Sympathy cards were sent to families of 36 deceased members, four birthday cards to elderly members, and 12 thinking-of-you/get-well cards.

116th State Conference ~ State Recording Secretary ~ Carolyn S. Kesterson

Like the majority of the State members, this officer's work revolved around Zoom meetings and Teleconferences. It has been a challenge to all the Chapters and the State Executive Committee to conduct meetings but with the availability to hold meetings virtually or by teleconferences we have accomplished our goals. The Covid-19 pandemic canceled the in-person State Conference, but we were fortunate enough to have our first virtual State Conference in August 2020. I presented a video of the Recording Secretary's duties during the Conference.

On the National level this Officer attended the very first National Continental Congress held virtually. I also attended webinars given by the National Society. On the Chapter level, as chair for the Constitution Week Committee, I obtained 5 Proclamations for Constitution Week. I also attended two virtual DNA workshops sponsored by the WVDAR Chapter Development and Revitalization Commission.

During the past year your Executive Committee, chaired by State Regent Cheryl A. Brown, has had Executive teleconferences every month. We have conducted business of the State Society on your behalf. I have recorded and taken the minutes for each teleconference. Once typed, they were read and approved by three members of the Executive Committee. All minutes will be provided in the Proceedings Book at the end of the term.

If I may be of any help to you, please call or e-mail me at mommawvu@cascable.net.

I remain your servant in WVDAR.

116th State Conference ~ State Corresponding Secretary ~ Cindy Nicewarner

The COVID pandemic greatly changed our plans for a busy year. State Conference was rescheduled for the fall when it was held virtually and as a result of that change, the state conference program was not needed. I attended the very first virtual West Virginia State Conference and enjoyed seeing so many of my DAR friends.

Very few corrections and additions were needed to the 2019 WVDAR State Directory. The 2020 WVDAR Directory Supplement was only 6 pages and since the supplement is a half-page booklet, the entire supplement could be printed on two letter-sized pieces of paper! As a result, the supplement was distributed electronically, and money was saved on printing costs! Much appreciation is extended to State Vice Regent Jane Larke for her assistance with formatting.

Over the course of the year, I have participated in all of the WVDAR Executive Officer's teleconferences. It is my honor to serve our State Regent, Cheryl A. Brown with this group of amazing Executive Board members.

116th State Conference ~ State Organizing Secretary ~ Margaret Bean Way

Twenty-Two has been a very challenging year! The pandemic has affected our entire DAR Society from National to State to Chapters. We held no in-person

State Conference or District Meetings during 2020 and Chapter Meetings were a hit and miss throughout the State.

Our Executive Officers met often via Teleconferences throughout 2020 where Cheryl Brown, WVDAR State Regent kept us up to date on what was happening at DAR Society headquarters and around our state. Our team was able during this pandemic year to conduct business, plan our first virtual conference, and conduct training sessions. I reviewed and revised Executive Officer meeting minutes throughout the year.

I have been and are currently working with a Chapter that has needed assistance and support. Please reach out to me if your chapter needs assistance, or if there is an area within your district that is interested in establishing a new chapter.

I continued to serve during the year on the Chapter Development and Revitalization Committee and the State Application Team (SAT).

The collection of yearbooks from the Chapters around the State continue to come in but there are still many that I have not received for 2020 and a few from 2019. These yearbooks are kept in our state archives and become an important part of our history as a State DAR Society. So please remember to send a copy of your chapter yearbook.

I look forward to continuing to work with the State Regent, other state officers and Chapters across the state. I am here to support our chapters, help them grow, and become stronger for our state society. It is a pleasure to work with this administration.

116th State Conference – State Treasurer ~ Kelly Gainer Goodwin

No report given.

116th State Conference ~ State Registrar ~ Susan Glasscock Arnold

2020 was the year of attending workshops and meetings via Zoom! This state officer completed the new online NSDAR Registrar Training Course (GEP 6) in February, attended an online workshop in April that was sponsored by the Utah State Society NSDAR to learn the intricacies of preparing eAPPs, and viewed the two DNA workshops sponsored by the WVDAR Chapter Development and Revitalization Commission in the fall.

The membership in West Virginia's 38 chapters continued to steadily increase despite all of the challenges experienced this year. Our state membership count as of January 1, 2020, was 1,758; as of December 31, 2020, it was 1,794, resulting in a net increase of 36 members. There were 46 members who were dropped for non-payment of dues, as well as 18 resignations, but on the positive side, there were 17 reinstatements plus we gained 124 new members! Ten chapters achieved the President General's goal of 10% growth or more: Barboursville, Blackwater, Colonel Charles Lewis, Colonel Morgan Morgan, Daniel Davison, Elizabeth Ludington H gans – Colonel John Evans, Elk River, James Wood, South Branch Valley, and Tanner's Cross Roads. Four chapters achieved growth of 5-9%: Bee Line, Ohio Valley, Trans-Allegheny, and Ye Towne of Bath. These chapters are all to be commended for their efforts, especially in light of the pandemic.

2020 Member Change Report

- **Deceased** 42
- **Drops** 46
- **Resignations** 18
- **Reinstatements** 17
- **Transfers Out West Virginia** 13 with 7 that left
- **Transfers In to West Virginia** 14 with 8 that are new
- **New Members** 124

In mid-August, President General Denise Doring VanBuren issued a Membership Challenge for all chapters in the country to try and add two new members, either by application or reinstatement, before the end of the year. Nineteen West Virginia chapters (50%) met this challenge, including Anne Bailey, Barboursville, Bee Line, Blackwater, Blennerhassett, Buford, Col. Charles Lewis, Col. Morgan Morgan, Daniel Davisson, Elizabeth Ludington Hagans – Col. John Evans, Elk River, James Wood, John Young, Kanawha Valley, Pack Horse Ford, South Branch Valley, Tanner’s Cross Roads, Trans-Allegheny, and Woodburn. West Virginia’s grand total for the Membership Challenge period was 49 new members, 14 of whom were juniors, and 4 reinstatements. These chapters will receive special recognition on the Membership Committee’s webpage as well as at the 2021 Continental Congress. Many thanks to all of the hard-working chapter Registrars!

Currently, West Virginia has only 1 Additional Information Requested (AIR) Letter and one Pre-Letter on new applications, which is a phenomenal achievement. Kudos to the State Application Team!

I have answered several questions throughout the year from Registrars and chapters regarding AIRs, applications, and eAPPs. This officer helped with research and formatting for approximately 20 applications and helped to resolve 5 AIRs. I look forward to continuing to help West Virginia Chapter Registrars rise and shine in the coming year!

116th State Conference ~State Historian ~ Mary Edith Johnson

Your State Historian submitted an article on the State Regent’s project to document Revolutionary War patriots buried in West Virginia that was published in the America 250! Committee’s newsletter *The Patriot Post* in April 2020. Colonel Morgan Morgan and Pack Horse Ford chapters provided the photos that accompanied that article. After COVID-19 brought cancellation of the in-person 2020 State Conference, this officer provided a 15-minute training video on the patriot burial project for posting on the WVDAR Facebook page.

This officer also led a virtual session in October on that project with the help of State Regent Cheryl Brown, Patricia Goodwin, and Dorrene Hale. Early in the Fall of 2020, a survey was sent to West Virginia chapters to determine which were participating in the project and how far they had progressed. A little more than one-half responded, most in the affirmative. However, COVID-19 has delayed the work for many chapters, with only a few showing significant progress at that time, leaving much work to do in 2021. Among those who submitted numerous patriots in 2020 are Pack Horse Ford, Trans-Allegheny, Colonel Morgan Morgan, South Branch Valley, and Shenandoah Valley.

Fifteen chapters honored “Our Patriots” at meetings, in chapter newsletters, and via social or print media. Members of Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Col John Evans Chapter cleaned tombstones of Revolutionary War patriots in two cemeteries and laid wreaths at their graves for Wreaths Across America. Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter also laid wreaths at patriot graves and participated in the memorial service for the Battle of Point Pleasant. Blennerhassett Chapter helped arrange a luminary event at Mound Cemetery in Marietta, Ohio, that focused on Revolutionary War patriots. Bee Line Chapter members made a heritage quilt on which the border of each block is embroidered with the names of two members paired with the names of their respective patriots. That chapter also used social media to play Patriot Games, a fun way for members to learn more about each other’s ancestors and other patriotic trivia.

Chapters focused on history by looking at the roles of women during World War II, the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower, and the centennial of woman suffrage, for example. The State Historian spoke to the General Andrew Lewis Chapter in December about the history of woman suffrage in West Virginia.

Although no chapters marked Revolutionary War graves, Shenandoah Valley Chapter has submitted the paperwork for John Gray to the Office of the Historian General. In addition, Blackwater Chapter found inaccuracies about two graves, in one case determining that a Patriot was buried in a different location.

In August, this officer made a socially distant presentation to last year’s recipient of the Outstanding Teacher of American History Award. This year’s recipient is Robert Thompson, a teacher at Wayne County High School, who was nominated by Westmoreland Chapter.

116th State Conference ~ State Librarian ~ Sandra Cowan

The total number of books accepted by the National Library from the West Virginia chapters in 2020 was 10.

Captain James Allen	2
General Andrew Lewis	2
Kanawha Valley	4
Ohio Valley	1
Westmoreland	1

Chapters or individuals can still donate books to the National Library. Contact me at sacowan@frontiernet.net if you need help.

We are still collecting books for the Peters Cottage at Tamassee Library. The books should celebrate West Virginia. Either books by West Virginia authors or books about West Virginia including novels and short stories. Nineteen books were delivered to the Peters Cottage at Tamassee with promises for more. I am currently holding one book. The Elizabeth Zane Chapter has donated a set of 65 Walter J Black edition Zane Grey books. These books will be placed in the Tamassee School Library.

We will be placing a label inside the front cover of all the books that are donated to Peters Cottage or to the Tamassee School Library indicating the donating member and/or Chapter. If you wish to honor someone, we can accommodate the honoree.

The Peters Cottage dedication will be held October 12, 2021, we have time to collect more books. The Virginia State Regent gave us books and pamphlets that were released from the National Library. These items were donated to Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants, Central WV Genealogy and History Library.

116th State Conference ~ State Parliamentarian ~ Patricia McKown Goodwin

This officer presented a video of her State Parliamentarian report during the summer of 2020. It was her pleasure to provide information concerning the need for Chapters to add opportunities for electronic meetings to their Bylaws. She reminded District Directors and Chapter Regents to submit their Bylaws electronically and printed, once amended. These will be sent, along with a flash drive of the State's collection of Bylaws, to the Special Collections Department, James E. Morrow Library, Marshall University.

On July 24, 2020, this officer attended the presentation of the Blanche L. Reymann Scholarship to Samantha Marteney, a senior at West Virginia Wesleyan College by Lisa McNeil, Committee Chair.

Several Regents and Directors have consulted with the State Parliamentarian regarding proposed amendments for their respective Districts or Chapters. Remember this acronym for Bylaws: **Build Your Leadership and Wisdom Successfully.**

This officer is looking forward to receiving all West Virginia District and Chapter Bylaws. She is always at the service of the West Virginia State Society.

Insignia

**WEST VIRGINIA STATE SOCIETY, NSDAR FINANCIAL POLICIES AND
PROCEDURES**

Approved by the WVDAR Board of Management

Report of the Audit Committee

Date: February 18, 2021

The members of the Audit Committee have examined the records of the Treasurer of the West Virginia State Society of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, namely the account registers for checking, savings and investment accounts, bank statements and supporting documentation. We find the records to be in good order and their contents to appear reasonable.

We also reviewed the financial statements of the West Virginia State Society of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, which summarize the records referred to above, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020. These statements appear to fairly represent the financial position and the revenues and expenses of the organization.

WVDAR Virtual Executive Committee Meeting

Thursday, May 20, 2021, 8 p.m.

West Virginia State Society of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution State Regent, Cheryl Brown, called to order a Zoom Executive Committee meeting held Thursday, May 20, 2021, at 8:03 p.m.

State Regent Brown asked State Chaplain, Sandra Isner-Johnson, to open the meeting with prayer.

State Regent Brown called the roll. Present were State Vice Regent, Jane Larke; State Chaplain, Sandra Isner-Johnson; State Organizing Secretary, Margaret Ways; State Registrar, Susan Arnold; State Historian, Mary Johnson; State Librarian, Sandra Cowan, and State Parliamentarian, Patricia Goodwin. Excused from attending the meeting were State Recording Secretary, Carolyn Kesterson; State Corresponding Secretary, Cindy Nicewarner, and State Treasurer, Kelly Goodwin.

The State Regent appointed Jane Larke, Mary Johnson, and Sandra Cowan to approve the minutes of this meeting.

The State Regent thanked the members for attending the Zoom. She explained that the major topic of discussion would be to plan the Executive Committee's involvement in the District Meetings. She welcomed a guest, Judith Bowyer, State Chair of Chapter Achievement Awards Committee.

Under New Business, the State Regent inquired when and in what manner the State Information Packets (SIP) to Chapter Regents be provided since District Meetings will be held later this year. State Vice Regent, Jane Larke, stated the SIP would be provided to the Chapter Regents on/or near the regular schedule WVDAR has always used. She explained the National Information Packet (NIP) would be available by August 1. WVDAR Committee Chairs and State Officers' information should be sent to the State Vice Regent by the third week of July. She would send the information collected for Chapter Regents by August 10.

The State Regent requested assistance from the Executive Committee for the preparation of a 50-minute training session for all District Meetings' attendees. It was agreed that the Executive Committee would prepare a PowerPoint addressing the Chapter Master Report (CMR) and the Chapter Achievement Award (CAA) as they relate to Service (23 committees: Patriotism, Education, and Historic Preservation), Genealogy (4 committees), Administration (8 committees), and Special (1 committee). Executive Committee members' assignments are Service – Patriotism: Margaret Ways and Sandra Isner-Johnson; Education: Carolyn Kesterson and Kelly Goodwin, and Historic Preservation: Sandra Cowan; Genealogy – Susan Arnold and Cynthia Nicewarner; Administrative – Pat Goodwin and Jane Larke, and Special - Mary Johnson.

Judith Bowyer, Chapter Achievement Award (CAA) Committee Chair, discussed the importance of completing the CAA contained in the CMR. She provided helpful hints to use digitized monthly coverage of the President General's Report, the National Defense Report, and various Minutes. She also stressed the

importance of each Chapter assigning a member to join the CAA Facebook page that offers several additional hints and ideas to earn points on the CAA report.

Discussion followed on special useful ideas:

- Recommendations from State Committee Chairs: suggestions for ideas, strengths and weaknesses in Chapter Regents' reports, what is new in the NIP, and how the Chapter Regents' reports connect to the CMR and CAA.
- Provide handouts or emails containing examples of CMR Awards in various categories.
- Introduction provided by CAA Committee Chair, Judith Bowyer.
- Conclusion provided by State Regent Cheryl Brown and credits.
- Provide a recording of the presentation for Chapter Regent to review after the District Meetings and in the future, new Chapter Regents could review the program to assist her in completing the CMR and CAA or use it for a Chapter Program. Download from the WVDAR site to flash drive, if necessary.
- Discussion, question/answer session for Chapter Regents.

The State Regent informed the Executive Committee that the West Virginia State Society has been invited to bring a delegation to Constitution Hall in Washington, DC during late summer or early fall. Discussion continued on possible arrangements.

Under announcements, the State Regent thanked Jane Larke and Pat Goodwin for taking kitchen items from Central District to the West Virginia Peters Cottage at Tamassee DAR School and working in the cottage.

Also, she stated the final installment of the pledge to pay for the West Virginia box and the State seal in Constitution Hall in Washington, DC, had been made and acknowledged. However, there is still \$2 million needed to pay for the President General's Project for this administration.

The State Regent stated the CDRC-sponsored genealogy workshop DNA for Proof would be held via Zoom on Saturday, May 22, 2021, at 10 a.m. and that it wasn't too late to sign up. Interested participants must contact CDRC State Committee Chair, Brenda Chevront.

The State Regent announced that in early May 2021, she had the privilege of voting to approve the appointment of Karen Kurilko as Organizing Regent of a new chapter in Kingwood, Preston County. A genealogy workshop will be held on June 12, 2021, in Kingwood and all are invited to attend.

The State Regent reminded the Executive Committee members to gather materials in each officer's area from the first two years of her administration to give

to State Recording Secretary, Carolyn Kesterson, for inclusion in the WVDAR Archives in the Marshall University Library.

The State Regent announced that Continental Congress would be held virtually during June 30-July 4, 2021 and encouraged everyone to participate. An email announcement will be sent as a reminder to all WVDAR members as information becomes available.

The State Regent reminded the Executive Committee that the forms for the Genealogical, Burial and Service Data for Revolutionary War Patriots buried in West Virginia are due to Mary Johnson, State Historian, by September 30, 2021. Discussion followed concerning future plans for the publication, including the preparation of a forward. Mary Johnson agreed it should be written by someone outside DAR and perhaps a historian. The State Regent suggested John Stealey of the WVDAR State Advisory Committee would compose the forward.

The State Regent announced the next Executive Committee meeting will be Thursday, June 17, 2021, with a follow-up meeting will be held on Thursday, July 15, 2021.

There were no further announcements or questions. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

The minutes were submitted by WVDAR State Parliamentarian, Patricia Goodwin, in the absence of WVDAR State Recording Secretary Carolyn Kesterson.

The minutes were approved by Jane Larke, Mary Johnson, and Sandra Cowan on May 24, 2021, at 2:45 p.m.

**West Virginia State Society of the National Society
Daughters of the American Revolution
Virtual Executive Committee Meeting
Thursday, June 17, 2021, 8 p.m.**

West Virginia State Society of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution State Regent, Cheryl Alexander Brown, called to order a Zoom Executive Committee meeting held Thursday, June 17, 2021, at 8:04 p.m.

State Regent Brown asked State Chaplain, Sandra Isner-Johnson, to open the meeting with prayer from the National Ritual and Missal Book.

State Regent Brown called the roll. Present were: State Vice Regent, Jane Jacobs Larke; State Chaplain, Sandra Isner-Johnson; State Recording Secretary, Carolyn Skidmore Kesterson; State Corresponding Secretary, Cynthia (Cindy) Nicewarner; State Organizing Secretary, Margaret Bean Ways; State Registrar, Susan Glasscock Arnold; State Historian, Mary Edith Johnson; State Librarian, Sandra Cowan; and State Parliamentarian, Patricia McKown Goodwin. Excused from attending the meeting was Treasurer, Kelly Gainer Goodwin.

The State Regent appointed Sandra Isner-Johnson, Susan Arnold, and Cindy Nicewarner to read and approve the minutes.

The State Regent thanked the members for attending the meeting and taking time from families. She explained the major topic of discussion will be plans for

the Executive Committee Involvement in the District meetings. She welcomed a guest, Judith Bowyer, State Chair of Chapter Achievement Awards Committee.

Old Business: State Regent Brown asked State Vice Regent, Jane Jacobs Larke, if she had an update on the State Information Packets for Chapter Regents. State Vice Regent Larke did not have an update at this time.

State Regent Brown stated that the Training Sessions for the District Meetings will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 9:50 a.m. at all District Meetings.

What is planned:

Introduction: Judy Bowyer

Service – Patriotism: Margaret Ways and Sandra Isner-Johnson; Education: Carolyn Kesterson and Kelly Goodwin and Historic Preservation: Sandra Cowan; Genealogy: Susan Arnold and Cindy Nicewarner; Administrative: Pat Goodwin and Jane Larke; Special: Mary Johnson; Conclusion: Cheryl Brown.

Power point information should be sent to Cheryl Brown by July 15th. We only have 5 minutes for each presentation. Margaret Ways and Sandra Isner-Johnson were going to share their slides. Patricia Goodwin and Jane Larke asked State Regent Brown if she had received their power point that was sent to her in May. State Regent Brown stated it was not received. Jane Larke and Pat Goodwin gave a brief example of their Power Point to show what they had done on the Administrative Committee. These power points are to help the Chapters on getting additional points on their CMR and CAA reports. Patricia Goodwin asked if we could give an overview of what is needed and then later, we could have a Zoom meeting in the fall with additional training. Slides need to be in before July 15th. Discussion was held on creating a “folder” to keep all information for CMR/CAA reports. This would help Chapters in sending in their reports. This would also help in starting the reports earlier. Cindy Nicewarner stated that if all chapters would present “Beyond the Musket” this would give additional points for CMR.

Cindy Nicewarner was asked if Pack Horse Ford Chapter would allow its submission to the Public Relations and Media Committee print/electronic media for Print Coverage be used as an example of an outstanding report.

Patricia Goodwin suggested that Darla Treat Courtney be invited to next meeting due to being so helpful with reports. State Regent Brown asked what other Committees should be invited to the next meeting. Vicky Shears was suggested. Cindy Nicewarner suggested VIS because Pack Horse Ford VIS has been very helpful for their chapter. It was decided to have the Zoom meeting on July 15th.

State Regent Brown stated that she sent a note to President General VanBuren regarding the West Virginia State Society visiting the newly renovated Constitution Hall in the fall, if possible.

New Business: State Regent Brown asked what topics the chapters would like to hear about at the District Meetings.

Announcements:

1. Continental Congress – June 30, 2021 - July 4, 2021
2. South Branch Inn – Moorefield. Reservations are due June 28, 2021.
3. New Chapter is being formed at Keyser in Mineral County. It is waiting on National Board of Management approval. Organizing Regent is

Beverly Chaney. South Branch Valley Chapter is encouraging the new chapter due to members driving so far to meetings.

4. Genealogical Burial and Patriot information for the Patriot Book will be due to Mary Johnson by Sept. 30, 2021.
5. Tamasee DAR School Founder's Day will not have an event this year. The Founder's Day event for this fall was scheduled for Sept. 25th which is the date for Northern District Meeting. An Open House may be planned in May during the Awards Day at Tamasee to show the improvements on the Cottage.

Additional Announcements:

If you are attending the Eastern District meeting you need to make reservations at the South Branch Inn by June 28, 2021. The cost is \$96.

Historic Preservation is the theme for 2021-2022 for the WVDAR. This would include things like cleaning a cemetery.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

Carolyn S. Kesterson, WVDAR State Recording Secretary

The Minutes were approved by Sandra Isner-Johnson; Cindy Nicewarner, and Susan Arnold on July 13, 2021, at 8:57 p.m.

**West Virginia State Society of the National Society
Daughters of the American Revolution
Virtual Executive Meeting
Thursday, July 15, 2021, 8 p.m.**

West Virginia State Society of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution State Regent, Cheryl Alexander Brown, called to order a Zoom Executive Committee meeting held Thursday, July 15, 2021, at 8:02 p.m.

State Regent Brown asked State Chaplain, Sandra Isner-Johnson, to open the meeting with prayer from the National Ritual and Missal Book.

State Regent Brown called the roll. Present were: State Vice Regent, Jane Jacobs Larke; State Chaplain, Sandra Isner-Johnson; State Recording Secretary, Carolyn Skidmore Kesterson; State Corresponding Secretary, Cynthia (Cindy) Jones Nicewarner; State Organizing Secretary, Margaret (Margie) Bean Ways; State Registrar, Susan Glasscock Arnold; State Historian, Mary Edith Johnson; State Librarian, Sandra (Sandy) Cowan; and State Parliamentarian, Patricia (Pat) McKown Goodwin. Excused from the meeting was State Treasurer, Kelly Gainer Goodwin.

The State Regent appointed Margaret Ways, Sandra Cowan, and Mary Johnson to read and approve the minutes.

The State Regent thanked the members for attending the meeting and taking time from families. She explained the major topic of discussion will be plans for the Executive Committee Involvement in the District meetings. She welcomed guest Judith Bowyer, State Chair of Chapter Achievement Awards Committee to the meeting.

Old Business: State Regent Brown stated that the training sessions for the District Meetings will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 9:50 a.m. at each meeting. Discussion was held on the presentation of the Power Point. Questions for

discussion were: What are we trying to accomplish? Does the presentation accomplish that? Are we talking to our membership? How can we involve members in our meetings? How can it be improved? Margaret Ways stated that she thought the training was to present ideas to the chapter to help them put things in their programs to help them meet requirements for the CMR. Sandra Isner-Johnson thought that members should be told of the intent of the program and start with ideas of why we are there. State Regent Brown asked Sandra Isner-Johnson to write an introduction to the program. Judy Bowyer will give a slide at the beginning as to the intent of presentation as to CMR and CAA. State Regent Brown asked if we are talking to our membership. Mary Johnson voiced that some members or chapters cannot or will not be able to get on to a Zoom meeting. Patricia Goodwin brought up the idea of having “Watch Parties” for the Zoom meeting in the fall. Carolyn Kesterson agreed that Zoom “Watch Parties” would be helpful for many chapters due to older members not having computers or lack of knowledge about them. The presentation at District meetings can whet the appetite of members or chapters and let them know we are having a fall workshop. Cindy Nicewarner gave pointers on having a script without reading it and being comfortable with ideas. If we use National Society ideas, suggest that the Chapters break them down so that they are easier to use. Pat Goodwin suggested that a consistent layout of the slides is more pleasing to the eye. Therefore, more information is remembered. State Regent Brown asked if any group would like to give their presentation.

State Regent Brown had asked State Treasurer Kelly Goodwin to send her a list of members who have participated in the service project at State Conference and the total money collected. A list is needed so that pins can be delivered at District meetings and the money can be delivered or mailed to the WV Veterans Home.

The State Regent talked about the WVDAR visit to Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C. Dates were given to the Executive Committee after we received the official invitation. The following dates were given to the bus company: Oct. 18th, Oct. 25th, and Oct. 28th. The bus holds 55 people, and the cost would be \$27 per person plus gratuity for the driver. Lunch is \$30 at Constitution Hall and is provided by the catering service. We would be at the Hall from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. State Regent Brown received a note from NSDAR stating that Constitution Hall is not available on those three dates. The State Regent has heard nothing further from NSDAR.

New Business: State Regent Brown announced that State Registrar Susan Arnold is working on a Membership Challenge for WV Daughters. Susan Arnold announced the Membership Challenge for WVDAR will be called “Soaring to New Heights with Membership”. Our goal is to have 1,816 members in WV by December 31, 2021. This will give us a net gain of 100 members since January 1, 2019. We currently have 1,794 members. We will be publicizing this at the District Meetings and the August Newsletter. For members who have helped recruit a new member and the application is submitted by the end of the year, the recruiting member will receive one of Cheryl Brown’s State Regent pins at the State Conference in 2022. Sandra Cowan asked if you would use “member for member” on the application to get the credit. State Registrar Arnold asked for the Chapter

Registrars to keep track of who recruited the members. The beginning date of the Challenge will be August 1, 2021.

Announcements:

State Regent Brown stated that the National Board of Management has approved the request for Beverly Chaney to serve as Organizing Regent of a new chapter in Keyser, in Mineral County. This was approved on July 5, 2021. Margaret Ways, State Organizing Secretary, is setting up a meeting via Zoom on the Chapter organization. The Mineral County chapter is working on coming up with a name for their new Chapter. Margie Ways stated that the new Chapter in Kingwood is close to being formed. They have their twelve members.

State Regent Brown thanked State Parliamentarian, Patricia Goodwin, for the presentation on Bylaws. Margaret Ways said that she has already given out information from the presentation. The Officers said the presentation was highly informative and helpful.

Margaret Ways announced that a webinar is coming up on July 20, 2021, for Chapter Regents/Officers through e-membership. On the 19th there will be a posting for Part 1.

Information for the August Newsletter must be sent to Wendy Evans a few days before July 28th.

State Regent Brown asked State Historian, Mary Johnson, if she had gotten any entries for the Book Cover contest. No one has presented an entry to date. Mary Johnson said that the Wheeling Chapter is working on the Genealogical, Burial and Service Data.

Rehearsal of presentations for District meetings will be July 29th at 8:00 p.m.

State Regent Brown asked for other announcements or other business. There being none, the meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Carolyn S. Kesterson, WVDAR State Recording Secretary

The minutes were approved by Margaret Ways, Sandra Cowan, and Mary Johnson on July 20, 2021, at 10:24 a.m.

WVDAR Virtual Executive Committee Meeting

Thursday, September 16, 2021

Virtual Zoom Meeting

The West Virginia State Society of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution State Regent, Cheryl Alexander Brown called the Executive Committee Virtual Zoom meeting to order at 8:05 p.m., on September 16, 2021. The State Corresponding Secretary, Cynthia Jones Nicewarner, gave the Invocation in the absence of State Chaplain, Sandra Isner-Johnson. State Regent, Cheryl Brown, called the roll: State Regent, Cheryl Alexander Brown - present; State Vice Regent, Jane Jacobs Larke - present; State Chaplain, Sandra Isner-Johnson - absent; State Recording Secretary, Carolyn Skidmore Kesterson - present; State Corresponding Secretary, Cynthia Jones Nicewarner - present; State Organizing Secretary, Margaret Bean Ways - excused; State Treasurer, Kelly Gainer Goodwin - present; State Registrar, Susan Glasscock Arnold - present; State Historian, Mary Edith Johnson - present; State Librarian, Sandra Cowan - present; and State Parliamentarian, Patricia McKown Goodwin - present. A quorum was established.

State Regent Brown appointed the following Officers to read and approve the minutes for the September 16, 2021, Zoom meeting: Jane Larke, Susan Arnold, and Cindy Nicewarner.

West Virginia DAR State Regent Cheryl Brown thanked the Executive Committee for attending the Zoom meeting. State Regent Brown welcomed guests Judy Bowyer, who serves as State Chair of the Chapter Achievement Awards Committee, and Ericka Chevront, State Chair of the VIS Committee.

State Regent Brown discussed Old Business: Training from 9:00 – 9:50 a.m. at all District meetings. Officers are filling in for other officers who are unable to attend the Southern District meeting on Saturday, September 18, 2021. Discussion was held as to whether State Officers should attend the Southern District meeting. State Regent Brown also asked Officers to be sure they are registered for the Northern District meeting September 25, 2021.

State Regent Brown discussed New Business: The National Board of Management confirmed the Cheat River Chapter, NSDAR on September 5, 2021. State Regent Brown thanked State Registrar, Susan Arnold, for completing applications that made it possible for the Chapter to come online so quickly. In the past, State Officers have paid for the Chapter Regent pin when a new chapter is formed. The cost is \$95 plus engraving and other fees. State Regent Brown asked for a motion for the State Officers pay the expense for the new Chapter Regent's pin for Cheat River Chapter. State Vice Regent, Jane Larke, made a motion for the Executive Committee purchase the Chapter Regent pin and the motion was seconded by State Librarian, Sandra Cowan. State Regent Brown gave the question for the Executive Committee to purchase the Chapter Regent's pin for Cheat River Chapter. The motion to pay for the Chapter Regent's pin was adopted.

State Regent Brown stated that Sandra Isner-Johnson, State Chair, WV Peters Cottage at Tamassee DAR School, had a request involving gutters on The WV Peters Cottage at Tamassee DAR School. The Committee had gone with the low-end guards. The current gutters have come off. Bids were entered by: Billy Dees – our current sub-contractor - \$2,300 to tear off remaining gutters and replace with new 6" gutters and gutter guards with downspouts. Another bid was submitted by Vinyl Services for \$4,403. This company has been used by Tamassee. Guarantees have been requested from each company. Monies for the gutters would come out of the Major Renovations account. The balance in Major Renovations is \$4,903.50. State Vice Regent Jane Larke made a motion to accept the bid from Billy Dees for \$2,300 for gutters and work and gutter guards with downspouts. Kelly Goodwin seconded the motion. State Regent Brown called for the vote for a bid for \$2,300 from Billy Dees to replace gutters and gutter guards with downspouts for the Peters Cottage at Tamassee DAR School. The motion was adopted.

State Regent Brown announced there would be a workshop on CAA-CMR on October 16, 2021, via Zoom at 10:00 a.m. Judy Bowyer was asked by State Regent Brown to prepare a flyer on the workshop and provide to Ericka Chevront, VIS Chair, for posting.

State Regent Brown opened discussion on organization of the workshop. Different committees want different types of information and have different award processes. State Regent Brown suggested that we have an overall introduction. State Parliamentarian, Patricia Goodwin, and State Corresponding Secretary, Cindy Nicewarner, were asked to work on the workshop introduction together. It was suggested that Committee Chairs be asked to make a presentation and to have Question/Answers afterward. It was suggested by the Executive Committee that the following Committees make a presentation: CAA; Commemorative Events; JAC; Patriotism – Project Patriot; Genealogy – Volunteer Genealogists; Administration - Public Relations; Constitution Week. Darla Treat Courtney, Public Relations and Media Chair will also be asked to make a presentation. Presentations should be no longer than 5 minutes. The presenters and Committee Chairs are asked to e-mail a handout to Jane Larke, by Oct. 10. Handouts are to be less than 500 words and submitted electronically. A script and a slide or two should be sent to State Regent Brown. When the Question/Answer period is started, State Regent Brown will ask Ericka Chevront to let Executive Committee members know they have a question. A practice will be held on Oct. 14 at 8:00 p.m., via Zoom.

Announcements:

Patriot reports for the Genealogical, Burial, and Service Date for Revolutionary War Veterans Buried in West Virginia Book are due to State Historian, Mary Johnson, by Sept. 30, 2021.

The WVDAR Bus trip to Continental Hall, Washington, D.C. will be Oct. 28, 2021. Connecticut DAR Daughters will be joining us also on that day. State Regent Brown stated that there is a small block of rooms at the Holiday Inn, Martinsburg, WV. The bus will be picking up the WVDAR at the Holiday Inn at 6:00 a.m. The bus will also make a pickup at Shepherdstown, WV. Lunch will be included.

A zoom session may be held later with Beverly Chaney, Organizing Chapter Regent for the Keyser Chapter.

State Regent Brown asked for additional discussion about the Executive Committee attending the Southern District Meeting in person. Several of the Executive members voiced that they were uncomfortable attending with the current surge in Covid -19. Members have family members with health issues. After discussion with the Executive Committee, State Regent Brown made the final decision that the Executive Committee would not attend.

State Regent Brown asked if there was any further business before that Executive Committee. There being none, the meeting was adjourned at 9:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Carolyn S. Kesterson, WVDAR State Recording Secretary.

The minutes were read and approved by: Jane Larke, Susan Arnold, and Cindy Nicewarner on Oct. 1, 2021, at 1:33 p.m

WVDAR Virtual Executive Committee Meeting

Thursday, October 14, 2021

Virtual Zoom Meeting

The West Virginia State Society of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution State Regent, Cheryl Brown, called the Executive Committee Zoom Meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. on October 14, 2021. The State Regent presented the Roll Call: State Regent, Cheryl Alexander Brown – present; State Vice Regent, Jane Jacobs Larke – present; State Chaplain, Sandra Isner-Johnson – present; State Recording Secretary, Carolyn Skidmore Kesterson – present; State Corresponding Secretary, Cynthia Jones Nicewarner – present; State Organizing Secretary, Margaret Bean Ways – present; State Treasurer, Kelly Gainer Goodwin – absent; State Registrar, Susan Glasscock Arnold – excused; State Historian, Mary Edith Johnson – present; State Librarian, Sandra Cowan – present; and State Parliamentarian, Patricia McKown Goodwin. A quorum was established.

State Regent Cheryl Brown appointed the following Officers to read and approve the minutes for the October 14, 2021, meeting: Jane Larke, Susan Arnold, and Sandra Isner-Johnson.

State Regent Brown presented the first item of business: Margie Turley, State Chair, WV Room in Memorial Continental Hall Committee, received an estimate from Patrick Sheary, a DAR staff member, for repair and painting of the WV Period Room. The amount is \$1,995. Some time ago, State Treasurer Kelly Goodwin, with WVDAR Executive Committee approval, moved \$3,000 from the CD to the WVDAR checking account to cover the repairs. Now we need to approve the proposed expenditure of \$1,995 and thereby authorize the repair work to begin. State Regent Brown asked for a motion. State Vice Regent, Jane Larke, made a motion to authorize the repair work. State Organizing Secretary, Margaret Ways seconded the motion. State Regent Brown asked for discussion. There being none, State Regent Brown called for the vote. The vote was unanimous ayes for the motion.

State Regent Brown presented the second item of business: Susan Garrett, State Chair, American History Committee, has recommended that the state winner of the new Patriots of the American Revolution DAR High School Essay Contest receive \$100 in 2022. This is the same amount as the state winner of the Christopher Columbus Essay Contest received. State Regent Brown asked for a motion. State Historian, Mary Edith Johnson made the motion and State Chaplain Sandra Isner-Johnson seconded the motion. State Regent Brown called for discussion. Hearing none, the vote was taken. The motion to give \$100 to the winner of the DAR High School History contest passed unanimously.

Announcements:

1. The new Committee Leaders Course will launch after October 20, 2021.
2. Please remember the WVDAR delegation trip to NSDAR headquarters will occur on Oct. 28, 2021. Mrs. VanBuren will not be in attendance and Connecticut Daughters have decided not to have a delegation trip.
3. We need to have a Zoom session with Beverly Chaney on the organization of the chapter in Keyser.

State Regent Brown asked for any additional announcements. State Organizing Secretary, Margie Ways stated that NSDAR has a new system called Easy Peazy which gives information on e-membership. This is in 2 videos. This is in e-membership and helps with completion of CMR.

There being no further business, State Regent Brown adjourned the meeting in conjunction with the practice Zoom meeting.

Carolyn S. Kesterson, State Recording Secretary

The minutes were read and approved by Jane Larke, and Sandra Isner-Johnson on March 21, 2022.

WVDAR Executive Committee Meeting

Thursday, November 18, 2021

Zoom Meeting

The West Virginia State Society of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution State Regent, Cheryl Alexander Brown called the Executive Committee Zoom Meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. on November 18, 2021. The State Regent presented the Roll Call: State Regent, Cheryl Alexander Brown – present; State Vice Regent, Jane Jacobs Larke – present; State Chaplain, Sandra Isner-Johnson – excused; State Recording Secretary, Carolyn Skidmore Kesterson – present; State Corresponding Secretary, Cynthia (Cindy) Jones Nicewarner – present; State Organizing Secretary, Margaret Bean Ways – present; State Treasurer, Kelly Gainer Goodwin – present; State Registrar, Susan Glasscock Arnold – present; State Historian, Mary Edith Johnson – present; State Librarian, Sandra Cowan – absent; State Parliamentarian, Patricia McKown Goodwin – present. A quorum was established.

State Regent Cheryl Brown appointed the following Officers to read and approve the minutes for the November 18, 2021, Zoom meeting: Margaret Ways, Susan Arnold, and Jane Larke.

West Virginia State Regent Brown thanked the Executive Committee for attending the Zoom meeting.

State Regent Cheryl Brown thanked everyone who took the bus trip to Washington, D.C. for the West Virginia Day at Continental Hall. The presentation from the NSDAR staff was very informative. Special little things were shown. State Regent Brown noticed that she thought all who attended enjoyed the trip.

State Regent Brown stated that the 990-N form was filed with the IRS. The WVDAR pages were submitted to the DAR magazine.

The main topics of discussion are:

The WVDAR State Conference “Preserving West Virginia’s Past for Tomorrow” will be held April 1st through 3rd at the Embassy Suites, Charleston, WV.

1. State Regent Brown asked what we could do for In Service. It was suggested a workshop Saturday after lunch. A workshop could assure points for the CMR.
2. Another Suggestion from Jane Larke was to visit Dickenson’s Salt Works for a tour of their museum. It was also discussed about a trip to the WV Cultural Center Museum.
3. Patricia Goodwin suggested the Trolley for transportation from Embassy Suites to the WV Museum at the Capitol Complex.

4. Cindy Nicewarner asked if there was a complex to place a wreath at the Capitol Building. There is a Statue Walk at the Capital Complex, but parking is a problem.

State Regent Brown asked if there was anything historical about the Salt Works or the WV Museum that we could present a Certificate or commemorate these events. To place a wreath on any of the Memorials you have to get permission.

State Regent Brown asked a committee of Susan Arnold, Chair; Cindy Nicewarner, and Mary Johnson to be in charge of the workshop. The workshop will be 50 minutes long and will be held right after lunch. The workshop will be held on “Online Sources for Genealogy”.

State Regent Brown stated that the 2022 State Conference is the election of new officers. This voting will be held after the Workshop. State Regent Cheryl Brown stated that she would like to do online voting for this election due to nominations from the floor. Margaret Ways suggested a room with laptops and tablets. State Regent Brown asked Jane Larke if this was possible. Jane Larke said that **she thought** that it would be possible, but that she also wanted to check with Erick Chevront to get her opinion and to report back with the best solution. Jane Larke was not **definite** on being able to do this. State Regent Brown asked Jane Larke and Ericka Chevront to work on this.

State Regent Cheryl Brown said that the Embassy Suites has up to date equipment and screens for the reports and pictures. State Regent Brown asked if there was any way to modernize State Conference like not having the Chapter Regent Reports. She asked for reports on America 250 and the WV Peters Cottage. Margaret Ways suggested short video reports from State Officers. State Regent Brown said that State Treasurer Kelly Goodwin will decide whether to give an in-person report or a video report. Another report necessary for State Conference is the Standing Rules.

State Regent Brown announced that the Keyser Chapter may come online on March 22, 2022. The pin for the Keyser Chapter Regent has been ordered for some time but it hasn't been received yet.

There will be no meeting in December. State Regent Brown asked for any further questions or comments. There being none, the meeting was adjourned at 9:12.

Carolyn S. Kesterson, WVDAR State Recording Secretary.

The minutes were read and approved by: Margaret Ways, Susan Arnold, and Jane Larke on January 8, 2022.

WVDAR Executive Committee Zoom Meeting

Thursday, January 20, 2022

The West Virginia State Society of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution State Regent, Cheryl Alexander Brown, called the Executive Committee Zoom Meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. on January 20, 2022. The WV State Chaplain, Sandra Isner-Johnson, led the Executive Board in prayer. State Regent Brown presented the Roll Call: State Regent , Cheryl Alexander Brown – present; State Vice Regent, Jane Jacobs Larke – present; State Chaplain, Sandra

Isner-Johnson – present; State Recording Secretary, Carolyn Skidmore Kesterson – present; State Corresponding Secretary, Cynthia (Cindy) Jones Nicewarner – present; State Organizing Secretary, Margaret (Margie) Bean Ways – present; State Treasurer, Kelly Gainer Goodwin – present; State Registrar, Susan Glasscock Arnold – excused; State Historian, Mary Edith Johnson – present; State Librarian, Sandra Cowan – present; State Parliamentarian, Patricia (Pat) McKown Goodwin – present. A quorum was established.

State Regent Brown appointed the following Officers to read and approve the minutes for the January 20, 2022. meeting: Jane Larke, Sandra Isner-Johnson, and Margaret Ways.

State Regent Brown thanked the Executive Committee members for attending the Zoom meeting. State Regent Brown stated the Topic of Discussion for the Meeting was discussion of Covid-19 on the State Conference. Discussion was given by Executive Committee members. Discussion ensued about the contract with Embassy Suites. State Regent Brown stated that the contract contained a Force Majeure stating if there was an emergency that we couldn't do anything about, she thought that we could use it to not incur financial liability for the organization. State Regent Brown read the contract before she signed it. State Vice Regent, Jane Larke, made a motion to have the 117th West Virginia DAR State Conference be held virtually on April 2, 2022. State Chaplain, Sandra Isner-Johnson, seconded the motion. The Executive Committee regrettably but unanimously voted to have the 117th West Virginia DAR State Conference virtually. This was due to members not being fully vaccinated, social distancing, and gathering with large crowds. Concerns were taking Covid back to family members. The State Conference will be held virtually, one day only, on April 2, 2022. We have members who are not willing to wear masks all day and evening. The National Board of Management requires Proof of Vaccination for the February 2022, National Board of Management Meeting. Masks are required at all times at Continental Hall.

April Norris and Nancy Shifflett from Western District will serve on Planning Committee for the Conference. State Regent Brown asked for volunteers to serve on the virtual conference committee. Margie Ways volunteered to work on a committee. Ericka Chevront is the IT person. Johnna Nicewarner has volunteered to Page for Cheryl Brown. Sandra Isner-Johnson, State Chaplain, will have the Memorial Service. Kelly Goodwin, State Treasurer, will give the Financial Report. State Regent Brown asked that Jane Larke and Pat Goodwin serve on the Committee. Jane Larke agreed to work on any area except those dealing with voting, as she is a candidate for office. We will have the Election of New Officers, the Budget, and the Financial Report. State Treasurer, Kelly Goodwin, asked if there would be a refund for the meal reservations from the previous State Conference. Refunds can be given, or the funds will be rolled over until next conference. Judy Bowyer will be the head teller for the election.

The agenda will be: Business Session; Memorial Service; Peters Cottage; Genealogy Workshop by Susan Arnold and Cindy Nicewarner; Voting for New Officers. Saturday evening will be Speaker, Joe Geiger, Historic Preservation, slides of Chapter Regents, and the installation of State Officers. The State Regent

and Vice Regent will be installed at Continental Congress. Discussion was held on meetings for Cameo Club, Chapter Regents, and State Officers. Dates and times are forth coming. We will not be having an auction this year. No money has been spent from Treasury. Cindy Nicewarner asked about the Blanche Reymann Auction for the Fiesta ware basket. Western District will be contacted as to what they want to do.

State Regent Brown is hoping to get the Call to Conference out around the first of February. State Parliamentarian, Pat Goodwin, is getting the Standing Rules ready for the Conference. They will be very similar to last year with the exception of the election. State Regent Brown and State Parliamentarian Goodwin will work on the script for the election. Program Chairman, Cindy Nicewarner, will read the Standing Rules.

State Regent Brown announced that the Highlands of the Potomac Chapter from Keyser will come online on March 5, 2022. They will have their first official meeting on January 29, 2022.

State Regent Brown asked for any further announcements. Get well wishes were extended to Kelly Goodwin. There being no further announcements, State Regent Brown adjourned the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Carolyn S. Kesterson, WVDAR State Recording Secretary

The minutes were read and approved by: Jane Larke, Sandra Isner-Johnson, and Margaret Ways on February 18, 2022.

117th West Virginia DAR State Conference
WVDAR Virtual Executive Committee Meeting
117th State Conference
Monday, March 28, 2022
Virtual Zoom Meeting

The West Virginia State Society of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution State Regent, Cheryl Alexander Brown, called the Executive Committee Virtual Zoom Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on March 28, 2022. State Regent Brown thanked the Executive Committee for attending this meeting, which precedes the Virtual 117th State Conference. “This state conference should be exciting with over 200 WVDAR members and guests registered to attend.”

The State Chaplain, Sandra Isner-Johnson, gave the invocation from the NSDAR Ritual and Missal Book. The Flag of the United States of America was displayed on-screen by Ericka Chevront, State Chair, VIS Committee. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Jane Jacobs Larke, State Vice Regent. State Regent Brown introduced the guests for the evening: Grace Arthur, State Chair, Finance Committee; Vicky Shears, State Chair, Audit Committee; and Ericka Chevront, State Chair, VIS Committee. State Regent Brown expressed gratitude for the ladies being with us tonight.

A committee of Sandra Cowan, Chair; Susan Arnold; and Sandra Isner-Johnson will approve the minutes for this evening’s Executive Committee meeting.

State Regent Brown asked State Recording Secretary, Carolyn Skidmore Kesterson, to call the roll. Roll Call: State Regent, Cheryl Alexander Brown – present; State Vice Regent, Jane Jacobs Larke – present; State Chaplain, Sandra

Isner-Johnson – present; State Recording Secretary, Carolyn Skidmore Kesterson – present; State Corresponding Secretary, Cynthia (Cindy) Jones Nicewarner – present; State Organizing Secretary, Margaret (Margie) Bean Ways – present; State Treasurer, Kelly Gainer Goodwin – present; State Registrar, Susan Glasscock Arnold – present; State Historian, Mary Edith Johnson – present; State Librarian, Sandra (Sandy) Cowan – present; and State Parliamentarian, Patricia (Pat) McKown Goodwin – present. A quorum was established.

State Regent Brown explained the voting procedure for the evening. When the Chair asks for all those *in favor, please tap “yes”*, you will look on your electronic device dashboard in Reactions to tap the green “yes” button. Next, the Chair will ask: all those *opposed, please tap “no”*, you will tap the red “no” button. Please do not cancel your vote.

State Regent Cheryl Brown stated the first order of business will be the proposed adoption of the Standing Rules for the 117th State Conference. Patricia Goodwin, State Parliamentarian, was asked to read the Standing Rules on pages 19-21 of the State Conference Program. State Regent Brown proposed that the adoption of the Standing Rules for the 117th State Conference will be presented to the Executive Committee as Recommendation 1. She asked State Recording Secretary Carolyn Kesterson to read the recommendation. Recommendation 1: That the Standing Rules for the 117th State conference as presented be approved. State Regent Brown asked for a second. The motion was seconded by State Vice Regent, Jane Jacobs Larke, Blackwater Chapter. State Regent Brown asked for discussion. There being none, the vote was taken. The *in-favors* have it and the recommendation was adopted. Mrs. Goodwin was thanked for the many hours put into searching and writing the Standing Rules and reviewing them with the National Parliamentarian.

State Regent Brown asked Cynthia (Cindy) Nicewarner, State Corresponding Secretary and Program Chair; Pack Horse Ford Chapter, to present the State Conference program. Mrs. Nicewarner presented a 24-page program plus the financial reports for the 117th State Conference. State Regent Brown stated the proposed program for the 117th State Conference will be presented to the Executive Committee as Recommendation 2. Mrs. Kesterson read Recommendation 2: That the Conference Program for the 117th State Conference as presented be approved. State Regent Brown asked for debate. Mary Johnson, State Historian, Anne Bailey Chapter, asked for a correction on pg. 13 for Mr. Samuel Wilson Bouchneour. Ms. Johnson asked where Mr. Bouchneour would be recognized. Madam State Regent Brown said that he would be recognized at the top of page 13. State Regent Brown then asked for a second to the recommendation. Cindy Nicewarner, Pack Horse Ford Chapter, seconded the motion as corrected. State Regent Brown asked for the vote. The *in-favor* votes have it and the recommendation was adopted. State Regent Brown thanked Mrs. Nicewarner for her hard work on the program.

State Regent Brown asked Vicky Shears, Elizabeth Ludington Hagans- Col. John Evans Chapter, State Chair, Audit Committee, to present the audit report of the State Society’s financial records for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. Ms. Shears presented her report. The Committee finds the financial records are in good order and reasonable. The Statements fairly represent the financial position and the

revenues and expenses of the organization. Ms. Shears asked for questions. Ms. Shears thanked State Treasurer, Kelly Goodwin, for all of her hard work and presenting the committee with nice, organized records. She also thanked Sandra Isner-Johnson and Carolyn Kesterson for providing additional records needed for the review. There were some minor corrections listed which Kelly Goodwin concurred to in the Audit letter. The Committee was made up of Vicky Shears, Chair, Dorothy Sandy, and Karen Bonifacio. State Regent Brown thanked Mrs. Shears for her hard work on the Audit Committee. She also asked Mrs. Shears to express her gratitude for the other two members on the committee. Mrs. Shears and her committee have done an exceedingly good job.

State Regent Brown asked State Treasurer, Kelly Goodwin, to present her financial report for March 1, 2021 – February 28, 2022. Mrs. Goodwin presented her report. As of March 15, 2021, we had a balance of \$230,687.86. As of February 28, 2022, the balance was \$274,073.73. Total income was \$77,030.60 and total expenses were \$33,644.73. The Unrestricted funds balance was \$39,599.40. The balance in the State Conference fund is \$9,641.92. Mrs. Goodwin stated that the balance is lower this year due to the refund of all of the meals collected for the previous years that weren't used. \$8,286 was refunded for meals. Expenses were less than budgeted. State Regent Cheryl Brown asked for questions. She thanked State Treasurer Goodwin for her excellent records and stated that the report would be filed.

State Regent Brown asked State Chair, Grace Arthur, for the Finance Committee report for the proposed budgets for 2022-2023. The Executive Committee will consider the budgets one at a time. Mrs. Arthur presented the State Budget for 2022-2023. State Regent Brown asked for questions. There being none, State Regent Brown proposed the adoption of this budget as Recommendation 3. She asked State Recording Secretary Kesterson to present Recommendation 3. Recommendation 3: That the 2022-2023 State Budget as presented by the Finance Committee be approved. State Regent Brown asked for a second. Sandra Cowan, General Andrew Lewis Chapter, seconded the motion. There was no discussion. State Regent Brown called for the vote. The *in-favor* votes have it and the recommendation is adopted. Mrs. Arthur presented the 117th State Conference Budget. The proposed adoption of this budget will be presented to the Executive Committee as Recommendation 4. Mrs. Kesterson read recommendation 4. Recommendation 4: That the 117th State Conference Budget as presented by the Finance Committee be approved. State Regent Brown asked for a motion. Margie Ways, Shenandoah Valley Chapter seconded the recommendation. State Regent Brown asked for questions. There being none, the State Regent called for the vote. The *in-favor* votes have it and the recommendation is adopted. Mrs. Arthur was asked to present the 2022-2023 WV Peters Cottage at Tamasssee DAR School budget. Mrs. Arthur thanked her committee of Carolyn Channell, John Hart Chapter; and Mindy Davis, Ohio Valley Chapter, for their help on this budget. State Regent Brown and Sandra Isner-Johnson helped with the Peters Cottage budget. State Regent Brown asked for questions.

State Regent Brown asked State Parliamentarian, Pat Goodwin, to read the Bylaw that requires us to have three budgets. The proposed adoption of this budget will be

presented to the Executive Committee as Recommendation 5. Mrs. Kesterson read Recommendation 5. Recommendation 5: That the 2022-2023 West Virginia Peters Cottage Budget as presented by the Finance Committee be approved. State Regent Brown called for a second. Sandra Isner-Johnson, Old Hickory Chapter, seconded the recommendation. State Regent Brown called for the vote. The *in-favor* votes have it and the recommendation is adopted. Thank you to the State Treasurer and the Finance Committee for their hard work. I would like to thank State Treasurer Kelly Goodwin and State Parliamentarian for working together to return the meal money for the subsequently canceled State Conferences to individuals.

State Regent Brown read” As you know, the State Conference service project involves giving a donation to the West Virginia Archives towards the rehousing of the West Virginia County records. Conference attendees have been asked to give \$10 each to support the project. To date \$830 has been collected. State Regent Brown asked if the Executive Committee would be interested in augmenting the personal donations with a donation from the West Virginia State Society unrestricted funds. Jane Larke, Blackwater Chapter, made a motion for the Executive Committee to make a donation of \$1,670 from the West Virginia State Society unrestricted funds toward rehousing of West Virginia County records. The proposed motion was presented to the Executive Committee as Recommendation 6. Mrs. Kesterson read Recommendation 6: That the West Virginia State Society support the State Conference service project, i.e., making a donation to the West Virginia State Archives towards the rehousing of West Virginia County records, by augmenting personal donations with a donation of \$1,670 from the West Virginia State Society unrestricted funds. The motion was seconded by Mary Johnson, Anne Bailey Chapter. State Regent Brown called for discussion. She then called for the vote. The *in-favor* votes have it and the recommendation was adopted.

The next item of business involves the printing of the West Virginia State Society Proceedings for 2019-2022. Mrs. Kesterson was asked to give a report on the following bids. Mrs. Kesterson reported that three bids were received for 125 books for the 2019-2022 Proceedings Books: 1. Noe Office Supply – Parkersburg, WV. \$2581.25. 2. TLG Printing – Clarksburg, WV - \$2081.25. 3. Sir Speedy Printing – Parkersburg, WV - \$1,432.14. The next set of bids were for 80 books – 1. TLG Printing, Clarksburg - \$1,734.16 and Sir Speedy Printing – Parkersburg - \$926.20. For this option State Chairs would not receive a copy. The lowest bid for 125 copies of the Proceedings is from Sir Speedy Printing, Parkersburg. I recommend that we accept the bid from Sir Speedy Printing, Parkersburg to print 125 copies of the West Virginia State Proceedings for 2019-2022. State Regent Brown asked for a motion to accept one of the bids to print the 2019-2022 West Virginia State Proceedings Book. Jane Larke, Blackwater Chapter, made the motion and it was seconded by Margie Ways, Shenandoah Valley Chapter, to accept the bid from Sir Speedy Printing to print 125 copies of the West Virginia State Society Proceedings Book. State Regent Brown asked for discussion. She then asked for the question. The *in-favor* votes have it and the motion was adopted.

State Regent Brown asked if there was any further business to come before the Executive Committee. She asked Mrs. Margie Ways for announcements. Mrs. Ways: “The State Board of Management meeting will be held tomorrow night at

7:00 p.m. Beginning with that meeting, the meeting room will open 30 minutes before the meeting begins. Due to the number of expected attendees, we ask that you join each meeting early. * Please remember: If a pre-registered delegate cannot attend, she must inform the Credentials Committee State Chair to have a credentialed alternate substituted *by the end of the Saturday morning business meeting* to vote in the officer election. If a delegate requests a substitution of an alternate, the alternate, not the original delegate, will receive the ballot for the officer election. Upon the notification of a delegate who cannot attend, a Zoom invitation will be issued by email to the delegate's credentialed alternate.

State Regent Brown thanked Mrs. Ways.

State Regent Brown adjourned the Executive Committee meeting at 8:20p.m. Carolyn S. Kesterson, WVDAR State Recording Secretary. The minutes were approved by: Sandra Cowan, Chair; Susan Arnold, and Sandra Isner-Johnson on April 19, 2022.

Board of Management Meeting
117th State Conference
Tuesday, March 29, 2022
Virtual Zoom Meeting

The State Regent, Cheryl Alexander Brown, opened the Annual Meeting of the State Board of Management, West Virginia State Society of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution on Tuesday, March 29, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. via Virtual Zoom meeting. State Regent Brown welcomed and thanked officers, members, and guests for attending the Virtual State Board of Management Meeting which precedes the 117th State Conference Virtual Meeting.

The invocation was given by State Chaplain, Sandra Isner-Johnson from the NSDAR Ritual and Missal Book. The Flag of the United States of America was shown by Ericka Chevront, State VIS Chair. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of United States of America was led by Joanna Fulks McKown, Regent, Old Hickory Chapter. Ms. Isner-Johnson and Mrs. McKown were thanked by State Regent Brown.

State Regent Brown presented our distinguished West Virginia Daughters: Malinda (Mindy) Horner Davis, Vice President General, Honorary State Regent; Presley Merritt Wagoner, Honorary President General, Honorary State Regent; Barbara (Barby) McDonald Frankenberg, National Chair of the Museum Outreach Committee, Past Curator General, Honorary State Regent; Jimelle Farris Rumberg, Past Vice President General, Honorary State Regent; Charla Louise Nutter-McNaboe, Honorary State Regent. State Regent Brown thanked these ladies for all they do for WVDAR.

State Regent Brown introduced the Executive Committee: State Vice Regent, Jane Jacobs Larke; State Chaplain, Sandra Isner-Johnson; State Recording Secretary, Carolyn Skidmore Kesterson; State Corresponding Secretary, Cynthia (Cindy) Jones Nicewarner; State Organizing Secretary, Margaret (Margie) Bean Ways; State Treasurer, Kelly Gainer Goodwin; State Registrar, Susan Glasscock Arnold; State Historian, Mary Edith Johnson; and State Librarian, Sandra (Sandy) Cowan. State Regent Brown thanked the ladies for being such a wonderful group

of women. “It has been a privilege to work with you over the past three years”. Thanks for sharing your talents and your hard work on behalf of the West Virginia State Society.

“A person State Regent Brown and all of our WVDAR Daughters depend on to keep meetings moving smoothly and correctly is our State Parliamentarian, Patricia (Pat) McKown Goodwin”. Thank you, Mrs. Goodwin, for all you have done.

A committee of Mary Ellen Hunt, Chair; Laura Brown Fullen; and Karen Edwards Taylor approved the 2021 State Board of Management meeting minutes on March 20, 2021.

Regent Brown asked a committee of Gail Walters Potter, Chair; Charla Nutter-McNaboe; and Georgette Kesler Ward to approve the minutes for this evening’s State Board of Management meeting.

State Regent Brown asked the State Recording Secretary if there was an accurate list of attendees. The State Recording Secretary stated that there was not. The Roll Call was completed. There were 41 participants. State Recording Secretary Carolyn Kesterson stated that there was a quorum.

State Regent Brown presented that for voting on motions this evening the following procedure will be followed: When the Chair asks for all those *in favor*, please tap the green “Yes”, look on your electronic device to tap the green “Yes” button. Next, the Chair will ask: all those *opposed*, please tap “No”, you tap the red “No” button. Please do not cancel your vote; it will be automatically cleared for you. The State Recording Secretary will provide the Chair with the vote results, and the Chair will announce the outcome of the vote.

State Regent Brown asked State Parliamentarian, Patricia McKown Goodwin, to read the applicable section of the West Virginia State Society Bylaws regarding the voting by the State Board of Management. Mrs. Goodwin read: Article IX, Section 1. The Officers of the State Society, District Directors, and the Chapter Regents shall constitute the State Board of Management. Honorary State Regents shall be ex-officio members of the State Board of Management, having the privilege of the floor but no vote. The Parliamentarian is authorized to attend all meetings of the Executive Committee, the State Board of Management, and the State Conference without vote. State Regent Brown asked if there was a motion to ratify the State business of the State Board of Management for the 117th State Conference on March 29, 2022? Mary Johnson, Anne Bailey Chapter, made a motion to ratify the business of State Board of Management on March 9, 2021. State Regent Brown asked for a second to the motion. Joan Gibson, Woodburn Chapter, seconded the motion to ratify the business of the State Board of Management. State Regent Brown stated that it has been moved and seconded to ratify the business of the State Board of Management on March 9, 2021. A two-thirds 2/3 vote *in favor* will be required for passage. Madam State Regent asked for discussion. There being none, State Regent Brown asked if the membership was ready for the question. Those *in favor* of the motion, please tap “Yes”. Those *opposed* please tap “No”. The *in favor* votes have it, and the motion is adopted.

State Regent Brown asked State Parliamentarian, Patricia Goodwin, to read the Standing Rules on Pages 19-21 of the 117th State Conference Program. State Regent Brown asked for questions. There were none. State Regent Brown stated

that the proposed adoption of the Standing Rules for the 117th State Conference will be presented to the State Board of Management as Recommendation 1. State Recording Secretary Kesterson read: Recommendation 1: That the Standing Rules for the 117th State Conference as presented be approved. State Regent Brown stated that since this recommendation comes from the Executive Committee, no second is required. She asked for the vote. The *in-favor* votes have it and the Recommendation is adopted.

State Regent Brown asked State Corresponding Secretary and Conference Program Chair, Cindy Nicewarner, to present the State Conference Program. State Regent Brown asked for questions. State Regent Brown stated that the proposed adoption of the Conference Program for the 117th State Conference will be presented at Recommendation 2. State Recording Secretary Kesterson read: Recommendation 2: That the Conference Program for the 117th State Conference as presented be approved. State Regent Brown stated that since this recommendation comes from the Executive Committee, no second is required. She asked for the vote. The *in-favor* votes have it and the recommendation is adopted. State Regent Brown asked Vicky Shears, State Chair, Audit Committee, to present the Audit Report of the State Society's financial records for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. Ms. Shears presented her report. The records are in good order and contents appear to be reasonable. Financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, fairly represent the financial position and the revenues and expenses of the organization. The Audit Committee found that both of those existed in our Audit letter. The State Treasurer, Kelly Goodwin, accepted minor changes to the fiscal year statement and the letter to the Executive Committee on minor changes and some recommendations for improvements. Ms. Shears thanked State Treasurer, Kelly Goodwin, for her outstanding work and the records in good order. Ms. Shears also thanked Sandra Isner-Johnson and Carolyn Kesterson for finding additional documentation for the community. Ms. Shears thanked State Regent Brown and told her it was a pleasure to serve as her Audit Committee Chair. State Regent Brown asked for questions. State Regent Chery Brown then thanked the Audit Committee consisting of Vicky Shears, Chair, Karen Bonifacio and Dorothy Sandy for a job well done.

State Regent Brown asked State Treasurer, Kelly Goodwin, to present her financial report for March 15, 2021, to February 28, 2022. Mrs. Goodwin presented her report. State Regent Brown thanked her for her outstanding work. State Regent Brown asked for questions. Recognized was Debi Smith, Wheeling Chapter. Mrs. Smith stated that in Temporarily Restricted funds the \$1,000 Blanche Reymann Scholarship was not entered, but it was given. State Treasurer Goodwin explained where to find it. It can be found on Profit and Loss under Expenses.

State Regent Brown asked State Parliamentarian, Patricia Goodwin, to read the applicable section of the West Virginia State Bylaws regarding State Society Budgets. Mrs. Goodwin read: Article XI, Section 1 (b): The annual budgets for the State Society, State Conference, and West Virginia Peters Cottage at Tamassee DAR School shall be prepared on the basis of State Dues, fees and contributions,

payable the preceding November first. State Regent Cheryl Brown thanked Mrs. Goodwin.

Madam State Regent asked Grace Arthur, State Chair of the Finance Committee, to present her reports for the year 2022 – 2023 as presented to the Executive Committee and the State Board of Management will consider the budgets one at a time. The first one will be the West Virginia Budget. State Regent Brown stated that the proposed adoption of this budget will be presented to the State Board of Management as Recommendation 3. State Recording Secretary Kesterson read Recommendation 3: That the 2022-2023 State Budget as presented by the Finance Committee be approved. State Regent Brown stated that since the Recommendation comes from the Executive Committee, a second is not required. State Regent Brown asked for questions. There being none, she called for the vote. The *in favors* have it and the motion was adopted. Mrs. Arthur was asked to continue with the State Conference Budget. She was thanked for the presentation. Mrs. Arthur was asked to extend thanks to Carolyn Channell and Malinda (Mindy) Davis for their work on this committee. State Regent Brown asked for questions. There being none, the proposed adoption of this budget will be presented to the State Board of Management as Recommendation 4. The State Recording Secretary, Carolyn Kesterson, read Recommendation 4. Recommendation 4: That the 117th State Conference Budget as presented by the Finance Committee be approved. State Regent Brown stated that since this recommendation comes from the Executive Committee, no second is required. She asked for the question. The vote was taken. The *in-favor* votes have it and the motion was adopted. Mrs. Arthur was then asked to present the next budget. Mrs. Arthur presented the 2022-2023 WV Peters Cottage at Tamassee DAR School Budget. State Regent Brown asked for questions. There being none, she stated that the proposed adoption of this budget will be presented to the State Board of Management as Recommendation 5. The State Recording Secretary read Recommendation 5. Recommendation 5: That the 2022-2023 West Virginia Peters Cottage Budget as presented by the Finance Committee be approved. State Regent Brown stated that since this recommendation comes from the Executive Committee, a second is not required. She asked for questions. Joan Gibson, Woodburn Chapter, asked that since Tamassee School, therefore Peters Cottage, is not recognized as a DAR School, why are we doing this budget. State Regent Brown shared that we are required to have three budgets by our Bylaws. This has nothing to do with execution, appropriation, and funding that any decisions be made in the next administration. This is merely going along with what is required by our State Bylaws. State Parliamentarian Goodwin explained the Bylaws. Mindy Davis, Ohio Valley Chapter, further explained that the State Regent's Project was begun before the National Society removed their backing and designation as a DAR School. Mrs. Davis also went on to explain that there was a 3-year contract signed by the State Regent at the beginning of this Administration stating that the WV State Society would continue to sponsor the Cottage for upkeep and repairs as in the past. State Regent Brown called for the question. The *in-favor* votes have it and the recommendation is adopted. State Regent Cheryl Brown thanked the State

Treasurer and Finance Committee. Your outstanding stewardship of the State Society's funds during a challenging time is greatly appreciated.

State Regent Brown shared that the theme of the 117th State Conference will be "Preserving West Virginia's History Today for Tomorrow". In line with this theme, Vice President General, Leslie Rogers Miller, who also serves as National Chair, Historic Preservation Committee, will speak during the Saturday morning business meeting and Joe Geiger, Part-time Curator/Librarian, Marshall University, Special Collections and Past Director, West Virginia Archives and History, will speak at the Saturday evening business meeting. As you know, the State conference service project involves giving a donation to the West Virginia Archives towards the rehousing of West Virginia County records. Conference attendees have been asked to give \$10 each to support the project. To date \$830 has been collected. The Executive Committee has sent forward the following recommendation, which will be presented to the State Board of Management as Recommendation 6. Mrs. Kesterson, State Recording Secretary read Recommendation 6. Recommendation 6: That the West Virginia State Society support the State Conference service project, i.e., making a donation of \$1,670 from West Virginia State Society unrestricted funds. State Regent Brown stated that since this recommendation comes from the Executive Committee, a second is not required. State Regent Brown called for the question. The *in-favor* votes have it and the recommendation were adopted.

State Regent Brown discussed the Executive Committee reviewed three bids for the printing of the Proceedings Book for 2019-2022 and selected the lowest bid from Sir Speedy Printing, Parkersburg, at a price of \$1,432.14 for 125 copies.

State Regent Brown asked if there was any other business to come before the State Board of Management. There being none, she asked Mrs. Margie Ways if there were announcements. Mrs. Ways reported: The meeting room will open 30 minutes before each meeting begins. Due to the number expected, you are asked to join each meeting early. Credentials for voting were discussed. Voting procedures were explained. A zoom invitation will be emailed to delegates eligible to vote. The State Regent thanked Mrs. Ways for her explanation.

Madam State Regent, Cheryl Brown, adjourned the State Board of Management meeting at 8:22 p.m.

Carolyn S. Kesterson, WVDAR State Recording Secretary.

The minutes were approved by: Gail Potter, Chair; Charla Nutter-McNaboe; and Georgette Ward on April 11, 2022.

117th West Virginia State Conference
Virtual Opening Business Session
Saturday, April 2, 2022
9:00 a.m.

The State Regent, Cheryl Alexander Brown, of the West Virginia State Society of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution called the 117th Virtual Opening Business Session to order at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 2, 2022. State Regent Brown asked the Daughters to stand and remain standing through the reading of the message from Governor Jim Justice of West Virginia.

The invocation was given by Sandra Isner-Johnson, State Chaplain. The prayer came from the NSDAR Ritual and Missal. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Karen Kurilko, Organizing Regent of the Cheat River Chapter. The American's Creed was led by Beverly Chaney, Organizing Regent of the Highlands of the Potomac Chapter. The message from the Honorable Jim Justice, Governor of the State of West Virginia, was read by Charla Nutter-McNaboe, Honorary State Regent. State Regent Brown announced that the State Corresponding Secretary, Cynthia (Cindy) Nicewarner Jones, will send a letter of appreciation on behalf of the State Society to Governor Justice.

State Regent Brown appointed a committee of Mary Ellen Hunt, Chair; JoeAnn Eye; and Barbara Channell to approve the minutes for today's morning business meeting.

State Regent Brown asked Barbara (Barby) McDonald Frankenberry and Jerrell Wright to serve as timekeepers for today's business meeting.

State Regent Brown announced that the meeting may take longer than initially envisioned. To help ensure the meeting runs smoothly it is important that all eligible voting members know how to vote on motions. The following procedure will be followed: When the Chair asks for all those *in favor*, please tap "yes", you will look on your electronic device dashboard in Reactions to tap the green "yes" button. Next, the Chair will ask: all those *opposed*, please tap "no," you will tap the red "no" button. Please do not cancel your vote, it will be cleared automatically. The State Recording Secretary will provide the Chair with the vote results, and the Chair will announce the outcome of the vote.

State Regent Brown asked Rebecca Davis, State Chair, Credentials Committee, to report. Mrs. Davis read the statistical summary of all those registered. State Officers – 10; Honorary State Regents – 6; District Directors – 5; Chapter Regents – 26; and Delegates – 165. The voting strength is 180. Mrs. Rebecca Davis stated that on behalf of the Credentials Committee, she moved that the credentials report hereby submitted be adopted.

State Regent Brown advised that the question is on the adoption of the credentials report. State Regent Brown asked if there were any questions on the report. She called for the vote. Those *in favor*, please tap the "yes". Those *opposed*, please tap "no". The *in-favor* votes have it. The credentials report is adopted, and the roll of eligible voting members hereby submitted is the official roll of the voting members of the conference. Article VIII, Section 7. Thirty-five voting members representing at least 12 Chapters present at any meeting of the State Conference shall constitute a quorum. The State Regent declared a quorum was present. The voting strength is 180.

The State Regent asked for a motion to ratify the business of the 116th State Conference on March 12-14, 2021. Gail Potter, Ye Towne of Bath Chapter, made a motion to ratify the business of the 116th State Conference on March 12-14, 2021. The motion was seconded by Teresa Blake, Trans-Allegheny Chapter. It was moved and seconded to ratify the business of the 116th State Conference on March 12-14, 2021. State Regent Brown noted that a 2/3 vote *in favor* will be required for passage. She asked for any discussion. State Regent Brown gave the question.

Those *in favor* of the recommendation, *please tap "Yes"*. Those *opposed*, *please tap "No"*. The *in-favor* votes have it, and the recommendation is adopted.

State Regent Cheryl Brown asked State Parliamentarian, Patricia McKown Goodwin, to read the Standing Rules on Pages 19-21 of the 117th State Conference Program. State Regent Brown stated the proposed adoption of the Standing Rules for the 117th State Conference will be presented to the assembly as Recommendation 1. State Recording Secretary, Carolyn Skidmore Kesterson, was asked to read Recommendation 1: That the Standing Rules for the 117th State Conference as presented be approved. State Regent Brown: As this recommendation comes from the State Board of Management, a second is not required. This vote is on accepting the Standing Rules in its entirety. A 2/3 vote *in favor* will be required to pass the Standing Rules. The State Regent asked for discussion. The State Regent gave the question. Those *in favor* of the recommendation, *please tap "Yes"*. Those *opposed*, *please tap "No"*. The *in-favor* votes have it and Standing Rule 1 is approved as amended. State Regent Brown announced that the Standing Rules for the 117th State Conference are approved and amended.

State Regent Brown thanked Mrs. Goodwin for the many hours you have put into researching and writing the Standing Rules and reviewing them with the National Parliamentarian.

The State Regent asked Cynthia (Cindy) Jones Nicewarner, State Corresponding Secretary, to present the State Conference Program. Mrs. Nicewarner presented her 24-page State Conference program plus additional statements from the Finance Committee. State Regent Brown: The proposed adoption of the Conference Program for the 117th State Conference will be presented to the assembly as Recommendation 2. Mrs. Kesterson read Recommendation 2: That the Conference Program for the 117th State Conference as presented be approved. Since this recommendation comes from the Board of Management, a second is not required. State Regent Brown asked for discussion. There being none, she asked for the question. Those *in favor* of the recommendation, *please tap "Yes"*. Those *opposed*, *please tap "No"*. The *in-favor* votes have it and the recommendation is adopted. Mrs. Nicewarner was thanked for her hard work on the program.

State Regent Brown recognized our distinguished guests, Honorary State Regents, and Executive Committee. Since the meeting was virtual, the ladies were asked to raise their hands. The guests were introduced as follows: Leslie Rogers Miller, Vice President General, National Chair, Historic Preservation Committee, Kentucky Honorary State Regent. Mrs. Miller will speak later this morning; Morgan Elliott, Arizona State Regent and Associate Member of Kanawha Valley and Pack Horse Ford Chapters; Kathleen "Kathy" Gobin Dixon, Ohio State Regent; and Brenda Thole Majewski, Wisconsin State Regent. You will formally meet these ladies this evening, but let's welcome them with Sunshine Hands!

Another guest attending the conference is Mary Frisch, Honorary Vice President General, Past Registrar General, Past Vice President General, Kansas Honorary State Regent, and an Associate Member of the Kanawha Valley Chapter. She currently serves the National Society as National Chair of the Chapter

Development and Revitalization Commission. Mrs. Frisch was welcomed with Sunshine Hands.

Next the Honorary State Regents were recognized. Currently serving our National Society is Malinda (Mindy) Horner Davis, Vice President General, Honorary State Regent; Presley M. Wagoner, Honorary President General, Honorary State Regent; Barbara (Barby) McDonald Frankenberry, National Chair, DAR Museum Outreach Committee, Past Curator General, Honorary State Regent; Jimelle Farris Rumberg, Past Vice President General, Honorary State Regent; Shirley Morrison Gilkeson, Past Vice President General, Honorary State Regent; Carmen Gamble Silliman, Honorary State Regent; Virginia (Ginger) Wright Nalley, Honorary State Regent; and Charla Louise Nutter-McNaboe, Honorary State Regent. State Regent Brown thanked the ladies for their service to the West Virginia State Society. They were greeted with Sunshine Hands!

The State Regent was pleased to present the Executive Committee: State Vice Regent – Jane Jacobs Larke; State Chaplain – Sandra Isner-Johnson; State Recording Secretary – Carolyn Skidmore Kesterson; State Corresponding Secretary – Cynthia (Cindy) Nicewarner; State Organizing Secretary – Margaret (Margie) Bean Ways; State Treasurer – Kelly Gainer Goodwin; State Registrar – Susan Glasscock Arnold; State Historian – Mary Edith Johnson; and State Librarian – Sandra Cowan. State Regent Brown stated that “it has been a privilege to work with you over the past three years. Thank you for sharing your many talents and your hard work on behalf of the West Virginia State Society”.

State Regent Brown: “A person we all depend on to keep meetings moving smoothly and correctly is our State Parliamentarian, Patricia McKown Goodwin. Thank you, Mrs. Goodwin, for all you have done.” Please show this hard-working team some Sunshine Hands!!

State Regent Cheryl Brown then introduced Vice President General Leslie Rogers Miller, who is the National Chair, Historic Preservation. The Theme for the State Conference is Preserving West Virginia’s Past Today for Tomorrow”. Mrs. Miller is a 4th generation member of the Hart Chapter in Winchester, Kentucky. Her great-grandmother was the Organizing Chapter Regent in 1908. A graduate of H. Sophie Newcomb College of Tulane University with a Bachelor of Science in Physics, Mrs. Miller worked at Martin Marietta Manned Space Systems on the Space Shuttle External Tank Project for 16 years. More recently, she worked as a Staff Genealogist for the NSSAR in Louisville, Kentucky. Mrs. Miller spoke on Historic Preservation: Our Mission, Our Passion. State Regent Brown thanked Mrs. Miller for her inspiring talk which reminds us of the reason we are members of DAR.

At this time, State Regent Brown asked Vicky Shears, State Chair, Audit Committee, to present the Audit Report of the State Society’s financial records for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. Mrs. Shears shared that her committee composed of herself, Karen Bonifacio, and Dorothy Sandy, found the financial records are in good order and reasonable. The statements fairly represent the financial position and the revenues and expenses of the organization. Mrs. Shears expressed her gratitude to State Treasurer, Kelly Goodwin, for her hard work and presenting the committee with nice and organized records. Mrs. Shears also

thanked Sandra Isner-Johnson, Carolyn Kesterson, and Nancy Kornegay for providing additional records needed for the review. Mrs. Shears thanked State Regent Brown and told her it had been a pleasure and honor to serve in her administration. Mrs. Brown thanked Mrs. Shears and expressed her gratitude to the other members of the committee for a job well done.

State Regent Brown asked State Treasurer, Kelly Goodwin, to present her financial report for March 1, 2021 – February 28, 2022. Mrs. Goodwin presented her report. As of March 15, 2021, total assets were \$230,687.86. As of February 28, 2022, the balance was \$274,073.73. Total income was \$77,030.60 and total expenses were \$33,644.73. The unrestricted funds balance was \$39,599.40. Mrs. Goodwin stated that the balance is lower this year due to the refund of all the meal collected for the previous years that weren't used. \$8,286 was refunded for meals. Expenses were less than budgeted. We were actually under budget \$1,734.47. State Regent Brown asked for question. Hearing none, State Regent Brown announced the State Treasurer's Report would be filed for Audit. Mrs. Goodwin was thanked for a job well done.

State Regent Brown asked State Parliamentarian Goodwin to read the applicable By-law for the State Society Budget. State Parliamentarian Goodwin: Article XI, Sec. 1b. The annual budget for the State Society State Conference and West Virginia Peters Cottage at Tamasee DAR School shall be prepared on the basis of State dues, fees, and contributions payable the preceding November 1st.

State Regent Brown asked for the proposed budgets for the 2022-2023 as presented to the State Board of Management. Grace Arthur, State Chair for the Finance Committee presented the State Budget. Mrs. Arthur thanked Carolyn Channell and Mindy Davis for their help on this committee. The State Regent asked for questions. State Regent Brown stated that the proposed adoption of this budget will be presented to the assembly as Recommendation 3. Mrs. Kesterson read recommendation 3: That the 2022-2023 State Budget as presented by the Finance Committee be approved. State Regent Brown: Since this recommendation comes from the State Board of Management, a second is not required. Madam State Regent asked for discussion. There being none, State Regent Brown asked for the vote. The *in-favor* votes have it and the recommendation is adopted. Mrs. Arthur was asked to present the 117th State Conference Budget. She asked for questions. State Regent Brown stated that the proposed adoption of this budget will be presented to the assembly as Recommendation 4. Mrs. Kesterson read recommendation 4. Recommendation 4: That the 117th State Conference Budget as presented by the Finance Committee be approved. State Regent Brown: Since this recommendation comes from the State Board of Management, a second is not required. She asked for the question. Those *In favor* please tap "Yes"; those opposed please tap "No". The *in-favor* votes have it and the recommendation is adopted. Mrs. Arthur then presented the presentation of the 2022-2023 West Virginia Peters Cottage at Tamasee DAR School Budget. State Regent Brown asked for questions. She stated that the proposed adoption of this budget will be presented to the assembly as recommendation 5. Mrs. Kesterson read recommendation 5. Recommendation 5: That the 2022-2023 West Virginia Peters Cottage Budget as presented by the Finance Committee be approved. State Regent

Brown: since this recommendation comes from the State Board of Management, a second is not required. Madam State Regent asked for discussion. There being none, she called for the question. Those *in favor* of the recommendation *please tap "Yes"* and those *opposed, please tap "No"*. State Regent Brown asked Margaret Rusnak, Captain James Allen Chapter, if she had a question. Mrs. Rusnak asked, "why are we spending money on a cottage we do not own at a school that is not affiliated with the DAR?". State Regent Brown stated that we are not spending any money or appropriating any money. Madam State Regent asked the State Parliamentarian to explain about the budget. State Parliamentarian Goodwin explained that Article XI Finances – the annual Budget -from the State Society, the State Conference, and Peters Cottage at Tamassee DAR School shall be prepared based on State dues, fees, and contributions payable preceding November 1st. When the new State Regent comes into office, she must sign a contract with Tamassee DAR School since we were obligated to maintain the cottage and pay the utilities. That contract does not expire until the end of her term. We still need to have a working budget on paper for us to be able to plan for the future. Mrs. Rusnak stated that Tamassee now is not a DAR School and Madam State Regent stated that Tamassee is still a DAR School run by the South Carolina DAR. State Regent Brown stated that we are not spending any money on passing a budget. Decisions will be made in the next administration. This budget begins July 1, 2022, and a new administration will make decisions on extending funds. We are merely doing the budget as required by the State Bylaws. We are also required to do this by the Audit Committee in the last administration. State Regent Brown asked Mrs. Mindy Davis, Vice President General and Honorary State Regent to explain. Mrs. Davis explained that we are not only required under the Bylaws to follow a budget but also by National Society to follow a budget and the IRS. We are not spending any money but have to have a budget in place. State Regent Brown announced that we would complete the voting. The *in-favor* votes have it and the recommendation is adopted. State Regent Brown extended thanks to State Treasurer Kelly Goodwin, and Finance Committee State Chair Grace Arthur and her committee – Malinda (Mindy) Davis and Carolyn Channell. Sunshine hands were shown to these ladies.

Madam State Regent Brown continued in line with the State Conference theme, Vice President General, National Chair, Historic Preservation Committee, Leslie Rogers Miller, has spoken to us this morning and Joe Geiger, Part-time Curator/Librarian, Marshall University Special Collections and Past Director, West Virginia Archives and History, will speak at the evening business session. As you know, the State Conference service project involves giving a donation to the West Virginia State Archives towards rehousing of West Virginia County records. Conference attendees have been asked to give \$10 each to support the project. To date \$830 has been collected. The State Board of Management has forwarded the following recommendation to the assembly as Recommendation 6. Mrs. Kesterson read Recommendation 6: That the West Virginia State Society support the State Conference service project, i.e., making a donation to the West Virginia State Archives towards rehousing of West Virginia County records, by augmenting personal donations with a donation of \$1,670 from the West Virginia State Society

unrestricted funds. State Regent Brown stated that since this recommendation comes from the State Board of Management, a second is not required. She asked for discussion. There being none, she called for the question. Those *in favor* of the recommendation, *please tap "Yes" and those opposed, please tap "No"*. The *in-favor* votes have it and the recommendation is adopted.

State Regent Brown announced the WVDAR membership grew in 2021 from 1,794 to 1,827. Quite an achievement during a pandemic! Now we will recognize chapters, members and Registrars that especially helped to achieve this growth. She asked State Registrar, Susan Arnold, to recognize Chapters, Members, and Registrars that were responsible for this growth. State Registrar Arnold said that none of the excellent growth experienced would have been possible without our dedicated and hard-working chapter registrars. Outstanding registrars who added 5 or more new members in 2021 were acknowledged. This group includes General Bailey, Old Hickory Chapter, who added 9 new members; Heather Farley, Matthew French Chapter, who added 5 new members; Darlene Frederick, South Branch Valley Chapter, who added 10 new members; Dorrene Hale, Pack Horse Ford Chapter, who added 8 new members; Heather Harrison, Kanawha Valley Chapter, who added 6 new members; Sue Silk, Blackwater Chapter, who added 10 new members; and Heidi Ware, Bee Line Chapter, who added 12 new members.

The second group of certificates are those chapters who successfully met the West Virginia Membership Challenge with a goal of increasing our total membership to 1,816 by the end of the year. This number was chosen because it would represent a net increase of 100 new members since January 1, 2019. We exceeded the goal by 11 members, as membership stood at 1,827 on December 31. The following ladies will receive State Regent pins: Anne Bailey Chapter: Jeriann Cochran; Bee Line Chapter: Marilyn Bremlist, Sharon Carrigan, Wendy Evans, Mary Miller, Heidi Ware, and Margaret Zimmerman; Blackwater Chapter : Cathy Hebb and Sue Silk; Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter: Patsy Adkins, Barbara Channell, and Lyda Reese; Colonel Zackquill Morgan Chapter: Frances VanScoy; Elizabeth Zane Chapter: Loretta Dawson and Georgette Ward; General Andrew Lewis Chapter: Brenda Chevront, Barbara Holt, and Karen McClung; Kanawha Valley Chapter: Shirley Gilkeson and Heather Harrison; Matthew French Chapter: Donna Brewster, Mary Lou Brown, and Jane Larke; Old Hickory Chapter: General Bailey, Debbie Burge, Joanna McKown, and Linda Hendrickson; Pack Horse Ford Chapter: Dorrene Hale; South Branch Valley Chapter: Darlene Frederick and Bonnie Myers; Tanner's Cross Roads Chapter: Susan Tucker and Audrella "Susie" Wyatt; Westmoreland Chapter: Marilyn Oppenheimer, Wylma Skean, and Stephanie Smith. Thank you, ladies, for helping us to meet the challenge.

The final group of certificates are for overall outstanding growth in 2021. President General VanBuren set a goal of 10% growth per year. These chapters achieved this last year. General Andrew Lewis Chapter – 5% growth; Colonel Zackquill Morgan – 6% growth; Peters Mountain Chapter – 6% growth; Elizabeth Zane Chapter – 9% growth; Old Hickory Chapter – 10% growth; Westmoreland Chapter – 10% growth; Tanner's Cross Roads – 11% growth; Bee Line Chapter – 14% growth; Matthew French Chapter – 14% growth; Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter – 15% growth; South Branch Valley Chapter – 26% growth; and

Blackwater Chapter – 38% growth. State Registrar, Susan Arnold, expressed sincere gratitude to the chapters for their outstanding efforts. She also told State Regent Brown that it had been an honor serving in her administration. State Regent Brown thanks Mrs. Arnold for the wonderful job she has done and everyone who recruited new members and completed applications as part of the “Soar to New Heights” Membership Challenge.

During 2021 workshops were held on the Chapter Master Report and Chapter Achievement Awards. State Regent called for Judy Bowyer, State Chair, Chapter Achievement Awards, to recognize chapters for their achievements. Mrs. Bowyer was pleased to report that 100% of our 40 chapters completed the Chapter Achievement Awards section of the Chapter Master Report. 34 chapters achieved Level 1 with more than 400 points, 2 chapters received Level 2 with more than 300 points, and 3 chapters received Level 3 with more than 200 points. One chapter was below level. The five chapters with the most points were: Bee Line with the most points, followed by Pack Horse Ford Chapter and three chapters tied for third: Kanawha Valley Chapter, Old Hickory Chapter, and South Branch Valley Chapter. The Chapter Achievement Awards committee is recognizing three chapters in each state who had the highest percentage increase in CAA points from 2020 to 2021. Those three chapters are James Barbour, Bee Line and Old Hickory. They will receive certificated from National. Mrs. Bowyer expressed that it had been an honor serving in the Brown Administration. Mrs. Brown thanked Mrs. Bowyer for her exemplary work and congratulated the chapters.

Madam State Regent noted that stated in the State Society’s Bylaws, it is the third year of the term, and it is time to elect the West Virginia State Society’s officers for 2022-2025. The State Regent introduced Sally Ann Greenfield, Chair of the Nominating Committee. Mrs. Greenfield: submitted the following nominations for the State Officers of the West Virginia State Society for 2022-2025: State Regent – Jane J. Larke, Blackwater Chapter; State Vice Regent – April Norris, Kanawha Valley Chapter; 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 L. Shears, Elizabeth Ludington Hagans- Col. John Evans Chapter; State Registrar – Christina Rumbach. Trans-Allegheny Chapter; State Historian – Joan Gibson, Woodburn Chapter; State Librarian – Gail Potter, Ye Towne of Bath Chapter. Respectfully submitted: Sally Ann Greenfield, Chair; Ruth Mooney, Central District; Mary Ellen Hunt, Northern District; Sandra Cowan, Southern District; Brenda Chevront, Western District.

State Regent Brown thanked Mrs. Greenfield and the nominating committee. Madam State Regent spoke to the members: You have heard the Nominating Committee. As the Chair repeats the name of each candidate; she will ask if there are nominations from the floor. If an eligible voting member wishes to make a nomination from the floor, she should use the Chat function to be recognized. When recognized, the eligible voter will state her name and chapter and state: I nominate first and last names of nominee and the nominee’s chapter; foe the office of name of office. There will be no nomination speeches.

Jane J. Larke has been nominated for State Regent. Are there nominations from the floor? Shirley Gilkeson, Kanawha Valley Chapter nominated Deborah “Debi” M. Smith, Wheeling Chapter for State Regent. State Regent Brown asked for other nominations. Hearing none, the nominations for State Regent are closed. The names of Jane J. Larke and Deborah “Debi” Smith will appear on the ballot for the office of State Regent.

April Norris has been nominated for State Vice Regent. Are there nominations from the floor? JoAnna McKown, Old Hickory Chapter, nominated Sandra Isner-Johnson, Old Hickory Chapter for State Vice Regent. State Regent Brown asked for other nominations. Hearing none, the nominations for State Vice Regent are closed. The names of April Norris and Sandra Isner-Johnson will appear on the ballot for State Vice Regent.

Barbara Holt has been nominated for the office of State Chaplain. Are there nominations from the floor? Hearing none, the name of Barbara Holt will appear on the ballot for the office of State Chaplain.

Katherine Genung has been nominated for the office of State Recording Secretary. Are there nominations from the floor? Hearing none, the name of Katherine Genung will appear on the ballot for State Recording Secretary.

Cynthia Kolsun has been nominated for State Corresponding Secretary. Debi Smith, Wheeling Chapter, nominated Lisa McNeil, Wheeling Chapter, for State Corresponding Secretary. State Regent Brown asked for further nominations. Hearing none, the nominations are closed. The names of Cynthia Kolsun and Lisa McNeil will appear on the ballot for the office of State Corresponding Secretary.

Vickie Baker has been nominated for the office of State Organizing Secretary. Are there nominations from the floor? Hearing none, the name of Vickie Baker will appear on the ballot for State Organizing Secretary.

Vickie L. Shears has been nominated for the office of State Treasurer. Are there nominations from the floor? Hearing none, the name of Vickie L. Shears will appear on the ballot for the office of State Treasurer.

Christina Rumbach has been nominated for the office of State Registrar. Are there nominations from the floor? Joetta McCallister, Anne Bailey Chapter, nominated Patsy Adkins, Anne Bailey Chapter, for the office of State Registrar. Are there additional nominations from the floor? Hearing none, the nominations are closed. The names of Christina Rumbach and Patsy Adkins will appear on the ballot for the office of State Registrar.

Joan Gibson has been nominated for the office of State Historian. Are there nominations from the floor? Heidi Ware, Bee Line Chapter, nominated Darla Treat Courtney, Bee Line Chapter, for the office of State Historian. Are there any more nominations from the floor? Hearing none, the nominations are closed. The names of Joan Gibson and Darla Treat Courtney will appear on the ballot for the office of State Historian.

Gail Potter has been nominated for the office of State Librarian. Are there nominations from the floor? Tina Seese, Ohio Valley Chapter, nominated Mary Ellen Hunt, Blennerhassett Chapter, for the office of State Librarian. Are there additional nominations? Hearing none, the nominations are closed. The names of Gail Potter and Mary Ellen Hunt will appear on the ballot for the State Librarian.

State Regent Brown announced that the nominations are now closed. The following are appointed to serve as tellers for the election: Eastern District, Judy Bowyer, Chair; Central District, Laura Fullen; Northern District, Cathy Hinkle; Southern District, Margaret Rusnak; and Diana Cromley, Western District.

The process for electing the state officers is as follows: An IT consultant not affiliated with the DAR will serve as election manager. He will prepare the electronic ballot and send an email to eligible voters at 3:00 p.m., in which will be instructions to access Simply Voting, an online voting system that will be used to conduct the election. *No one will know how an eligible voting member voted.* Voting will occur from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Once the election concludes, the IT consultant will email the results to Judy Bowyer, Chair, Tellers Committee, who, in turn will ask each member of the Tellers Committee to verify the results for the district she represents.

State Regent Brown asked Joanna McKown, state Chair, DAR Leadership Training Committee, and Vicky Baker, State Chair, Volunteer Genealogists Committee, to please conduct the graduation ceremony for graduates of DAR courses. Mrs. McKown and Mrs. Baker showed graduation certificates for the following:

MEMBERS COURSE: Linda Keeling, Kanawha Valley Chapter; Deborah Burge, Old Hickory Chapter; Deborah Hoback, Westmoreland Chapter; and Andrea Duckworth, Ye Towne of Bath Chapter.

NEW HORIZONS COURSE: Mary Johnson, Anne Bailey Chapter; Cathy Hinkle, Blennerhassett Chapter; Cheryl Brown, Pack Horse Chapter; and Lois Kimble, Pack Horse Chapter.

COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP COURSE: Carolyn Scheydt, Ye Towne of Bath Chapter.

REGISTRAR TRAINING: Marsha Cobb, Anne Bailey Chapter; Teresa Noland, Captain James Allen Chapter; Brenda Hess, Cheat River Chapter; Heather Harrison, Kanawha Valley Chapter; and Darlene Frederick, South Branch Valley Chapter.

GEP I: Cathy Hebb, Blackwater Chapter; Cathy Hinkle, Blennerhassett Chapter; Christine Painter, Blennerhassett Chapter; and Teresa Noland, Captain James Allen Chapter; Brenda Hess, Cheat River Chapter; Barbara Channell, Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter; April Wallance, Elizabeth Zane Chapter; Teresa Silva, Kanawha Valley Chapter; Brenda Chevuront, Old Hickory Chapter; Joanna McKown, Old Hickory Chapter; Cynthia Nicewarner, PackHorse Ford Chapter; and Kimberly Kincaid, Woodburn Chapter.

GEP II: JoEtta McCallister, Anne Bailey Chapter; Cathy Hebb, Blackwater Chapter; Cathy Hinkle, Blennerhassett Chapter; Teresa Noland, Captain James Allen Chapter; Brenda Hess, Cheat River; Candy Thompson, Cheat River Chapter; Barbara Channell, Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter; April Wallance, Elizabeth Zane Chapter; Cynthia Nicewarner, Pack Horse Ford Chapter; and Kim Casdorff, Kanawha Valley Chapter.

GEP III: Barbara Channell, Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter; April Wallace, Elizabeth Zane Chapter; Kim Casdorff, Kanawha Valley Chapter; Cindy

Nicewarner, Pack Horse Ford Chapter; Deborah Popenoe, and Ye Towne of Bath Chapter.

GEP IV: Christine Painter, Blennerhassett Chapter; and Susan Arnold, Elizabeth Ludington Hgans-Colonel John Evans Chapter.

GEP V: JoEtta McCallister, Anne Bailey Chapter; Jane Larke, Blackwater Chapter; Chris Painter, Blennerhassett Chapter; Brenda Hess, Cheat River Chapter; Karen Kurilko, Cheat River Chapter; Susan Arnold, Elizabeth Ludington Hgans-Colonel John Evans Chapter; Georgette Ward, Elizabeth Zane Chapter; Heather Harrison, Kanawha Valley Chapter; Deloris Bailey, Old Hickory Chapter; Vickie Baker, Tanners Cross Roads Chapter; Kimberly Kincaid, Woodburn Chapter; and Deborah Popenoe, Ye Towne of Bath Chapter.

GEP VII: Jo Etta McCallister, Anne Bailey Chapter; Jane Larke, Blackwater Chapter; Chris Painter, Blennerhassett Chapter; Brenda Hess, Cheat River Chapter; Karen Kurilko, Cheat River Chapter; Georegette Ward, Elizabeth Zane Chapter; Heather Harrison, Kanawha Valley Chapter; Deloris Bailey, Old Hickory Chapter; Vickie Baker, Tanners Cross Roads Chapter; Kimberly Kincaid, Woodburn Chapter; and Deborah Popenoe, Ye Towne of Bath Chapter.

State Regent Brown asked if there was other business to come before the eligible voting members at this meeting. Hearing none, this concludes the morning business meeting. She then asked Mrs. Margie Ways for announcements. Mrs. Ways stated that “The evening session will begin at 7:00 p.m. The meeting room will open 30 minutes before the session. Due to the number of expected attendees, we ask that you join the meeting early”. State Regent thanked Mrs. Ways. The morning recessed until the evening’s meeting for the purpose of continuing the State Society’s business.

The meeting recessed at 11:41 a.m.

Carolyn S. Kesterson, WVDAR State Recording Secretary

The minutes were read and approved by: Mary Ellen Hunt, Chair; JoeAnn Eye, and Barbara Channell on April 15, 2022.

WEST VIRGINIA STATE SOCIETY
National Society Daughters of the American Revolution
Virtual 117th State Conference
Evening Business Session
Saturday, April 2, 2022
7:00 p.m.

State Regent Cheryl Brown called the Saturday evening business session to order at 7:00 p.m. State Regent Brown: “Welcome! This evening you will learn more about preserving West Virginia’s history today for tomorrow as well as hearing the results of this afternoon’s officer election”.

State Regent Brown asked the members to rise for the invocation and remain standing through the recitation of the American’s Creed. The invocation will be given by State Chaplain, Sandra Isner-Johnson. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America will be led by Mary Edith Johnson, State Historian, State Chair, America 250! Committee. The American’s Creed will be

led by Susan Garrett, State Chair, American History Committee. Ms. Isner-Johnson, Ms. Johnson, and Ms. Garrett. State Regent Brown thanked the ladies and asked the members to be seated.

Minutes for this evening's business meeting will be approved by a committee of Samantha Shleser, Chair; Jane Richards; and Vickie Baker.

Madam State Regent recognized our honored guests, distinguished Daughters, and other esteemed colleagues. She asked so that everyone could be seen, please go to Reactions and raise you hand when your name or group is called.

State Regent Brown is pleased to have with us this evening the West Virginia State Society Children of the American Revolution, our outstanding patriotic youth organization. "It is a pleasure to present the Senior State President, Brooks A. Morton, who brings greetings from the C.A.R." It is also a pleasure to present the State President, Sam Lake, who will bring greetings from the State Society. Mr. Lake is accompanied by his mother Ann Lake, State Chair, Children of the American Revolution Committee, and his grandmother, Darla Ambrose, a member of Pack Horse Ford Chapter. The West Virginia Society is so pleased to welcome you, and we pledge our continued support of the West Virginia C.A.R.

State Regent Brown stated that another organization with whom the DAR has enjoyed a very close bond of friendship since 1890 is the National Society Sons of the American Revolution. She introduced Dr. John A. Turley, President, West Virginia State Society Sons of the American Revolution. Dr. Turley brought greetings from the SAR. Dr. Turley introduced his wife, Margie Turley, State Chair of the West Virginia Room in Memorial Continental Hall Committee, who has recently overseen the repair and painting of the ceiling in the West Virginia Room in preparation for an open house there during Continental Congress. Mrs. Turley is a member of Kanawha Valley Chapter.

Madam State Regent shared that we look forward to having with us a special group of ladies, the Honorary State Regents. Each of them during her term gave unselfishly of her time, energy, and talents. Currently serving our National Society: Malinda "Mindy" Horner Davis, Vice President General, Honorary State Regent; Presley M. Wagoner, Honorary President General, Honorary State Regent; Barbara "Barby" McDonald Frankenberry, National Chair of the DAR Museum Outreach Committee, Past Curator General, Honorary State Regent; Jimelle Farris Rumberg, Past Vice President General, Honorary State Regent; Shirley Morrison Gilkeson, Past Vice President General, Honorary State Regent; Carmen Gamble Silliman, Honorary State Regent; Virginia Wright Nalley, Honorary State Regent; and Charla Louise Nutter-McNaboe, Honorary State Regent. Please greet the ladies with Sunshine hands!

State Regent Brown asked Mrs. Davis if she would like to bring greetings from the Honoraries. Mrs. Davis extended greetings from the Honoraries. Madam State Regent thanked Mrs. Davis and the Honorary State Regents for their long and faithful service to the West Virginia State Society. A copy of the program will be mailed to the Honoraries who are not with us this evening.

State Regent Brown was honored to introduce our conference guests. Leslie Rogers Miller, Vice President General, National Chair, Historic Preservation

Committee, Kentucky Honorary State Regent. Mrs. Miller was thanked for talking to us about women in historic preservation.

Morgan Elliott is the Arizona State Regent and Associate Member, Kanawha Valley and Pack Horse Ford Chapters. Ms. Elliott has lived in McLean, VA; San Francisco, CA; and now Scottsdale, AZ, but she is a Mountaineer by heritage, and we are always happy when she spends time with us. A past National Chair, Volunteer Genealogists Committee, she served as Arizona State Vice Regent before becoming State Regent in 2020.

Kathleen “Kathy” Gobin Dixon, is the Ohio State Regent. Mrs. Dixon is a retired registered nurse. A 36-year DAR member, she served as Chapter Regent, District Director, State Corresponding Secretary, State Treasurer, and State Vice Regent before being elected State Regent. The widow of Evan Dixon, MD, she has 5 children and 15 grandchildren, and she likes to travel, quilt, read and geocache.

Brenda Majewski is the Wisconsin State Regent. Mrs. Majewski retired at the end of 2017 as director of operations of a Milwaukee law firm – just in time to prepare for a term as State Regent. She had previously served as Chapter Regent, State Corresponding Secretary and State Vice Regent. She and her husband John live in Greendale, Wisconsin, one of three historic “greenbelt communities” built by the Roosevelt Administration. One of their sons is a retired Army officer and the other, a former police officer.

State Regent Brown asked the ladies if they would like to bring greetings to the West Virginia Daughters. Ms. Elliott, Arizona State Regent, brought greetings from her 30,000 members and was looking forward to the in-person State Conference. Mrs. Dixon, Ohio State Regent, brought greetings from the 6300 members from Ohio. She told a story of visiting West Virginia when their children were young and giving them a map to decide where they were staying. She invited the WVDAR to visit the DAR home in Cincinnati. Ms. Majewski brought greetings from the 1500 Wisconsin members. Ms. Majewski shared that her work often brought her family to the Greenbrier when her sons were younger. Another guest here this evening is Mary Frisch, Honorary Vice President General, Past Registrar General, Past Vice president General, Kansas Honorary State Regent, and an Associate Member of the Kanawha Valley Chapter. She currently serves the National Society as National Chair of the Chapter Development and Revitalization Commission. Please give her a warm welcome.

Madam State Regent Brown was also honored to present officers of other hereditary organizations joining us this evening. Cindy Jones Nicewarner – State President, West Virginia State Society, National Society United States Daughters of 1812. Rebecca Lazelle Davis – President, West Virginia State Society, Daughters of Colonial Wars; West Virginia State Society, National Society Dames of the Court of Honor. Susan Glasscock Arnold – State Regent, National Society Daughters of American Colonists. Brenda Noble Chevuront – President, West Virginia Colony, National Society of New England Women. Patricia “Pat” McKown Goodwin – President, James Gibson Chapter, National Society United States Daughters of 1812. Sally Ann Greenfield – Regent, Governor Norborne Berkley Chapter, National Society Daughters of American Colonists. Vicky L.

Shears – Regent, Monongahela Valley Chapter, National Society Daughters of American Colonists.

State Regent Brown shared with pride and affection the West Virginia State Executive Committee.

State Vice Regent – Jane Jacobs Larke

Stat Chaplain – Sandra Isner-Johnson

State Recording Secretary – Carolyn Skidmore Kesterson

State Corresponding Secretary – Cynthia “Cindy” Jones Nicewarner

State Organizing Secretary – Margaret “Margie” Bean Ways

State Treasurer – Kelly Gainer Goodwin

State Registrar – Susan Glasscock Arnold

State Historian – Mary Edith Johnson

State Librarian – Sandra “Sandy” Cowan

State Regent Brown expressed her appreciation to these dedicated and hard-working officers. Thank you, ladies, for your service to the West Virginia State Society. Sunshine hands!!

State Regent Brown stated that it is a pleasure to present the one whom we all depend on for the orderly and proper procedure during the State Conference, the State Parliamentarian, Patricia “Pat” McKown Goodwin. State Regent Brown thanked Mrs. Goodwin for all she does.

State Regent Brown announced that the West Virginia State Society has been honored by appointments from the National Society as National Chair and National Vice Chair for the East Central Division. She introduced the following ladies: National Chair of the DAR Museum Outreach Committee – Barbara “Barby” Frankenberry. National Vice Chairs for the East Central Division: Americanism – Vicky L. Shears; DAR Leadership Training – Chris Painter; Service to America – Judith “Judy” Ann Bowyer; Volunteer Information Specialists – Jane Jacobs Larke; and Women’s Issues – Malinda “Mindy” Horner Davis. Sunshine Hands!!

The President General also appoints those who serve as Representatives and Deputy Representatives at the Veterans Affairs Medical Centers in West Virginia. We will now recognize the VAVS Representatives and Deputy Representatives. They are Linda Parsons, Westmoreland Chapter and Heidi Ware, Bee Line Chapter. Thank you, ladies, for all you do for our Veterans and our State.

State Regent Brown introduced the District Directors: Central District Director – Jane Jacobs Larke; Eastern District Director – Gail Potter; Northern District Director – Mary Ellen Hunt; Southern District Director – Samantha Shleser; and Western District Director – April Norris. Mrs. Brown expressed appreciation and thanked the ladies for their work in their districts for the past three years. Your work has been commendable.

The individuals that lead our chapters in accomplishing the DAR mission even during difficult times are the Chapter Regents. The Chapter Regents were asked to turn on “Raise your hand” buttons to be recognized. We are so grateful for you! You have done a wonderful job under such difficult conditions.

The work of the entire State Society could never be accomplished without the hard work and dedication of the State Chairs. The State Chairs were asked to turn on the “Raise your hand” buttons to be recognized. Thank you, ladies! You have done a wonderful job these last three years.

State Regent Brown shared that it is a rare privilege to recognize the members whose loyalty and devotion to the National Society have spanned 50 years or more. We are pleased to do that now. Please welcome Sylvia Rhodes, Julia Gates and Marilyn “Susie” Rogers. Please show your appreciation to these ladies who have showed their continued devotion to God, Home, and Country.

State Regent Brown is always delighted to welcome this special group of members which is composed of members attending the State Conference for the first time. We are delighted to have you with us tonight. Welcome and please have a wonderful time. We hope this is the first of many conferences for you.

Madam State Regent shared that the smooth running of a State Conference depends on the hard work and enthusiasm of the Pages. We would be lost without their assistance. I am pleased to present to you Johnna Nicewarner, State Chair of Pages, who will introduce our Pages. Ms. Nicewarner: Slides were shown of the Pages. State Regent Brown thanked Ms. Nicewarner and all of the Pages and told them that they were very much appreciated.

State Regent Brown announced that Selma Humphreys, West Virginia State Chorus Director, and her able assistant, Linda Hendrickson, are not with us this evening but they should be recognized. While we will miss hearing from the chorus this year, we look forward to a time when we can be together and enjoy its music.

State Regent Brown asked Marilyn Oppenheimer, Westmoreland Chapter Regent, to introduce the West Virginia Outstanding Teacher of American History who is with us this evening. Mrs. Oppenheimer introduced Mr. Samuel Cohenour, Jr. Mr. Cohenour meets his students at the beginning of the year dressed in period costumes. Mr. Cohenour said that he was honored to receive the Outstanding Teacher of American History award. West Virginia Daughters look forward to presenting Mr. Cohenour his award in person. Please show some Sunshine Hands.

Next, Madam State Regent Brown introduced Mr. Joe Geiger, an archivist, author, and historian. Mr. Geiger is part-time Curator/Librarian, Marshall University Special Collections. In January 2022 he retired as Director, West Virginia Archives and History after serving in the position for 14 years. Previously, he was Historian/Webmaster, West Virginia Archives and History for 9 years. Mr. Geiger has many other accolades. Mr. Geiger gave a wonderful presentation and observations. Mr. Geiger spoke on the preservation of papers when West Virginia became a State. State Regent Brown thanked Mr. Geiger for talking to us about Historic Preservation. State Regent Brown told Mr. Geiger that the State Society agrees on the need to preserve West Virginia’s records so that they are accessible to future researchers. As a way to provide tangible support, we adopted the project of rehousing county records at the West Virginia State Archives as our state conference service project. Tonight, I am pleased to report that the West Virginia State Society is contributing \$2,500 to the project in your honor. We thank you so much for being with us this evening. Mr. Geiger was very thankful and flattered.

One of the State Regent’s Projects of this administration is the compilation of a volume entitled Genealogical, Burial and Service Data for Revolutionary War Patriots Buried in West Virginia. Members from 28 chapters have scoured

cemeteries in search of Patriot burial sites, then they have researched the men and women who have assisted in the colonists' cause and have made over 1,000 submissions to State Historian Mary Johnson. At this time the chapters will be recognized in three groups. First – those groups that submitted fewer than 10 forms: Anne Royall Chapter, Blackwater Chapter, Daniel Davisson Chapter, John Cooke Chapter, Kanawha Valley Chapter, Ohio Valley Chapter, Woodburn Chapter, and Ye Towne of Bath Chapter. Second: those chapters who submitted 10 or more forms; Bee Line Chapter, Captain James Allen Chapter, Cheat River Chapter, Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter, Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter, Elizabeth Zane Chapter, Elk River Chapter, General Andrew Lewis Chapter, James Wood Chapter, John Hart Chapter, Old Hickory Chapter, Shenandoah Valley Chapter, South Branch Valley Chapter, and William Henshaw Chapter. And now the top five contributing chapters: Fifth Place: Pack Horse Ford Chapter with 72 forms submitted. Fourth Place: Wheeling Chapter with 86 forms submitted: Third Place: Trans-Allegheny Chapter with 92 forms submitted. Second Place: Elizabeth Ludington Hagans- Colonel John Evans Chapter with 114 forms submitted. And First Place: Anne Bailey Chapter with 297 forms submitted. State Regent Brown thanked all who participated in this project and especially to State Historian Mary Johnson, who is serving as the volume's editor. Professionally, Mary Johnson is a long-time Historian/Archivist at the West Virginia State Archives. For the WVDAR she has served not only as State Historian for the past three years, but as the State Chair, American 250! Committee. State Regent Brown proceeded to present to Miss Johnson, the Excellence in Historic Preservation medal and certificate. Mary Johnson was shown her certificate on a slide presentation. Sunshine hands!

State Regent Brown stated that due to Covid-19, WVDAR members were not able to gather in large groups during much of 2021 but continued to complete DAR projects individually or in small groups. Two individuals that went the extra mile were Cynthia Archer, Wheeling Chapter, and Georgette Ward, Regent, Elizabeth Zane Chapter. The indexed 23,023 and 16,601 Patriot names into the Patriot Records Project, respectively. Truly outstanding! Show some Sunshine Hands for Cynthia Archer and Georgette Ward.

Another group who went above and beyond in 2021 was the Virtual 116th WVDAR State Conference Committee. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the conference was virtual – a first for the West Virginia State Society. Reimagining a state conference and implementing the IT platforms required to conduct a virtual state conference were very time consuming and difficult, but the members of this committee worked tirelessly to make the conference a success. Slides of the 116th State Conference were shown. State Regent Brown asked for appreciation to be shown to Patricia Goodwin, Chair; Jane Larke; Sandra Cowan; Ericka Chevront; and Charla Nutter-McNaboe. Also, to Samantha Shleser, Southern District Director, for her unfailing support of the Virtual 116th State Conference.

State Regent Brown presented a very special presentation next. During the 2019 district meetings, Ericka Chevront, State Chair, Volunteer Information Specialists Committee, was dubbed “Ms. Indispensable” because she could always make the IT equipment work. Then the pandemic hit, and she really earned her name. By

2021 she was overseeing new capabilities, training, and technical assistance to Daughters. Through everything, workshops, the first virtual state conference and numerous meetings she was patient, dependable, and competent. State Regent Brown presented Ericka Chevrunt with the State Volunteer Information Specialist of the Year Award for 2021. Ericka was shown her pin and certificate. Congratulations on a job well done. Show some Sunshine Hands!

At this time, Madam State Regent announced the winners of the scrapbook and press book contest for 2021-2022. The winning Chapters will receive certificates after the State Conference. First the press books: Chapters with less than 50 members: 1st Place: Ye Towne of Bath. Chapters with more than 50 members: 1st Place: Pack Horse Ford Chapter. Scrap book winners for 2021-2022: Chapters with less than 50 members: 1st place: Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter. Chapters with more than 50 members: 1st place: Pack Horse Ford Chapter. Congratulations ladies! Thank you, Becky Neal, Old Hickory Chapter, for serving as Chair, Scrapbook and Press Book Committee, for this State Conference.

State Regent Brown recognized Patty Young, Chair, State Conference Auction Committee, who gave the results of the fundraisers. Mrs. Young was unable to attend, and the State Regent announced the winners:

Lisa McNeil – Patriotic handmade ornament
Mindy Davis – Vintage teacup basket
Karen Kurilko – Vintage teacup basket
Cheryl Haught – Blanche L. Ryman Fiesta Ware basket

Darling Delights:

Bee Kind – Linda Whitman
Patriotic ornament – Karen Taylor
Blennerhassett Basket – Patricia Haught
Children’s Books – Meg Ashby
Acrylic Pen – Karen Kurilko
Wooden Plaque – Laura Fullen
WV Hometown Cookbook – Joanne Krishack
Historical Markers Book – Karen Kurilko
Brookstone Products – Lisa McNeil
Carrera Marble Coasters – Cheryl Brown
Holls Chocolates – Mary Johnson
I in a Million DAR – Linda Keeling
Bee Yourseld Tea basket – Linda Whitman
Frankenbrittle – Karen Taylor
Congratulations ladies!!!

The Auction totals were: State Regent’s Projects \$120.

Blanche L. Reymann Scholarship \$ 222.

Darlings Unrestricted: \$380.

Thank you ladies!

The State Regent called for the report of the Tellers. Head Teller, Judy Bowyer, presented the following report: Eligible Voters – 195. Number of votes cast – 192. Necessary for Adoption (majority) 97.

State Regent Brown requested Judy Bowyer, Chair, Tellers Committee to please give the Tellers report for the 2022-2025 election results, which are, as follows:

- State Regent:** Jane Jacobs Larke – Blackwater Chapter – 131
Deborah (Debi) Smith, Wheeling Chapter - 56
Write – in - Susan Nutter – James Wood Chapter – 1
Abstain – 4
- State Vice Regent:** April Norris – Kanawha Valley Chapter – 86
Sandra Isner-Johnson – Old Hickory Chapter – 99
Write-in- Brenda Chevront – Old Hickory Chapter -3
Jimelle Rumberg – 1
Abstain – 3
- State Chaplain:** Barbara Holt, General Andrew Lewis Chapter – 161
Write-in – Joanna McKown, Old Hickory Chapter – 4
Selma Humphries – Old Hickory Chapter – 1
Susan Nutter – James Wood Chapter –1
Abstain – 25
- State Recording Secretary:** Katherine Genung – Pack Horse Ford Chapter – 178
Write-in – Susan Nutter, James Wood Chapter – 1
Abstain – 13
- State Corresponding Secretary:** Cynthia Kolsun – Blackwater Chapter – 124
Lisa McNeil – Wheeling Chapter – 64
Write-in – Susan Nutter, James Wood Chapter – 1
Abstain – 3
- State Organizing Secretary:** Vickie Baker – Tanners Cross Roads Chapter – 180
Write-in – Susan Nutter – James Wood Chapter – 1
Abstain – 11
- State Treasurer:** Vicky Shears – Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-
Col. John Evans Chapter – 184
Write-in – Susan Nutter, James Wood Chapter – 1
Abstain – 7
- State Registrar:** Christina Rumbach, Trans-Allegheny Chapter – 84
Patsy Adkins – Anne Bailey Chapter – 102
Write-in – Susan Nutter – James Wood Chapter – 1
Abstain – 5
- State Historian:** Joan Gibson, Woodburn Chapter – 75
Darla Treat Courtney – Bee Line Chapter – 112
Write - in - Susan Nutter - James Wood Chapter – 1
Abstain - 4
- State Librarian:** Gail Potter – Ye Towne of Bath Chapter – 118

Tellers:

Judy Bowyer, Chair, South Branch Valley Chapter, Eastern District
Laura Fullen, Daniel Davisson Chapter, Central District
Cathy Hinkle, Blennerhassett Chapter, Northern District
Margaret Rusnak, Captain James Allen Chapter, Southern District
Diana Cromley, Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter, Western District.

The State Regent declared the following elected to serve as WVDAR Officers 2022-2025:

State Regent, Jane J. Larke; 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 (Cindy) Kolsun, Blackwater Chapter; State Organizing Secretary, Vickie Baker, Tanners Cross Roads Chapter; State Treasurer, Vicky L. Shears, Elizabeth Ludington Hagans/Colonel John Evans Chapter; State Registrar, Patsy Adkins, Anne Bailey Chapter; State Historian, Darla Treat Courtney, Bee Line Chapter; and State Librarian, Gail Potter, Ye Towne of Bath Chapter.

The State Regent congratulated each officer, stating they would assume office upon the installation of the State Regent and State Vice Regent at the 131st Continental Congress on July 3rd, 2022. Teller Chair, Judy Bowyer, moved that the election manager delete the 2022-2025 state officer election page from Simply Voting. State Regent Brown asked: A motion has been made “That the election manager deletes the 2022-2025 state officer election page from Simply Voting”. State Regent Brown called for a second. A second was made by Margaret Ways of Shenandoah Valley Chapter. State Regent Brown called for the question. The *in-favor* votes have it and the election manager will delete the 2022-2025 state officer election page from Simply Voting.

Madam State Regent Brown asked for the invitation to the 119th State Conference for 2024. The invitation to the 119th State Conference in 2024 was given by Gail Potter, Eastern District Director. The State Conference will be held in the Eastern District in the Spring of 2024. The exact time and date will be given at a later date. Mrs. Potter was thanked for the invitation.

State Regent Brown expressed her sincere and heartfelt thanks to the 117th WVDAR State Conference Committee: Margie Ways, Chair; Jane Larke; Joanna McKown; Ericka Chevuront; and Charla Nutter-McNaboe. This State Regent also thanks Western District members for serving as hostesses for this wonderful state conference. Thank you to Patty Young for running the auctions, Mary Johnson and Michelle Hoffman for your work on the state conference project, and Becky Neal for overseeing the scrapbook and press book contest. Many thanks to Honorary State Regent Charla Nutter-McNaboe for sharing her expertise on protocol with us and to Chair Becky Davis, Credentials Committee, for managing credentialing. Sincere appreciation to Johnna Nicewarner, State Chair, Pages, and all the tec-savvy Pages for their hard work in making the conference run smoothly. Many

thanks to all the State Officers and State Parliamentarian, Pat Goodwin ... Our State Society is truly blessed! And a special thank you to the Tellers Committee for the work they did before and during the conference.

Madam State Regent expressed gratitude to all members of the WVDAR State Society and thanked them for their support. You have made this a memorable 117th State Conference. She also thanked our guests for attending the State conference and told them gifts are on the way.

State Regent Brown announced that Barby Frankenberry, Past Curator General, Honorary State Regent, graciously accepted the invitation to install the newly elected State Officers, with the exception of the State Regent and State Vice Regent. Barby Frankenberry, Shenandoah Valley Chapter, spoke to the members and made a motion that the WVDAR move to honor Madam State Regent Brown with the title of Honorary State Regent. State Regent Brown asked if there was a second. Grace Arthur, Old Hickory Chapter seconded the motion. State Regent asked for discussion. Hearing none, she asked for the question. The vote was taken, and the *in-favor* votes have it. The motion was adopted. Mrs. Frankenberry stated that State Regent Brown would be presented with her pin at a later time.

Mrs. Frankenberry installed the new State Officers for 2022-2025 administration with the exception of State Regent and State Vice Regent. State Regent Brown asked **ALL** of the State members to “cooperate with your officers to the best of your ability”.

Madam State Regent Brown asked the newly elected State Regent to address the assembly. Mrs. Larke spoke briefly on how she appreciates the support for the WVDAR and to move forward to make the best for WVDAR.

At this time, the State Regent asked Margie Ways for announcements. She announced to the Chapter Regents that they would receive a packet of certificates via the US Postal Service after the conference. Mrs. Ways was thanked for her work.

Madam State Regent Brown shared that we would now sing: “Bless Be the Tie That Binds”, which will be followed by the benediction. The members were asked to stand. The Benediction was given by State Chaplain, Sandra Isner-Johnson.

State Regent Brown: By the authority vested in me as State Regent of the West Virginia State Society, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, I declare the 117th State Conference ADJOURNED! The gavel was rapped once. The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Carolyn S. Kesterson, WVDAR State Recording Secretary

The minutes were read and approved by: Samantha Shleser, Chair; Jane Richards, and Vickie Baker on April 23, 2022.

117th State Conference – Memorial Service – Sandra Isner-Johnson

The Memorial Service was held at Epworth United Methodist Church in Ripley, WV and aired virtually on Saturday, April 2, 2022. The alter candle was lite by Grace Parsons Arthur and the State Bible was placed on the alter by Aurora Arthur. Opening Prayer and Call to Remembrance was provided by the State Chaplain. The Memorial Roll Call of Chapters was read to include the deceased members from the previous year, as white roses were placed on the alter:

Central District Jane Jacobs
Larke, Director

Blackwater Chapter

Charlotte June Leese Lucas	884382	09/03/2021
Elizabeth Ann Wilder Tewksbury	862457	07/13/2021

Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter

Twila Jean Toothman Shaver	704572	05/12/2021
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Colonel Zackquill Morgan Chapter

Mary Jo Emmenegger Uphold	863487	09/05/2021
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Elk River Chapter

Tara Leigh Bragg	971135	10/24/2021
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James Barbour Chapter

Mary Kathryn Mosesso	532423	02/18/2021
Evangeline Myers Poling	732925	02/15/2022

John Hart Chapter

Ann Barlow Lockridge Cain	952131	09/14/2021
Nancy Ross Smith	615551	12/21/2021

Tanner's Cross Roads Chapter

Reva Mae Paxton	984905	08/21/2021
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Trans Allegheny Chapter

Esther Imogene Swiger Duncan	820719	01/25/2022
Victoria Stapleton Martin	596546	06/12/2021

Eastern District

Gail Potter, Director

Bee Line Chapter

Susan Gore Back	818355	12/25/2021
Carolyn Louise Dupriest Wright	904231	12/13/2021

Pack Horse Ford Chapter

Mary Morgan Davis	875495	08/08/2021
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Joan Kathleen Cummings Keller	1005797	08/24/2021
Jane Faulkner Wiltshire Snyder	781123	03/24/2021

Shanandoah Valley Chapter

Norma Jean Short Brown	655690	03/22/2022
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William Henshaw Chapter

Dorothy L Rebecca Boltz Coyle	469634	01/01/2022
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Ye Towne Of Bath Chapter

Nancy J Edwards	696675	11/04/2021
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(Past Chapter Regent)

Betty L Harmison	751175	11/13/2021
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Northern District

Mary Ellen Hunt,

Director

Anne Royall Chapter

Caroleen Sue Wilson Jones	875432	02/24/2021
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Toni Kay Wayne Meador	711762	06/22/2021
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Blennerhassett Chapter

Sarah Parr Board	536454	08/05/2021
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Phyllis Ann Sutton Hargreaves	924937	01/19/2022
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Nona Esther Boice Janks	970916	04/01/2021
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Marjorie Meadows Nicely	385331	11/17/2021
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(Charter Member)

James Wood Chapter

Nettie Elaine Modesitt Cook	827184	01/08/2022
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Blanche L Kugler Gruesser	524652	01/12/2021
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Roxie Jane Duncan Martin	693747	11/18/2021
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Phyllis June Alton Ruf	895449	06/10/2021
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Ohio Valley Chapter

Wilma Eileen Wotring Hyre	996021	09/14/2021
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Wheeling Chapter

Rhonda Ellen Smith Johnson	861185	07/02/2021
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Southern District

Samantha Shleser,

Director

Captain James Allen Chapter

Janice Meadows Cox	668809	10/14/2021
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Anita Jean McClung	969738	09/04/2021
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Betty Jane Wilkes	606965	02/17/2022
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General Andrew Lewis Chapter

Amaryllis Irene Ray Walkup 760517 02/14/2021

Western District

April Norris,

Director

Anne Bailey Chapter

Sally Ann Warren Trippett 1004710 09/28/2021

Buford Chapter

Jessie F McClain 355244 10/28/2021

Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter

Patricia Kaye Machir 510932 01/10/2022

John Young Chapter

June C Jones 759512 05/27/2021

Kanawha Valley Chapter

Elizabeth Louise Buchanan Devol 893533 07/02/2021

Russie Lynn McDerment-Fogarty 949636 04/24/2021

Carolyn Louise Byrd Snodgrass 762453 10/04/2021

Westmoreland Chapter

June Faye Booth Ashworth 734264 07/26/2021

(Honorary Chapter Regent)

Music was provided by Selma O'Dell Humphreys, State Choir Director. Conference Pages were Grace Parsons Arthur, Corresponding Secretary of Old Hickory Chapter NSDAR and Organizing Senior Treasurer of West Augusta C. A. R.; Abigail Kennedy, Jillian Kennedy, and Aurora Don Arthur members of the West Augusta C. A. R. Chapter. The West Augusta Chapter then took the flowers to local nursing homes.

WVDAR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

117TH Virtual State Conference

State Regent ~ Cheryl Alexander Brown

Once again, during the past year COVID-19 impacted every activity planned by West Virginia State Society leadership. However, in spite of continued limitations West Virginia Daughters found creative ways to accomplish educational, historic preservation and patriotic projects.

The 116th State Conference was held virtually on March 12-14, 2021, with President General Denise Doring VanBuren as special guest. West Virginia heroes were honored and the business of the State Society, to include the approval of revised Bylaws, was conducted. The conference committee, led by Patricia

McKown Goodwin, and hosted by Southern District chapters are to be commended for their tireless efforts to ensure the conference was well-run and interesting.

Great progress was made on statewide projects. The refurbishment of the Josephine C. Peters – West Virginia Cottage at Tamasee DAR School was largely completed with the rooms assigned to the districts transformed and plans for an open house on May 16, 2022, well underway. This State Regent thanks the West Virginia Peters Cottage Committee, chaired by Sandra Isner-Johnson, for their hard work on this project. Twenty-eight chapters submitted over 1000 forms containing information on Patriots buried in West Virginia for inclusion in a volume to be named Genealogical, Burial and Service Data for Revolutionary War Patriots Buried in West Virginia, and the cover for the volume was selected. Many thanks are given to State Historian Mary Johnson for her service as editor. Certificates were made available for chapters to give to individuals that learn to write their names in cursive. Thanks are due to Jane Richards for leading this project.

In spite of the lack of an in-person state conference and, in many cases, in-person chapter meetings, the West Virginia DAR grew from 1,794 members on January 1, 2021, to 1,827 members by year's end. This growth can be attributed to the organization of Cheat River Chapter in Kingwood, a successful membership challenge, and hard work by Chapter Registrars, Chapter Development and Revitalization Commission members and the State Application Team. It also should be noted that the organization of a new chapter in Keyser began late in the year.

While in-person visits were limited due to the pandemic, the State Regent was honored to attend the "Tea Party in the Park" sponsored by the Ye Towne of Bath Chapter, Shenandoah Valley Chapter's 100th anniversary celebration, and the Western District meeting. She enjoyed the state delegation visit to NSDAR headquarters and attending workshops via Zoom and virtual meetings with state leadership, the districts and committees.

It has been a privilege to serve the West Virginia State Society as your State Regent and to see up close and personal how much good you do in our state. This State Regent thanks the ones of you who supported efforts to grow West Virginia DAR membership and complete the State Regent's Projects. She is especially grateful for the team of dedicated and competent State Officers that have served with her during this administration. May we always strive to "Soar to New Heights."

State Vice Regent ~ Jane Jacobs Larke ~ 2022

Madam State Regent, thank you for the privilege to "Soar to New Heights" during the Brown Administration. This state officer attended 4 of the 5 district meetings in the state and the virtual 130th Continental Congress. She completed her term as an officer in the State Vice Regents Club and became more involved on the Virtual Volunteer Genealogy Team, which consults with daughters across the nation to assist with supplemental applications. She completed both the GEP 5 and GEP 7 courses this year. This officer had the responsibility of serving as a liaison to state committee chairs. With input from them, she compiled and distributed the State Information Packet during the summer. She recently finished work on the 2022 Virtual State Conference Committee and served as chair of the State Officers Club nominating committee.

An active member of her chapter, she was also able to mentor, encourage, and participate in activities with other chapters across the state. She enjoyed the following events: the community and chapter awards meeting of Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter and their Wreath Laying Ceremony on Memorial Day; a visit with James Barbour Chapter where they discussed the CMR and held a fundraising activity; a meeting of Matthew French Chapter where she spoke on getting involved; a visit to Adaland mansion with Trans-Allegheny Chapter for a holiday luncheon; the Women in American History Presentation hosted by Tanner's Cross Roads Chapter; the 100th anniversary celebration of Shenandoah Valley Chapter; the National Defense meeting of Pack Horse Ford Chapter where Lt. Gen. Dorothy Hogg spoke about her distinguished career, and the organizational meeting of Highlands of the Potomac Chapter. She also laid a wreath for Central District at "Battle Days," joined West Augusta Chapter Children of the American Revolution for their visit to Prickett's Fort, assisted with a memorial service for a WVDAR daughter and attended the solemn repatriation of a WWII Navy Patternmaker, Stanislaw Drwall, in Thomas, WV.

Many trainings were attended virtually. She attended State sponsored trainings on genealogy and bylaws and attended webinars sponsored by our national society on the Chemawa Indian Schools, e-Membership, the Chapter Achievement Award, and the DAR Museum docent program. She assisted in training at the state level, both at district meetings and at the genealogy workshop sponsored by Cheat River Chapter. She attended the Committee Leadership Course Celebration at the conclusion of the work that the committee did to create a new training course.

This officer enjoyed traveling to headquarters three times during the year. She joined our state daughters on the WVDAR Bus Tour in October, attended the special meeting and Holiday Open House in December, and had the great privilege of representing the state at the National Board of Management in February.

I am humbled to have the trust and friendship of WV Daughters. It has been an honor to serve as your State Vice Regent.

State Chaplain – Sandra Isner-Johnson ~2022

The third (and final) year as State Chaplain was still mostly virtual. Your Chaplain was privileged to attend one of the District meetings in person and three of the District meetings that were held virtually. Most of the Chaplain's activities were conducted electronically or through snail mail. During the year, sympathy cards were sent to the families of forty (40) deceased members, five (5) birthday cards were sent to elderly members, and twenty-six (26) thinking of you or get-well cards were sent to members.

As Chaplain, I provided prayer for the beginning of the monthly Executive Committee meetings that were held virtually. The **Today's Message** was still provided nearly every day on the State's Facebook page.

The Chapters did a remarkable job of keeping together during this very interesting time in our history. Some of the items captured on the CMR included many Sunshine Reports were given, Birthday Cards were sent to our 90+ members, the NSDAR Day of Prayer and the National Day of Prayer were observed; Chapters and Districts held Memorial Services for our members and also for our Patriots; and happily, many new members were sworn into membership throughout the State.

Thank you, Daughters, for donating books to libraries in honor of those who have passed, placing American flags & markers on Daughter's grave sites and placing grave markers on "Find-a-Grave" sites for Chapter Patriots. For participating in SAR services, 100th Anniversary of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and having a Patriot Memorial Christmas Tree.

Other areas of involvement for the Chapters included:

Anne Royall's Chapter Chaplain carried out the WV State Regent's "Chapter Patriot Memorial Service" request.

Bee Line Chapter provided supplies for the annual VA Women's Christmas party.

Blackwater Chapter made donations in memory of 3 members.

Captain James Allen Chapter placed 49 grave markers on "Find a Grave" sites for each of their chapter patriots.

Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter gave welcome and pinned 6 new members.

Colonel Zackquill Morgan Chapter placed a DAR Grave marker on one head stone and gave three markers to other families.

James Wood Chapter participated in the Captain James Neal SAR service by laying of wreaths for spouses of three Chapter Daughters.

Matthew French Chapter placed American flags on the grave sites of departed DAR members.

Ohio Valley Chapter had a Patriot Memorial Christmas Tree.

Pack Horse Ford Chapter held a grave marking/dedication ceremony and reception.

South Branch Valley Chapter represented at a Cemetery Dedication Ceremony for a Revolutionary War burial

William Henshaw Chapter purchased and donated books to local Library in memory of members who passed.

Woodburn Chapter's Chaplain participated in Chapter Viet Nam Recognition event and the 100th Anniversary of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

I am very pleased and proud of the State's representation of God, Home and Country through the offerings of the Chaplain position.

It was a pleasure to serve as the WV State Chaplain during this Administration.

State Recording Secretary ~ Carolyn Kesterson ~ 2022

We have all struggled with the pandemic during the past three years. The Brown Administration has not met in-person since August 2019. Thus, all of our Executive Committee meetings have been held via Zoom. At last count, I believe we have had either 28 or 29 Zoom meetings. This does not include our Board of Management meetings. During this time this officer has recorded the State's business with the help of three different ladies reading and approving the minutes for each Executive meeting. 2021 was another busy year for this officer with at least one Zoom meeting each month.

This officer has enjoyed Chapter meetings, working as a greeter for church services, taking shut-ins to doctor's appointments and the grocery store. Our church has an annual "Big Sale" and I work with getting the merchandise out and then being cashier the day of the sale. Our Chapter has worked on the Wreaths Across America. We have enjoyed the Veteran's Day Parade and we have a joint

Memorial Service at the Parkersburg City Park with Blennerhassett Chapter. I have attended four virtual District meetings and attended the Western District in person.

One wonderful highlight of 2021 was the WVDAR bus trip to beautiful Continental Hall to see the newly refurbished Hall. We were shown the new seating and the beautiful carpet. We enjoyed seeing the new West Virginia seal on the front of our box. We were given a tour of the library and the State rooms on the third floor. We were shown the Museum area and the Eagle podium. There were too many things to list. We had a chance to go to the DAR Store. We had lunch in the special dining room where only the Board of Management Officers have their lunch. We truly had a wonderful time.

I would like to thank the WVDAR members for giving me the opportunity to be your State Recording Secretary and for allowing me to work with such a wonderful group of dedicated ladies these past three years. I have truly enjoyed it.

Madam State Regent, it has truly been an honor to serve in your Administration.

Wishing the WVDAR much success in Soaring to New Heights, I remain your servant in WVDAR.

State Corresponding Secretary ~ Cindy Nicewarner ~ 2022

The COVID pandemic continued to impact WVDAR. State Conference 2021 was held virtually, and I prepared a digital conference program that was distributed to conference attendees. I attended the Western District meeting held in person in Charleston. I also attended the district meetings that were held virtually this year: Eastern, Central, and Northern. At each of these district meetings, I participated in CMR Training by presenting the Genealogy section with State Registrar, Susan Arnold. Over the course of the year, I have participated in all of the WVDAR Executive Officer's teleconferences and Zoom meetings.

Very few corrections and additions were needed to the WVDAR State Directory. The 2021 WVDAR Directory Supplement included corrections to the original 2019 directory and the 2020 supplement in addition to the newly approved WVDAR State Bylaws. Again in 2021, the supplement was distributed electronically, and money was saved on printing costs! Much appreciation is extended to State Vice Regent Jane Larke for her assistance with formatting the 2021 directory supplement and the 2021 State Conference Program.

I have thoroughly enjoyed serving the State Society with State Regent Cheryl A. Brown and this Executive Board these last three years.

State Organizing Secretary ~ Margaret Bean Ways - 2022

This State Organizing Secretary began 2021 with the pandemic still in effect nationwide. The upcoming State Conference would once again be held virtually. After a lot of meetings, planning and practices the Virtual 116th WVDAR State Conference was held on March 12-14, 2021. Spring arose with a new Chapter forming in the Central District. After many Zoom meetings and an in-person genealogy workshop was planned for Summer 2021. A few DAR Members from across the state came together to show local women how to research and find the necessary information to join DAR. The genealogy workshop was a success! During the next few months, the potential chapter worked to establish the necessary memberships, chapter name, and completing all the necessary paperwork to be

approved during the Fall of 2021. Karen Kurilko was the Organizing Regent for the Preston County chapter. Cheat River Chapter was approved by NSDAR on September 5, 2022. The work was just beginning for this State Organizing Secretary because on the tail end of the approval of Cheat River Chapter was the development of another new chapter in the Eastern District. Zoom Meetings, answering questions, sending information and forms were all a part of helping this Mineral County Chapter with the forming process. This new chapter had all the necessary work completed by the end of 2021 and was on target to be reviewed by NSDAR in March 2022. The approval of the Highlands of the Potomac Chapter was announced by Organizing Regent Beverly Chaney on March 14, 2022, in an email titled "It's Official! The summer brought about our District Meetings with two being in person and three held virtually. The WVDAR Executive members created a new training opportunity for members and shared the training virtually during the District Meetings. Presenting this training with all the State Officers participating was challenging but it went very well. The training was offered again in a workshop held in October 2021. The late Fall and early Winter brought about the planning for our 117th WVDAR State Conference.

State Treasurer – Kelly Gainer Goodwin

No report

State Registrar Report ~ Susan G. Arnold ~ 2022

2021 was another busy year for this state officer as she assisted with application questions and preparation for two new chapters forming in West Virginia, presented part of the Genealogy section of the Chapter Master Report training that was given at the District Meetings, and completed NSDAR's GEP 4 & 5 regarding *DNA & DAR* and *eAPPs*.

The exciting news this year was the addition of two new chapters in the state, giving West Virginia a total of 40 chapters! The Cheat River Chapter based in Kingwood became official in late summer, and the Highlands of the Potomac Chapter based in Keyser was actively in the process of organizing and verifying applications at the end of 2021. The statewide membership continued to increase in 2021 in spite of the continuing challenges brought about by the pandemic. Our state membership count as of January 1, 2021 was 1,794; as of December 31, 2021 it was 1,827, resulting in a net increase of 33 members. There were 46 members who were dropped for non-payment of dues, as well as 17 resignations, but on the positive side, there were 16 reinstatements plus we gained 104 new members. Eight chapters met the President General's goal of 10% growth or more: Bee Line, Blackwater, Colonel Morgan Morgan, Matthew French, Old Hickory, South Branch Valley, Tanner's Cross Roads, and Westmoreland. Four chapters achieved growth of 5-9%: Colonel Zackquill Morgan, Elizabeth Zane, General Andrew Lewis, and Peters Mountain. In addition to the above, chapters that added five or more new members in 2021 included Elizabeth Ludington Hagans – Colonel John Evans, Kanawha Valley, and Pack Horse Ford. These chapters are all to be commended for their recruitment and retention efforts, especially in light of the continuing pandemic.

2021 Member Change Report

A membership challenge was issued to West Virginia in August with a goal of increasing our total membership to 1,816 by the end of the year. This number was chosen because it would represent a net increase of 100 new members since January 1, 2019. We exceeded the goal by 11 members, as our membership stood at 1,827 on December 31. The fourteen chapters who recruited and verified 42 new members during the challenge period included Anne Bailey, Bee Line, Blackwater, Colonel Morgan Morgan, Colonel Zackquill Morgan, Elizabeth Zane, General Andrew Lewis, Kanawha Valley, Matthew French, Old Hickory, Pack Horse Ford, South Branch Valley, Tanner’s Cross Roads, and Westmoreland. Members who recruited these new members will receive a State Regent’s project pin at the 2022 State Conference.

I have enjoyed helping West Virginia chapters and their Registrars this year with their questions regarding AIRs, applications and eAPPs. It has been an honor to serve as WVDAR State Registrar during the Brown Administration.

State Historian ~ Mary E. Johnson ~ 2022

The State Historian attended four of the five district meetings, three of them held virtually because of COVID. She assisted with training sessions offered by state officers, providing the presentation on the America 250! section. At the Western District meeting, she had the honor of presenting the Outstanding Teacher of American History Award to last year’s recipient. Between pandemic surges, she was able to participate in the state tour of DAR Constitution Hall and headquarters at the end of October.

Among chapter activities, Pack Horse Ford held its 105th birthday celebration on February 13. In preparation for its 100th anniversary on October 24, Shenandoah Valley Chapter organized and categorized 100 years of documents, yearbooks, scrapbooks, and minute books. Afterwards, the items were stored in leak proof clear containers for preservation. Other chapters engaged in various activities that promoted aspects of American history, with special emphasis on commemorative events such as the centennial of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the bicentennial of the Santa Fe Trail.

Several chapters honored Patriots during the year. South Branch Valley Chapter held their Day of Service clean-up and repaired a Revolutionary War marker at a cemetery. John Young Chapter formed a committee to plan periodic care at the grave of the chapter’s namesake. Old Hickory Chapter updated its Patriot Scroll

Book, and Colonel Morgan Morgan organized the first Patriots' Day commemorative event in Fairmont. Bee Line Chapter displayed Patriot trees two ways and received a ribbon at the county fair for a Patriot quilt. Several chapters also took part in the annual Battle Days ceremony at Tu Endie Wei State Park in Point Pleasant in October.

Westmoreland Chapter members attended a local historical society's dedication of historical markers in Wayne County for two Revolutionary War soldiers, while South Branch Valley members attended the Revolutionary War grave marker ceremony for Peter Hoover in Pendleton County in September that was held by a Michigan DAR chapter. Two in-state chapters received permission to place Revolutionary War markers in Upshur and Jefferson counties at future dates.

The major task of the office remained State Regent Cheryl Brown's project to compile and publish information on Revolutionary War patriots buried in West Virginia. After a delay in 2020 precipitated by COVID, chapters picked up the pace of work considerably in 2021 before a September deadline. By the end of September, chapters had submitted more than 800 forms, and forms continued to arrive through mid-December. In the end, information on more than 1,000 names was submitted. The State Historian has been reviewing submissions, weeding out duplicates and those ineligible for inclusion, as well as adding Patriots that chapters did not do.

This year's recipient of the Outstanding Teacher of American History Award is Samuel Wilson Cochenour Jr., a teacher at Wayne High School. The Westmoreland Chapter sponsored him for the award, and his paperwork has been forwarded to the Historian General for further judging.

State Librarian ~ Sandra Cowan ~ 2022

The total number of books accepted by the National Library from the West Virginia chapters in 2021 was 7: Kanawha Valley 4; Matthew French 2; William Henshaw 1.

South Branch Chapter has recently donated two books. They will be included in the 2022 count.

Chapters or individuals can still donate books to the National Library.

We have collected 35 books for the Peters Cottage at Tamassee Library. The books celebrate West Virginia. Either books by West Virginia authors or books about West Virginia including novels and short stories. We delivered 19 books and I plan to attend the Tamassee School open house in May to deliver the remaining books. Two of the authors are West Virginia daughters including 3 children's books by Vickie Jo Milleson, South Branch Chapter, a pamphlet of poems by Kitty Loudermilk, General Andrew Lewis Chapter. Two of the books are by a relative of Carolyn Kesterson, James Wood Chapter, and two of the books are by Sandra Isner-Johnson's father, Pete Isner. Sandra is a member of the Old Hickory Chapter.

Members from these Chapters contributed.

Elk River Chapter 1; General Andrew Lewis 12; James Wood 1; Kanawha Valley 7; Old Hickory Chapter 3, General Andrew Lewis 12; James Wood 1, Kanawha Valley Chapter 7; Old Hickory Chapter 3; South Branch Valley Chapter 10; Tamassee School 1.

A label has been placed inside the front cover of all the books that are donated to Peters Cottage indicating the donating member and/or Chapter.

I enjoyed meeting and working with many West Virginia daughters. I have fond memories of the work sessions during the summer of 2019 District Meetings

I want to thank everyone who donated books to the National Library and to the Peters Cottage Library during the last three years.

Thanks for the memories!

State Parliamentarian ~ Patricia McKown Goodwin

This officer reports it was her pleasure to prepare and host a PowerPoint zoom meeting for all members entitled, “Steps to Creating Successful Bylaws” in July 2021. Participants asked questions and she offered answers and guidance on reviewing and revising bylaws.

She participated in three zoom District meetings held during the 2021 summer months.

During this administration she collected all five District Bylaws, most Chapters’ Bylaws, and most Clubs’ Bylaws. She is digitizing the Bylaws and will provide copies of flash drives to the next State Regent and State Parliamentarian, as well as a flash drive entitled, “WVDAR, WV Districts, Chapters, and Clubs Bylaws,” to the Special Collections Department, James E. Morrow Library, Marshall University.

Several Chapter Regents and District Directors have consulted with this officer for advice on proposing amendments for respective Bylaws’ revisions. It was her pleasure to assist new Chapters with their Bylaws.

This officer wishes to express her appreciation to all WVDAR Daughters for their cooperation. She has enjoyed serving in this administration.

DISTRICT DIRECTOR’S REPORTS

115th State Conference ~ Central District Director, Jane Jacobs Larke

Central District enjoyed their first meeting of the Brown Administration on August 17th at Parsons First United Methodist Church in Parsons, WV. This District Director would like to thank Regent, Cynthia Kolson, and all the members of Blackwater Chapter, for serving as hostesses. They provided a very welcoming atmosphere.

We were pleased to have as our distinguished guest, State Regent, Cheryl Alexander Brown. The following National Vice Chairs, East Central Division in attendance were introduced: Vicky Shears, Americanism; Judy Bowyer, Service to America; and Jane Larke, VIS. Also introduced were: Ruth Mooney, VAVS Representative; Susie Rogers, VAVS Deputy Representative; and Gail Potter, Eastern District Director.

State Officers attending were: Jane Larke, State Vice Regent; Sandra Isner-Johnson, State Chaplain; Carolyn Kesterson, State Recording Secretary; Cynthia Nicewarner, State Corresponding Secretary; Margaret Ways, State Organizing Secretary; Kelly Goodwin, State Treasurer; State Registrar, Susan Arnold; Mary Johnson, State Historian; Sandra Cowan, State Librarian, and Patricia Goodwin,

State Parliamentarian. State Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs were asked to stand and introduce themselves.

Central District generously donated \$100 plus the proceeds of the Voices to the State Regent's Project. The District Director also presented Vickie Baker, the Organizing Regent of Tanner's Cross Roads Chapter with a personal gift to welcome Tanner's Cross Roads Chapter to the district.

State Regent Brown presented a program with information on the recent Continental Congress, and NSDAR President General, Denise Van Buren's motto, symbol, and projects. She also introduced her proposed State Regent's Projects: the compilation of a book of Patriots buried in WV; renovation of Peter's Cottage at Tamasse; and promoting the instruction of cursive writing in schools. She emphasized the work of the Chapter Development and Revitalization Commission and asked Brenda Chevront, Chair of the Commission, to introduce its members and describe its function.

The State Regent concluded her program with a presentation of awards to chapters and individuals of Central District.

Blackwater Chapter members conducted the drawings for the voices which yielded \$677.00 for a total donation of \$777.00 to the State Regent's Project. Betty Kniceley, Chaplain of Blackwater Chapter, conducted the Memorial Ceremony.

Barbara Channell invited the members of the District to Fairmont, WV for the 72nd Central District Meeting.

Daughters concluded the meeting with the benediction and by singing, "Blessed be the Tie that Binds."

Since that meeting, Central District chapters and members have been working on researching and submitting information for the Project Patriot burial project. This District Director has been invited to: James Barbour Chapter for their regular meeting to answer questions on e-membership and prospective members; Blackwater Chapter, to present a program on bylaws and parliamentary procedure; and Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter to help the executive board with district planning.

Central District chapters are working hard to promote education, preserve history, and promote patriotism in their areas.

116th State Conference ~ Central District Director ~ Jane Jacobs Larke

Our 2020 Central District Meeting was cancelled due to the world-wide COVID-19 pandemic. Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter was scheduled to be the hostess chapter in 2020 and they generously reissued the invitation for 2021.

Individual chapters were asked to hold socially distanced and outside events through the pandemic. As a result, chapters turned to virtual meetings or events and meetings with small numbers where they could socially distance. They continued to do the work of DAR by being visible in the community. They made masks, supported veterans, distributed flags and flag information, were active with schools, donated to scholarships, and worked to preserve our history.

We had several significant events occur in our district this year.

- James Barbour Chapter was chartered on March 19, 1920, so they join the few chapters in WV that have achieved their 100th year. They will schedule an event to celebrate this major milestone at a later date.

- The Elizabeth Zane Chapter welcomed daughters from around the state when they assisted with the WVDAR Blanche Reymann Scholarship Award ceremony held on the steps of the chapel at West Virginia Wesleyan College.
- The Morgan Morgan Chapter held a ceremony at the WVDAR Gold Star Mothers Marker to recognize and pay their respect to this group of women and to recognize their sacrifice.

We look forward to the end of the pandemic where we can again meet with our district members and enjoy the fellowship of being together.

117th State Conference ~ Central District Director ~ Jane J. Larke

Madam State Regent, Central District held their annual meeting on the Zoom Platform on August 14, 2021. It was hosted by the Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter, and we were delighted that we had 100%-chapter participation at the meeting. Officer elections took place at this meeting and new officers were installed by State Regent, Cheryl Brown. New officers elected for the 2022-2025 term are: Georgette Ward, president; Elizabeth Satterfield, secretary; and Pat Goodwin, treasurer.

Chapters reported much progress during the year. Even though our movements continued to be limited due to Covid-19, Central District daughters found ways to further the goals of DAR and complete outreach to our communities. Examples of these activities are donations to domestic violence shelters, distribution of flags and flag pins; attendance at Naturalization Ceremonies; celebration of Constitution Week; donations of food to local food pantries; support of our troops and veterans; participation in Wreaths Across America; service on boards of directors for community organizations; awards of scholarships; and donations to help fund historic preservation efforts. We proudly supported the State Regent's projects. We researched patriots for her publication, finished our Josephine C. Peters Cottage at Tamassee kitchen redecorating, encouraged cursive writing, walked to support veterans, and donated for rehousing information in the West Virginia archives.

Central District gained a new chapter this year with the confirmation of Cheat River Chapter on July 5, 2021. I would like to recognize Organizing Regent, Karen Snyder Kurilko for her hard work in the formation of this chapter. We look forward to celebrating with them as members become more comfortable with gathering in larger social settings and being together.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as District Director. We experienced another challenging year, but our Central District Daughters continued to keep the spirit of our ancestors alive while promoting education, preserving history, and demonstrating their patriotism.

115th State Conference ~ Eastern District Director, Gail Tress Potter

Greetings from the Daughters of the Eastern District chapters. Our district consists of 6 chapters: Bee Line, Pack Horse Ford, Shenandoah Valley, South Branch Valley, William Henshaw, and Ye Towne of Bath.

This Director presided at the Seventy-second Eastern District meeting on August 10, 2019, at Arden United Methodist Church, Martinsburg, West Virginia. The daughters of the Shenandoah Valley Chapter, Margie Ways, Regent, provided

us with a wonderful setting for a very successful meeting. We were pleased to have with us our West Virginia State Regent, Cheryl Brown. Also attending were Barby Frankenberry, Past Curator General, Honorary State Regent and Morgan Elliot, Arizona State Vice-Regent.

State Officers attending were Jane Larke, State Vice-Regent; Sandra Isner-Johnson, State Chaplain; Carolyn Kesterson, State Recording Secretary; Cindy Nicewarner, State Corresponding Secretary; Margie Ways, State Organizing Secretary; Kelly Goodwin, State Treasurer; Susan Arnold, State Registrar; Mary Johnson, State Historian; and Pat Goodwin, State Parliamentarian

Other introductions included Barby Frankenberry, National Chair DAR Museum Outreach Committee; and East Central Division Vice Chairs: Judy Boyer, Service to America and Jane Larke, Volunteer Information Specialists. State Chairmen were asked to stand and introduce themselves.

The highlight of the meeting was the presentation by our new State Regent, Cheryl Brown. She outlined her three-part State Regent Project with the theme "Soar to New Heights". The first is to encourage all West Virginia students to learn cursive. The second is to repair Peter's Cottage at Tamasee School and the third is to research and publish a book listing all American Revolutionary soldiers buried in West Virginia.

After a delicious lunch, Barby Frankenberry entertained the group with a presentation on "Thank you Elizabeth! How Elizabeth Cady Stanton led the Way for Women to VOTE!" A Memorial Service of Remembrance was conducted by Sylvia Rhodes, Chaplain of Shenandoah Valley Chapter, to honor the 8 daughters we lost during the last year. JoeAnn Eye, Regent of South Branch Valley Chapter, gave the invitation to the 73rd Eastern District Meeting. The benediction was given by Sharon Carrigan, Chaplain of Bee Line Chapter. The meeting closed with "Blest Be the Tie that Binds".

My goal as a new Eastern Director was to visit each chapter before State Conference. I got to 5 of 6 chapters. The last with South Branch Valley Chapter was cancelled due to the pandemic. Our Eastern District continues to do work to promote the ideals of NSDAR.

116th State Conference ~ Eastern District Director ~ Gail Tress Potter

Greetings from the Daughters of the Eastern District. Our district consists of six chapters: Bee Line. Pack Horse Ford, Shenandoah Valley, South Branch Valley, William Henshaw and Ye Towne of Bath.

In this unpredictable year of 2020, Covid-19 caused many in-person chapter meetings to be cancelled.

Chapters tried ZOOM meetings, but many daughters don't have computer access. So many chapters wrote monthly newsletters to keep their members informed of important news.

Even though our Eastern District Meeting, scheduled for August 2020, was cancelled, our chapters still did activities to support the State Regent's projects. Money was raised to refurbish the living room at Peter's Cottage at Tamasee School and research on the WV Patriot's Book was continued.

I have each chapter to share activities that were done in 2020. Bee Line chapter continued to send Christmas cards to residents of the Martinsburg VA Center. Their February meeting had guest Becky Jones do a conservation program on the Monarch Butterfly. Pack Horse Ford sent care packages and cards to their “adopted” deployed local airmen and to the active-duty crew of the USS West Virginia submarine. Chapter members made 90 scrub caps and 5479 masks that were distributed to local fire departments, hospitals, and the VA Medical Center. Shenandoah Valley did 16 proclamations with the mayor, the county executive, and schools for Constitution Week. A program on the “Constitution in the Court System” was led by Laura Saircloth, a Judge for WV Judicial District 23.

South Branch Valley saw member Teresa Lomasney present her project for the New Member’s Course. She sent cards and 13 packages to overseas military. While at the post office mailing the packages, the man behind her in line was so moved with her project that he paid all the mailing costs. William Henshaw assembled 100 Blessing Bags for the women at the VA Center.

Ye Towne of Bath held a Tea Party in July at the Berkeley Springs State Park honoring the 200th. Ye Towne of Bath held a tea party in July at the Berkeley Springs State Park honoring the 200th anniversary of the founding of the town of Berkeley Springs. Scones and cups of tea were served to the invited guests. Masks and distancing were observed. Over 150 people attended.

I would like to thank all my Eastern District chapters for their dedication and creative ideas in a most unusual year.

117th State Conference ~ Eastern District Director~ Gail Tress Potter

Greetings from the Daughters of the Eastern District chapters. Our district consists of six chapters: Bee Line, Pack Horse Ford, Shenandoah Valley, South Branch Valley, William Henshaw and Ye Towne of Bath. A new chapter, Highlands of the Potomac will join us on March 5, 2022.

Due to the Covid Pandemic our 73rd meeting was cancelled. Our 74th meeting was a virtual meeting held on Zoom so that we could conduct our district meeting. A small group of members met at the South Branch Inn in Moorefield, WV. The daughters of South Branch Valley and Regent JoeAnn Eye provided the technical support for a successful meeting. A motion was made that the District Director can call an emergency meeting to conduct district business.

We were pleased to virtually have State Regent, Cheryl Brown, participating. State Officers also on Zoom were Jane Larke, State Vice Regent; Sandra Isner-Johnson, State Chaplain; Carolyn Kesterson, State Recording Secretary; Cindy Nicewarner, State Corresponding Secretary; Margie Ways, State Organizing Secretary; Kelly Goodwin, State Treasurer; Susan Arnold, State Registrar; Mary Johnson, State Historian; Sandra Cowan, State Librarian’ and Pat Goodwin, State Parliamentarian.

Sheila Dyche, South Branch Valley gave the invocation and Lois Kimble, Pack Horse Ford, led the Pledge of Allegiance. The American’s Creed was led by Colleen Stotler, Ye Towne of Bath, while JoeAnn Eye, South Branch Valley, brought the Greetings. Sylvia Rhodes, Shenandoah Valley, made the Response.

Margie Ways, Secretary/Treasurer conducted the Roll Call of chapters and then she gave the treasurer's report.

Susan Garrett, South Branch Valley, presented the Registration Report.

Thanks goes to Sally Ann Greenfield, Shenandoah Valley, and Debbie Popenoe, Ye Towne of Bath, for updating our outdated district by-laws. Copies will be sent to all district chapters.

The Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Sally Ann Greenfield presented the slate of officers for the years 2022-2025. With no nominations from the floor the two nominees were elected by unanimous vote by the members of the Eastern District.

District Director: Margaret Ways, Shenandoah Valley Chapter; and District Secretary/Treasurer: Lois Kimble, Pack Horse Ford Chapter.

Gail Potter, Eastern District Director, installed the new officers.

Next, the Blanche Reymann Scholarship was presented to Madison Elliott by the Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, Lisa McNeil. Madison's mother also attended.

State Regent Cheryl Brown used a Power Point to present her State Regent's Message and other matters regarding WVDAR.

A lovely Memorial Service, led by Irene Mongold, Chaplain of South Branch Valley was held to honor the ten daughters our district lost during the past two years.

Julia Gates, Regent of William Henshaw Chapter gave the invitation to the 75th Eastern District to be held in the Martinsburg area. Gail Potter declared the 74th virtual meeting adjourned.

115th State Conference – Northern District Director ~ Mary Ellen Hunt

The Northern District Meeting was held August 24, 2019, at the 7th Street United Methodist Church in Parkersburg, WV with the Blennerhassett Chapter as the hostess.

Joannie Ancell, Blennerhassett Chapter Chaplain, gave the invocation. Cathy Hinkle, Vice Regent of Blennerhassett Chapter brought forth the greetings from the Chapter.

Lisa McNeil presented the Blanche Reymann scholarship award to Ms. Devinne Sparks. Ms. Sparks is a student at Ohio Valley University.

State Regent Cheryl Brown introduced Mrs. Melinda (Mindy) Davis, Vice President General for the National Society. Mrs. Davis brought news from Continental Congress.

State Regent Brown presented the State Regent's Projects.

The Northern District Daughters held a basket auction.

116th State Conference ~ Northern District Director ~ Mary Ellen Hunt

The Northern District Ladies have been busy in spite of the global pandemic COVID-19. They have taken mock citizenship tests, learned about a Colonel Christmas and even had a visit from "Martha Washington". The Ladies from all six chapters made masks and distributed them to anyone in the community. This includes masks made for children as well.

Northern daughters have made bed buddies for the Veterans to help them keep their things handy. They have provided for the first responders, and even served breakfast for the Sheriff's department. They have contributed to food pantries and soup kitchens. They have provided food for high school students.

117th State Conference ~ Northern District Director ~ Mary Ellen Hunt

Northern daughters not only worked to help our local communities, but somehow found a way to award scholarships, celebrate the anniversary of the 19th amendment, and place flowers at the Madonna of the Trail and at the Monument of The Forman Massacre.

Though 2020 was a very difficult year with no State conference or District meeting we still found ways to be connected. We have had Zoom meetings and when possible, with social distancing held meetings.

The Northern daughters were busy despite restrictions due to COVID. The Northern ladies have gathered things and sent to our military abroad, and military hospitals in Germany. They have participated in Wreaths Across America. The daughters have donated flags to fire departments. A few of our chapters have gotten out and located patriot graves in surrounding counties and placed flags on them as well as document them. We have participated in Veterans Day parades and Memorial Dedications. Some have cooked and served people in the communities and donated to charity. The Northern daughters have been hard working and generous with their time and giving. We had our district meeting virtually while a few of us gathered. We donated our money raised from our basket auction to the Western District to help build a shelter for veterans at the Veterans Hospital in Barboursville.

115th State Conference ~ Southern District Director – Samantha Shleser

The Southern District, WVDAR has had an eventful year. We have had an exceptional year fundraising for the State Regent's Project. This District has been assigned two rooms to renovate in the Peter's Cottage at Tamassee DAR School and we feel we have almost met our financial goal; and all chapters have made a sizeable donation to this Project. Some of the chapters still have some fundraisers planned for next fall, so there will be more monies raised for this

This Director has met with, or conference called, all chapters in the Southern District to understand the needs of each chapter and has offered assistance within those needs.

This Director helped John Chapman Chapter revamp with the election of new Officers and with the help of creating a workable yearbook with guidelines and important dates of the chapter.

This Director suggested that General Andrew Lewis Chapter consider moving their chapter meetings from Thursday afternoons to Saturdays to facilitate prospective members and current members who are employed and cannot attend the Thursday meetings and therefore increase the membership in their chapter. This will be readdressed again in the future.

The John Cooke Chapter, along with this Director, is busy planning the next District meeting to be held in Oceana, July 18, 2020. This Director has spoken

with some chapter members pertaining to the State Conference at the Greenbrier next year about the chapter's responsibilities.

The Peter's Mountain Chapter works very hard within Monroe County attending to the needs of the people and veterans in their area. They are always happy to assist in any Committee, District or State Projects.

The Matthew French Chapter has done an outstanding number of projects in their area and has offered assistance to the John Chapman Chapter, twelve miles away, in any way that is needed while John Chapman builds and strengthens their chapter. This is a good example of chapters helping chapters in our state.

Matthew French became the hostess chapter for the District Meeting last summer when John Chapman felt they were not yet strong enough to take on this job.

This Director has encouraged Captain James Allen Chapter to take the lead on fundraising in the Southern District for the State Regent's Project and has held several projects to raise money; and still has two more scheduled as of now with more in the future if needed.

The Southern District has worked hard this past year for the goals set by the State, the Southern District and the Chapters; and this Director is very proud of the hard work these ladies have done.

116th State Conference ~ Southern District Director ~ Samantha Shleser

The Southern District had an eventful year. Many chapters had virtual meetings due to the pandemic, but were still able to conduct their chapter business, plan future meetings, continue with their charity work, keep in communication with one another and help within their communities.

The District cancelled their June 2020 meeting due to the increase in COVID 19 cases. Because this was the year to nominate three members to sit on the Nominating Committee to present a slate of new District officers, this process had to be accomplished somewhat differently. This Director sent out an e-mail to all chapters asking for volunteers to sit on this committee. Three ladies volunteered to take on this challenge: Kathy Robertson from Peters Mountain Chapter, Stella Moon and Margie Sentelle from Matthew French Chapter. This slate was sent out to all chapters for the vote. All members voted YAY for this slate. After many calls by this committee to District members asking for anyone who would be interested to hold the positions for new District Officers, Kathy Robertson, Chairman, asked the current officers if they would hold the same office for another three years. All officers agreed to this except for the office of Secretary. The new slate to be voted on this coming September for next term is Samantha Shleser, Director, Nancy Kornegay, Secretary, and Sandy Cowan, Treasurer.

The Southern District has worked very hard to accomplish the task given to us by our State Regent for her project. We were asked to refurbish and update the State Regent's room in Peters Cottage at Tamassee School. This had not been done in many years and the room needed several new items. The ladies in our district did fundraising, gave from chapter funds and also donated their personal monies to complete this project. Our room has been completed a year early. This is a prime

example of the work ethics of our District and the love we have for our State Society.

117th State Conference ~ Southern District Director ~ Samantha Shleser

This Director has had a successful year. The six chapters in the Southern District have all worked diligently to address deadlines for the State and National projects and obligations, and each chapter met those deadlines.

Our District meeting on September 18, 2021, was held in person which Chapter Regents requested as their preference. Peters Mountain Chapter acted as the hostess chapter and held the meeting in Bozoo, Monroe County, West Virginia at Bozoo Christian Church and the Ladies Sisterhood at the church furnished lunch for us. The meeting was attended by several District members, WVDAR members from around the State and three members who had been endorsed by their chapters for the new WVDAR Officers' slate.

District Officers unable to attend were: this District Officer who became severely ill the night before the meeting, the District Secretary who had prior obligations and the District Treasurer who was unable to attend for health reasons. This Director sent her script, visual display and DAR-ling Auction items to the meeting and the District ladies appointed Karen Bonifacio, the previous District Director, to conduct the meeting. Also, not in attendance were all of the WVDAR State Officers. During the meeting the Chairman of the By-Laws Committee, Karen Bonifacio and member of the Committee, Barbara Holt, presented the new District By-Laws for voting, and all amendments passed.

The District voted on their new officers, who are as follows: Samantha Shleser, District Director; Nancy Kornegay, District Secretary; and Sandra Cowan, District Treasurer. Installation will take place at the next District meeting.

This Director was tasked by members in a 100% yay vote to write two inquiry letters to our State Regent which were sent in e-mails on September 22, 2021.

The first letter addressed why the Southern District was not represented on the State Long Range Planning Committee which is in direct violation of the State By-Laws. As of this date, this Director has not received a reply to this letter. The second letter was to inquire if our District had any extra monies that have not been used from our responsibility for the Peters Cottage at Tamassee Project. This Director, as of this date, has also not received a response to this letter. This Director is hoping to have a response for both of these inquiries from our State Regent to report at the District meeting in 2022.

All in all, the Southern District Chapters are and have always been busy working within their communities and making a DAR difference for their neighbors and towns within their counties and we will continue to do so in the future.

115th State Conference ~ Western District Director ~ April Norris

Chapter Regent Diana Johnson and the Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter hosted the first Western District meeting of this new administration at the beautiful and historic Lowe Hotel in Point Pleasant, WV on July 20, 2019.

After the Opening Ritual, Distinguished Guests, State Officers, District Directors, Chapter Regents, Committee Chairs were introduced. During a delectable lunch, Ben and Mary Supple, members of the Fort Randolph C.A.R. entertained us with their astonishing musical talents.

State Regent Cheryl Brown introduced her officers who then described their duties. She then presented her proposed projects.

District Treasurer Beth Lucas moved that we donate \$150 to the State Regent's Projects. The motion was seconded and approved. In lieu of favors for the attendees, the host chapter also donated to the proposed projects.

It was a beautiful event, and this Director is thankful to the Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter and the Lowe Hotel for their dedication and hospitality.

To enhance communication among the Western District Chapters, I have made a Facebook Page, WVDAR Western District. This page will be used to share any and all information that I receive as Director and post reminders as well as ideas.

This Director met with an event planner at Embassy Suites and the date of April 1-3, 2022, was set and agreed upon.

I look forward to serving as Western District Director and meeting with the ladies in our chapters.

116th State Conference ~ Western District Director ~ April Norris

The Western District has weathered 2020 with flying colors and is looking forward to 2021! All though we miss our DAR family, we have held strong and our chapters have flourished in their committee work through numerous teleconferences and Zoom meetings. Our chapters have continued to Soar High. We have shared pertinent information on our Western District Facebook, page, which I created.

As our 2020 Western District Meeting was canceled due to the Covid-19 virus, our ladies reached out and helped each other weather the storm, proving the strength of their lineage as Daughters of the American Revolution. I wish to thank the John Young Chapter for all their dedication, work and effort to organize the 2020 district meeting.

This Director has participated in all Director and State Board of Management Teleconference Meetings with State Regent Cheryl Brown. I had teleconference meetings with my Regents and have been available to members of the district when questions arose.

We were able to nominate and elect a Nominating Committee to assemble a slate of new officers for the next Western District Administration, which will be voted upon this coming August 21, 2021, District Meeting.

Members have worked on the State Regent's Patriot Grave Project and donated money to the Tamassee DAR School Project. I have promoted the beautiful scarfs and pins to help raise funds for the state projects.

I look forward to this coming year and serving the tremendous ladies of the Western District to the best of my ability.

117th State Conference ~ Western District Director ~ April Norris

The Western District was excited to be able to hold their annual District Meeting and, September 11, 2021, at the Edgewood Country Club in Charleston,

WV and hosted by the Kanawha Valley Chapter and Nancy Shifflet, Regent. It was attended by 65 WVDAR members from 20 different chapters and five guests. Regent Shifflet made aprons with "Western District" on each as gifts for attendees.

After the opening ritual, State, District and Chapter Officers were introduced as well as State Committee Chairs.

A beautiful Response was given by Diana Cromley of the Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter, host of the 2019 District Meeting.

The John Young Chapter plans as hostess of the 2020 District Meeting was cancelled by the State Regent shortly prior to the event due to covid. Chapter Regent Karen Taylor gave a response to recognize her chapter's lost endeavors.

WVDAR State Service for Veterans Committee Co-Chairs Patty Young of the Kanawha Valley Chapter and Ruth Mooney of the Elk River Chapter presented WVDAR State Awards: "Outstanding Veteran Volunteer" to Adam Greathouse; and the "Avis C. Marcum Outstanding DAR Volunteer" to Deborah Hoback, both entered by the Westmoreland Chapter.

WVDAR State Historian, Mary Johnson of the Anne Bailey Chapter presented the WVDAR State Winner of "The Outstanding Teacher of American History Award" to Robert Thompson, also entered by the Westmoreland Chapter.

Following these presentations, Marylin Oppenheimer, Westmoreland Chapter Regent, presented Robert Thompson, Adam Greathouse and Deborah Hoback with an American Flag which had flown over Continental Hall in Washington, DC.

Patty Young moved that \$200 be donated for a shelter at the West Virginia Veteran's Home in Barboursville for the Western District Project. The motion was seconded and passed. Current funds for this project are now \$1820.00. Construction of this shelter is being planned for May 2022.

The slate of District Candidates for the upcoming 2022 – 2025 Administration were voted upon and installed. The following officers will commence with their duties immediately following the 2022 Continental Congress in June: District Director: Marylin Oppenheimer – Westmoreland Chapter; District Secretary: Linda Bibbee – John Young Chapter; District Treasurer: Nickie Everson – Anne Bailey Chapter.

Kanawha Valley Librarian Julie Boggess collected donations for dolls which she had designed and made, as well as other items. The monies from these donations were sent to approved DAR Schools.

As the Western District Co-Chair for the 2022 State Conference, plans were underway from the beginning of this administration to host the event at Embassy Suites. After the cancellation of the 2021 Conference at "The Greenbrier," it was suggested that our District move the event there. After consulting with Chapter Regents, the decision was made to continue with the original plans. On January 22, 2022, the State Regent announced that the Executive Board had decided to cancel the in-person State Conference in favor of a Zoom Meeting, to be conducted by her planning committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Western District Director.

REPORTS OF THE CHAPTERS

Anne Bailey Chapter ~ Mary Johnson, Regent ~ 2020

In the weeks following the 2019 State Conference, two Anne Bailey members attended the West Virginia Gold Star Mothers Memorial dedication in Fairmont, and more than one-half dozen attended the one in Point Pleasant, closing out Mindy Davis's term as State Regent. The end of Carolyn Holstein's six years as chapter regent came in June, to her great relief, with Mary Johnson taking on the job for the

next three years. Other chapter officers for the 2019-2022 term are: Diana Schwab, vice regent; Robin Kiriluk, chaplain, and historian; Stephanie Shahbandy, recording secretary; Nickie Evenson, treasurer; Marsha Cobb, registrar; and Carolyn Holstein, librarian.

The chapter has added “Our Patriot” minutes or “Revolutionary Flashbacks” to meetings and held the Patriot Memorial Service in November. A few members took names of Revolutionary War patriots to complete forms for State Regent Cheryl Brown’s project to compile information on patriots buried in West Virginia. The chapter regent had the pleasure of submitting the first form for a patriot buried in Western District.

The chapter librarian opened a chapter lending library for the exchange of books, DAR American Spirit copies, etc. To date, a book on frontier heroine Anne Bailey has proved most popular.

In September, the chapter engaged in one of its most successful activities: Constitution Week. Window exhibits were placed at two libraries, educational kits were provided to students in three schools, and the chapter obtained proclamations from four mayors and one school. Flag and Constitution Week lessons, which incorporated the state regent project to teach children how to write their names in cursive, were provided at two schools. Constitution Week bookmarks were included in materials given to new citizens at the naturalization ceremony on September 16.

For the October community service project, several members again helped the Donel C. Kinnard Memorial State Veterans Cemetery. During the year, the chapter provided 24 baskets of 22 personal care items each to the women’s clinic at the Huntington VA Hospital and provided items for a group of veterans working overseas. Members also clipped more than 44,000 coupons for the military in 2019. JROTC medals were presented to Haleigh Miller of St. Albans High School and Maura S. McGhee of George Washington High School. Other activities include participation in three naturalization ceremonies, Armed Forces Day and Veterans Day parades, and the October wreath laying ceremony at Tu-Endie-Wei in Point Pleasant. Members created displays at two libraries for Native American Heritage Month and at one library for Black History Month.

Five members signed up for the Members Course, and two—Jerriann Cochran and Mary Johnson—have completed it. Anne Bailey also had five members attend the DAR genealogy workshop at Flatwoods in September. Other highlights from the year were the award to Patsy Adkins from the State Lineage Research Committee for Exemplary Dedication to Prospective Member Research, first place (tie), large chapters, for the chapter scrapbook, and first place for the chapter newsletter, which also got second place from the East Central Division.

Anne Bailey Chapter, ~ Mary Johnson, Regent - 2021

The onset of the COVID-19 pandemic shaped the year for Anne Bailey Chapter. The lockdown in West Virginia that came in March led the chapter to hold no meetings in April or May while officers planned for the future. During that time, however, the chapter did ship eight boxes of food and personal care items that had been collected in March for Operation Bean, and two chapter members made masks for use during the coronavirus. One of them, Marsha Cobb, made 352 masks by the

end of 2020. To keep in touch with members, the regent also began sending to all members and prospective members special editions of the chapter newsletter that contained the President General's Message, National Defense Report, and Constitution and other minutes. Two virtual special emergency meetings in June and July brought approval of a change in the bylaws to permit regular virtual meetings. Aside from in-person meetings at an outdoor shelter in September and October, the chapter met virtually for the rest of 2020 and into 2021.

While many of the events in which the chapter would have participated were cancelled because of COVID-19—parades, naturalization ceremonies, etc.—Anne Bailey members were able to carry out several activities. In September, the chapter obtain two proclamations for Constitution Week, and member Nickie Evenson set up the Constitution display at Cross Lanes Library and provided virtual Constitution and Flag lessons to 4th and 5th graders at St. Francis of Assisi. The regent dropped off handouts at the federal courthouse in Charleston for distribution to the new citizens when she learned that a restricted naturalization ceremony (closed to the public) was being held in September.

For its October Day of Service project, Anne Bailey Chapter targeted increased food insecurity caused by the pandemic. Using a socially distant plan, members collected more than 380 pounds of non-perishable food and distributed it to two food pantries in Kanawha and Putnam counties. With the encouragement of member Carolyn Holstein, a group of 4th-grade students made Thank You cards for a World War II veteran. The chapter had a Native American Heritage Month display at Cross Lanes in November. The chapter also provided 24 baskets of personal care items to the women's clinic at the Huntington VA Hospital and responded to a Facebook appeal for Christmas cards for servicemen and women in Italy.

Several members participated in the Zoom DNA and Patriot Burial Project webinars offered by the State Society in the Fall of 2020. Having completed the Members Course in 2019, the regent signed up for New Horizons in 2020 and submitted her final paperwork early in January 2021. Also early in 2021, member Marsha Cobb sewed two bed buddies for the Veterans Home in Barboursville.

Anne Bailey Chapter ~ Mary Johnson, Regent ~ 2022

COVID-19 continued to govern Anne Bailey Chapter activities through 2021. The first few meetings of the year were virtual, followed by meetings at an outdoor shelter through June. Although Fall meetings were in-person, the chapter had to find another location because the old meeting place had closed during the pandemic. Attendance has not been what it was before the pandemic hit, unfortunately, and the chapter faces the same quandary as other chapters of having people who are not able to use technology and cannot participate in virtual meetings but stay at home because of health issues that make them more vulnerable to serious illness if they catch COVID.

In the Spring, Anne Bailey collected more than \$600 in non-perishable food and personal items to send overseas to our active military. For the Day of Service project, chapter members prepared holiday cards with messages for more than 100 men and women stationed overseas. In the Fall, the chapter collected about \$250 in personal care items for the women's clinic at the VA hospital in Barboursville and donated money for the outdoor shelter at the veterans home there. Members

participated in the Armed Forces Day and Veterans Day parades in May and November and Wreaths Across America in December. Anne Bailey also awarded two JROTC medals to cadets at St. Albans and George Washington high schools.

School music teacher and chapter member Alison Kessinger created a Constitution Week video lesson that combined information on the Constitution with learning a song and music concept. Members had an educational Constitutional Convention Bingo game at the September meeting, had a display at the St. Albans Library, and participated in Bells Across America. Although the public was still barred from the local naturalization ceremonies held in July and September, the regent provided handouts to the court for both and included Constitution Week bookmarks for the September ceremony.

State Membership Chair and chapter member Patsy Adkins participated in two SAT workshops for other chapters. Joetta McCallister assisted the SAT and completed the GEP1, GEP5 and GEP7 courses. Marsha Cobb completed the registrar training, and the regent completed the New Horizons course.

In other chapter activities, the chapter presented the Excellence in Historic Preservation certificate and medal to West Virginia Archives and History in recognition of its work to preserve the state's documentary history. Members collected Coke bottle caps worth nearly \$350, which was divided between Tamasee and Chemawa. Two members thoroughly enjoyed the state tour of the newly restored DAR Constitution Hall and other parts of DAR headquarters at the end of October. A Native American Heritage Month exhibit was on display at the St. Albans Library for the month of November. That month, the chapter commemorated the centennial of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier with a chapter program.

Anne Royall Chapter ~ Sandra Harper, Regent ~ 2020

Local lawyer, Rodney Windom's program was the CCC (Civilian Conservation Corps) formed in 1936. Windom's father s served. Structures in existence most located in state parks.

State Conference report by Regent Casper. Patty Nutter reported an application for Helen Pouch Memorial Fund, which provides \$500 grants to teachers in the state. She spoke to teacher Robin Haddox about applying for the grant. Laura Frymier then presented a program on DNA Research. Different types of DNA testing and the purpose of each.

Officers installed by past regent Pat Casper were: Sandra Harper, Regent – Pam Stanley, Vice Regent – Annetta Whippen, Chaplain –Cheryl Haught, Recording Secretary – Lora Ingram, Treasurer – Laura Frymier, Registrar – Linda Snyder, Historian – Frances Wolfe, Librarian – Annetta Whippen, Parliamentarian.

Constitution Chairman Lora Ingram presented a program on Constitution Week, visiting Ritchie County Schools, gave the students coloring sheets, bookmarks and flags. She visited Post Offices and displayed posters. Superintendent of Schools Jim Brown presented Constitution Week Proclamation at the DWC in Harrisville Sept. 9, 2019.

Flag Etiquette was presented by Darwin Drain Post #3554 Commander of VFW. He gave a demonstration on proper Flag folding. "Arlington National Cemetery" presented by P. J. Dumire established 1864. A few women served as guards for the tomb of the unknown soldier the first in 1966. Dumire recommended a book titled "Sacred Duty" by Tom Cotton.

Jackie L. Davis was presented the “Community Service Award” for his outstanding volunteer hours. An experienced electrician he maintained the town Christmas Lights, etc. Belonging to many organizations, he offers his services. Not a military veteran he did engineer work in the Vietnam War. Serving on a ship in the Atlantic during the Apollo Space Missions, tracking space modules during their flights.

Members met at the Ritchie County Library to decorate a Christmas Tree –an annual affair. Several members attended the Christmas Holiday Luncheon at Sistersville hosted by Ohio Valley Chapter.

Laura Frymier discussed DNA Research. Explaining various types of DNA testing and results. Giving a chart showing how to find relationships between generations.

Cheryl Haught, State Chair of Americanism, presented a program on that subject. Giving members a short quiz on Citizenship and most did very well.

JAC - Patty Nutter reported Ritchie Co had 571 participants in contests and 99 were from Doddridge Co. Laura Frymier assisted.

A memorial service for departed member Katie Hayes Keith. Program speaker was Ritchie County Sheriff, Terry Snodgrass. Safety Issues for Women the topic. Program “History of Ritchie Mines”. A liquid asphalt mine unique to Ritchie County. Used paving, etc., streets one in Akron, Ohio and a street in Washington D.C in front of the capitol. March commemorates “Women’s History Month”

Sent sweatshirts, socks, underwear, puzzle books, and toiletries to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Chaplain’s Closet = \$500.

Anne Royall Chapter ~ Sandra Harper, Regent ~ 2021

Anne Royall began our new year – business as usual. Items gathered for the State

Conference “Goodie Bag” were collected and reviewed - then COVID hit and everything seemed to be canceled.

Cheryl Haught, State Chairman of Americanism, presented a program then gave a quiz on Citizenship. She stated the quiz was part of a test given to immigrants wishing to become a citizen. Cheryl said we did very well.

2 members were lost and I gained making 51 members - Katy Keith lived in Harrisville, WV and Sheila Parks in Wake Forest NC. Mrs. Keith served as regent and held many other offices over the years.

Pam Stanley, Vice Regent offered a space in her garage for a “Garage Sale” to raise DAR operating funds which was canceled.

One program was “Women’s Issues” presented by Ritchie County’s sheriff, Terry Snodgrass. His presentation was based on caution that should be observed in many situations - one reminder was don’t let mail pile up in your mailbox criminals will see no one home.

Regent Harper presented a program on “Ritchie County Asphalt Mines”. Displaying items from the social studies project by a high school student which gave the mine’s history. Asphalt from this mine was used to pave streets as far away as Akron, Ohio, and China.

Certificates received from National were reviewed..Patty Nutter, JAC

Chairman, reported the theme for this year's contest was "Women's Right to Vote" 100th Anniversary. For years Mrs. Nutter has worked with teachers and students to make this an important DAR and school event.

Teachers, Pat Casper - P. J. Dumire & Ellie Windom, received certificates of appreciation from Cheryl Brown, State Regent.

Lora Ingram's program on "Constitution Week". While not permitted entry to the schools she did leave patriotic content flyers, bookmarks, and coloring sheets for the student.

At our October meeting, Sue Weese, our newest member was welcomed and installed.

Informative history programs were given. Pat Goodwin portrayed Martha Washington as George Washington's a bride and as "First Lady" when he was President. Another by Pat Casper, on "Colonial Christmas". She discussed traditions of the mid 1600 to the 1800. She stated various traditions were observed through the colonies according to the ethnic backgrounds of the colonists. Pat had a centerpiece of various fruit topped by a pineapple – she stated that the pineapple could have been rented.

Our chapter participated in Wreaths Across America, we sent many items to Landstuhl Hospital and two Bed Buddies to the Veteran's Home in Barbourville.

Anne Royall Chapter looks forward to the coming year with the hope that we will be able to do more in our community and support our State Regent's projects.

Anne Royall Chapter ~ Sandra Harper, Regent ~ 2022

The Anne Royall Chapter has had a productive year, despite the restrictions imposed on

us by the Covid situation. Sadly, we lost two of our members to death this past year -Carol Jones and Toni Kay Meador.

Throughout the year we have had interesting programs, some of which were the Underground Railroad in Ritchie County by Sandra Moore, Women's Right to Vote by Pam Stanley, Great Women of the Revolution by Annetta Siers, Constitution Week by Lora Ingram, Environmental Aspects of Gardening by Kathy Buck., and Women in the Military by Annetta Siers. We were honored to have a program presented by Mindy Davis, Vice President General and Honorary State Regent on Stars Focus on the Future. An enjoyable and fun meeting was held in December at the Ritchie County Library, where the ladies enjoyed Christmas crafts supervised by Jennifer Knapp, of the library staff.

At all of our meetings we try to have the President General's message and minutes of all the committees. We also have had Patriot Memorial Services at many of the meetings, conducted by our Chaplain, Anne Whippen. These have been most interesting.

Our State Conference and District meeting were held virtually but several members participated by Zoom. At the recent Northern District meeting, Anne Royall member Annetta Siers was installed as District Secretary.

Some of our projects included a yard sale to raise funds for the chapter, which was well attended.

We purchased new flags and donated them to the local Fire Department. The Department puts them up on Main Street for the different holidays. We sent boxes to the military Hospital in Landstuhl, Germany for Project Patriot. Several members participated in Wreaths Across America. A total of 194 wreaths were placed by chapter members. The Regent and Secretary placed a wreath at Pioneer Cemetery, which is our chapter's Historic Preservation Project. Member Jean Moore presented a large scrapbook on the Pioneer Cemetery to the local library, for their Genealogy Room.

A committee worked on revising our chapter By-Laws as requested by our State Regent. This was quite a task, but it was finished, and a copy mailed to the State Parliamentarian.

Our JAC program remains top-notch, thanks to State Chairman Patty Nutter. Mrs. Nutter

presented a Thatcher Award to teacher Leigh Ridgeway for her outstanding work in the schools for the JAC contests.

Awards won by our chapter this past year were: JAC 1st Place, Most Constitution Kits Distributed, 2nd Place Blanch Reymann Scholarship, Honorable Mention for Public Relations and Media, Honorable Mention for New Members, 3rd Place Pressbook for 2019-2020, 2nd Place for 2020-2021, 2nd Place Flag Distribution, and 3rd Place to Cheryl Haught for her American Heritage wall hanging.

I have enjoyed serving as Regent of this chapter and wish much success to the new Officers to be elected in April.

Barboursville Chapter, Martha Miller, Regent ~ 2020

The Mission of the Barboursville Chapter is to energize our members to rise up in meaningful service to America and Shine by raising awareness of NSDAR's purpose, relevancy and vibrancy through robust public outreach.

May: The Toll House was decorated for Memorial Day and the fourth of July holidays.

June: 2019: Our members decided to redecorate our water closet. It was refreshed with paint, new curtains, and Period fixtures. Painted the front door and added a water barrel for the butterfly garden.

July 4th, 2019: It was with great delight a picture that was placed in the library many years ago was returned back to the Toll House Museum. It was placed back over the fireplace. This is a picture that depicted the Civil War in the village of Barboursville. Sketched by Mr. Miller in charcoal of soldiers from the 34th Reg. O.V.I. marching right down Main Street in Nov. 1861 when he was a child. According to one of his Grandsons, they had given it to the Toll House because they marched right by the Toll House. To my surprise and close inspections there is a lady standing right where the Toll House stands today and watching the troops go down Main Street. The Barboursville Chapter has properly reframed and restored it in a new preservation frame for years to Come and History revisited. We greatly thank the Barboursville Library and Milton County Framers.

July 4th: We rang Bells and had an Open House. We were able to rock in our rocking chairs and wave to our community on our new front porch.

September: We rang Bells Across America.

Oct: The Toll House State Historical Marker was replaced and reinstalled back in front of the House. It looks great! Thank you, West Virginia!!! 87 health and welfare bags with Thank You Flag stickers were given to the Barboursville Veterans State Home. Open House was on Oct. 31st, 2019. We had over 200 Parents and Children. We gave them 200 Flag stickers and candy.

Dec. 5, 2019: Our Chapter had Christmas luncheon and invited new prospective Members to join. The Toll House lights were turned on to start Christmas Holidays and be a light to Our Community. The Best Little Village in West Virginia!!

Our Chapter gave 66 volunteer hours this year.

Barboursville Chapter, Martha Miller, Regent ~ 2021

The Mission of Barboursville Chapter is to energize our members to rise up in a meaningful Service to America and Shine by raising awareness of DAR purpose, relevancy, and vibrancy through robust public outreach.

Boy, what a crazy year this has been!! We started to do bigger and better things. Then the whole world came to a Lock Down!! We have struggled in recent months and been forced to deal with things beyond our control.

As a ray of Sunshine, we managed to gain three new members. We are grateful to State Chapter Development and Revitalization. They are so helpful and great to work with. We are looking forward to working with new members this year in our Chapter.

Another ray of Sunshine was we were able to work on our butterfly garden this year. A rainwater catchment was installed for the watering of the garden. West Virginia native flowers were planted, and we also painted the Porch Furniture.

The Chapter was able to give 116 hours in community Service. Barboursville Chapter gave out scholarship information to a Cabell Midland Student. We made cards for area Nursing Homes including Lincoln County for Easter. The Chapter checked on all members during the pandemic. Our members flew our flags.

Now, more than ever, we need Our Constitution. It should never be changed or challenged. It is the spirit of our Revolutionary Ancestors and the sacrifice they gave for our freedom that will always be the "Rise and Shine" for America!!!

God, Home and Country/

Barboursville Chapter ~ Martha Miller, Regent ~ 2022

Dear State Regent Cheryl Brown: Rise and Shine for America!

This has been another interesting year for us all. The Town of Barboursville reopened on 21 May 2021 after the lock-down from the pandemic. We have struggled in recent months and forced to deal with things beyond our control yet another year.

With this situation we were glad to have a meeting in June. We were glad to welcome new members and discussed opportunities for what was left of 2021 year of work to be done.

July, the chapter decorated for the Fourth of July, and cleaned up for the event. We hosted Barboursville Summer School Students to all day Open House tours.

The students were given Constitution books along with information on the soldiers in their own families for DAR and SAR along with local histories of the Village of Barboursville. The day-long event hosted over 100 children with teachers participating. We try to keep 'living history' alive to educate the public about the sacrifices of our ancestors, and we actively promote the rights, and responsibilities of U.S. Citizenship. What a ray of sunshine and hope to be with the students.

All July, August, and September the butterfly garden got additional new flowers and plantings of 1800 period garden. They looked so refreshing and breath taking to the Toll House.

October the Toll House front porch was painted along with our door and porch furniture.

November Newsletters were sent out to all members to keep in touch, and all was well a chance keep cohesiveness of the Chapter.

As always encouraging and helping with research and seeking new members to join. Our Registrar and prospective member attended a Genealogical Workshop sponsored by the Buford Chapter and State Registrar Genealogical Team.

It is the Spirit of our Revolutionary ancestors and sacrifice they gave for our freedom that will always 'be Rise and Shine for America!!!' God, Home, Country.

Bee Line Chapter – Alice McCarthy, Regent ~ 2020

Bee Line Chapter in Charles Town is Soaring to New Heights. Overall membership has been increasing for many years. Our roster includes 78 members and 3 associates ranging in age from 24 to 95. Under the new administration we are honored to have had members selected to chair two state committees, manage the State newsletter and serve DAR as the Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service representatives for the Martinsburg VA Medical Center.

With the goal of raising organizational visibility, identifying prospective members and highlighting Historic Preservation, Education and Patriotism we hosted a booth at the Jefferson County Fair. Our “heritage corner” was shared with the Jefferson County Historical Society, the General Adam Stephen Chapter of the NSSAR and Friends of Happy Retreat offering fairgoers a range of information on how these organizations serve the community. The display included posters, educational materials and handouts, a flag display, a display on the Constitution and the Preamble, copies of the Constitution, and flag pins on cards containing flag care instructions.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION: Bee Line continues to strengthen our connections with other history minded organizations in our community. Daughters assist the Friends of Happy Retreat preserving the home of Charles Washington and they assist the Jefferson County Historical Society preserving county history. A member wrote an article for the Historic Society magazine highlighting Jefferson County's part in West Virginia's ratification of the 19th Amendment.

Daughters also preserve our heritage by carrying on homemaking traditions such as sewing, needlework and canning. We have artists, writers and singers. A poem written by a member was entered in the American Heritage Contest.

EDUCATION: Our monthly programs reflect our dedication to lifelong learning—including presentations on the Mayflower, conservation, Women's

Suffrage, the Vietnam War, and the World Wars. Our Facebook postings include regular features on various aspects of American history and culture. Our membership includes many current or retired teachers.

As part of our support for education within the community, Bee Line Daughters awarded three \$1000 scholarships.

PATRIOTISM: Bee Line welcomed 66 new citizens at two naturalization ceremonies. We offered refreshments and congratulations to our new citizens and provided them with copies of the constitution.

Bee Line Daughters participated in America's birthday celebrations, participated in Christmas Parade and awarded a Good Citizen Award and an ROTC award with a bronze medal.

Our chapter is honored to have a VA Medical Center (VAMC) nearby. It is a principal recipient of Bee Line's community service. We are in our eleventh-year hosting monthly karaoke hours for in-patients and have supported VAMC's memorial services honoring deceased veterans for many years.

Our Daughters are drawn toward service to women veterans. We promote the VAMC women's clothing closet, the "Beeline Boutique"; host a spring lingerie party and a Christmas personal care party and support the annual Veterans Affairs baby shower. These services provide needed support to women veterans who are experiencing challenges while returning to civilian life.

Bee Line Chapter – Alice Mc Carthy, Regent ~ 2021

Bee Line Chapter in Charles Town was able to "Soar to New Heights," despite our pandemic-clipped wings. Overall membership continues to increase: our roster includes 85 members and 4 associates, ranging in age from 25 to 96. We are honored to have members serving as chairs on two state committees, managing the State newsletter, and serving as Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service representatives for the Martinsburg VA Medical Center.

Like the rest of the world, Bee Line started the year blissfully unaware of what loomed, but beginning in mid-March we first hunkered down, then slowly re-emerged by finding new ways—safe ways—to operate. Masks and social distancing, outdoor functions, and zoom became the "norm."

Our chapter is privileged to have a VA Medical Center (VAMC) nearby. It has historically been the principal focus of our community service. Despite the pandemic shutdown, we were able to begin our twelfth year hosting a monthly karaoke hour for in-patients, support the annual VA baby shower (held this year as a drive-through event), and support a modified Christmas personal care "party" for women veterans.

Although our ability to provide service to veterans in general was limited, the need within our larger community was growing. With quarantine impacting families and care facilities, Bee Line responded by writing to nursing home residents, donating new clothing to the women's shelter, and contributing to local food banks (including the Women Veterans Program Food Bank at VAMC). We aided a young mother without housing, without a job, and facing a cancer diagnosis, and we adopted a family with four children at Christmas.

The pandemic also changed classrooms, transforming Bee Line’s parents and grandparents into teacher aides. We provided \$250 to each of our three active teachers to assist with the cost of migrating education into virtual modes. As part of our support for education within the community, Bee Line Daughters awarded three \$1000 scholarships.

While our chapter has used Facebook and email for many years, this year they became key to staying connected. Members played “Patriot Games” on Facebook, responding to a variety of questions that helped to pass the time in quarantine and provided an opportunity to learn more about each other and our Patriots.

We found ways to celebrate women: Looking to the past, we hosted programs on Women’s Suffrage and on women’s roles in World War II. Looking toward the future, we held a program on the VFW Girls State, which teaches young women about government and citizenship. Other monthly programs reflected our dedication to lifelong learning—including presentations on the Mayflower, the Constitution, and conservation. Our Facebook postings also include regular features on various aspects of American history and culture.

Bee Line completed a heritage quilt that offers a visual chapter history. We named the quilt top “E Pluribus Unum” (“out of many, one”), honoring both our Patriots’ determination to form a single nation from a collection of colonies and the melding of our many members into a single Chapter.

Bee Line Chapter ~ Alice McCarthy, Regent ~ 2022

Bee Line Chapter in Charles Town adjusted and thrived despite the pandemic. Overall membership continues to increase: our roster includes 95 members and 3 associates. Bee Line gained 11 new members, reinstated 2 members and transferred in 1 member. We lost 2 members to death. We are honored to have members serving as chairs on two state committees, managing the State newsletter, and serving as Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service representatives for the Martinsburg VA Medical Center.

Bee Line participates in community events whenever possible. Members attended Memorial Day ceremonies, Veteran’s Day ceremonies and the Charles Town Christmas Parade. Our DAR Day of Service activity filled 36 backpacks for children entering safe haven programs sponsored by child advocacy centers.

In addition, with the goal of raising organizational visibility, we hosted a booth at the Jefferson County Fair. Sharing the space with the General Adam Stephen Chapter of the NSSAR and Friends of Happy Retreat, we offered fairgoers a range of information on how these organizations serve the community. The display included posters, educational materials and handouts, a flag display, a tree with ornaments honoring each of the Bee Line patriots, a Constitution Quiz, copies of the Constitution, and flag pins on cards containing flag care instructions.

We entered a quilt of our own design in the fair’s Group Quilt competition. Each of its 40 blocks contains a stylized flag, with an embroidered border depicting the names of two of our chapter members and their respective Patriots. Our efforts won a red ribbon, and the feedback provided by volunteers informed us that the quilt proved very popular with fairgoers—an exciting result for us, one that allowed us to share both our skills and the names of our Patriots.

Our chapter is privileged to have a VA Medical Center nearby. While the pandemic has shut down the majority of our activities, we were able to support the annual VA baby shower, and we have maintained a wall tree as part of an ongoing service to provide seasonal cheer to both patients and staff. The tree was updated monthly, and each tree had a separate theme—some were seasonal, some were celebratory, and some were designed to honor the service of our veterans.

Our monthly programs reflected our dedication to lifelong learning—including presentations on the Santa Fe Trail, the Mayflower, the Constitution, Mother’s Day and Colonial Herbs. Our Facebook postings also include regular features on various aspects of American history and culture.

We combined our commemoration of historical events with a goal of assisting education by donating classroom materials and books related to two major historical events—the 200th anniversary of the Santa Fe Trail and the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower—to local schools. We also provided \$200 to each of our five active teachers. As part of our support for education within the community, Bee Line Daughters awarded three \$1000 scholarships and two cash prizes to high school students, along with Good Citizen and JROTC recognitions.

Blackwater ~Cynthia Phillips Kolsun, Regent ~ 2020

The Blackwater Chapter hosted monthly meetings and each meeting opened with The Ritual, Pledge of Allegiance, American Creed, and Preamble to the Constitution. We also share the President General’s Report, the Indian Minute and the National Defense Report.

It was our pleasure to present \$500 and a Good Citizenship Award to a senior at Tucker County High School at the Awards Ceremony. Two of our members spend a significant time at schools volunteering including a member who reads weekly as a “Read Aloud” reader.

Our chapter hosted our Central District Director at a monthly meeting who assisted us with planning for district meeting we hosted. Belva Dilly, a local historian, provided a program on The Train Depot in Parsons. She entertained and informed us with several interesting facts and stories. In May we held an election, and the following officers were elected: Regent, Cynthia Kolsun; Vice-Regent, Cathy Hebb; Recording Secretary, Wanda Booth; Treasurer, Sue Silk; and Chaplain, Betty Knicely. Sue Silk agreed to be the Registrar, and Cathy Hebb agreed to serve as Historian.

Officers were installed at the July meeting held at Amelia’s in beautiful Canaan Valley where two potential members were in attendance. In August, we hosted the Central District Meeting which was both informative and fun. Thank you, West Virginia State Regent Cheryl Brown for planning an excellent program and District Director Jane Larke for leadership. A book report was presented on David McCullough’s new historical book.

Our September meeting was a planning meeting for the upcoming year. Some of our members did take the “No Straw Challenge” for the month. We had three Proclamations for Constitution Week—in Parsons, Davis and Thomas. We made “Goody Boxes” at a meeting for Veterans. These boxes were distributed along with a cupcake to Vets at Cortland Acres. It was a wonderful event. We assisted with

providing refreshments at a Naturalization Ceremony in Elkins. It was great to welcome the new citizens.

The Chapter participated in the Parsons Revitalization Organization “Festival of Trees” at the Train Depot. We decorated a tree with White House ornaments, and we won 2nd place and a cash award in a “People’s Choice” contest of the most favorite decorated tree.

The chapter ended the year with a Christmas gift exchange party and bringing items to send to two local servicemen who are serving abroad. We participated in DAR Project Patriot by sending two huge boxes (which included among other things “fake snowballs”) which were enjoyed by these fine, young men. Christmas cards were sent to Blue Star Mothers.

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It was our pleasure to present \$500 and a Good Citizens Award to a senior at Tucker County High School at the Awards Ceremony. We were honored to have our Good Citizen speak at a meeting.

Constitution Week was celebrated with Proclamations signed in three towns in the county. Table tents featuring Constitution Week and displaying the Preamble and the flag were placed in local restaurants. Bookmarks were placed at the library, the schools, the board of education, and churches.

We made a “Goody Box” at a meeting for a WV serviceman. Programs included a presentation by the President of the Tucker County Historical Society and the President of the Tucker County Historic Landmarks Commission as we prepare to apply for a Historic Preservation Grant. A Boy Scout presented a program on “The Cherokee Indian and his Culture.”

The Blackwater Chapter “soared to new heights” as it took America 250! seriously as we gained seven new members during this pandemic year. We had another three members submit their applications.

Blackwater ~ Cynthia Phillips Kolsun, Regent ~ 2022

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Constitution Week was celebrated with Proclamations signed in three towns and in all three schools in the county.

We sponsored 74 wreaths for “Wreaths Across America.” We set up tables at grocery stores in the county to support this project on Veteran’s Day. We gave flags

to vets and children at this event. We had some wonderful conversations with vets that day.

We partnered with Centers Against Violence and recognized the director for her outstanding service to our community.

This was a year of Commemorations. We honored our local Vietnam Vets with a luncheon and supplies from the national Vietnam association. We had fantastic programs that focused on World War II. One of the best programs we've ever had was hearing from our "Rosie," the mother of one of our members, as she described making parts for the Lancaster Bomber. One of our members gave a program on the letters her dad had written to her mom during WW II, and we were honored to help lay a Pearl Harbor seaman to rest in our county after DNA identified his body more than 70 years after the attack.

We remembered 911 as we had a program presented by a former FBI fingerprinter who had to help identify bodies following the attack. Blackwater ladies attended a naturalization ceremony and welcomed new American citizens. We completed 897 Service to America hours.

Blackwater had fun also as we welcomed 12 new members this year into our chapter. We sponsored an installation and celebration day that honored members who joined in the past two years (17 new members in 2 years). We also honored our seasoned members and their accomplishments. Other social events included our "Liberty and Freedom" progressive lunch, a picnic at a member's home in Canaan Valley and a boat ride at Deep Creek Lake. Blackwater's purpose is aligned with NSDAR as we amplify history, education, and patriotism while having fun as we soar to new heights.

Blennerhassett Chapter Report ~ Mary Ellen Hunt, Regent ~ 2020

The Blennerhassett Daughters have been busy as usual. We marked Joseph Spencer's grave. Not only was he a Patriot but the founder of the City of Vienna. We raised money and participated in an Alzheimer's Walk. We also sponsored an Honor Flight and participated in the Veteran's Day Parade. The Chapter also celebrated its 70th Anniversary with a wreath laying ceremony at the Founding Chapter Regent's grave. During our celebration the only surviving charter member, Marjorie Nicely, was presented her 70-year pin.

The Blennerhassett Juniors have been decorating jars that we pass around at the meetings to take up a collection for the Helen Pouch Memorial Fund. They have another project going on as well and that is to purchase a grave marker for our Charter Chapter Regent's grave. We have also helped with sending a child to Indian Youth Camp.

Blennerhassett Chapter - Mary Ellen Hunt, Regent ~ 2021

The Blennerhassett chapter has kept busy in spite of COVID-19. Like many chapters across the country, we made 642 masks and gave them out. Our Chapter learned to have Zoom meetings.

We were able to meet a couple of times and when we could we celebrated Women's Suffrage with a potluck lunch. We had a luminary event at Mound Cemetery in Marietta, which highlighted the Revolutionary War Soldiers buried

there. Our Juniors raised money to purchase the Blennerhassett Organizing Regent Idle Snodgrass a head stone. They did this by having a yard sale and asking for donations. Our juniors have been very active. They have gone to cemeteries and put flags on graves as well as cleaned the cemeteries up. Blennerhassett also took part in a virtual Alzheimer's walk. We collected articles for the Veterans and shipped boxes of things overseas to active units. We also participated in the anniversary of George Washington being in our area 250 years ago.

Blennerhassett Chapter ~ Mary Ellen Hunt, Regent ~ 2022

The Blennerhassett Chapter was more active this year and very grateful. We dedicated a tree in honor of Arbor Day in City Park. We also, along with the James Wood Chapter, celebrated Memorial Day at the Revolutionary Memorial in City Park. The Blennerhassett Daughters also had a family cookout with the Capt. James Neal SAR chapter. The chapter also sent money for the Indian Youth Camp. September found the Blennerhassett Daughters participating in the Alzheimer's walk where we raised money to help find a cure. October came and found our daughters dressed in period dress working as docents on the Blennerhassett Island for their annual Candlelight. For this event we were featured in the American Spirit Magazine. In November we gathered things and sent them to the USS Verdie and participated in the Veterans Day parade, and an illusionary at Mound Cemetery in Marietta. December, we joined the Marietta chapter SAR and the Capt. James Neal as well as the James Wood chapter DAR for the annual Christmas dinner at the Parkersburg Country Club. It has been a fun interesting year for the Blennerhassett daughters. We are so thankful to be able to meet and do activities again.

Buford Chapter ~ Patricia Daugherty/Susan Yablonsky. Regents – 2020

Buford Chapter, in Huntington, WV, held its April 2019 meeting under the leadership of Regent, Patricia Daugherty, on the 13th day of April 2019. The program entitled "Honoring a Revolutionary War Soldier", was presented by Herb Dawson and Jarrett Peters. On May 11, 2019, the Buford Chapter conducted a presentation on POW and MIA soldiers. The guest speaker was Shannon Harshbarger.

The new officers were installed at the June 2019 meeting and a "Picnic at the Cabin" was enjoyed by all the Chapter members. A July 4th "History of American Flags" was held at the Woodlands Retirement Community on July 4, 2019.

The 2019-2020 year began with a September 8, 2019, meeting led by new Regent Susan Van Zant Yablonsky. The Huntington, WV Marine Corps League presented the Colors and Congresswoman Carol Miller, who is a Buford Chapter member, gave a wonderful presentation related to her experiences as a freshman Congresswoman.

Constitution Week was also recognized with informative and educational Constitution Week displays at various locations throughout the Huntington area and a proclamation by the city of Huntington.

October celebrated Historic Preservation and a chapter meeting was held at the historic Huntington Heritage Farm on October 12, 2019. A presentation addressing Domestic Violence issues along with informative brochures was given by Buford Chapter Regent. The Historic Preservation of Heritage Farm was a highlight of the meeting.

November 16, 2019, Buford Chapter hosted the Westmoreland Chapter. Erma Lett gave a historic presentation regarding World War II Veteran, Corey Lett. Ms. Lett gave an insight into the service, sacrifice, and lifelong patriotism of her late husband.

December 14, 2019, Buford Chapter hosted its annual Christmas luncheon at Guyan Country Club. The Jane Hobson scholarship winner along with her Marshall University music professor presented the program.

January 11, 2020, featured a Trunk Show from the NSDAR Museum Shop. Patricia Daugherty hosted the program and local DAR Chapters were invited to attend.

The February 8, 2020, Buford Chapter meeting was held at the Woodlands Retirement Community. The League of Women Voters presented a play regarding the “Right to Vote”. The League members wore costumes and presented a historically accurate and informative play regarding the Suffragettes movement.

The March, April, and May 2020 meetings have been cancelled due to the Covid-19 Pandemic and the West Virginia Governor’s ‘Stay at home’ order.

Buford Chapter members have remained active as possible in a variety of initiatives including Project Patriot, Literacy, Conservation, and Historic Preservation.

Buford Chapter ~ Susan Van Zant Yablonsky - 2021

Buford Chapter, Huntington, WV Chapter held its June 2021 meeting under the leadership of Susan VanZant Yablonsky, on the 13th of June, 2021. The program entitled “Honoring Buford Chapter 50 Year Members” was held at the Ritter PRK, Buford Chapter Cabin. Four of Buford’s longest serving members were recognized with a certificate and each spoke to their individual accomplishments. Mary Liz Emmons, Sally Cyrus, Betty Ruth Gilbert, and Jessie McClain were honored and spoke about the history of Buford Chapter. The chapter enjoyed refreshments following the meeting.

All meetings in 2021 prior to June were conducted by Zoom. Each monthly Zoom meeting featured the Ritual, a presentation on National Defense and President Genera;’s message as well as a timely topic followed by discussion. The fall 2020 meetings were also held by Zoom.

On September 11, 2021, the Buford Chapter opened the fall season with a meeting at the Historic Ritter Park Cabin. Constitution Week was highlighted. Honorary Past Regent, Patricia Daugherty spoke with respect to Constitution Week and her patriotic displays at Huntington City Hall and the Woodlands Retirement Center.

The October 2021 meeting was not held due to a spike in Covid-19 cases in the region. The November 2021 meeting was held at the First United Methodist Church in Huntington, WV. Brenda Chevront and her team presented a workshop

on genealogy and preparing DAR applications and supplementals. A presentation regarding The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier was given by Past Regent Patricia Daughtery. The meeting was well attended by Buford members as well as applicants. Several potential DAR members completed their applications during the meeting.

The Chapter honored our past by having a copper birch tree which was initially planted by Buford Chapter on February 22, 1932, in memory of George Washington. The tree had died at some point, but the monument remained. The replacement copper birch tree was planted behind the monument and is thriving. House Chairman Jane Sawyers arranged for the tree to be planted there.

Buford Chapter members have remained active as possible in a variety of initiatives, including Project Patriot, Literacy, Conservation, and Historic Preservation. Buford Chapter is looking forward to our annual Christmas Luncheon at Guyan Golf and Country Club in December and to a productive 2022.

Capt. James Allen Chapter ~ Linda Whitman, Regent ~ 2020

The Captain James Allen Chapter daughters began the 2019 year by having Chris Painter and Brenda Chevront talk about Chapter Development and Revitalization at our March meeting. We also welcomed two new members, one transfer and one new member. Our April chapter program concerned how members can help others in need of transplants. In May we honored our JrROTC and Civil Air Patrol outstanding students. Members provided refreshments for the Beckley Founders Day. June was our busiest month, hosting "Luncheon on the Green" at our city founder's home, Wildwood, with the John Beckley SAR and the Raleigh County Historical Society. We and guests from around the state laid wreaths at our founder's grave. A week later we installed new officers: Mrs. Linda Whitman, Regent; Ms. Samantha Shleser, Vice Regent; Mrs. Carolyn Jones, Chaplain; Ms. Lisa McKinney-Jackson, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Diane Thacker, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Margaret Rusnak, Treasurer; Ms. Anita McClung, Registrar; Ms. Peggy Scheff, Historian; Ms. Kathy McGaha, Librarian; Mrs. Karen Bonifacio, Parliamentarian.

Our Board met in July to plan the program for the new year. In August our chapter held a Paint Party to raise funds for a member's lung transplant. We sponsored a Quilt Documentation project that was done at the Appalachian Arts and Crafts Fair in Beckley in August. Then, in September goods, clothing and blankets were presented to the Beckley VA Medical Center by our chapter after receiving a \$2,000 grant from the Beckley Area Foundation. Our chapter also gave \$110 worth of books to support a writing program at a local elementary school. Constitution Week was celebrated with a display at the Raleigh County Library, ringing of bells at local churches, the playing of Constitution BINGO at our meeting and at a local Assisted Living facility. As our Day of Service project, we collected money for Wreaths Across America at Beckley's Chili Night. The Raleigh County Women's Resource Center for Domestic Abuse provided materials for our chapter at our October meeting. Our chapter collected funds for our WVDAR State Regent's project at Tamassee by selling Rada Knives and having Paint Party, raising more than \$800 for the project. Mrs. Jane Marks, Dementia

Specialist and Caregiver Coach at Sandwich Caring in Charleston, was our November speaker. Our Conservation Chairman gave every member a cloth grocery bag to use instead of plastic. We participated in the Beckley Veterans Parade, giving out thank you cards to Veterans and provided a lunch following the parade. Members and their spouses enjoyed a pot-luck lunch and auction at our December meeting. The following week members provided Christmas stockings and gifts to the VA patients. Members have donated American Spirit subscriptions to libraries and gave two books to the DAR Library. They have flown the American flag, donated to memorials, lead book discussions, donated to classrooms and to patients at the VA hospital.

Lastly, our chapter now has a brochure to give to prospective members and “elevator talk” cards to explain what DAR is.

Capt. James Allen Chapter – Linda Whitman, Regent ~ 2021

The Captain James Allen Chapter daughters began the 2020 year with hope and inspiration that this year would be a productive one. Little did we know that COVID-19 would knock all of our plans out the window! Since we do not have meetings in January and February, our first meeting of the year was to be March 14. We had to cancel all our plans for that meeting because of COVID restrictions. We published and sent out our first chapter newsletter to take the place of that meeting. April, May and June were virtual meetings, with a member letting us use her school Ring Central account to host the meetings. Since we were unable to get a quorum at our virtual meetings, we fortunately had written in our BY-LAWS that motions could be voted on and passed via email if there were at least 10 members responding. We were able to do the following through email voting: \$250 to Books for Babies; \$280 for Indian Summer Camp; \$100 donated to the VA Medical Center for coupon books, and an addition added to our BY-LAWS allowing for Virtual Meetings.

We had two members complete the Members Course, with others also taking the course but not completing it. We were able to honor our JrROTC and Civil Air Patrol students virtually. We sponsored a Golf Hole at a local civic Golf Tournament that raised more than \$9,000 in scholarships. We honored Merle Cole, a local historian, with the Historic Preservation Medal. We had newspaper coverage, as well as TV coverage for this event. Nine members participated in our Day of Service project of cleaning the tombstones at our local American Legion Cemetery. We had members sew masks for others and pack lunches for over 1,000 school children. Our chapter continued to celebrate Constitution Week with a library display and the giving of Constitution Bookmarks to Library patrons. We also have maintained a display on the Viet-Nam War in a local store window.

We had members donate monies to local schools for library books and art supplies. We donated books to the DAR Library. We donated many items to the Beckley VA Medical Center. We even had a book study at one of our virtual meetings.

So even though this has been a dreadful year for all of us, our chapter members found time and money to help and honor others in our community.

Captain James Allen Chapter ~ Linda Whitman, Regent ~ 2022

Although Covid has placed a damper on many of Captain James Allen Chapter's projects, we were able to honor Karen Reed, chairman for the "Empty Bowls" project by the Quota Club, with the Community Service Award at our March 2021 meeting. Our April meeting was cancelled because of Covid, but a chapter Newsletter was sent out to members. In May our chapter enjoyed a fieldtrip to the Nugen Farm in Fayette County, WV. Member Lisa McKinney-Jackson presented the program, telling us about the history of the farm, dating to the Revolutionary times. Captain James Allen Chapter's June 2021 meeting had a program on beekeeping, presented by member Margaret Rusnak. During our September 2021 meeting members painted river rocks with the Constitution Week theme. We also voted on the chapter's revised By-Laws. In October, Mr. Terry Sizemore and Mr. Stanley Boyd were honored a Community Service Award for their clean-up efforts in the city of Fayette in Fayette County.

As our DAR Service Project for 2021, our chapter honored the Beckley City Police, the Raleigh County Sheriff's Office, and the West Virginia State Police with cookies. At our November 2021 meeting, we were honored to have Dr. Kate Smith present a program about "How We Honor Our Fallen at Arlington".

As Dr. Smith spoke, members signed more than 200 Christmas cards that were sent to overseas military members. We ended 2021 with a bazaar luncheon in December in conjunction with the John Beckley SAR. Mr. Zach Phillips dressed as a Revolutionary soldier, spoke on the conditions the Revolutionary soldier experienced during the 1779 winter.

Our America 250! Committee Chairman took it upon herself to place a DAR Flower on 48 of our chapter's patriots found on Find a Grave. She also sent those buried in West Virginia to our State Historian. We had another member sponsor a "Bed Buddies" project, with more than 17 bed buddies provided for the in-patient veterans at our local VA Hospital. Another member spearheaded a Christmas Bags project for these VA patients, in which members donated and collected items for these Christmas bags which were presented to the VA at Christmas. Another member has kept a Vietnam War Commemoration window updated and two members provided flowers for the planters in front of the Commission on Aging building. Our National Defense committee chairman presented the Jr ROTC award at Woodrow Wilson Jr ROTC Awards night and presented the Civil Air Patrol Award at the CAP Awards Ceremony at the Raleigh County Airport. The Constitution Week committee set up a display in the Raleigh County Library donated nine children's books and provided Constitution Bookmarks to be given to each library patron. The chapter provided six American Spirit subscriptions to local libraries and the Beckley VA Medical Center. The chapter had the mayor of Beckley signed two proclamations:

Constitution Week and Family Literacy Day. The Literacy Promotion Chairman presented a Literacy Promotion Certificate to a local citizen who has spent her retirement volunteering for WV READ ALOUD.

Cheat River Chapter ~ Karen Kurilko, Organizing Regent ~ 2022

Cheat River Chapter was officially organized on September 5, 2021, with 14 organizing members. Our organizing meeting was held at the James C. McGrew

House in Kingwood. The McGrew House is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Although the Chapter got started late in the year and during a pandemic, we were able to accomplish a great deal.

Our chapter was able to obtain proclamations for Constitution Week from the Preston County Commission, the City of Kingwood and the Towns of Reedsville and Terra Alta. Our goal this year is to acquire proclamations from every incorporated town in Preston County, which would include Albright, Aurora, Brandonville, Bruceton Mills, Masontown, Newburg, Rowlesburg and Tunnelton.

In October, three Cheat River Chapter members visited NSDAR Headquarters in Washington, DC for West Virginia Day. Regent Karen Kurilko, Vice Regent Lisa Bennett and Registrar Brenda Hess enjoyed meeting other West Virginia Daughters and seeing the beautiful Constitution Hall.

Cheat River Chapter members participated in the Veterans Day Ceremony at the Preston County Courthouse and laid a wreath to honor all those who have served. Members of various Veteran's groups participated as well, and many connections were made. Flag pins were handed out to those in attendance, and several women inquired about joining DAR.

Chapter Regent Karen Kurilko and Librarian Candy Thompson were honored to November. The Preston County Honor Guard and members of the Preston High JROTC also participated.

Several daughters and their children and grandchildren participated in the City of Kingwood's Christmas parade. We wore our colonial dresses and handed out flags as well as red, white and blue beads. It was a very cold, wet evening, but we all enjoyed getting out and talking with people as we handed out the flags and beads.

Thanks to the generous donations by Cheat River Daughters, 59 wreaths were purchased and placed at Maplewood Cemetery and at the Walnut Crest Cemetery during Wreaths Across America (WAA) in December. Although there are more than 200 graves at Maplewood, we were pleased to be able to do this project in such a short time. We had a wonderful turnout of members, prospective members and the general community, as well as the Preston County Honor Guard and the Jr ROTC. We hope to be able to provide wreaths in 2022 for all veterans buried in the cemetery.

We continue to build our chapter by getting committees set up and recruiting for new members. Five new member applications were submitted in December for approval in early 2022 and several other applications are in process.

Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter ~ Diana Johnson, Regent ~ 2020

The Col. Charles Lewis Chapter is small, but it is mighty. We accomplished many things in 2019-2020 and look forward to the coming year.

We had a Constitutional Minute, an American Indian Minute and a Conservation Minute at every meeting. We had programs on the Constitution and Women's Issues.

Members participated in and supported Battle Days in Point Pleasant. We acted as guides, did first person presentations to over four hundred fourth grade students and served refreshments during the Lantern Tour. We donated books and

magazines to the local libraries, including the American Spirit. We donated Christmas gifts to the veterans at the local nursing home and personal care items to the hospital.

For the seventh year we sponsored Wreaths Across America. Through the generosity of our community, we placed 216 wreaths on the graves of veterans in December 2019. We were assisted by members of the Point Pleasant Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution; Fort Randolph Society; and members of the community.

We are excited to have new members who are fired up about the DAR and have fresh ideas for programs, projects, and service to the community.

We look forward to the new year when we revive the anniversary luncheon, participate in Wreaths Across America and come up with innovative ways to serve DAR, our Country and our Community.

Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter – Diana Johnson, Regent ~ 2021

Despite the pandemic, the Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter experienced great growth during 2020. We added five new members, all of them local ladies who have already started participating in activities.

In June we, together with the Point Pleasant Society of the Children of the American Revolution, participated in a Flag Retirement Ceremony held by the Point Pleasant Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. The ceremony was very moving and taught the children how to properly dispose of the American Flag.

In September we participated in Constitution Week, including ringing of bells by local churches and our members.

Although the pandemic cancelled the traditional Battle Days Commemoration in October, the Chapter Regent led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America during the Memorial Service held by the Sons of the American Revolution on October 10th. Junior Chapter Member, Brooke Cromley Price led the National Anthem. Other members attended in support of the efforts of the Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter and the Point Pleasant Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution.

We donated books and magazines to the local libraries, including the American Spirit magazine.

We donated Christmas gifts to the veterans at the local nursing home and personal care items to the hospital.

The Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter again sponsored Wreaths Across America. Chapter members presided over a brief Memorial Service at Medal of Honor Park before proceeding to the cemeteries to place wreaths. Through the generosity of our members and the community we placed 144 wreaths on the graves of veterans on December 19, 2020. We were assisted by members of the Point Pleasant Chapter,

Sons of the American Revolution, Fort Randolph Society, Children of the American Revolution; the 4-H Teen Leaders. And members of the community.

Although we were unable to meet in person, we kept members informed through an e-mail newsletter and electronic communications.

We are excited to have new members who are fired up about the D.A.R. and have fresh ideas for programs, projects and service to the community.

We look forward to the new year when we revive the anniversary luncheon, participate once again in Wreaths Across America and come up with innovative ways to serve D.A.R., our country and our community.

Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter ~ Diana Johnson, Regent ~ 2022

On June 14, 2021, the Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter participated in the Flag Retirement ceremony conducted by the Point Pleasant Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. The Fort Randolph Society of the Children of the American Revolution also assisted in this moving tribute to the American Flag and the proper way to dispose of weathered and worn flags.

In September the Chapter participated in Constitution Week by a display regarding the Constitution and by ringing bells.

On October 10th the Chapter Regent attended the Memorial Service at Tu-Endie-Wei State Park conducted by the Sons of the American Revolution. Regent Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. She then placed a wreath at the Magazine on behalf of the Chapter in honor of the colonists who fought and died at the Battle of Point Pleasant.

On December 19th Chapter members participated in Wreaths Across America for the tenth year. After a brief ceremony at which wreaths were placed for each branch of the Service, as well as POW/MIA and the Space Force, members placed 316 wreaths at four cemeteries: Pioneer, Lone Oak, Suncrest, and Kirkland. Volunteers included the 4-H Teen Leaders, Sons of the American Revolution, Children of the American Revolution, and community members, in addition to the Chapter members.

During the continuing pandemic, the Regent kept in touch with members through an electronic newsletter outlining continuing State and local projects. E-mails were also exchanged between members to stay in touch.

Our first live, in person meeting will be held on March 5th with guest speaker, Ray Swick, Blennerhassett Island. Members look forward to the election of officers and selection of delegates for the virtual State Conference and Continental Congress.

If conditions continue to improve, we will hold our luncheon in June and install new officers. We are looking forward to a more productive year.

Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter ~ Barbara Channell, Regent ~ 2020

Not only did members of Colonel Morgan Morgan “Rise and Shine” in 2019-2020, but we revitalized our Chapter with our theme for the year “Be a spark, start a fire”. Our membership increased by 31% with 5 new members, 1 reinstatement, and 2 new Associate members.

Officers for this term are Regent Barbara Channel, Vice Regent Twila Shaver, Secretary/RegistrarCarolynn Hamilton and Treasurer Ernestine Nigh.

Two members completed the New Members course and projects. Patty Norman located enough Bibles to submit a volume of transcripts to the DAR library. Patricia Haught created and monitors our NSDAR Col. Morgan Morgan Chapter Facebook page.

Under the New Horizons class Regent Barbara Channell has enlisted the chapter to compile our 2022 Centennial History Book that will highlight Marion County Patriots.

We were honored to lay our wreath at the unveiling of the WV Gold Star Mothers Monument at the Marion County Vietnam Veterans Park in our hometown of Fairmont. Patty Norman laid a wreath at the unveiling of the Gold Star Mothers Monument in Point Pleasant.

Our Chapter awarded 20 DAR Youth Citizenship Awards to members of the Scout Troop 310 for their patriotic service and volunteer work at the Monument unveiling in Fairmont. These award presentations were published with pictures and articles in the WV Newsletter and the Exponent Telegram Newspaper.

For Constitution Week members displayed a Betsy Ross Flag during a bellringing event on the balcony of our Courthouse.

October Salute to America project consisted of taking trays of cookies to the Marion County EMS Center, Sheriff Department and City Police Department and thanking them for their valuable service.

18 comfort afghans were donated to the Hope Women's Shelter and 3 afghans to the Veterans at the Manchin Clinic.

Members rode in two parades this year. Patricia Haught provided her truck and trailer for Fairmont's Veterans Day Parade. 144 flags were distributed to spectators.

Regent Barbara Channell was featured in the frontpage photo in the Times WV Newspaper laying a wreath at Veterans Square during the Veterans Day Ceremony. Veteran Adam Smolski, guest speaker for the November 2020 National Defense Program, gave an account of his military and community service.

During our December luncheon Outstanding New Member Awards and pins were given to Patricia Haught and Patty Norman. A window display commemorating the 100th Anniversary of Women's Right to Vote was placed at a local business and Christmas card gifts were sent to the students at Tamassee School in SC.

Rose Cousins was submitted for the Women in American History Award. We had 1 chapter and 4 Our Patriot write ups in the Times WV Newspaper. Members located over two dozen Patriot graves and the verifications were submitted for the State Project Book.

Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter ~ Barbara Channell, Regent – 2021

During the difficult year of 2020 Colonell Morgan Morgan Chapter was able to Rise AND Shine both individually and collectively.

We obtained a Level One Chapter Achievement Award and DAR Luminary Challenge Award Radiant Level for increasing membership by 31% for 2019 – 2020. This Regent, Barbara Channell, received a Genealogical Preservation Award for preserving chapter applications. In 2020 we added five new members

surpassing the President General's Challenge. Helen Nuzum was recognized for her membership milestone of 65 years. I am honored to have her as an endorser.

We had two articles published in the WVDAR Newsletter. We were pictured in the Patriot Post under Honoring and Celebrating Patriots and received a Star Blingy Award for recognizing our members. I submitted a chapter article to the American Spirit Magazine and to its supplemental for "What's in a Name".

Commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, we created a local window display and received a proclamation from the mayor of Fairmont, WV, proclaiming Aug. 26, 2020, as Woman's Equality Day. A video of the event can be seen on their city council website. During Constitution Day our Daughters wore patriotic attire and rang bells in front of the Marion County Courthouse. In October we placed gold mums at the Gold Star Mothers Memorial in Fairmont. Pattie Norman attended Battle Days in Point Pleasant and laid a wreath for our chapter. October Day of Service found us cleaning gravestones at Mt. Zion Cemetery. Pattie Norman also located and cleaned 15 other Revolutionary War gravestones.

We donated 16 afghans to the Louis A. Johnson and bed buddies to the Barboursville Veterans Home. Members mailed 684 cards to veterans and active soldiers thanking them for their service. We supported the Honor Flight Network and sent used cell phones to Helping Hero's Home. Flag certificates were awarded to Boy Scout Troop 120 and Columbus Carpenter for properly displaying flags. 100 small flags and Code Books were distributed at the 4th of July Event in Marion County. Twila Shawver does a wonderful job sending sunshine to our Daughters and to the students of Tamassee School. We donated a designed mug and our chapter's name is on a state plaque displayed in the Josephine C. Peters Cottage.

Pattie Norman transcribed and indexed 179 pages of Bible Records. The volume WVs2v38 is in the GRC Library. She taught herself to translate the records that were written in German.

Patricia Haught submitted three veteran interviews to wv.culture.org and. She has worked on a UDC Daughters Vietnam Project to help verify over 1100 graves. Patricia honored six veterans during the 50th Anniversary of Vietnam War Commemorative Event held during the Noah's Ark AG Church Veteran's Day Celebration.

We continue to locate and verify Revolutionary War Patriot Graves for our State Regents Project and have submitted approximately 26 to date. This Regent is very proud of the work Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter has accomplished.

Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter ~ Barbara Channell, Regent ~ 2022

Col. Morgan Morgan Chapter continues to Rise and Shine. Regent Barbara Channell completed 6 applications for 7 of our new members, 2 supplements, and GEP courses I, II, and III. We honor the memory of our sister Twila Shaver. She was an active member for 35 years, serving as Vice Regent, Chaplain, Secretary and Treasurer.

We chose Patriot's Day as an educational Event. A Betsy Ross window was unveiled via Facebook Live. Upon receiving a Proclamation from Mayor Mainella, a framed list of our patriots was presented to the city.

During our Awards Event, recognitions from the State Conference were presented. Mara Squires, Sharon Huskins, and Deborah Layman received Chapter Outstanding New Members Awards. Excellence in Historic Preservation Certificates and Medals were given to Nancy Bickerstaff and to Raymond Alvarez, a Local Media Award was given to Eric Cravey – Times West Virginian, WWII Veteran Certificate went to B. D. Linn. Rudy Vincent received a Chapter Outstanding Photographer Award.

Chairperson Patricia Haught organized our Community Classroom Success Story. Individual members presented 16 copies of the DAR recommended book “Making a Hero” to various schools in Marion County. For October Day of Service we thanked First responders at the City Fire Dept., City Police Dept., and Marion County Sheriff’s Dept. with a tray of cookies.

During a City Council Meeting Mayor Mainella presented Chairperson Mara Squires with a Proclamation for Constitution Week. Mara used Facebook Live to share a Proclamation received from Governor Jim Justice highlighted a decorated window and exhibit a display at the public library. To commemorate the signing of the Constitution, members dressed in period costumes and rang bells in front of the Marion County Courthouse.

Pattie Norman chaired our 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War “Boots on the Ground Pinning Event”. Individual members collectively thanked and pinned 60 veterans from around the state.

6 wreaths were presented this year as follows: 1. The VFW Memorial Day Caravan at Grandview Memorial Park in Fairmont. 2. Veterans Day Service at Veterans Square in Fairmont. 3. 50th Anniversary Vietnam War Veteran Pinning Event held with Woodburn Chapter. 4. Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Service. 5. Battle Days at Pt. Pleasant. 6. Newburg Mine Victims Memorial Dedication at Woodlawn Cemetery in Fairmont.

We mailed 972 greeting cards to Veterans and 5 WWII Veteran Certificates. We gave out 150 flags and code books during the 4th of July Event at Palatine Park and 150 flags and treats as we rode on our float in the Veterans Parade in Fairmont.

16 more Patriot graves were located and verified for the State Regent’s Project. Pattie Norman transcribed 110 Bible pages for her second volume WVs2v39 in the GRS. Regent Barbara Channell submitted articles appearing in the American Spirit Magazine “What’s in a Name” and in the Supplement Newsletter.

Our activities can be found on 37 electronic news sites and Facebook. We were broadcast on WBOYTV, TV561, YouTube, and Facebook Live. We were printed in Times WV 5 times.

Colonel William Lowther Chapter ~ Charla Nutter, Regent ~ 2020

The members of the Colonel William Lowther Chapter continue to support the State Regent’s Project of *From Homeless to Home— Help for Our Homeless Veterans* and have partnered with the new non-profit organization, Homes for Harrison, in providing guidance to the new Executive Director on ways to get involved in the western end of Harrison County. An amazing program was presented to members and their guests this past February about one homeless veteran who is now working at Homes for Harrison and knows first-hand the issues

that women face. Each month this past year, our members focused a theme on providing necessary home items and those monthly gifts were then distributed to female veterans in the Clarksburg and Salem areas.

The Chapter's members eagerly find ways to volunteer in our communities; with so many of the members in other states, the Service to America committee provides an amazing way for our small chapter to keep connected.

Our Chapter continues to work with their first JAC group at Liberty High school in Clarksburg; the LHS Varsity Cheerleaders volunteered to set up for a Community Homeless Dinner on the streets of Clarksburg this past Fall. Each month the JAC group visits the veterans at the WV State VA Nursing Home and the Chapter members and JAC members teamed up for Spirit Week at the high school to provide US Flag Codes and copies of the US Constitution of each student.

Colonel William Lowther Chapter ~ Charla Nutter, Regent – 2021

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The Chapter was off to a wonderful start for the Fall of 2019 by making a donation to the Indian Schools Fund after a presentation by State Chair, Ashley Burgess, at our September meeting.

Our Chapter had been working to host the Northern District meeting in August 2020 by sponsoring a couple of fundraisers in our local communities. These have proven to be very successful.

Our JAC Group, the Liberty High School Varsity Cheerleaders coordinated visits to three local Nursing Homes and Rehabilitation Centers in October, December and February. We partnered with this JAC Group to help at the Salem Food Pantry in November and February.

Unfortunately, when the COVID-19 Pandemic hit and the Nation was sent into lockdown, our Chapter did not meet for March, April or May. We did sponsor 2 DAR Good Citizens at the 2 local high schools, Doddridge County High and Liberty High, but had to mail the certificates and pins to the honorees.

Much momentum was lost in the beginning of 2020 as both the State Conference and Northern District meetings were cancelled.

Colonel Zackquill Morgan ~ Rebecca Davis, Regent ~ 2020

The chapter opens all meetings with the ritual and reports of President General's Message, National Defense Report, American Indian Minute, Conservation Minute, Flag Fact, DAR School, Women Issues and added 'Our Patriots' this year. The chapter donates to national projects and state projects.

Program for 2019—2020 were in May Literacy Volunteers of Monongalia and Preston Counties, July Road Trip across the Mason Dixon Line to visit Cornerstone Genealogical Society in Waynesburg, PA where many of our families have come from, October program was on American Indian and making/tiding Lap Robe of Veterans in nursing home at Christmas, November was National Defense, December was the Christmas Lunch and the chapter regent told the members about postcard at date back of over 100 years [they belong to her great-great uncle, February was our annual meeting at Friendship Manor [retirement apartment] Presidents Birthday's and Valentine Day Party program U.S. Presidents 'Who was

the President that stand out in History” and Can you pass a Naturalization Civics Test that was in the National Defender and March meeting was self-cancel.

Each year the chapter gives a ROTC Award 2020 we gave to WVU Army Cadet.

Memorial Day was very busy day for the chapter first we joined the Morgantown VFW on the court House Square for wreath laying, then to Morgantown High School Key Club to remember the students that was lost in Vietnam War and off to Fairmont for the Placement of the first Gold Star Mothers’ Monument at the Veterans Park in Marion County. On West Virginia Day off to Point Pleasant for the second Placement of the Gold Star Mothers’ Monument Mason County Library, Front Lawn.

Each year the three DAR Chapter joins together for Flag Day and Constitution Lunch, the Constitution Proclamation and Bells Across America at the Monongalia County Court House.

Chapter member work on the Morgantown Celebration of America in Morgantown on July 4th and handing out America Flags as we walked down High Street.

For many years the chapter members have been adopting veterans at a local nursing home for Christmas and buying the Christmas for them.

Chapter members helped to place wreaths at WV Veterans Cemetery in Grafton, WV and we raised money for Wreaths across America.

December members attend Pearl Harbor Day at WVU and placed a wreath at the WV Mast.

We are a small chapter, but we do many things.

Colonel Zackquill Morgan ~ Rebecca Davis, Regent - 2021

All chapter meeting is open with the ritual, reports of General’s Message, National Defense Report, American Indian Minute, Conservation Minute, Flag Fact, DAR School, Women Issues and ‘Our Patriots’ [this is the members patriots].

The chapter donates to national and state projects.

Programs for 2020—2021 were Suffrage and Notable Women of WV, the three Morgantown DAR Chapter held their annual Flag Day lunch with a display of US Flags, in September and November state zoom meeting on DNA 101 part 1 & 2, ‘Women Who Lives on the Streets of Morgantown [how we can help them], National Defense program on ‘Cybersecurity’ from National Defender, ‘The Quilts that Our Grandmother Made for Us’ [one quilt was made by Colonel Zackquill Morgan’s granddaughter Jane Pierpont Vandervort for her granddaughter N. Maude Jones Lazzell]. Members had the quilts that was made by the family members and one quilt was saved from a second-hand store and for February the Chapter remembered our US Presidents with Trivia Questions and facts about the presidents [many of the fact we didn’t know!!!].

For Constitution Week we place a display at the Morgantown Public Library with information on the Constitution, Pledge to the US Flag, American Creed and the Preamble to the Constitution.

Each year CZM Chapter adopts veterans at a local nursing and buy Christmas for them, we couldn’t visit the veterans as we have been doing for the past 20 +

years. We have lost a number of the veterans at the nursing home in death. The chapter regent helps the local VVA Chapter 306 to shop for all the veterans in the local nursing homes.

Again, this year two members and one HODAR went to the WV Veterans Cemetery in Grafton to place the Wreaths Across American and held to unloading the truck at the cemetery.

The Morgantown VFW post did host a small Veterans Day program with wreath laying and Pearl Harbor Day Program at the USS West Virginia Mast on WVU campus.

With the C-19 the chapter couldn't do many of their regular projects [handing US Flags and Flag Pins for July 4th and Veterans Day Parades walking in the 4th of July parade]. Better luck in 2021.

Colonel Zackquill Morgan Chapter ~ Rebecca Davis, Regent ~ 2022

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The Chapter Programs for March 2021—February 2022: In April members did a self-guided tour of West Virginia Botanic Garden at Tibbs Run Reserve, History of Women in the Military, jointed another local chapter for Flag Day Picnic and played 'Flag Bingo', September the chapter hosted the annual Constitution Day Lunch for the three local chapter. Lt. Col John Mark Arellanes Air Force WVU ROTC was our speaker and he told us about how the Constitution works with the Military. October was 'High Tea', November was National Defense month, December the members remembered our past family Christmas' and February the members toured the History of WVU Medicine [a chapter member had worked on the history and display as her Class Project at WVU History Department].

The Chapter always attend the wreath laying for Memorial Day and Veteran Day on the Court House Square plus handing out over 144 US Flags and US Flag Pins at the Veterans Day Parade.

For Constitution Week the chapter members attended Morgantown City Council and Monongalia County Commission for Constitution Proclamation.

The chapter cuts coupons to send the service family stationed oversea, this year we sent craft and school supplies to DAR Schools.

One of our members must be in a nursing home for rehab and the member sent personal items, word books and other items to the nursing home.

Our ongoing Christmas project to shop for veterans in Nursing home and this year we send the items to VA Nursing Home and Hospital in Clarksburg.

The Chapter shipped a large box of HOMEMADE cookies to an Army Base in Korea. The young man we shipped them to great-grandmother had been a chapter member and we think his great-great-grandmother also a chapter member.

Thank you for letting me serve as Chapter Regent for the past six years.

Daniel Davisson Chapter ~ Laura Fullen, Regent ~ 2020

Our chapter is still in the process of rebuilding. We are gaining a few new members. Our registrar is working on 10 active applications. In March, we will welcome our newest member!

In May, our new regent, Laura Fullen, attended the dedication for the Gold Star Mother's monument in Fairmont and placed a wreath for the Daniel Davisson chapter. In June, our chapter participated in the Naturalization ceremony for 22 new citizens in Clarksburg and provided gifts for all. In September our chapter hosted the chief public defender in Harrison County to inform us about how her organization ensures the rights of indigent citizens. Also, in September DAR members provided Constitution Day lessons to three fifth grade classes at Simpson Elementary School in Bridgeport. In October DAR members provided National Day of Service at the VA Park for Mountaineer Food Bank Service to Veterans. In November DAR members visited and donated to The Mountaineer Military Museum in Weston and participated in the Veteran's Day Parade in Clarksburg. The regent also sent American Indian Month proclamations to the mayors of Clarksburg and Bridgeport, WV. In December the chapter regent again participated in the Mountaineer Food Bank Service to Veterans, and chapter members also donated a substantial amount of goods to the Louis A. Johnson VA Hospital. Our chapter also sent a box of stuffed animals to Tamassee DAR School for children's welcome kits. We are on track with our DAR mission!

A future project is creating a wildflower garden in the Daniel Davisson Cemetery.

Daniel Davisson Chapter ~ Laura Fullen, Regent - 2021

What a year for the record books 2020 has been! Our chapter had a very productive meeting in March 2020 before the pandemic hit. We donated \$150.00 to the Honor Flight program for veterans and approved an Eagle Scout's project to create a wildflower garden in the Daniel Davisson DAR Cemetery. That project is on hold. From that time forward, our chapter business was conducted by email as needed, and chapter members cooperated admirably! Due to the talents of our registrar, our chapter has 10 new members! We also have one new associate member from Colorado. In August we had an informal get together for members and prospectives outside at the Bridgeport Recreation Complex solely for socialization. A crowd attended and we had fun! At the same location we had a formal meeting in September, and we accomplished four months of work in one meeting. Our regent donated copies of "Shh! We're Writing the Constitution" and masks to three 5th grade teachers at Simpson Elementary School for Constitution Day in September, donations were collected for writing materials for patients at the VA hospital for our National Day of Service project along with items to donate to Hope, Inc., a domestic violence shelter, and we read the DAR prayer for October. Members voted to donate \$180.00 to the WV DAR Indian Youth of America Summer Camp program for November, and we installed new members. During the months of November and December, members made cards, Christmas tree ornaments, and donated goods for the local VA hospital. One member has already made the two Bed Buddies for Barboursville Veterans Home. We even had a Zoom Christmas party on December 5th!

In January and February our chapter donated more items to the local VA hospital, and we donated \$200 to help pay for a new furnace at the Stealey-Goff-Vance House in Clarksburg for historic preservation. We are proud of what we have accomplished!

Daniel Davisson Chapter ~ Laura Fullen, Regent ~ 2022

What did Daniel Davisson Chapter do in 2021? The chapter donated \$200.00 to the furnace fund for the Stealey-Goff-Vance House, \$70.00 to the Heroes Walk-Run for the Barboursville Veterans Home, presented gift bags to new citizens at the Naturalization Ceremony in Clarksburg, donated a large amount of baby items and baby backpacks for women veterans at the Louis A. Johnston VA Hospital, donated three wreaths and got three free for the Wreaths Across America ceremony at the Bridgeport Cemetery, donated \$100.00 to the Indian Youth of America Summer Camp Program, donated a Quilt of Honor to the VA hospital for a recovering drug addict, donated Fidget Blankets to the VA hospital for Alzheimer patients, donated a large supply of household items to the VA hospital for homeless veterans to set up apartments, and decorated bulletin boards at the local library for Constitution Day and Native American month!

We installed one new member this year, and have several applications being processed! We are growing! We have revised, voted on, and submitted our new by-laws, so we are good to go in 2022!

Elizabeth Ludington Hagans /Colonel John Evans Chapter ~ Anne Smittle, Regent 2020

The Elizabeth Ludington Hagans – Colonel John Evans Chapter did their part to Rise and Shine for America by performing 1,790 community service hours in 2019. Members serving the National and State Societies in the new administration include Susan Arnold as State Registrar, Vicky Shears as Vice Chairman, East Central Division for Americanism and State Chairman of the Commemorative Events Committee, Brenda Shinkovich as State Chair and Anna Chandler as Vice Chair of the Genealogical Records Committee, and Stephanie Burns as State Chair of the President General’s Project.

In the spring of 2019, the chapter presented ROTC awards to outstanding cadets in the WVU Air Force ROTC and the JROTC Units at Preston and University High Schools. Chapter members were also honored to attend the dedications of the WVDAR Gold Star Mothers plaques in Fairmont and Point Pleasant.

In June, the chapter hosted the tri-chapter Flag Day Luncheon at the Village at Heritage Point. Jamie Thayer-Burch spoke on local groups who support and honor Veterans and encouraged the use of Flags of Remembrance. Officers for 2019-2022 were installed by incoming State Vice-Regent, Jane Larke.

During Constitution Week, members of the Chapter attended the tri-chapter luncheon at the Pines Country Club and participated in “Bells Across America” at the Monongalia County Courthouse Square.

Fall meetings included a program on domestic violence awareness and participation in Lineage Society Saturday at the public library. For the DAR Day of Service, members prepared and served a dinner meal to residents at the WVU

Hospital's Rosenbaum Family House. We participated in the local Veterans Day parade, as well as the ceremony marking the 78th Anniversary of the Attack on Pearl Harbor held at the mast of the U.S.S. West Virginia.

In December, a Christmas luncheon was held at the Village at Heritage Point, and Dave and Brenda Fisher presented a delightful program as Mr. and Mrs. Claus.

The chapter was active in Service to Veterans and Project Patriot. Our primary project for the year, Wreaths Across America, raised enough money to purchase 425 wreaths for historic Oak Grove Cemetery in Morgantown and the National Cemeteries in Grafton. Chapter members were honored to assist in laying the wreaths. Seven large Christmas stockings were filled in December for troops currently serving in Afghanistan. Care packages were sent to other active-duty military throughout the year, including 27 packages of Girl Scout cookies that were donated to our chapter for this purpose.

In February, chapter members again participated in Valentines for Veterans, delivering Valentine cards, balloons, and cookies to 46 veterans in 5 local nursing homes.

For Women's History Month in March, the chapter was pleased to honor Lenna Lowe Yost, a recognized leader in both West Virginia and the nation in the women's temperance and suffrage movements. She joined the DAR through the Elizabeth Ludington Hagans Chapter in 1913.

All in all, the Chapter had a very productive year focused on continuing Service to America.

Elizabeth Zane Chapter ~ Georgette Ward, Regent ~ 2020

The Elizabeth Zane Chapter started this year off with a new, first time Regent and a transition into the use of digital technology. The chapter yearbook was delivered to members digitally with hard copies available for those that did not have email. We have a new digital newsletter that is sent to members monthly. A public and private Face Book page was started, and chapter minutes are now emailed for prior review before each meeting.

Chapter activities this year included baking and delivering cookies to the county first responders on Patriots Day. We collected and delivered canned goods to the local food pantry for our DAR National Day of Service Project. The chapter entered a float in the local Veteran's Day parade decorated with the theme "Women's Suffrage". We sponsored city proclamations for Constitution Week and American Indian Heritage Month.

The EZ Chapter was on the road quite a bit this past year. Members traveled to Fairmont to attend the WV Gold Star Mother's Memorial Dedication. We attended the Luncheon on the Green and Wildwood Plantation tour sponsored by the Capt. James Allen Chapter and the Tanner's Cross Road Chapter celebration of confirmation event. Four members attended the WVDAR Genealogy workshop held in Flatwoods. Chapter members attended the Naturalization Ceremony in Elkins and gave out flag pins and Pledge of Allegiance cards to the new citizens. We had eight members that attended the Central District Meeting in Parsons. In the fall we traveled to the Wheeling/Saint Clairsville area to visit the "Madonna of the Trail" and the "Elizabeth Zane Monument".

The EZ Chapter honored two women with the “Women in American History” award: Elizabeth “Betty” Zane and Mary Albaugh. We also presented one “DAR Distinguished Citizen” medal to Commander Sherman Baxa. The Chapter presented four anniversary certificates two ten year, one twenty year, and one forty year.

Chapter activities included packing and mailing care packages to our three adopted servicemen/women. The chapter members cleaned and decorated the gravesite of a WWII War Veteran a request from a DAR sister from the Boston Tea Party Chapter in Massachusetts. The EZ Chapter co-hosted a Veteran’s Day program for local veterans with the American Legion. We decorated the known local Revolutionary War patriots’ graves with flags for Memorial Day. On Constitution Day we held an assembly at Buckhannon-Upshur High School and presented the senior class with 237 Constitution Booklets and Flag Codes.

The EZ Chapter had members that worked on Project Patriot Indexing and Supporting Documentation Indexing and the Veteran’s History Project. The chapter collected Boxtops for Education and sent them to participating DAR schools. Toiletries were collected and donated to the local woman’s shelter. We collected expired manufacturers coupons and mailed them to military bases overseas.

The EZ Chapter ran community service spots on the local TV channel about: Constitution Week, the Anniversary of the sailing of the Mayflower, Columbus Day, Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, Veteran’s Day, Japan’s Surrender to the Allies, and Presidents Day.

Elizabeth Zane Chapter ~ Georgette Ward, Regent - 2021

I am grateful to say that I have made it through my second year as Regent of The Elizabeth Zane Chapter. It has been a struggle to keep the chapter members involved in this time of quarantines and Covid 19. We had to cancel many meetings and events we had planned for the year. A majority of our members are aged 65 and older and were not receptive to the idea of Zoom meetings. We had few in person meetings in spaces that we could socially distance with masks but even then, we had only a handful attending.

Most of our contact has been digital or by mail. We had three digital meetings where I prepared an agenda and had each committee send me their report or “minute”. These were then added to the agenda along with the President General’s Message. There was no “New Business” that had to be voted on during the year. The chapter yearbook was delivered to members digitally with hard copies available for those that did not have email. Members were sent a digital newsletter monthly and our public and private Face Book pages continued with club news to keep them updated. The EZ Chapter ran monthly community service spots on the local TV channel.

We did complete our “NSDAR Day of Service” activity. Members baked and delivered trays of cookies to our county’s first responders and to the local Parish House that feeds needy citizens. We sponsored city proclamations for both Constitution Week and American Indian Heritage Month.

The EZ Chapter took one trip to a nearby train museum in Elkins this fall and met at an outdoor restaurant for a lunch meeting.

The EZ Chapter presented the “DAR Distinguished Citizen” medal to Mr. J C Raffety. One chapter member was presented with a 10-year anniversary certificate this year.

Members donated items for care packages that were later packed in mailing boxes and sent to our three adopted servicemen/women. We were able to decorate the known local Revolutionary War patriots’ graves with flags Veteran’s Day. One interview was submitted to the Library of Congress, Veteran’s History Project. Constitution Booklets were purchased and dropped off at our local high school for the Civics teachers to use with their classes once they held in person instruction again.

The EZ Chapter had members that: worked on Project Patriot Indexing, made masks for the community, knitted infant caps to donate to a women’s pregnancy center, sewed “Bed Buddies” for the WV Veterans home in Barboursville. We collected expired manufacturers coupons and mailed them to military bases overseas on three occasions.

Currently, we are in the process of securing permission from NSDAR to place a Revolutionary War Soldier plaque in the French Creek Presbyterian Cemetery honoring Nathan Gould. Nathan Gould, soldier, and pioneer will have a tree planted in his name along the Schuylkill River Trail, “DAR Pathway of the Patriots”.

Elk River Chapter ~ Ruth Mooney, Regent ~ 2020

The post-conference spring activities included 1) recognizing American History Essay Contest chapter winners and participants, 2) The American’s Creed recitation, 3) JROTC bronze award presentation, and 4) attendance at the Naturalization Ceremony in Clarksburg, WV. Following Continental Congress, the transition of administrations occurred on all levels.

In late June, an emergency request came from the National Chairs of DAR Project Patriot, asking for donations from chapters everywhere for the “Dress the Barracks” program. Returning from their overseas deployment in August, soldiers of Fort Campbell (KY) would have twin beds, but no bedding. Our chapter donated five sets of long sheets, plus laundry pods and dryer sheets. Two of our Associate members, Dale Boggs and Stephanie Wolfley, are the co-chairs of this national committee.

Summer District meetings across the state introduced members to new state officers and state committee chairmen. Chapter planning led to a new yearbook and upcoming programs for our fall meetings. Associate member, Susie Rogers, is the new state chair of Community Classroom. Jill Mooney is state chair of Service to America. Ruth Mooney is state co-chair of DAR Service for Veterans. Ruth is again serving as Representative for the VAVS at the Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center in Clarksburg. Associate member, Marilyn “Susie” Rogers, will again serve as Deputy in the new administration.

In the fall, a Welcoming Ceremony was held for Charlene Lewis. The chapter observed the DAR National Day of Service by the chapter. The service was the organizing and cleaning of the vault and the Braxton County Family Research Library. A special committee was formed to participate in a Christmas tree display at the historic Brown Oaks mansion in Summersville. Two floors and the carriage house

were full of trees decorated by community organizations and businesses. Our tree held little, individual hanging signs of each chapter member's ancestor. The display was open to the public on Sundays in December. The chapter received many compliments.

Finally, the chapter nominated two volunteers who serve veterans at the VA Medical Center in Clarksburg for the Outstanding Volunteer Service for Veterans Award. They are Hunter Monroe and Ed DeMundo. They both won at the state level and will be recognized at our April 2020 state conference in Bridgeport, WV.

The winter break from chapter meetings will have us refreshed for spring 2020.

Elk River Chapter ~ Ruth Mooney, Regent - 2021

Elk River had lots of activities this past year. Essay Contest Winners for American History are: 5th grade – Khloe Chancey, and 8th grade – Owen Taylor. Owen also tied for 3rd place on the state level. Both students were from Calhoun County Middle School.

The Christopher Columbus essay winner was Kalyn Harris, 10th grade, from the Lighthouse Christian Academy. The Good Citizen Award winners were Kylei Jones, Richwood High School and Adrienne Bounds, Nicholas County High School. The ROTC winner was Faith Lipscomb from Nicholas County High School.

Elk River Chapter purchased 25 earbuds for the students in Brittany Conley's Wellness class for the Classroom Community project. The earbuds cut down the noise and gave the students more attention.

One of State Regent Cheryl Brown's projects is "Thank you for Choosing to Teach". 17 members of Elk River Chapter who either taught in the classroom or served education as a school secretary, librarian or teacher's aide were recognized by a lovely certificate.

A Cursive Writing Initiative encouraged students and adults to use cursive writing skills. Several members participated and received certificates from the State chairman.

Elk River Chapter nominated Outstanding Volunteers for Veterans: Hunter Monroe and Edward DeMundo. Both won on the state level. Hunter Monroe was the Outstanding Youth Volunteer and won at the East Central Division level as well. Ed DeMundo was the Outstanding Veteran Volunteer. He has volunteered at the Louis A. Johnson Medical Center for over 35 years.

Over 350 masks were made by several members for veterans and essential workers in the communities.

Elk River Chapter participated in the Day of Service activities. Cards, artwork and notes of encouragement were sent to hospitalized Veterans by members and students. Our Chapter set up Constitution Week displays, programs and got Proclamations from Mayors.

A book written by a local author was donated to the Peters Cottage at Tamassee DAR School. Clothing and personal care items were donated to the local VA Medical Center.

Flag certificates were given to the Gassaway Baptist Church and Frametown Girl Scout Troop 38217. Plans for making "Bed Buddies" in January 2021 by

chapter members for the WV Veterans Home in Barboursville, WV. This will be a State Conference project. More information next year.

Project Patriot Projects for the year included The Warrior and Family Support Center, San Antonio Military Medical Center – sent seven (7) \$25 gift cards for injured soldiers and their families. We had an “Adoption” of active duty CDR Sarah Granger who serves on the front line at Fort Belvoir Community Hospital in Virginia. Chapter members send her cards of encouragement and gratitude for serving the injured military personnel.

Outstanding Programs included Mayflower’s landing in Plymouth, MA 400th anniversary presented by Vickie Baker, Descendent. “A Salute to our Patriots” in which 23 ancestors of members received special recognition with an ornament. Those in attendance learned of other members who share the same ancestor.

With the help of State Registrar, Susan Arnold, and Volunteer Genealogists Chair, Vickie Baker, Elk River Chapter “Welcomed” seven new members, one of who is a Junior member.

Elk River Chapter ~ Ruth Mooney, Regent ~ 2022

Elk River Chapter activities in 2021 cover the three goals of DAR: Education, Patriotism and Historic Preservation.

We awarded 5 Good Citizen Award certificates and pins to high school seniors from Braxton, Nicholas County, Richwood, Clay, and Calhoun schools. At Nicholas County High School, we gave a certificate and medal to a JROTC cadet. A Calhoun County Middle School student received the chapter award for winning the Essay Contest.

We partnered with a local Girl Scout Troop in a Conservation project by participating through financial backing, as the troop cleaned up a watershed area. The troop added trash receptacles, flowers, and other features to promote care of the environment.

To foster literacy, we read a special book, “If I were a Pilgrim” to over 160 students. This activity commemorates the 400th anniversary of the first Thanksgiving.

Constitution Week included displays in libraries, a DAR program and mayor proclamations.

Elk River Chapter serves veterans in many ways. One activity involved the making of “Bed Buddies” for veterans at the WV Veterans Home in Barboursville, WV. This activity is part of our state regent’s project emphasizing patriotism. Twenty WV chapters had volunteers to sew the “Buddies”, totaling 100. Wanita Mollohan and Beth Atkins contributed to this project.

Chapter members donated new and gently used maternity clothes for the Women’s Clinic at The Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center in Clarksburg. These clothes will help the homeless female veterans who are served by the Clinic. Other clothing and canteen coupons valued at over \$500 were sent to the VA.

The chapter gave a program on Flag Manners for a kindergarten class. Each child received a certificate and a small flag. This program is now a Community Classroom lesson plan.

Our National Day of Service project was the bundling of unused, stamped holiday cards for the inpatients at the VA. Those veterans were happy to be able to send cards to their loved ones.

Students from Braxton County and Nicholas County made and sent notes and cards of encouragement to the veterans at the VA.

As part of Project Patriot Committee, our chapter sent Camp Atterbury (a mobilization training center) in Indiana \$280 in financial help, earmarked for the returning Afghan service personnel and Afghan refugees.

Our chapter helped with the Patriot Burial Book, a project of State Regent Cheryl Brown. Members from Nicholas and Braxton County researched and tried to visit locations of approximately twenty-three Revolutionary War patriots' burial sites.

We helped support the restoration of Peter's Cottage at Tamasee by donating money, a coffee mug and a book written by a local WV author.

Two members served the State Society this administration. Jill Mooney was Service to America state chair and Ruth Mooney was state co-chair with Patty Young (Kanawha Chapter) for DAR Service for Veterans.

There is always much to be done in DAR. We look forward to what we can accomplish in 2022.

General Andrew Lewis Chapter ~ Sandra Cowan, Regent - 2020

Our Regent continues to send monthly mailings to all members either by email or regular mail. The mailing includes the minutes, announcements and general information. Reports from WVDAR and the National Society are forwarded to members.

In celebration of Constitution Week, our Chapter requested our County Commission to declare Constitution Week in our County.

Representatives attended the WVDAR State Conference in Martinsburg, West Virginia.

Our members continue to contribute to the community ie Gwen's Meal, Volunteers at Church, Humane Society, Historical Society and various other non-profit organization. Our members contribute to environmental and conservation efforts in our community. Two of our members were given Lifetime Achievement Awards as Volunteers in our Community.

Our meetings continue to be fun and informative. Our speakers offered both historical and informational topics. Our local Librarian from the Ronceverte Library told us about the many uses of our libraries. Our Chapter presented her with a donation for her library. Fred Ziegler gave a presentation about his book "The Settlement of the Greater Greenbrier Valley, West Virginia". A copy of the book has been accepted by the NSDAR Library.

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Our meetings have been via ZOOM. We have had some interesting speakers including the daughter of Holocaust victims.

Our Chapter collected over \$400 of new items of clothing, gift cards, and personal items and delivered the items to the VA Hospital in Berkeley. Our Chapter donated over \$700 toward the State Regent's Projects and other WVDAR projects.

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Most of our meetings have been via ZOOM. We have had some interesting speakers. WVDAR's State Parliamentarian Pat Goodwin gave an informative presentation on being George Washington's wife complete with costume. WVDAR's Historian Mary Johnson gave a presentation on the State Regent's project Patriot Burials. Other themes and speakers: Celebrating Veterans- Bill Visted, West Virginia Redistricting - Richard Staton, Black History and Women's Issues with Beverly White, Mayor of Lewisburg. In June, we installed new officers. Officers for the 2021-2023 years have been installed:

Regent – Debbie Phillips

First Vice-Regent – Barbara Holt

Second Vice-Regent – Sally Ford

Chaplain – Suzanne Cronquist

Recording Secretary – Carol Olson

Corresponding Secretary – Karen Lee McClung

Treasurer – Beverly Boswell

Registrar – Sandy Cowan

Historian – Ruth Sturgill

Librarian – Judy Deegans

We participated in the Alderson 4th of July parade. Debbie Phillips, Regent, and Sandy Cowan, Registrar and Honorary Regent, attended the WVSAR grave marking ceremony for Pvt. James Keaton in Monroe County on Oct 16, 2021. Our Chapter collected over \$600 of new items of clothing, and personal items and delivered the items to the VA Hospital in Berkeley on December 6, 2021. Our members donated \$2,871.97 toward a variety of NSDAR projects. In August, we enjoyed a summer social at a local park.

We increased our membership by five members. One of our beloved members died in 2021. Three of our members resigned or were dropped.

James Barbour Chapter ~ 2020

James Barbour Chapter has been trying to reorganize our Chapter. In March of 2020 when the pandemic hit our Chapter was 100 years old. We weren't able to celebrate this occasion, but four (4) members of our Chapter were able to get together for a picture. We are planning a celebration after the Covid-19 ban has been lifted. We hope to invite the State to help us celebrate.

We had to elect a new Treasurer due to the death of our Treasurer, Karen Ketchem. With dealing with the death of an Officer and another member and dealing with the pandemic we have had a difficult time.

Our Chapter has not been able to hold any meetings due to death of two of our members and others who have been ill. Most of our members do not have computers so we can not have virtual or Zoom meetings.

We are trying to get a few new members. We did have a reinstatement of one member.

Some of our members have flower gardens and a couple have butterfly gardens to help with Conservation.

We are a small Chapter but we are trying to "Soar to New Heights".

James Wood Chapter ~ Jane Richards, Regent - 2020

James Wood Chapter has had another busy and exciting year. After returning from state conference, we were thrilled to celebrate the 100th birthday of our oldest living member, Roxie Martin, with a cake, roses and well wishes at our April meeting.

In May we remembered our dear ladies who had passed at our Memorial Service and remembered our ancestors at a combined service with Blennerhassett Chapter at the Parkersburg City Park. New officers were elected and installed.

We had many interesting and informative speakers at our meetings, including State Senator Donna Boley who spoke on the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment. We were honored with a visit from State Regent Cheryl Brown in October. She gave the Oath of Membership to our newest and youngest member Elizabeth Phelps. Elizabeth is a third generation DAR member.

Our chapter has been blessed with endowments and trusts that enabled us to donate to New Era School for its preservation, the Wood County Read Aloud program with books to be used in Wood County Schools and the Indian Youth Summer Camp. We were thrilled we could fully fund one youth to attend the camp. We were also able to contribute to the local Domestic Violence Center and the Wood County Society for challenged children and adults through the generosity of our ladies and our Mystery Gift Bag Fund Raiser.

In November we invited Blennerhassett Chapter to join us in the Parkersburg Veterans Day Parade. We saluted the five military branches with their insignia and motto on the float. Our chapter honored our 52-year member, Blanch Grueser, who served in the Marine Corp Women's Reserve during World War II. She serviced the planes when they landed on the aircraft carriers. She is an amazing lady.

Our chapter believes it is important to nurture and support the young people in our area. We encourage participation in the Christopher Columbus and Good Citizen essay contests. We are thrilled to have the Christopher Columbus state winner again from our chapter, Ben Vierheller. We honor the Junior ROTC programs at two of the local high schools and present them with awards and certificates. We were blessed to have a lovely high school senior present our March program on pollinating gardens. Through the Ellen Scott Stewart Memorial Fund, we awarded six students \$1,500 per year scholarships. They must maintain a 3.0 GPA to renew their scholarship each semester for four years.

Our ladies are actively involved in the community as well by providing cookies each month for the local Veterans Clinic, transporting seniors to doctor appointments and the grocery store, working in soup kitchens and delivering meals to Habitat for Humanity workers. One of our members traveled to Jamaica in February on a mission trip. Church activities are also important to James Wood members. They prepare and serve bereavement dinners, serve as greeters, perform Altar Guild Duties and help with fund raisers and other activities in the community.

James Wood Chapter ~ Jane Richards, Regent - 2021

The Daughters of James Wood Chapter had another exciting and productive year. The restrictions of COVID 19 limited some of our activities, but we persevered promoting the objectives of DAR in our community.

We were not able to have our April Guest Day meeting and our May meeting with our Memorial Service. We joined with Blennerhassett Chapter for the annual Memorial Day service honoring our patriots. We stayed in contact with our ladies through email, phone calls and greeting cards.

Our chapter grew this year with the transfer of five members and three new applicants, two of them being junior members. Unfortunately, we lost a 97-year-old member who had been a DAR member for 54 years.

The programs presented at each meeting covered interesting and informative topics on women's health issues along with a creative art activity and a documentary on the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment. We kicked off the new year with our annual Dues Tea in September and were led by local artist and James Wood Daughter, Betty Boot, creating an acrylic painting of the American Flag. In October, a local oncologist spoke on the importance of Breast Self-Exams and annual mammograms and in February a local dentist informed us on the connection between good oral health and heart disease.

Constitution Week was observed with displays at local libraries and Preamble bookmarks were given to juniors and seniors at four high schools. Proclamations were also obtained from the governor and local mayors.

In October, Daughters prepared and served breakfast to the Wood County Sheriff's Department for the National Day of Service project. We wanted to show our appreciation and respect for the hard work they do to keep our community safe. The generosity of the ladies helped us to purchase fifteen food bags for the Parkersburg High School Care Closet that were sent home with students prior to Thanksgiving Break. We also provided clothing, hygiene and snack items for the Veteran's Hospital in Clarksburg, West Virginia.

The annual Parkersburg Veteran's Day Parade was canceled but a rally was held instead. James Wood Daughters participated and laid a wreath at the Veteran's Memorial. We also honored our veterans by sponsoring a flag for the Flags for Heroes Ceremony at the Gold Star Families Memorial Park.

Continuing to support the youth in our community, we awarded six \$1,500 scholarships to local students through the Ellen Scott Stewart Memorial Fund. We recognize the Junior ROTC programs at two of the local high schools with awards and certificates. Six seniors participated in the Good Citizen Essay Contest and were recognized with a certificate and monetary award.

James Wood Daughters remained active in the community sewing masks and Bed Buddies for the Veterans' Hospital and nursing homes. They volunteered at soup kitchens, museums, and activities within their churches.

James Wood Chapter—Jane Richards, Regent ~ 2022

James Wood Chapter is very pleased to share another busy, productive and fun-filled year.

Presently, we have sixty-nine members and several applications being completed to submit. Sadly, we lost three of our very dear ladies, one who would have celebrated her 103rd birthday in April. We were thrilled to recognize our seventy-year member with a custom engraved keepsake.

Our programs included the Director of the local American Red Cross in March sharing the many ways they provide support and services across the country. A noted West Virginia author spoke at our annual Guest Day in April on "Early Native Americans in West Virginia."

The May meeting was very interesting as members brought family heirlooms to share. We also remembered our recently deceased members during our Memorial Service. We joined with Blennerhassett Chapter on Memorial Day at the Parkersburg City Park to honor Revolutionary War Patriots.

We continued the tradition of participating in the Parkersburg Veterans Day Parade with our float saluting the six branches of the United States Military. We laid a wreath at the Veterans Memorial and at a ceremony commemorating the one-hundred-year anniversary of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. A very accomplished pianist shared a medley of patriotic music at our November meeting. The generosity of our Daughters enabled us to donate over \$700 worth of requested items for the Louis A. Johnson Veteran's Hospital in Clarksburg.

In August we participated in the Wood County Historical Society History Expo at the historic Henderson Hall. We made contact with potential new members, one who was recently approved.

We provided meals to the Wood County 911 Emergency Call Center for our National Day of Service Project in October. The workers were very appreciative.

One of our most exciting activities was participating in State Regent Cheryl Brown's Patriot Grave Marking Project. We researched twenty-eight Patriots buried in Wood County and eight in neighboring Wirt County. We located the graves and obtained the GPS coordinates and took photographs of the markers. We

compiled a binder of our research and are sharing a Patriot during our Patriot Minute during our meetings.

We were honored to join Captain James Neal SAR Chapter Compatriot Grave Marking Ceremonies for three of their members. Their spouses were also members of James Wood.

In December we held our first Christmas Party which we hope to make an annual event. Pat Casper of Anne Royall Chapter shared a very informative program on Early Colonial Christmas Traditions. We played games and shared wonderful snacks brought by the ladies.

We continue to support the youth in our community providing eight scholarships to college students and recognizing the ROTC cadets. We were very proud of our DAR Good Citizens Essay winner who was also the State and Northeast Division Winner.

James Wood Daughters are very active in the community logging 1, 470 volunteer hours participating in soup kitchens, food pantries, church activities and driving seniors to appointments and the grocery store.

John Chapman Chapter ~ Sharon Houston, Regent - 2020

John Chapman's Chapter Report is based on seven months of activity. In May 2019 election of officers was held. The chapter spent June through December reorganizing. We planned an event to recruit new members. A membership drive was organized at the Bluefield Library.

A meeting was sent up with Samantha Shleser, Southern District Director, to educate the Regent. Samanth Shleser also attended the first meeting of the election of new officers.

Dreama Butcher conducted American Indian presentations for each meeting.

The chapter obtained one new member this year. Some of our members recorded volunteer hour online.

Socks, pajamas, and crocheted hats were donated to Tamasee DAR School.

John Cooke Chapter ~ Anita Lusk, Regent – 2020

The John Cooke Chapter has had a good year. We honored two seniors from our local high schools as Good Citizens. We, along with the Captain Ralph Stewart Chapter, SAR, held a reception to recognize these winners. The SAR chapter recognized four 8th graders also.

We are very pleased to report that we had one new member in 2019. She is a student at WVU. Her grandmother is in our Chapter. We have a couple other applications to be completed.

We sent "Thank You" notes to the VA Hospital in Beckley, along with 17 Christmas gifts for Veterans. We have sent coupons to Support our Troops this year. We took part in the local Veterans Day Parade and Christmas Light Parade. We have some members who were at the Memorial Wall Dedication in Oceana, WV. We recognized a local elementary teacher for her involvement in her history classes. She truly makes the events come alive. We recognized Julie Brown, a

Junior in High School, for her involvement in numerous county and state community projects.

A very special highlight was being able to meet our State Regent, Cheryl Brown, at our local SAR Awards Assembly. It truly was a pleasure to meet her and share some ideas for the Southern District Meeting, which our Chapter will host in July 2020. The John Cooke Chapter looks forward to welcoming each one to our Southern District Meeting.

John Cooke Chapter ~ Anita Lusk, Regent - 2021

I feel that the John Cooke Chapter has had a pretty good year in spite of the Covid-19 restrictions. We recognized two of our local High School Seniors but were unable to have a reception for them. We mailed their certificates and visited by phone with the winners. We were unable to recognize six members of our chapter who are teachers (retired or active) for their service in the field of Education.

We received a new member in August 2020 and have had a few inquiries concerning becoming members of our chapter. Most of them have made inquiries through Facebook.

We delivered 15 Christmas Gifts (as well as 16 from our local SAR Chapter) to the VA Hospital in Beckley, WV. Our number of gifts were down this year, due to fewer patients being in the facility.

We sent coupons to Support Our Troops in Florida valued at \$9,990.50. This is a project that we enjoy very much being a part of.

We were pleased that our chapter reported 227 hours for Service in America. I send forms to our out of State members so they can be a part of this project also.

A special highlight in 2020 was that John Cooke Chapter was able to recognize the following teachers, who are members of our Chapter, for service in the Field of Education. We had to mail their Certificates from the State due to Covid restrictions.

They are: Delores C. Browning, Rebecca C. Ceperley, Kim H. Harrison, June Ann Hather, Danna W. Jones, and Peggy S. McGraw.

I hope that during the year 2021 we will be able to be involved in more activities for our Chapter.

John Hart Chapter ~ Barbara McCreary, Regent - 2020

The highlight of the year was the chapter's 112th Anniversary Celebration at the home

of West Virginia's 19th Governor Herman G. Kump and his wife Edna Scott Kump, a chapter charter member. Heather Biola, a Kump granddaughter and chapter member, presented a program entitled "Remembering Our Charter Members and Life in Elkins in 1907". The Kump House is a past recipient of a \$10,000 DAR Special Projects grant. Other programs this year included "Recent Developments at the Kump Education Center", "100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment and Women's Suffrage", "Colonial Food", "Navigating the Members Website", and "The History of the Census".

Activities included a Memorial Service to remember members who died during the past three years, participation in a Naturalization Ceremony and hosting a

reception for new citizens, docents and volunteers for Beverly Heritage Days, annual family picnic, signing of Constitution Week Proclamations, walking in Elkins Veteran's Day Parade, Veteran's Day Party for veterans residing at Nella's Nursing Home, Christmas luncheon at Graceland, and a Lunch Social at Pizza Hut.

Members participated in the DAR National Day of Service by cleaning Revolutionary War Soldiers gravestones in the Historic Beverly Cemetery. The chapter took part in Wreaths Across America by sponsoring two wreaths at the National Cemetery in Grafton. Five new members were welcomed by the chapter.

John Hart Chapter ~ Barbara McCreary - 2021

Due to Covid 19 restrictions, John Hart Chapter held no in-person meetings during 2020. Contact with members was maintained by phone and email. On the monthly meeting date, members were sent the President General's Message, a National Defense Report, a financial report, announcements, and a short program to read. Today's DAR Blogs were forwarded to all members. The Federal Courthouse did not hold a Naturalization Ceremony thus John Hart did not participate or hold the annual Reception after the ceremony. The annual Veteran's Day Party held by the chapter for the veterans at Nella's nursing home was cancelled, and instead cupcakes and thank you cards were delivered to be put on lunch trays. Christmas cards were delivered to the Veterans, and birthday cards and other holiday cards continued to be sent. John Hart Chapter joined with the Beverly Heritage Center, Beverly Bookmobile, WVU Extension Service, and other community organizations to make Christmas special for children in the Randolph County area. At an event that took place in a tent on the Beverly Heritage Center patio, more than 125 children received gift tote bags filled with crafts, games, coloring books, and other surprises. Each child also received an age-appropriate Christmas book. A book sale held at the event raised money to buy books for the Elkins Randolph County Branch Library which is being established in the Beverly Heritage Center. All chapter members' dues were paid. Three potential members are working on applications.

John Hart Chapter ~ Barbara McCreary, Regent ~ 2022

In June, John Hart Chapter met in person for the first time since the beginning of the pandemic and enjoyed a picnic meeting in a local park. Chapter members participated in a Naturalization Ceremony in July at the Federal Building in Elkins. Flags, and cards with the pledge and the American's Creed, were presented to welcome the new citizens, but the usual reception was not held. Instead of the annual Veteran's Day Party at Nella's Nursing Home, cupcakes and thank you cards were delivered to Nella's to be given to the veterans. Birthday cards continued to be sent to each veteran and Christmas cards were delivered to them. In May, John Hart Chapter was invited by Our Town, Inc. to do a Flag Day window display in downtown Elkins as part of "*Our Nation, Our People, Our town - A Celebration of Our National Holidays*". The display was up from Memorial Day until Veteran's Day. For the NSDAR National Day of Service in October, donations were collected from chapter members and a chapter check was presented to Centers Against Violence (Women's Aid in Crisis) to be designated for "client needs". The State Regent's Burial Project was completed as requested. Regent and members attended

the virtual Central District meeting. Chapter Bylaws were updated and sent to State Parliamentarian.

Members were sent emails containing the President General's message, a National Defense Report, a financial report, announcements, and other information. All members paid their dues, and several members are in process of submitting applications.

John Young Chapter ~ Karen Taylor, Regent – 2020

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With that in mind, the early days were spent in organizing a structure of events and activities. An effort was made to ensure that the officers would be involved and active. The objective was to continue activities and projects of interest as well as ones that would be successful. “New” activities were introduced carefully.

Over the past year I have found that chapter strengths include a deep member dedication to DAR; willingness to be involved; interest in national and state goals, and a support for my agenda. The chapter seems strong in issues such as Americanism, veteran support, Community support and volunteerism, schools, women's' issues, and constitutionalism.

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Involvement and support for DAR is inspiring; on the other hand, is tiring. I have come to believe that it takes a "village" to get true results. It is a goal of mine to involve local DAR Chapters in joint efforts.

John Young Chapter ~ Karen Taylor, Regent ~ 2022

In the final year of my first term as regent, I pause to contemplate the future of John Young Chapter going forward. Over the past three years there have been positive memories. A deep dedication to DAR by members showing a willingness to be involved with an interest in national and state goals, as well as support for my agenda has been outstanding. The chapter is strong in issues such as Americanism, veteran support, Community support and volunteerism, schools, women's issues, and constitutionalism. Members continue to be active in activities that promote American freedom, patriotism, and love of country. While there are many positive memories, there are also ominous clouds that may hover over our society. Even though we are all individuals and personally have the interest of our country and society at heart, there are times when members tend to lose sight of the efforts of the Founders. Anger, personal competition, accusations, and other negative actions have no place in DAR. Faith, hope, and charity need to form a path to perpetuate the legacy of the Founders.

As we move to a new term, this chapter needs new members who are willing to be actively involved. Two thirds of dues paying members, while interested, have attained a level of health or energy, limiting participation. To remedy this, events continue to be scheduled to address this. Examples include meetings with teachers, girl scout leaders, and other civic volunteers. A classroom lesson is being developed for elementary students where parents will be invited to attend. Meetings with ROTC Auxiliary members and National Guard family are scheduled to discuss DAR. I am confident that as COVID moves from a pandemic that interest will flourish.

Kanawha Valley Chapter ~ Nancy Shifflet, Regent -2020

Service for Veterans Co Chairmen, Patty Young and Carolyn Monk helped the Kanawha

Valley Chapter once again to exceed our expectations in honoring veterans by contributing boxes of toiletries, more than 30 Tide and Gain laundry pods, individual goody bags and provided a Bingo party with cash awards and gift cards for the veterans living in the Barboursville Veterans Home. We provided 'Thank You for Your Service' cards for the Huntington Honor Flight and the chapter and a member sponsored two veterans for that flight. Seven large boxes were shipped to the Chaplains Closet at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center. Nine boxes were mailed to female and male airmen deployed to the Middle East.

Several of our members represented our Chapter by marching or riding in the South Charleston Armed Forces Day and The Charleston Veterans Day parades. Kanawha Valley Chapter sponsored 188 wreaths for the Wreaths Across America project and helped place those wreaths at the Donel C. Kinnard Memorial State Veterans Cemetery at Christmas. Members also participated in placing flags for Memorial and Veterans Days at this same cemetery.

Chapter members Robin Grey and Sandra Cox placed Constitution Week displays in the State Capitol Rotunda and the Robert C. Byrd Federal Building Lobby and left many US Constitution Pamphlets, brochures, and handouts. Chapter members also distributed many tabletop tent displays on Constitution Week to local restaurants.

The Chapter Historian Claudia Duncan awarded Kizmet Chandler, the Chapter Outstanding Teacher of American History and Ms Chandler was also selected as the WV State Outstanding Teacher of American History. Janet Leslie, Claudia Duncan and Shirley Gilkeson made our History Essay contest a success and our 8th Grade winner, Hannah Ruth Ellison, has been judged a State winner.

Our Librarian, Julie Bogges, has made sure several books were donated to the DAR library in memory of members who have passed and has sent donations to DAR approved schools.

The Chapter donated \$500 to support the wounded at Walter Reed Hospital. A special award was given to Kathy Smith for her participation in Box Top clipping for DAR approved Indian Schools. The chapter was able to contribute to sponsoring an attendee to the Indian Youth Summer Camp.

Our November program was an enlightening presentation by Doug Wood as 'Ostenaco', an American Indian. Kanawha Valley also participated in the Day of Prayer by listening to a prayer read by our Chaplain Kathie Bowling written by George Washington.

Members attended and distributed patriotic ink pens and brochures to new citizens at the US naturalization ceremony at the Robert C. Byrd Federal Building. October had many members volunteering on the DAR National Day of Service.

During June several members attended the Gold Star Mother's Memorial unveiling in Point Pleasant, which our Honorary Regent, April Gardner Norris, was instrumental in making the creation and unveiling such a success.

Chapter Registrar, Heather Harrison, has been more than busy in our chapter, taking the New Horizons course and increasing chapter membership with 11 new members installed this year.

Kanawha Valley Chapter ~ Nancy Shifflet, Regent - 2021

Kanawha Valley Chapter started off 2020 with Service to Veterans Co-Chair Patty Young serving donuts at the Hershel Woody Williams VA Medical Center.

Service for Veterans Co-Chairs Patty Young and Carolyn Monk organized a Chapter attended Bingo party in February with cash awards and gift cards at the West Virginia Veterans Home located in Barboursville. March had many members making handmade masks for local hospitals, clinics, friends, and family. June was also a mask making month with masks provided to the Hershel Woody Williams VA Medical Center. During July Kanawha Valley Chapter donated over \$700 in requested supplies to the Veterans Resource Center, Hershel Woody Williams VA Medical Center and the West Virginia Veterans Home in Barboursville.

Four large boxes were shipped to the Chaplains Closet at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center. Five boxes were mailed to female and male airmen deployed to the Middle East.

Kanawha Valley Chapter sponsored 128 wreaths for the Wreaths Across America project and helped place wreaths at the Donel C. Kinnard Memorial State Veterans Cemetery at Christmas.

Chapter member Robin Grey placed a Constitution Week display in the Robert C. Byrd Federal Building Lobby and left many Constitution Pamphlets, brochures, and handouts. Chapter members rang bells at 4PM on Constitution Day September 17th. Chapter members also printed and provided the Constitution Week posters for display in Churches.

The Regent, Nancy Shifflet, and State Historian, Mary Johnson, were able to award Kizmet Chandler the Chapter Outstanding Teacher of American History and WV State Outstanding Teacher of American History, which had been delayed due to Covid-19 restrictions. Janet Leslie made our History Essay contest a success with a 7th grade winner from Dunbar Middle School.

Our Chapter Librarian, Julie Boggs, has made sure several books were donated to the DAR library in memory of members who have passed and has sent many donations to DAR.

Chapter Registrar, Heather Harrison, has been busy in our Chapter, increasing chapter membership with 10 new members installed this year. New member Kim Casdorff has completed the new members course and the first GEP course.

The Kanawha Valley Chapter held four Zoom chapter meetings following the government mandate, in order to continue the work of the Chapter while following the government mandate to limit exposure to Covid-19.

Kanawha Valley Chapter ~ Connie Bowling, Regent ~ 2022

Kanawha Valley Chapter led the year off in March 2021 by donating 125 seed packets to Hindman Settlement School. Chapter member Carolyn Monk's family donated a new washing machine to the Barboursville State Veterans Home. Honorary Chapter Regent April Norris organized a Cemetery Cleanup at Hugheston, WV. Kanawha Valley Chapter had its first in person meeting since the pandemic lockdown began in May at Edgewood Country Club, where we installed new members Rebecca and Sophia Pratt and Karen Bowling. We also had a graduation ceremony for members Kim Casdorff and Heather Harrison, who had completed DAR courses. Chapter Librarian Julie Boggess sent a box of supplies to Kate Duncan Smith a DAR approved school. May found many Chapter members helping to place flags before headstones at Donel C Kinnard Memorial Veterans

Cemetery. Our June planning meeting, at the beautiful historic Glenn Ferris Inn where Honorary Regent and Western District Director April Norris entertained us with a program on Denim, was a big success. June found many members seeing the beautiful, blooming results of our pollinator gardens. Chapter 2nd Vice Regent Patty Young presented 11 XL camping chairs and sleeping bags to the veterans living at the Barboursville Veterans Home. Regent Nancy Shifflet and Insignia Chair Janet Leslie presented the chapter History Essay Award to Vinu Chandrasekar. July also saw chapter members Linda Keeling and Patty Young donating time to stock boxes for Veterans Table Mountaineer Food Bank. During August the Kanawha Valley Chapter hosted the Western District meeting which was attended by over 70 people. September had the Chapter again meeting in person at Edgewood Country Club. A Constitution Week display was placed at the Federal Building in Charleston, WV by Regent Nancy Shifflet and Honorary Chapter Regent Shirley Gilkeson. The Chapter donated 53 books to Senior Centers and boxes of clothing to veterans. Also, several care packages were sent to the USS Michael Murphy. November saw another in person meeting where our speaker was Chapter member Anne Montague, director of the American Rosie Movement. Chapter member Kim Casdorff placed the chapter wreath on ancestor John Lauderbach's grave. Kim was joined by the Maryland DAR Honorary State Regent, Ruann Newcomer George. The Fisher House in Huntington was presented \$650.00 in gift cards as our Chapter's Day of Service project. Sandra Childress participated in the Charleston Veterans Day Parade, while Nancy Shifflet placed a wreath at the WWI and WWII monuments in Charleston. Closing out the month, certificates of appreciation were awarded to the Nitro Police Department. Our December meeting at Berry Hills Country Club had a beautiful music program presented by member Linda Hendrickson. Our Chapter sponsored 147 wreaths for Wreaths Across America at Donel C Kinnard Veterans Cemetery. Chapter members mailed used Christmas cards to Hindman Settlement School for art projects. February 2022 saw a return of Kanawha Valley Chapter sponsoring the Bingo Party at the Barboursville Veterans Home. Chapter Librarian Julie Boggess shipped 3 boxes of supplies to Crossnore School and Childrens Home. A true year of historic preservation, education and patriotism.

Matthew French Chapter ~ Donna Brewster, Regent - 2020

Matthew French Chapter, organized March 7, 1922, continues to place great emphasis on memorial, education, and historical work to fulfill the purposes of the NSDAR and to stress devotion to God, country, and home.

Matthew French Daughters of the American Revolution Chapter welcomed four new members, Heather Farley, Elaine Phillips, Deborah Gillespie and Beckie Mitchell, and one associate member, Jacqueline Crandall.

On the first Thursday in May, our chapter observed the National Day of Prayer at the steps of Mercer County Courthouse. The National Day of Prayer is designated by the U.S. Congress when people are asked "to turn to God in prayer and meditation for our country."

General Hugh Mercer Sons of the American Revolution Chapter and The Matthew French Chapter DAR joined together to honor 10 heroes in the community. Each honoree received a certificate. Both chapters presented the

Outstanding Young Citizenship Award Lapel Pin with a certificate to Morgan Gage Adkins, a Princeton Senior High School student.

An annual goal for the Matthew French Chapter is to “Honor our Veterans.” Patty Booth hosted a DAR meeting at Mercer County War Museum. The Museum is “Dedicated to Those Who Served” and pays tribute to southern West Virginia veterans from the Civil War to present-day conflicts. The museum has three floors of artifacts, photos, memorabilia and more. These historical pieces transport you back to a time when the young men and women of our country were called upon to defend our constitutional rights and the rights of others. Each DAR member brought a gift for the VA Hospital in Beckley.

At another meeting, Heather Farley collected books for the Wade Center which nurtures children, youth and their families through practical programs and mentoring relationships.

On July 13th, the WV Southern District meeting was held at the First United Methodist Church in Princeton. Barbara Wood, with Heather Bostic as her model, presented a program on dress styles of the mid-1800s.

Constitution Week was observed in September. Barbara Wood, Margie Sentelle, Pat Mick, Amy Miller and Donna Brewster accepted the proclamation for Constitution Week at the Princeton City Municipal Council meeting. Our chapter was given a “Proclamation of Constitution Week Certificate” from Summers County and Mercer County.

At 4:00 pm, our daughters along with the SAR, rang their bells thirteen times at the Memorial Building. Matthew French gave bells to 7 schools in Summers and Mercer Counties for the children to ring bells. Over 1,000 flags were given to children.

On November 11, Matthew French DAR and Sons of the American Revolution marched in the Veterans Day Parade. The daughters gave American flags to children and veterans.

Our chapter is looking forward to the coming year.

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Matthew French Chapter hasn't had meetings since March due to Covid. Visual meetings can not be done due to lack of service of internet in our region.

Matthew French Daughters of the American Revolution Chapter welcomed three new members.

An annual goal for the Matthew French Chapter is to “Honor our Veterans.” Donna Brewster put American flags on Veterans' graves for Memorial Day. 50 flags were given to Hill Top Cemetery, Hinton, WV for Veterans.

National Day of Prayer and Constitution Week could not be observed due to Covid.

Our chapter is looking forward to the coming year when meetings can be restored.

Matthew French Chapter ~ Donna Brewster, Regent ~ 2022

Matthew French Chapter was organized by Regent Anna Gleaves Rich on March 7, 1922. Regent Rich is a descendant of American Revolutionary War patriot Colonel John Stuart of Virginia.

Matthew French Chapter continues to place emphasis on “Rise and Shine For a America.”

Matthew French Daughters of the American Revolution Chapter welcomed five new members and two associate members. Patricia Anderson, Nellie Bowman, Nicole Bowman, Carol Brewster and Ethel Nash as new members and Joy Haven, Cynthia Masterson and Nicky Nash Shaw as associate members.

Donna Brewster, Matthew French Chapter Regent, presented the DAR America History Award to Barbara Wood. “The DAR Women in History Award” is awarded to worthy individuals in their communities for her accomplishments that include distinguished awards, significant contributions or events, plus any pertinent reference to intellectual, education, historical, social, religious, political, scientific or cultural innovators.

A list of departed ladies of the Matthew French Chapter were collected and the places where they are buried. American flags were placed on graves of departed ladies of the Matthew French Chapter on Memorial Day weekend.

Constitution Week was observed in September. Michele Sparks, Pat Anderson and Donna Brewster accepted the “Proclamation of Constitution Week” at the Princeton City Municipal Council meeting. Matthew French DAR ladies made coloring books for children at Athens Elementary school. American flags were also given to students.

Children’s books were collected for “Catch them in the Cradle” for each newborn at Princeton Community Hospital during the October meeting.

Two books were given to DAR library. One was “William Richmond” by Fred Long. Second book was “The Civil” by the Summers County Historical Society.

Stella Moon and Donna Brewster invited Matthew French DAR daughters and their families to a Christmas Open House and shower for Mercer County Humane Society.

Amanda Brewster, a junior member of Matthew French Chapter and a senior at Creighton University, spent some of her Christmas break helping with the Afghanistan resettlement efforts in her hometown of South Bend, IN. Two organizations there are helping over 60 refugees find homes and begin a new life in this northern Indiana city. Some of the refugees are single men, and some are families. Some of the refugees are single men, and some are families. One family has eight children. She helped with collecting donations (household items, clothing, food, and furniture) and setting up their new homes. This involved a lot of driving, cleaning, and working with other friendly volunteers to ensure that these people could begin to feel safe and at home. Beginning a life in a country with a different language and very different customs will be a challenge but hopefully one eased by the loving and generous support of the local community.

Ohio Valley Chapter ~ Patricia Bills, Regent - 2020

The Ohio Valley Chapter gained 2 in 2019 but lost 2 members. We thought that it was going to improve in 2020. We had two members added in Feb. 2020, but we lost a member in death in March 2020. We are plugging along in achievement and activities just like other chapters.

All meetings started out with Ritual, Pledge, and American Creed along with reading of President General Message; National Defense; one-minute reports given by chairs for Indians, Women's Issues, Conservation, Commemorative event, Flag, DAR schools, Veterans, Protocol fact and Constitution fact given by the members. The chapter members were involved in preserving history, education events in local school, past deceased members and supporting the WV state Society goals. Out of state members report volunteer hours and service to their own communities. They read to their grandchildren or school for Literacy or help an adult learn how to read. We have several members that assist 4-H clubs and other youth groups. JAC, Scouts, Contests in Schools, Boys and Girls club.

We have supported WV State Society by attending Conference and memorial recognition in Fairmont and Point Pleasants for the Gold Star Mothers.

The programs for April 2019 to March 2020 have covered many topics. April was youth recognition of Students achievements on local and state level of JAC and American History Essays. May 2019, we welcomed the new officers for the next 3 years. After meeting, the Ohio Valley's Daughters remembered past daughters at IOO/f Cemetery in St. Marys, WV.

Started the new year, the daughters attended the Northern District meeting in Parkersburg where the WV State Regent and officers provide information to the chapters on committees and obligations to the state society. Moving on to September 2019 for Constitution Week. Several members met with their Mayors for Constitution Proclamations for Week 9/23 to 9/29, 2019. Ginger Nalley presented the program on the Constitution fact. The Local Radio station in St Marys, WV read constitution minutes through the constitution week.

October 2019 was Women's Issues for October. Melissa, an advocate for Crises Center gave a presentation of the abuse to Mothers, daughters, grandmothers, and women in general.

December 2019 was our annual Holiday party in Sistersville. We honored an Outstanding Citizen Award to Herbert Burke Jung from New Martinsville, WV. He served his country well and now he is a senior citizen Hero to his community.

January 2020, we filled out the CMR from National Society of DAR. We had 8018 hours volunteering in Community, DAR, History, church, and family. Our WV History Hero was Byle Groves who is Historian for the chapter. She might be a quiet person sometimes, but she puts a lot of effort into every project given to her. We were preparing for April Conference in February 2020 by discussing new by/Laws and preparation for the state conference. Sadly, we cancelled March 2020 because of social distancing for safety measures.

Ohio Valley Chapter ~ Patricia Bills, Regent - 2021

Over 400 items and \$155.00 for Canteen Coupons were delivered to the Louis A. Johnson V.A. Medical Center in Clarksburg by Chapter Regent Pat Bills.

Fire Departments in Tyler and Pleasants Counties spend many hours responding to emergency needs in their counties. Our chapter gathered supplies for the first responders to take with them when they are dealing with a crisis. Bottled water, packaged snacks, face masks, and assorted items were delivered to Fire Stations in St. Marys, Belmont, and Sistersville.

When the announcement was made that there would be “No Sistersville Easter Egg Hunt” for the children, Frannie Weekley started writing a story, “Nana Nurse & the Magic Masks”, and made child-sized masks. Over 100 masks were distributed, the story was printed in the local newspaper and “Nana Nurse” was a popular figure around Sistersville. Frannie also wrote other stories for children which have been added to school classrooms and have traveled across the country with family members.

Linda Poynter made masks for elderly members of the Newport Church of Christ and prepared and delivered meals each week to the shut ins. She has also been making masks for a local nursing home and for her grandchildren who work at the Wheeling Hospital and for others who work at a school.

Blye Grove, Anna Carson, Susanne Pierce, and Doris Haught have been busy making masks for their families, for the local nursing home and special friends who are cancer patients.

Frannie Weekley has made masks for family, friends, nursing homes, for day care workers, adult & children’s masks for the Dewey Avenue Church of Christ and children’s masks for the Hope Fellowship and Arthur I. Boreman Elementary School. During the summer months, masks were supplied to local churches, day care centers, grocery store workers and restaurant workers.

We received a request for masks from the Sistersville Elementary School. The chapter decided to “Adopt the Sistersville Elementary School” and 335 masks, enough for every student, teacher, and staff member. Throughout the year, ladies made a total of over 1,600 masks.

Other schools received support from the Ohio Valley Chapter including monetary donations, school supplies, winter coats, books, and various forms of encouragement during this crisis in our communities, states, and country. Members also purchased cases of fruits and vegetables to give to Food Banks and clothing was donated to Church Clothing Rooms for distribution to local citizens.

Due to the Covid-19 need to eliminate chapter meetings in person, the Ohio Valley Chapter was able to meet only five times. However, during the year, we added 2 new members plus 1 reinstatement. Regent Pat Bills kept the members informed by frequently sending out emailed newsletters, making phone calls and sending text messages. Ohio Valley Chapter is looking forward to 2021 with opportunities to serve our communities and the DAR through patriotism, education, and historic preservation.

Ohio Valley ~ Patricia Bills, Regent ~ 2022

Ohio Valley has 61 daughters and 6 associate members from 10 states and one over-seas unit in Spain. We carry out the goals of NSDAR out on 2 different continents. We added Danielle Ice-Davis as a new member in Feb. Lost one daughter in November 2021 which was Wilma Hyre. We have been quarantined part of the year, but our daughters have been busy serving their communities in small groups or individually.

We have been required to be flexible with scheduling of monthly meetings. 9 meetings were conducted with the Pledge of Allegiance, the American Creed, DAR Ritual, President General’s message and National Defense report. Minute facts were given for these committees of American Indian, Conservation, Constitution, Flag of the United States, Protocol and Women’s Issues. After all the officers and

committee chairs reports, we had numerous programs. In January, we answered the questions for the CMR. In Feb. Anna Carson and members review and provided recipes from Patriot's wives. March was canceled due to COVID. With the help of WVU Extension office, Susanne Pierce and Mary Lamp presented a report on climbing gardens and passed out seeds and garden calendar.

The Regent Pat Bills and Susie Rogers attended the Naturalization Ceremony and Reception in Federal Bldg. in Clarksburg, WV in May 2021.

In June, the Ohio Valley recognized members of the local community. Historical Preservation awards went to five ladies from Pleasants Co. Historical Society. Veterans were Harold Miller (Vietnam War) and William Hyre (War World II). Community volunteer was Frances Weekley. Displaying the Flag of the USA certificate went to Frank Earl. After all the presentation of awards, guests and members enjoyed a meal.

After summer planning in August, we put efforts in remembering our veterans, Constution, 9/11 anniversary, American Indians, Santa Fe Trail, and the Tomb of the Unknown Solider. Working with the Pleasants County Historical Society, Ohio Valley laid a wreath by the bell to remember the loss of 9/11 lives. In October, Anna Carson gave a report on Women Issues of Osteoporosis. With Thanksgiving happening in November, we remember the American Indians role in the Santa Fe Trail. Plus, we put together Homeless Veteran 's duffle bags which were made by Frances Weekley.

We ended the year with a Christmas party. Vice President General, Malinda, (Mindy) Davis instructed us how to use of our smart phones to view the video of The Tomb of the Unknown Solider. Veteran Bikers from Sistersville picked up the Homeless Veteran's duffle bags for Clarksburg. Plus, the members donated canteen coupons and items for the Louis A. Clark Veterans Hospital.

Old Hickory Chapter ~ Joanna McKown, Regent - 2020

It is with great pride and extreme pleasure that I present the annual report of Old Hickory Chapter, NSDAR at this, our 115th West Virginia State Conference. We are strong advocates for the three pillars of what DAR stands for: Historic Preservation, Patriotism, and Education, and we strive to encompass each of these in the activities of our chapter. Since the focus during the conference this year is education, my report will concentrate on two main things that happened this year dealing with education: our U.S. Constitution Essay Contest during Constitution Week, and the recent addition of a N.S.C.A.R. society sponsored by our chapter: West Augusta.

Using the 19th Amendment as the theme for our 2nd Annual Constitution Week Essay Contest, our Constitution Week Chair, Grace Arthur, added two additional schools to this year's contest, to bring the total number of participating elementary schools to three: Evans Elementary, Fairplain Elementary, and Cottageville Elementary. The students were instructed to research the 19th amendment and then write about it using the prompt provided. The teachers provided the needed information and materials for the students to be able to write their essays. Without their assistance, this wouldn't have been possible.

We had classroom winners, school winners, and a final Jackson County winner. With the help of a local high school social studies teacher, Adena Barnette, Grace

was able to get them reviewed and winners were selected. With almost 100 students in grades 3-5 writing for the contest this year, we were very pleased with the results and Ms. Barnette was impressed with the knowledge of our participants. We hope to add more next year and eventually include all elementary schools within our area.

The second educational activity took a little longer to produce, but what a reward we received! After a couple of years of dedication and the perseverance of a few of our ladies, we now have a new N.S.C.A.R. society within West Virginia: the West Augusta Society N.S.C.A.R., with a membership currently of 14 and growing. In March, we were able to have the first official meeting presided over by West Augusta's president, Aurora Tennant, with many of our WVDAR executive board in attendance. The children did a wonderful job, and many thanks goes to the Senior Executive Committee and the Senior President, Carolyn Flinn for the dedication to getting this much needed society into being. The name was chosen in order to encompass all of the area known as West Augusta during the Revolutionary War and we would love for children from those counties to become members: Wood, Wirt, Roane, Mason, and Jackson. If you know of anyone interested in being a member, please let us know. Anyone is welcome, and we would love to have children from other counties as well.

Thank you, Madam State Regent, for this opportunity to Soar to New Heights with you and your executive board.

Old Hickory Chapter ~ Joanna McKown, Regent - 2021

During this time of pandemic, it has been such a challenge to have opportunities to meet, fellowship, and support our communities. Old Hickory went above and beyond as much as possible to make this year as memorable as possible. We are strong advocates for the three pillars of what DAR stands for: Historic Preservation, Patriotism, and Education, and we strive to encompass each of these in the activities of our chapter. Since the focus during the conference this year is patriotism, my report will concentrate on two main things that happened this year dealing with patriotism: our Valentine's Day Luncheon for the veterans at the Homeless Veterans Shelter in Huntington, and the 3rd place award received for our 4th of July float in Ripley's 4th of July parade.

For the past several years, the chair of our DAR Service for Veterans Committee, Mary Pistelli, has donated time, money, and effort into supporting our homeless veterans at the shelter located in Huntington. Each year, she has organized and led a group of our members to provide a luncheon for those at the shelter the week of Valentine's Day. There were five in attendance, and all had a wonderful time. Those that participated enjoyed the time spent with the veteran's and we were able to find out some things that they needed and provided those needs as we were able.

Our second example of patriotism this year was our participation in Ripley's Annual 4th of July Parade. Using the 19th Amendment as the theme for our float, our ladies dressed in period outfits and strutted their stuff as women suffragettes. We were so happy when our float won 3rd

place. A big shout out to our ladies that work diligently to promote DAR in our community by being as visible as possible. This was also our Chapter's Outstanding Activity for the year.

This year, my ladies outdid themselves by receiving 3rd place for their float. Since we were unable to use our suffragette outfits at last year's WVDAR State Conference, we decided to use them for our float. And what a response! We had so much fun and even got some of our C.A.R. West Augusta Society members involved too. With the U.S. Constitution as our backdrop, we paraded down the streets of Ripley, showing those in attendance just how much fun DAR can be. We have so much fun when we get together and hope that the pandemic ends soon so that we can create more memories this year.

Thank you, Madam State Regent, for this opportunity to Soar to New Heights with you and your executive board.

Pack Horse Ford Chapter—Cindy Jones Nicewarner, Regent 2020

This year our chapter welcomed ten new members and started a new tradition: the Kentucky Derby Tea and Brunch. We sponsored a \$1,000 scholarship at Shepherd University in honor of the memory of Ruth Power Thacher, Honorary Chapter Regent and sponsored a Good Citizen Award and a JROTC medal and award to a cadet at Jefferson High School. For DAR Project Patriot, we sent care packages and cards to a Master Sergeant from the 167th Airlift Wing of the WV Air National

Guard in Martinsburg who was deployed in Afghanistan. Members continue to ride our chapter float in the Shepherdstown 4th of July and Christmas parades!

Pocahontas was the featured speaker at our annual chapter picnic in June and new chapter officers were installed. Outgoing Chapter Regent Kathy Sholl was presented a “Born on the Fourth of July” quilt designed and made by chapter members Katherine Genung and Patricia Toffling.

In the fall, our chapter formed a team for the Walk to End Alzheimer’s. For Constitution Week, chapter members rang bells on Constitution Day and distributed 700 Constitution Week kits to five local schools in addition to obtaining Shepherdstown Mayor Auxer’s signature for the Constitution Week Proclamation. For the DAR National Day of Service members gathered at Christ Reformed Church in Shepherdstown to assist with office related tasks.

Our chapter hosted the Naturalization Ceremony Reception at the U.S. District Court House in Martinsburg in October 2019. Chapter Regent, Cindy Nicewarner gave welcoming remarks during the ceremony.

Ed Forney of Geezer Ridge Farm was our Service for Veterans Luncheon speaker in November. Ed volunteers for the West Virginia Veterans and Warriors to Agriculture program managed by the WV Department of Agriculture and teaches beekeeping to vets. He brought West Virginia Veteran Produced Honey with all sales going straight back to the Veterans who produced it.

In December, members collected, donated, and purchased items to stuff 100 Christmas Stockings for patients at the VA Medical Center in Martinsburg. Katherine Genung knitted 100 stocking hats and Mary Jane Jones knitted hats for women veterans.

The last in-person event held before the COVID pandemic was our chapter’s 104th Birthday Luncheon in February 2020. The original drama “Women’s Suffrage: The Long and Winding Road”, written, directed, and narrated by Kathy Sholl, Past Chapter Regent to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Women’s Right to Vote, based on diary entries made by Shepherdstown suffragist Charlotte Pendleton Goldsborough from 1912-1916, focusing on the movement in Shepherdstown was the feature presentation.

The chapter’s American History Essay Contest Awards Ceremony and Reception scheduled for March was cancelled due to COVID; certificates and awards were delivered to the schools for distribution. Total of 114 students from Shepherdstown Middle School and St. Joseph Academy in Martinsburg participated. Five bronze medals and a total of \$400 to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in each grade category were awarded. Two of our award winners were recognized on the state level for third place.

Pack Horse Ford Chapter—Cindy Jones Nicewarner, Regent 2021

This year our chapter welcomed six new members. Although faced with challenges created by the COVID pandemic, members quickly adapted to the new circumstances by learning to use Zoom for meetings, and by adjusting our activities for social distancing.

Immediately, our chapter members responded to the need for masks and personal protection equipment (PPE) by sewing masks and scrub caps. This was a massive undertaking resulting in the donation of thousands of items to local

hospitals, first responders, and emergency response organizations by our chapter members.

We sponsored a \$1,000 scholarship at Shepherd University in honor of the memory of Ruth Power Thacher, Honorary Chapter Regent and sponsored a Good Citizen Award and a JROTC medal and award to a cadet at Jefferson High School.

Members worked on the State Regent's project by documenting Revolutionary War patriots buried in Jefferson Co for the West Virginia book. Two virtual New Member Orientations and two board planning meetings were held on Zoom. A socially distanced fundraiser was designed. The chapter sold locally ground coffee under our chapter's private label. Delivery and pick-up was handled in a safe, distanced manner.

For DAR Project Patriot, we continued to support our Master Sergeant from the 167th Airlift Wing of the WV Air National Guard until he returned home from Afghanistan. Our chapter then adopted the crew of the USS West Virginia submarine by sending cards and care packages.

Although schools could not accept Constitution Week supplies due to COVID, Shepherdstown Constitution Day. A group DAR National Day of Service project was impossible, so members participated in a service project of their choice. Our chapter's Walk to End Alzheimer's team consisting of 11 members walked individually and raised over \$900.

St. Joseph's School in Martinsburg submitted 61 American History Essays. Medals and money were awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in each grade category. Awards were delivered to schools for distribution. Aidan Tran, our seventh-grade winner was awarded first place for seventh grade in the state and also won first place for seventh grade for the East Central Division!

Terry Stotler, Chief, Voluntary Service Office, Martinsburg VA Medical Center and retired USAF Colonel spoke on COVID's impact on VAMC Voluntary Service and patients for our virtual Service for Veterans meeting in November. \$505 was collected for the Martinsburg VAMC Ward 6A Fund supporting the inpatient psychiatric unit. Since VAMC cancelled patient Christmas stockings, chapter members collected puzzle books.

Members designed an ornament or holiday decoration to honor their patriot and presented their creations at the virtual December meeting as they told the stories of their ancestors.

Our chapter's 105th birthday was celebrated on Zoom. The traditional candle lighting ceremony honoring our chapter's past, present, and future was held in this very untraditional way. We all look forward to resuming with our regular in-person activities soon.

Pack Horse Ford Chapter—Cindy Jones Nicewarner, Regent 2022

This year our chapter welcomed eleven new members including five juniors and resumed in-person activities beginning with our June picnic

Lieutenant General Dorothy Hogg, US Air Force Surgeon General and first Surgeon General of the US Space Force, was speaker for our virtual National Defense meeting in April. General Hogg was the first woman and first nurse to serve as USAF Surgeon General. She spoke about ongoing and future Department

of Defense medical initiatives with emphasis on actions being taken to build the Space Force.

Barbara McDonald Frankenberry, National Chair, DAR Museum Outreach Committee, Past Curator General, and Honorary State Regent spoke at our virtual May meeting on the DAR Museum and Correspondent Docent program. Our chapter contributed \$100 to the Adopt-an-Object fund in her honor.

A flag retirement ceremony was held in August, conducted by Shepherdstown's Boy Scout Troop 33. The chapter presented flag certificates to Boy Scout Troop 33 and to member Kathleen Murdock.

On September 11, 2021, we sponsored a ceremony commemorating the 20th anniversary of 9/11 at the Shepherdstown, Volunteer Fire Department. Local dignitaries, first responders, veterans and members of other lineage societies participated. Keynote speaker was Steve Roberts, Pentagon attack survivor. Katherine Genung designed a commemorative banner for the occasion, featuring our chapter name. It was prominently displayed on the front of the Shepherdstown Fire Department and now hangs in the main truck bay.

Members rang bells for Constitution Day. Shepherdstown Mayor Auxer signed our chapter's Constitution Week Proclamation. Chapter members distributed 1115 Constitution booklets and 26 Constitution Week posters to five local schools. The theme of our chapter's Constitution Week window display at Dickinson & Wait store in Shepherdstown was the 100th anniversary of Women's Right to Vote

For the DAR National Day of Service our chapter collected 128 books worth \$1,061.59 for the 4-year-old class at Jefferson County Head Start. The books were used for lending kits to encourage family literacy.

Our chapter's Walk to End Alzheimer's team raised \$500. Our Ruth Power Thacher \$1,000 Scholarship was given to Shepherd University. And the chapter awarded a Good Citizen and JROTC medal to a cadet at Jefferson High School. For DAR Project Patriot, our chapter supported the USS West Virginia submarine crew by sending holiday-themed care packages and notes.

The speaker for our Service for Veterans in November was Cheryl Brown, State Regent. Her presentation on the 100th Anniversary of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery traced important events in the history of the tomb beginning with its dedication on November 11, 1921. Members stuffed 90 Christmas Stockings for veterans at the VAMC in Martinsburg.

The chapter's American History Essay Contest Awards Ceremony and Reception was held in March. St. Joseph Academy in Martinsburg submitted essays. First place winners from each grade category presented their essays 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in each grade category were recognized. Four of our students placed on the state level: two first place, one third place, and one honorable mention.

Peters Mountain Chapter ~ Caroline Klezli, Regent - 2020

Our chapter has continued with its on-going project of serving dinner to the local Rotary Chapter once a month as our chief method of generating funds for our chapter's various projects. Our members prepare and donate food for every dinner thereby allowing the chapter to keep all the funds earned in our chapter. It is amazing how generous our member are and how willing they are to give of their

time to help serve the monthly dinners. Our Rotary men look forward to the homemade rolls we always provide.

We also bring a birthday gift for our own birthday which is then presented to the winning member with the funds generated being matched by the chapter and used for contributions to DAR Schools. Our members have a love of our DAR Schools. We, individually and as a chapter, provided 207 labels for education, 40# of clothes, and \$240.00 in fast food gift cards to our schools, as well as cash gift of \$100 to Hindman; \$240 to Crossnore, and \$860 to Tamasee, a portion these funds being send by our individual members.

We did National Day of Prayer and 9-11 observances at one of our local nursing homes where we distributed flags and flag pins.

We continue in our long-standing tradition of putting flags in five local cemeteries for the Memorial Day weekend having placed approximately 500 flags on the graves of these brave men and women. This is an additional two cemeteries for our chapter.

One interesting program we had was on Dolly Parton's imagination Library. As a result of this program our chapter donated \$100 to the Monroe County's assistance with that literacy project.

It was quite an honor for the James Monroe County High School's JROTC to be invited to Normandy, France, for the D-Day celebrations. Our Chapter donated \$200 to aid in the expense of this trip for our county's children.

We are currently working on one set of application papers for submission to National.

Peters Mountain Chapter ~ Caroline Klezli, Regent - 2021

Unfortunately, COVID has made our efforts on behalf of our chapter very difficult, with our rural area, our older members afraid to leave their homes, and a mostly shutdown community. We had only three (3) meetings.

Our chapter did manage to serve the local Rotary Club dinner to boost to our ever-dwindling chapter bank balance, the last of those being served by only two (2) members in an effort to avoid COVID exposure. It was done more like a church carry-in, even including our traditional homemade rolls, and was enjoyed by everyone.

Our members have not lost their love for our Schools, whether DAR or our county school system. We have given aid to a local special education classroom by collecting items for use in crafts to emphasize their lessons. We have provided them with individually wrapped snacks, cleaning supplies, collected paper towel/toilet paper rolls, paints, fabric, buttons, glue, yarn, and plastic cups. We have learned those teachers can do something with anything we have. We have three members who individually support Tamasee, Hindman, and Crossnore on a monthly basis.

We further supported our Special Education classroom by providing flags, flag pins, and patriotic bracelets when they were learning about our Nation's symbols.

We continued in our long-standing tradition of putting flags in five local cemeteries for the Memorial Day weekend having placed approximately 500 flags on the graves of these brave men and women.

Our members are volunteering in our community through their churches, nursing homes, and food pantries. They participate in church services, have monthly birthday parties, and memorial services. Throughout COVID they were allowed to visit with residents by 'window visitation' with the residents placing their hands on their windows and requesting prayer. During a large COVID outbreak the nursing home made an outreach to the community to provide meals, snacks, and drinks for workers who were called upon to work long hours. Our members provided packaged snacks, cookies, nuts, power bars, etc., and one night provided pizza for the entire staff. This project amounted to \$255. Three members made nearly 500 facemasks for local schools, physician offices, physical therapy offices, businesses, police departments, and retirement facilities. Our members donated 386 hardback books to a local nursing home who is working on an in-house library for their residents, and 15 books to local school children. Our chapter logged 573 volunteer hours.

Our chapter supplied the Beckley Veteran's Hospital supplies from their request list to include clothing, toilet items, blankets/throws, and snacks, with a value of \$300.

We proudly report 65% of our members subscribe to the American Spirit; that includes all of our active members.

We are currently working on two sets of application papers for submission to National.

Peters Mountain Chapter ~ Caroline Klezli, Regent ~ 2022

Even while avoiding COVID germs our chapter has managed to stay somewhat active. We had 8 meetings.

Our chapter has been serving the local Rotary Club dinner once a month to boost our chapter bank balance. We have done this with three (3) members doing the cooking for the group and two (2) members doing the actual serving and clean-up and monetary donations for food being made by other members. We did this in an attempted to keep our members from being exposure to viruses as much as possible. We have changed our meal style which has been eagerly accepted by the Rotary Group who has asked us to now feed them twice a month. Our one 94-year-old member continues to make hot rolls for every meal! They think we are good cooks!

Our members, despite the changes in DAR schools have not lost their love for the Schools. We have shifted some of our special projects to Hindman Settlement School, sending monetary donations, seeds, and materials for craft projects to Hindman. We have friended a teacher in a local elementary school which is still teaching history and is, as most teachers, in need of assistance and materials. We are looking forward to helping her efforts to teach American History.

We continued in our long-standing tradition of putting flags in five local cemeteries for the Memorial Day weekend having placed approximately 500 flags on the graves of these brave men and women. In addition to placing flags for the Memorial Day weekend, we placed flags in these same cemeteries for Veterans' Day. We solicited the assistance of the JROTC from Pikeview High School in Mercer County and the Rowe-Jones American Legion Post 145 to help with the

placement of these flags. Following the morning's work, two of our members served lunch to the group of approximately 30. The American Legion donated 144 new flags for our continued project to replace flags which had been destroyed in a Flag Retirement Ceremony earlier in the year.

Our members are volunteering in our community through their churches, nursing homes, and food pantries. They participate in church services, Bible studies, and memorial services. Throughout COVID they have been allowed to visit with residents by 'window visitation' with the residents placing their hands on their windows and requesting prayer. At Christmas we met outside the windows of one local nursing home and sang carols. It was an event enjoyed by those singing and those inside the facility listening and singing along. Our members donated books to that nursing home who continues to work on an in-house library for their residents, and books to local churches for their libraries as well.

Our chapter supplied the Beckley Veteran's Hospital supplies from their request list to include clothing, adult diapers, toilet items, handmade blankets and throws with a value of \$400.

We proudly report 65% of our members subscribe to the American Spirit; that includes all of our active members.

We are currently working on one set of application papers for submission to National and have one new prospect.

Shenandoah Valley Chapter ~ Margaret Ways - 2020

April 2019 our Chapter Meeting Program was on Cookbooks: Our American Heritage. Members brought their favorite Family Heritage covered dish or dessert. Twelve Chapter Members attended the WVDAR State Conference held in Martinsburg, WV. Shenandoah Valley Chapter hosted the Saturday evening dinner for the conference.

May Program for our meeting was on Women in the American Revolution. Jerell Wright, 1st Vice Regent laid a wreath at the Adam Stephens Monument for the opening ceremonies of the Martinsburg Heritage Days. Barby Frankenberry represented our chapter at the Mindy Davis, WVDAR Regent's Gold Star Mother Memorial Dedication in Fairmont, WV.

June was busy as the chapter held the annual "Thank You Dinner" for our local Veterans. Margie Ways Chapter Regent attended and laid a wreath during Mindy Davis, WVDAR State Regent's dedication of the Gold Star Mother Memorial at the Library at Point Pleasant, WV on June 20th. Margie Ways, Barby Frankenberry, and Penny Hoeflinger attended the West Virginia "Gold Star" Breakfast at the J. W. Marriott in Washington, D.C. Margie Ways and Penny Hoeflinger attend the 128th Continental Congress to vote for the new Vice President General's, especially our own West Virginia candidate Mindy Davis!

July was 2019-2020 planning for the chapter to complete the Chapter Yearbook for 2019-2020 program year. Margie Ways, Regent attended the Southern District Meeting in Princeton, WV on July 13th and the Western District Meeting in Point Pleasant, WV on July 27th.

August was busy with our Chapter hosting the Eastern District Meeting, Arden, WV on August 10th. Margie Ways, Regent attended the Central District Meeting in

Parsons, WV on August 17th and the Northern District Meeting in Parkersburg, WV on August 24th.

September was a full month. Margie Ways, Regent and Barbara Frankenberry, Constitution Chair decorated the Martinsburg-Berkeley County Library Display windows for Constitution Week, 9-11, and Bells Across America. These two members also met with local government, schools, clubs to have 16 Proclamations signed during Constitution Week. Chapter members met on the steps of the Berkeley County Courthouse steps to ring a bell for “Bells Across America”. The chapter meeting program was Constitution Jeopardy. Margie Ways and Barby Frankenberry were guest speakers at the 60th Anniversary of the Adams Stephen Memorial Association.

October was Day of Service where members met at the Morgan Morgan Monument in Bunker Hill to clean up and plant mums. The chapter meeting was a joint meeting with the local C.A.R. chapter. The children made Christmas Cards to thank our local veterans.

November was laying a wreath at the Doughboy Monument on Veteran’s Day and a luncheon following.

December was our annual Christmas meeting with a program on “Christmas in Colonial America.” Tins of cookies were put together to deliver to our local service personnel.

January 2020 program, DAR Museum Outreach was given by Barby Frankenberry, National Chair, DAR Museum Outreach.

March was our annual American History Essay Winners Reception.

Shenandoah Valley Chapter ~ Margaret Ways, Regent – 2021

The year began with a great start! We met at the Arden United Methodist Church, Family Life Center on January 9, 2020. Barby Frankenberry, Past Curator General, National Chair DAR Museum Outreach, and Chapter Treasurer presented a program on DAR Museum Outreach. February 2020 was quiet as we did not have a meeting.

“The Voyage of the Mayflower” was the topic for the DAR American History Essay Contest and the chapter held a reception for the winners on Wednesday, March 4, 2021. Margie Ways, Regent, welcomed the students, parents and teachers. Jan Chancey, American History Essay Chair, presented the awards.

By the end of March 2020, the pandemic had hit! April 2020 was a bust with no meeting. In May, Margie Ways, Regent, personally delivered the Good Citizens Awards to the local High School Seniors that were generally presented at the High School Senior Awards, but the ceremonies were held virtually. We held a Zoom meeting in May and August. The Chapter planning meeting for the 2020-2021 program year was held with the Board of Management during July.

September, Constitution Week, was our most ambitious month thanks to Barby Frankenberry, Constitution Chair. Margie Ways and Barby Frankenberry decorated the 4 display windows at the Martinsburg-Berkeley County Library. Two windows displayed our Founding Fathers and Constitution information. Bells Across America displayed a 3rd and 9-11 the 4th. Articles and pictures of the displays appeared in the Martinsburg Journal. Constitution Proclamations were signed by the Mayor of

Martinsburg, Berkley County Council, and local schools. September 17, 2020, Constitution Day was a big hit. The Chapter rang bells on the steps of the Berkley County Court House and Barbara Frankenberry rang the Court House bell at 4 p.m. The group arrived at the Berkley County Judicial Center at 4:30 p.m. where Judge Laura Faircloth, Judicial District 23 and Shenandoah Valley member presented the program “Constitution and the Court System”. Chapter members served as the jury for the court room as Judge Faircloth explained how the Constitution is used in jury trials.

Shenandoah Valley Chapter Day of Service was held on Thursday, October 8, 2020, at Morgan Morgan Monument planting mums and cleaning around the monument. Later that evening an in-person meeting was held at 6:00 p.m. The first since Covid-19 outbreak in March. Members wore masks and social distanced.

A Veterans Day Ceremony was held at the War Memorial Park in Martinsburg, WV on November 11, 2020. This event had previously been cancelled. The Shenandoah Valley Chapter, NSDAR, revived the event and coordinated the event with the American Legion Post 14. Due to Covid-19 the ceremony was limited to 25 with wreath presenters and a few special guests. All participants were asked to wear a mask and social distance. This was the first time the ceremony was held at the park. Each year the service was held at the Doughboy monument in downtown Martinsburg. The doughboy monument has been removed and stored until funding is raised for it to be sent for refurbishment.

The chapter finished up the 2020 year with a Zoom meeting in early December. This will definitely be a year we will never forget!

Shenandoah Valley ~ Margaret Bean Ways. Regent 2022

Greetings from the Daughters of the Shenandoah Valley Chapter. We are pleased to report that we had numerous activities since our last conference.

In April 2021, the Shenandoah Valley Chapter participated in Earth Day by cleaning up around the Morgan Morgan Monument and planting spring flowers. After completing the clean-up, we met at Kings Italian Restaurant to enjoy dinner and cover some business items.

During May 2021, we had a Yard Sale fund raiser that netted our Chapter over \$600 to help boost our chapter treasury. Good Citizen awards were presented to a male and female student at the four Berkeley County High Schools. The chapter participated in the Memorial Day wreath laying and ceremony. Our chapter treasurer created the lovely program that was handed out to the people in attendance.

July 2021 brought about the Planning meeting for 2022 and during August the 2021-2022 Yearbook was created.

Constitution Week was observed throughout the month of September 2021. Margie Ways, Regent, and Barby Frankenberry decorated four displays in the entrance to the Martinsburg-Berkeley County Library at the beginning of September. Our Chapter Meeting on September 3rd kicked off our month-long events of Constitution Week. The program was on 20-year Anniversary of 9/11. Throughout September we signed proclamations at the Martinsburg City Council, Berkeley County Council, several high schools, middle schools, Arden 4-H, and

rang Bells on the Court House Steps for Bells Across America at 4:00 p.m. on September 17th.

October 11, 2021, the members participated in a day of service at the Morgan Morgan Monument. The monument was scrubbed down. The area around the monument was raked, grass trimmed, and mums were planted. Shenandoah Valley Chapter celebrated the Chapter's 100th Anniversary. Shenandoah Valley became 100 years old on April 28, 2021, but due to Covid it was postponed until October 26th. Many chapter members and other Chapter daughters attended as well as the Eastern District Director, Gail Potter, State Vice Regent, Jane Larke, and the State Regent. Margie Ways, Chapter Regent and Barby Frankenberg, Treasurer shared information about the chapter over the last 100 years.

Veterans Day, November 11, 2021, was celebrated by the Chapter at the Veteran's Day Wreath laying ceremony at the Martinsburg War Memorial Park. Margie Ways, Regent laid the wreath for the chapter. Members of the chapter handed out the programs to attendees. Following the ceremony, the chapter met at Kings Italian Restaurant for a meeting and lunch.

December 2021 was our Christmas meeting at the home of Vice Regent, Jerell Wright. The members enjoy a program about the 10 things you didn't know about Christmas. Margie Ways presented the Chapter Banner that was given to the chapter in October by Ye Towne of Bath Chapter.

January 2022 was a cold and snowy month, so members enjoyed being home with their families. In February 2022, the members enjoy a program about the American History of the Loom & Rugs. We finished up the year in March 2022 with a reception honoring our American History Essay Winners.

South Branch Valley Chapter ~ JoeAnn Eye, Regent - 2020

South Branch Valley Chapter had an outstanding year. Our Darlene Frederick was awarded Outstanding State Member for Commemorative Events at State Conference and went on to be recognized by the Department of Defense at Continental Congress.

Chapter programs were informative and inspirational. They included: Civil War Battles in Hardy County, D-Day, Indians of the South Branch Valley, a visit to Ft. Pleasant Meeting House (c. 1812), Peters Cottage at Tamassée, and Women of Hope and Faith.

We recognized six seniors at six local high schools as Good Citizens, sent packages and cards to active servicemen, donated handbags filled with personal items to a local women's crisis center, cleaned a Historic building prior to Heritage Weekend, delivered books, magazines, socks, devotionals, calendars, usable cards and personal care items to the Veterans Administration Center in Martinsburg, WV.

Our chapter was represented at a Gold Star Mothers dedication, at memorial services, and numerous veteran events.

We also supported DAR Schools through labels, troops through coupons, and volunteered over 6,000 Service to America hours to our schools, churches and communities in our 4 counties.

Sadly, we lost two members to death. Pauline Harman was a member for 43 years and Janet Pyles a member of only nine months. We welcomed six new members by application, two associate members, submitted four supplementals,

and are actively working with our prospective member list.

South Branch Valley Chapter ~ JoeAnn Eye, Regent – 2021

South Branch Valley Chapter had a particularly challenging year. Due to Covid19 safety guidelines, we had to cancel, postpone, and reconfigure our meetings and other activities.

While presented with in-person restraints, we were able to recognize: High School Good Citizens, a local veteran for his dedicated display of the American Flag. Revolutionary War Patriots buried in our area, a Christopher Columbus essay participant, 5 local soldiers who gave the ultimate sacrifice in the Vietnam War, and 4 Women in American History.

This year South Branch Valley Chapter was awarded: Chapter Achievement Award Level 1, second Place for the Blanche L. Reymann Scholarship Fund, Literacy Challenge Recognition, Outstanding Service for Service to America East Central Division Vice Chair to Judith Bowyer, and New Member Course Independent Project Award to Teresa Lomasney. Thirteen of our members were acknowledged by State Regent Cheryl Brown for choosing the profession of education.

We sent cards and packages to active servicemen, collected money and books for Peters Cottage at Tamassee, donated items to the Veterans Administration Center in Martinsburg, WV, and participated in a Day of Community Service. Despite COVID restrictions, we volunteered 2000+ Service to America hours. It is with great delight our chapter welcomed eleven new members and one new associate member. And it is with great sorrow to report the loss of one lovely lady to death. Mary Frost Rowe was a dear friend to all and our Constitution expert.

Hopefully next year will allow us to meet in person, host our district meeting, and return to more active participation in our schools, churches, and communities.

South Branch Valley Chapter ~ Joe Ann Eye, Regent ~ 2022

South Branch Valley Chapter had a very productive year in 2021, despite Covid restrictions and hurdles.

We developed computer and zoom skills in order to communicate until we could meet in person.

We recognized 6 seniors with Good Citizen Awards, revised our Bylaws, attended a Gold Star Mothers Living Memorial Tree Dedication Ceremony, donated books to Peters Cottage at Tamassee, attended a Revolutionary War Cemetery Dedication Ceremony, hosted the Eastern District meeting, donated a “Sunshine Box” to a local elementary school, donated books and personal care items to our local VA center, participated in a Day of Service by soft cleaning headstones and compiling a documentation binder of the cemetery, and honored Constitution Week with public displays and radio minutes.

Programs included: The Boston Massacre, The American Flag, The National Anthem, The Constitution, Preservation Framing, Duties of Officers, DAR Genealogical Records Data and in recognition of Armed Forces Day we shared mementos and photos of family members who served in the military.

This year South Branch Valley Chapter was awarded: Chapter Achievement Award Level 1, largest percentage increase for 2019-2022, 2nd place for the highest total Chapter Achievement Award points for 2020, Outstanding Service and Support of Project Patriot, DAR Service to Women Veterans, We Can Do It Membership Challenge Award, no member resignations or drops, 10% or higher Net Membership Increase, Radiant Level for Luminary Challenge and member Judy Bowyer received an award for Outstanding Service as Division Vice Chair for Service to America.

South Branch Valley donated 3,234 service hours to schools, churches and communities in our 4-county area.

Tanner's Cross Roads Chapter ~ Vickie Baker, Regent - 2020

I, Vickie Baker, Regent, Tanner's Cross Roads Chapter was very excited to complete the organization of the chapter. On March 5, 2019, the National Society DAR BOM confirmed the organization of the Tanner's Cross Roads Chapter, with 12 members. April and May were extremely busy finalizing tasks to allow the chapter to conduct its business. Bylaws were written and approved. A bank was selected and checking account opened. On June 1, 2019, the Tanner's Cross Roads, NSDAR, hosted a confirmation celebration. Our celebration was attended by 52 people from throughout West Virginia, including State Regent Mindy Davis. The flag procession was performed by WVSAR Color Guard led by Ed Cromley.

As a group we visited the traveling Korean War Memorial in Ravenswood. As a service to our community, the ladies collected the items required for a Missing Man Table. The items were stored in a plastic container and made available for community members check out from the local library.

I had the privilege of representing Tanner's Cross Roads at the 2019 West Virginia State Conference and 128th Continental Congress.

As part of the DAR Day of Service, we collected flags during the Black Walnut Festival. During our October meeting, we conducted a Flag Acceptance Ceremony with the help of the local Girl Scout Troop. The Girl Scout leader was provided with a copy of the flag code as related to the proper retirement of the American flag. The girls took the collected flags and performed the flag retirement according to the Flag Code. As part of the DAR Project Patriot, we collected 1.829 coupons to send overseas. The coupons were divided between bases for each branch of the armed forces.

For Christmas, we collected money to send in Christmas cards for the students at Tamasee DAR School. In addition, socks and sweatpants were collected for the local nursing home. As well as bird seed so the patients at the local long-term care facility can feed the birds.

Members of the Tanner's Cross Roads Chapter look forward learning more about the DAR organization as Rise and Shine for America and Soar to New Heights.

Tanner's Cross Roads Chapter ~ Vickie Baker, Chapter Regent - 2021

The Tanner's Cross Roads Chapter started 2020 with excitement and enthusiasm. Since most of the chapter members were new to DAR, the ladies were

excited to learn about the society and incorporating the society's work into the community.

We began planning a celebration of Col. Ruby Bradley. City leaders felt that it is important to remind the community of Col. Bradley's accomplishment in preparation for the replacement of the bridge named for Col Bradley. Unfortunately, the pandemic required the celebration to be postponed. We look forward to celebrating Col Bradley in the future. We placed the 100th anniversary display received from the National Archives at the county courthouse in the county clerk's office.

Members made face masks for local emergency services and schools. Also, members collected plastic lids for our local elementary school reuse as a playground bench. Members sent items to active service members. Members ordered items from the Amazon wish lists for Hindman Settlement School and Tamassee DAR School. Coke Reward codes were entered for Tamassee DAR School, KDS DAR School (elementary, middle, high), Crossnore School, and Chemawa Indian School.

Tanner's Cross Roads ~ Vickie Baker, Regent ~ 2022

Tanner's Cross Roads Chapter NSDAR has been very busy in 2021 promoting the three missions of NSDAR: historical preservation, patriotism and education. During the reporting period, we added 4 new members, including 1 junior member. The chapter experienced the first deceased member. As a relative new chapter, new members are being recruited by word of mouth. New members receive a copy of their approved application, a membership card, a name tag, and some information about service to America. Members are also working to learn about the application process to be able to help new members and submit supplemental applications.

Our highlight event for this year was sponsoring a historical portrayal of Col. Ruby Bradley by interpreter Betty Bolte Park. She shared the experience of Col. Bradley during WW2 and the Korean Conflict. The chapter was joined by two local Girl Scout Troop who performed the flag ceremony. The portrayal was conducted in the Historic Roby Theater. History of the theater, as the oldest continuously operating theater, was also provided.

Also, Tanner's Cross Roads members are very involved in promoting historic preservation by working in historical societies, including the Roane County Historical Society and the Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants Society. They are also focusing on the history of the Native Americans of the area.

During the local strife between the community and law enforcement, the members decided to show support for local law enforcement. The members purchased and delivered pizza to town hall for city police, courthouse for the sheriff's department, and state police detachment. The gesture was greatly appreciated. All three groups posted pictures and thank you on their Facebook page.

For Constitution Week, the membership delivered posters to local schools and libraries. The local private school agreed to allow members to present information about the Constitution. After the newspaper reported the activity with pictures.

Some of the public schools requested a similar presentation. The local Boy Scout troop requested a presentation about the U.S. Constitution and flag code.

Other patriotic activity included the collection items requested by our local VA hospital, supporting a New Horizon project of a member from another chapter by sending money for Honor Flight, sending items as requested by DAR Project Patriot national projects. Additional, Christmas cards were sent to military personnel.

Member collected plastic lids for a local elementary school. The lids were sent to be converted into a bench for the school grounds. Membership also collects clothing for local school clothes closet for students who need to change during the school day. Some members assist local elementary schools with the art program.

Hindman Settlement School is supported by Tanner's Cross Roads through the Amazon Smile program and the school's Amazon wish list.

Trans-Allegheny Chapter ~ Kelly Goodwin, Regent - 2020

Four Trans-Allegheny Chapter, NSDAR Daughters attended the State Conference in April 2019 held in Martinsburg. Elected as State Treasurer was Kelly Goodwin. The State Regent appointed Pat Goodwin as State Parliamentarian. Later, Christina Rumbach and Tabitha Murray received appointments as Co-Chairs of Junior Membership Committee and Deloris Nelson received an appointment as DAR Schools Committee Chair.

In May the Past Chapter Regent, Christina Rumbach installed Chapter Regent Kelly Goodwin, along with new officers. Two Daughters attended the Continental Congress held in Washington, DC and served on the Corridor Hostess Committee. DAR Magazine recognized the Chapter for earning the bronze level in magazine sales.

In July and August Chapter Daughters attended District Meetings held throughout the state and led and/or participated in leadership workshops for Chapter Officers. Two Chapter members received recognition from the State Regent for being State Chairs or Co-Chairs of Committees.

Trans-Allegheny Chapter held its September meeting to recognize Patriot Day and Constitution Week, September 17-25. Members placed Constitution Week displays in local libraries and banks. Five Chapter members presented donations of books and money to the Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center.

Four members attended a State Genealogy Workshop held at the Days Inn in Flatwoods. Those in attendance participated in a "One In A Million" video for National.

The Chapter Treasurer sent member donations to National for the Ad, CAA, DAR Schools, DAR Magazines, and to State for State Regent's Projects, Blanche L. Reymann scholarship, veterans, West Virginia Peters Cottage at Tamassee DAR School utilities, grave markers, and savings.

Trans-Allegheny Chapter gained four new members with two being inducted in October 2019 and February 2020, one transferred from Tennessee. DAR Day of Service members cleaned the Museum of American Glass in West Virginia in Weston.

The Chapter participated in the WVDAR DAR Good Citizens competition and selected Lewis County High School senior Jared Griffith as its winner. He joined Trans-Allegheny Daughters in the Weston Veteran's Day Parade and Chapter

luncheon where he received recognized by members. The WVDAR DAR Good Citizens Committee Chair Brenda Durham announced that the state committee had selected Mr. Griffith to represent WVDAR as its male recipient of the 2020 Award.

To recognize Historic Preservation, Trans-Allegheny members attended a Christmas luncheon hosted at Adaland Mansion in Philippi. Regent Kelly Goodwin presented the Adaland Mansion Historic Society a donation from the Chapter.

Members provided the Chapter Regent with information to include in the Chapter Master Report in January.

During the February Chapter meeting, members selected delegates and alternates to attend the 115th State Conference to be held at the Bridgeport Conference Center. Members also selected representatives to Continental Congress. Our Chapter members answered a call for donations toward Phase II of the State Regent's Project and the box and seal in DC with donations totaling \$450.

Madam State Regent, it has been a pleasure serving as Chapter Regent during your administration.

Trans-Allegheny Chapter ~ Kelly Goodwin, Regent - 2021

As Chapter Regent of Trans-Allegheny Chapter, NSDAR, I must say 2020 began with a Bang! Historic Preservation, Commemorative Events, and American History highlighted the first two months of our programs. Our first meeting in February was an exciting pre-view program, created and presented by member Pat Goodwin. Dressed in a period gown and shoes, Pat presented her program, "George Through Martha's Eyes," providing stories about George and Martha Washington, period music, clothing, and artifacts of Colonial times. Beginning the next week and continuing for two weeks, over 700 elementary students participated in her inter-active program she coordinated with school music professionals.

Our planned March meeting, cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic, would have provided member participation to wear suffragette clothing and honor various West Virginia and national suffragettes and celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. However, Pat Goodwin, who had previously collaborated an hour-long program based on the Suffragette Movement and celebration of the 19th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution with the Social Studies Department at our local high school, participated, prior to the closing of schools, in two hour-long programs which included social studies, music, and art teachers, as well as various of educators and students who dressed in period clothing, sang songs, provided art and posters and characterizations of suffragettes and events that took place during the Movement. Wearing a suffragette costume, Pat portrayed Susan B. Anthony. Eight hundred students attended the performances.

Commemorative Events, Conservation, and American History, such as Arbor Day, Day of Prayer, Memorial Day, D-Day, Independence Day, Constitution Week, Patriot Day, DAR Day of Service, and Pearl Harbor were recognized by the chapter.

COVID-19 kept Trans-Allegheny Chapter members quarantined until September when members "masked up" to visit officials at the Louis A. Johnson Veterans Medical Center in Clarksburg to donate money, books, and toiletries.

Three new members, Alexis Devericks, Alecia Edwards, and Rebecca Baldwin were given the Oath of Membership and welcomed into the chapter. Two additional members were verified by December 2020 which aided our chapter in meeting the President General's Membership Challenge. In October our chapter recognized Breast Cancer and Domestic Violence Months and make a donation to our regional HOPE, Inc. to assist victims of domestic violence. Chapter members also participated in DAR Day of Service by visiting local cemeteries and cleaning tombstones of Revolutionary War Patriots. They also gathered data to include in the State Regent's Project burial book which will contain biographical, service, burial information of Patriots buried in West Virginia. To date, 101 burial forms and tombstone pictures have been submitted for inclusion in the State Regent's Project. In November, members participated in the recognition of Native American History Month by viewing a digitized program on the history of Native Americans created by three chapter members, sampling native foods, listening to native music, and examining native pottery depicting Storytellers, ancient genealogists.

In spite of COVID-19 restrictions, our chapter has managed to grow in membership and support the goals of DAR: God, Home, and Country.

Westmoreland Chapter ~ Marilyn Oppenheimer, Regent - 2020

Westmoreland Chapter experienced a 15% membership increase and started work to secure our own headquarters. Sixteen women signed interest forms with five pending.

April: U.S. Congressional Medal of Honor recipient Hershel "Woody" Williams spoke to a full house at Woodlands Retirement Community.

May: Officer Elections.

June: Past State Regent Mindy Davis and Western District Director April Norris visited for swearing in of new officers.

September: Robert Thompson, WV House of Delegates member and local historian spoke for Constitution Week.

October: Linda Whaley, WV UDC President, spoke of Wayne County pioneer Amanda Osburn. "Aunt Mandy" outlived three husbands, was a respected business owner, and a staunch supporter of women's rights.

November: Erna Lett shared for the first time in public the story of her late husband Corney Lett who served in the Air Force during WW II and was twice shot down in airplanes. This program at Woodlands was a combined meeting with Buford.

December: Our Christmas luncheon was held at Ceredo's Ramsdell House, a last stop on The Underground Railroad.

In 2019, Westmoreland started "Wayne County (WV) Revolutionary War Soldiers" on Facebook. It has 145 members and features information on patriots buried in the county. We designed and began selling shirts with the original U.S. flag on the front. On the back, the words "They Had My Back" and our patriots. Proceeds will fund NSDAR markers.

We continue to sell our Bethel Park Memorial Park Cemetery books written by chapter members documenting a historically black cemetery in our area. Two members were interviewed for a documentary on the cemetery's history and restoration.

We are honored to have the Hershel "Woody" Williams VAMC in our county. Two members are weekly volunteers. VAVS Representative Linda Parsons'

HODAR picks up unsold magazines, paperback books, and puzzle books from local stores and delivers them to the VAMC and Barboursville Veterans Home helping our veterans' donations total \$10,846.00. Two members deliver cards (handmade by one) to the VAMC and Veterans Home each holiday. One makes certain each Veterans Home resident is remembered on their birthday. Members attended the groundbreaking for West Virginia's first Fisher House to be located at our VAMC.

We participated in the Ceredo-Kenova and Huntington Veterans Parades. Our Chapter Regent walked the C-K parade route thanking each veteran personally.

Westmoreland participated in the 8th Veterans & Spouses Picnic. Members took food tickets and served free food to over 1,250 military, veterans, spouses, and families.

We attended Honor Flight Huntington's Welcome Home ceremonies greeting veterans returning from Washington, D.C. One member was a guardian for a WW II veteran. One created handmade thank you cards and another had children in her church and a kindergarten class color cards for veterans. We stayed until the last veteran left the plane.

On Constitution Day, our Regent dressed as Betsy Ross in a costume made by her sister (a Westmoreland Daughter) and performed that day at the Wayne Library. We gave U.S. Flag bookmarks and patriotic coloring books to 70 children.

Westmoreland Chapter ~ Marilyn Oppenheimer, Regent - 2021

With every action taken, Westmoreland Chapter strives to make the world around them a better place. Covid may have slowed our efforts this year, but it has not stopped us. We lost two members to death and gained one in membership, with one transfer pending.

Work on our new headquarters in the former Ceredo Elementary School is progressing nicely with donations from members of a small refrigerator, microwave, TV, office supplies, printer, framed historical pictures, etc. We just received free internet service which will allow us to meet with prospective members and work on applications, do genealogy research, conduct Zoom meetings and more.

We have been using Zoom to meet. Our speakers have included: Dr. Terry L. Hapney, Marshall University Public Relations/Journalism Professor; Teresa Boyes, Volunteer Services Director at the Hershel "Woody" Williams VAMC; and Dan and Amy Johnson, Directors of Honor Flight Huntington.

Westmoreland had the following State winners: Outstanding Veteran Volunteer, Adam Greathouse; Outstanding DAR Volunteer, Deborah Hoback; and Outstanding Teacher of American History, Robert Thompson. Linda Parsons was Chair of each committee.

One member hand makes cards for each holiday and another delivers them to the Veterans Home in Barboursville each holiday. Four members made 182 masks during the pandemic.

For National DAR Day of Service, we did three collections in October - all for veterans - two for hospitalized veterans at the Woody Williams VAMC and one for the Homeless Veterans Resource Center.

We joined WV Gold Star Mothers and the Town of Ceredo for Wreaths Across America at Crescent Hill Cemetery, assisting in placing wreaths on the graves of 166 Wayne County veterans. We've been asked to play a larger role next year and are

currently assisting the cemetery board in trying to obtain military markers for the veterans who have none.

Our VAVS Representative, Linda Parsons, attended by teleconference four VAVS meetings in 2020 and reported on the same at our chapter meetings.

This summer, the call went out from Harmony House for help for an 80-year old Korean War and Vietnam War veteran. The man, who was homeless, had just received an efficiency apartment and needed help setting it up. Our Service for Veterans Chair, Linda LeMaster, immediately took on the challenge and organized a collection drive where our members donated many items for his home.

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Westmoreland ~ Marilyn Oppenheimer, Regent ~ 2022

Westmoreland Chapter served God, Home & Country this year in numerous ways. We met in person at our headquarters and via Zoom; attended community events and patriotic celebrations; organized fundraisers for those in need; and, supported one another.

Westmoreland Chapter had the following WV 2021 State winners: Outstanding Veteran Volunteer, Adam Greathouse; Avis C. Marcum Outstanding DAR Volunteer, Deborah Hoback; and Outstanding Teacher of American History, Robert Thompson. All were recognized at Western District and presented with flags flown over Memorial Hall and both gentlemen spoke. For 2022, Sam Cochenour, Jr. has been named WV Outstanding Teacher of American History.

Westmoreland's Regent, Marilyn Oppenheimer, was elected Western District Director for the upcoming three-year term. Our VAVS Representative, Linda Parsons, attended by four VAVS meetings in 2021 and reported on them at our chapter meetings. We welcomed two members and received one transfer. We lost our beloved June Ashworth, Treasurer and Honorary Regent this year. After her passing, June's husband donated the remaining hardback copies of a book she had authored, "Walker Family History (Early Orange, Giles, Cabell, Wayne Counties of VA)" to Westmoreland to be sold with the proceeds to go to the chapter.

For National Day of Service, Westmoreland collected over \$1,700.00 of cash, hand sanitizer dispensers, hand sanitizer, clothing, food, hygiene items, etc. for VA Homeless Veterans Resource Center in Huntington. Other projects during the year included the Woody Williams VAMC, Fisher House, and the Barboursville Veterans Home.

We cleaned and decorated the Princess Aracoma marker in Logan. It was originally erected by the Princess Aracoma Chapter in 1936. A rededication is planned for the spring. We attended the highway marker unveiling of Revolutionary War Patriots Dr. Cary Henry Hampton and Adam Crum.

We participated in the Huntington Annual Community Memorial Day Celebration, C-K and Huntington Veterans Day Parades, Tenth Annual Military and Veterans Appreciation Picnic for all military, veterans and their families where over 1,200 were served, the 80th Anniversary of Pearl Harbor. We were a sponsor with Ceredo of Wreaths Across America and honored 174 veterans this December

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Westmoreland Chapter administers a public Chapter Facebook page with Chapter events, NSDAR links, information on the Revolutionary War and other historical facts, well wishes on national holidays, community news, information on how to join DAR, Facebook posts from our President General (e.g., Our Patriot podcasts), etc.

Wheeling Chapter, Debi Smith, Regent - 2020

The Wheeling Chapter Daughters have been very busy *soaring to new heights* to serve America! Each month included a wonderful and exciting new project to promote DAR objectives!

The year began with donating a large basket for the Northern District meeting to raise funds for the Tamasee Cottage State project.

The Chapter joined the Wheeling 250 celebration by co-hosting a Memorial Celebration for the founders of Wheeling, Ebenezer and Betty Zane with the Fort Henry SAR. The Wheeling Chapter re-vamped the Graveyard by planting 27 ferns and mums and provided refreshments. Then off to the Wheeling 250 parade where we participate in the parade which included the WVU Marching Band and special guest E. Gordon Gee, President of WVU. Members Jeanne Finstein and Debi Smith were appointed by Wheeling Mayor Glenn Elliot to serve on the Wheeling 250 Committee representing DAR.

Memorial Day included a booth at Fort Henry Days at Oglebay. We acquired two Associate Members from Washington State and Ohio. The daughter from Ohio is a retired Judge and her melatto Patriot survived Foreman's Massacre at McMechon. The Wheeling Chapter places flowers each year and totally restored the monument in 2017.

October brought a service day to clean and prepare the Madonna of the Trail monument for winter and a 90th Birthday party. We welcomed a new member and visited graveyards for the Patriot project.

November included a Veterans Day Dinner honoring our Veterans and Wheeling's Veterans Outreach where we gave a donation to the cause.

The December meeting was held in conjunction with the Fort Henry Chapter SAR at the Stifel Mansion in Wheeling. The Stifels were members of the Wheeling Chapter. The Pitts Sisters entertained us with their lovely voices and \$200 in toys and monies were donated to the Wheeling Soup Kitchen. Chapter

Regent Debi Smith was honored with the presentation of the Martha Washington SAR award for service to SAR.

The February meeting was sweet! Chapter member Cheryl Rawson presented a program on “the History of Cookies” which included a homemade cookbook and 10 types of cookies, which we were allowed to take home in special cookie boxes. We also presented our American History Essay winner her award. Her family joined us and were so excited as they are immigrants from Pakistan. Our winner received second place in the State for her entry. February also brought recognition of Chapter member Lisa McNeil for the West Virginia History Hero 2020 in Charleston.

Our March meeting was held with special speaker C. J. Plogger who is a Reverend and historian on the Moundsville Penitentiary. Wow! The stories he told! We also donated to the historical renovation of the DOUGHBOY STATUE IN Wheeling which is only 1 of four statues that remain out of 14 honoring our Doughboys in WWII.

The Wheeling Chapter remains strong and is excited to shine on!

Wheeling Chapter ~ Debi Smith, Regent – 2021

The Wheeling Chapter *soars to new heights* for WVDAR! We shared monthly newsletters and planned projects by the phone.

*Flowers were placed on the Madonna of the Trail monument each season as well as The Foreman Massacre monument in McMechen .

*Members work with Veterans by taking them to appointments.

*Chaplain Roseanna Keller published 8 new interviews with Vietnam Veterans!

*Wheeling supports our State Regent projects by donating towards the Tamasee Cottage Renovation, researching 4 Counties for the Patriot Burial Book and teaching Grandchildren how to write in cursive!

*The Wheeling Chapter awarded SAR member Jay Frey with a National DAR Community Service Award!

*Projects now include relocating the McCulloch’s Leap marker and restoring the Fort Van Metre Monument!

*One new member and six perspective members in process!

Yes, the Wheeling Chapter shines like the sun for DAR!

Wheeling Chapter ~ Debi Smith, Regent ~ 2022

The Wheeling Chapter has had a busy year working to promote WVDAR!

*We were able to meet in person each meeting(yay!) with a variety of speakers which included: Alan Fitzpatrick who spoke on” Isaac Zane: White Eagle of the Wyandot”, Rich Knoblich who was so interesting “Tales from a Trickster”, member Barbara McFarland spoke on “Abraham Lincoln” and Judi Tarowsky-“WV Flying Corps.

*Our November and December meeting were held in conjunction with the Wheeling Fort Henry Chapter SAR in which we honored our Veterans, presented awards and introduced new members.

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*Wheeling members Debi Smith and Lisa McNeil supported our State Regents Patriot Burial project by researching 4 Counties and presented 100+ patriots!!

*Projects now include relocating the **McColloch’s Leap** marker and restoring the **Fort Van Metre** Monument which monies are being raised to have them both dedicated this year.

*The Wheeling Chapter donated the Fiesta Basket for the Blanche Reymann Scholarship at State Conference last year (and this year!) and raised an extra \$200+ at Fort Henry Days for the scholarship as well. State Chairman Lisa McNeil presented the Blanche Reymann Scholarship at the Eastern District meeting.

*Members Joan McClelland and Debi Smith attended the Southern District meeting as guests! Joan won 2 prizes at the auction! *Member Cynthia Archer indexed over 20,000+ patriots for the Patriot Index Project!

*We have one new member and five prospective members in process and are very thankful for the help of State Regent Cheryl Brown and Patsy Adkins for helping our chapter with prospective members!

Yes, the Wheeling Chapter continues to shine like the sun for DAR!

William Henshaw Chapter ~ Julia Gates, Regent - 2020

New Officers were installed, and Past Regent was recognized at our June Luncheon. The new officers attended the Eastern District meeting where they participated in Officer Training and plans for WVDAR for the next 3 years. The Eastern District Director Gail Potter visited our Chapter in February to update us regarding the WVDAR Events and State Regent Projects.

September program was on Patrick Henry by Constitution Week Chair Joanne Krishack . His speeches inspired his fellow Virginians to prepare for war with Great Britain. His opposition to the Constitution encouraged the Bill of Rights.

November program was presented by Chapter American Indian Committee Co-Chair Joyce Michels on the Mound Builders of West Virginia.

January 2020 Program was "What is it like to be a NSDAR Officer" by Barbie Frankenberry. She challenged chapter members to be District, State and National Committee Members and Officers.

In February Regent Julia Gates presented her Patriot Ancestor Story and Rededication of the Cemetery and Burial of his remains.

On September 13, 2019, William Henshaw Chapter participated in the 60th Anniversary of the Organization of the Adam Stephen Memorial Association and The Earlier Restoration of the Adam Stephen Monument. Past Regent Nancy Myers created an exhibit of the chapter's contributions to the Restoration of the Adam Stephen Monument and continued participation in tours of the Adam Stephen House and committee to purchase bedroom furniture for the Gen. Stephen bedroom. Mrs. Myers presented a summary at the Opening Night Program.

Constitution Week Over 200 students participated in Constitution Week at Hedgesville Elementary Classroom teachers were supplied with Constitution Week Kits including Work Sheets on the 3 Branches of Government, Constitution Posters and Pocket Constitutions.

Day of Caring was Karaoke Night at Martinsburg Veterans Medical Center on October 11, 2019. DJ Kevin Bowlen donated his services to approximately 50

Veterans. Refreshments and Door Prizes were provided by our chapter members. Approximately 10 Veterans and Chapter Members sang to an appreciative audience.

National American Indian Heritage Month Proclamation was presented to and approved by Berkeley County Council.

American History Essay Contest - 654 essays were submitted to William Henshaw Chapter from 6st, 7th and 8th grade on the theme of 400th Anniversary of the Voyage of the Mayflower. First Place for 6st and 7th grades also won first place on the state level.

On March 7, 2020, William Henshaw NSDAR Chapter held a reception for the first-place winners and their families. The winners read their essays and received Ribbon, Medal and Certificate. State Winners were presented a Plaque from the Chapter.

Naturalization Ceremony: Regent welcomed 40 new US Citizens during Naturalization Ceremony February 28, 2020. Reception was provided following the ceremony.

Chapter participated in the following 2019-20 Events - Wreath Laying at Martinsburg Founder Adam Stephen Monument during Heritage Festival. Chapter was represented at Gold Star Mothers plaque dedication at Point Pleasant on June 20, 2019. Wreath Laying Ceremony at "Dough Boy" Monument on Nov. 11, 2019.

William Henshaw Chapter ~ Julia Gates, Regent - 2021

2020 was the year for challenges, we never expected. We met outside and in small groups and as our Board in the summer.

Constitution Week was celebrated with Constitution Kits of materials shared with 8 classrooms. The kits supplemented a video about the Constitution since handouts were discouraged.

Applications for scholarship for Adults in Nursing Training at James Rumsey Training Institute were made available. There were no applicants. The DAR Good Citizen Award applications were provided to Seniors at a local private High School and no students

responded. With a long history of students participating in the American History Essay Contest, there was hope for participants. 418 students submitted essays. First place winners of 6th, 7th and 8th grade were sent to the state level. The 3 local winners also won at the state level.

Our October program was given by a potential member of local history and artifacts of Native Americans. In October we lost our Historian and American Indian Committee Co-Chair Joyce Michels. Also Associate Member Becky Thornton passed away.

On November 7, 2020, State Regent Cheryl Brown attended our Chapter Meeting. She updated us as to what was going on in the WVDAR and NSDAR. She also shared as a Veteran how important Veterans are in protecting our Country but also appreciate our Patriots. Following the meeting we packed 77 "Blessing Bags" of personal care items and activity books such as crossword puzzles to be delivered to Veterans Area Medical Center.

New Member Cathy Russo was approved in November and installed in January. We look forward to honoring our American History Essay Winners on March 6th.

Not only will they be presented Certificates and Medal but also, they will read their essays to their families but also DAR Members.

William Henshaw Chapter ~ Julia Gates, Regent ~ 2022

Despite the pandemic, the William Henshaw Chapter began 2021 with what was accomplished in 2020 with Officer and Committee Reports for the Master Report and more detailed planning for 2021.

March 6, 2021, our chapter held a reception recognizing the winners of the American History Essay.

Contest Boston Massacre. 418 essays were submitted with the title “Boston Massacre”. The First-Place winners of 6th, 7th and 8th grades were sent to the State Chair and all three won at the State level as well.

State Regent Cheryl Brown visited in April. She updated Daughters on WVDAR Events and news. She provided more instruction on the Patriot Burial Guide Project and update on Tamasee School Peters Cottage. In September, State Regent Brown also presented a 50-year Membership Certificate to Eileen Southerly.

June Luncheon was a casual social luncheon after the Chapter Board meeting.

For Constitution Week our Chapter enjoyed a presentation on little known facts about the US Constitution. One item was that a scribe was paid \$30 to copy 14 original copies of the Constitution.

Vietnam War Veterans were recognized with Certificates at our October meeting. Family members accepted the certificates of Veterans who were deceased or unable to attend. Gloves and personal care items were gathered and taken to local Veterans Administration Medical Center for 100 men and 15 women in December.

In November, Eastern District Director, Gail Potter, visited the Chapter with Eastern District and WVDAR updates. At the same meeting member Kim Steckman shared a history of West Point and her son’s experience of being a cadet.

National Geographic Atlas of Indian Nations and Family Tree Cemetery Guide Books were donated in memory of Joyce Michels and Becky Boltz Thornton to the Martinsburg-Berkeley Library.

Chapter members volunteered over 1,200 hours for the Patriots Burial Guide to research Patriots buried in Berkeley County.

Women’s Issues Committee provided mini programs on Women’s Health on Stroke, Heart Attack and Heart Disease Prevention.

Regent Gates and Registrar Joanne Krishack participated in Veteran’s Day Wreath Laying Ceremony in Martinsburg War Memorial Park. During Heritage Days the Chapter participated in the Wreaths at the town founder Adam Stephen Monument.

We finished the year with a Christmas Luncheon. Our Chapter presented a \$500 Scholarship to a James Rumsey Technical Institute student enrolled in Auto Mechanics from the Ann Henshaw Gardiner Memorial Scholarship. The recipient and her instructor attended our Christmas luncheon. Also, a local archeologist shared from digging sites in the county of early pioneers and a native village site.

Woodburn Chapter ~ Cynthia Harper, Regent ~ 2020

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Woodburn Chapter ~ Joan Gibson ~ Regent ~ 2022

2021 was a challenging year for Woodburn Chapter as 5 members transferred "At Large" to create a chapter in Preston County. However, with hard work, Woodburn Chapter gained members through reinstatements, transfers, and a brand-new DAR member. On May 30, 2021, the Chapter held the first WVDAR dedication of a memorial marker and garden for the 100th Anniversary of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Johnson Chapel Church. Chapter Chaplain, Edie Harper, put in many hours preparing and painting the wall for mounting the plaque along with Chapter Historian Kyleigh Blanchard. She also prepared and planted the appropriate garden along the marker wall. A comprehensive report, written by Regent Cindie Harper, has been sent to the Commemorative Events Committee Chair. Regent Harper obtained a proclamation from Governor Justice for Peace Officers Day. Proclamations were obtained from Governor Justice and Secretary of State Mac Warner for Social Work Month, Veteran's Day, PTSD Awareness Month, and Armed Forces Day. A proclamation for Social Work Month was issued by the Monongalia County Commission. Woodburn Chapter "adopted" the Veterans Bunker located in the WVU Mountainlair student union. Chapter members have delivered a variety of snacks and sweets to be enjoyed by the WVU veteran students. The Chapter nominated Chris Lawrence, creator and host of "WV Outdoors" program (aired Saturday mornings on Metro News since 1994), for the NSDAR Conservation Award. The nomination packet, including required letters of recommendation and supporting materials. Was approved by the WV Conservation Chairman and the WVDAR State Regent, Cheryl Brown, who forwarded it to the National Conservation Chairman. We received the NSDAR Conservation Award certificate and medal from the National Conservation Chairman on March 7, 2022. The certificate and medal are being framed together. The chapter will arrange for it to be appropriately presented to Mr. Lawrence at a future date.

Due to pressures from her job as Medical Social Worker for WVU Medicine and within WVDAR, Cindie Harper resigned as Chapter Regent in October 2021. Honorary Chapter Regent, Joan Gibson, agreed to fill out the term as Regent of Woodburn Chapter. She attended the Special Meeting of the National Society held at DAR Constitution Hall on December 8, 2021, as Woodburn Chapter's voting delegate.

Although a rocky time, the year ended with achievement of a Level 1 on the CAA.

Woodburn Chapter has survived and flourished. All Woodburn Chapter members are thanked for their efforts during 2021.

Ye Towne of Bath ~ Colleen Stotler, Regent - 2020

In 2019, Regent of Ye Towne of Bath Chapter Regent Linda McGraw stated in her report associate member Debbie Popenoe became our volunteer genealogist. She was instrumental in securing three new members at that time. At this time, I can excitedly say that Debbie has added five more members to our roster with one joining in each July, September, and October, and two in January. Another pending member is in the review stage. I can also add that Debbie has become a member of Ye Towne of Bath Chapter by transferring from a Virginia chapter. We are so blessed to be able to welcome her into our group of daughters.

A member of those three became very supportive of our chapter by learning everything she could and can. She has taken the new members courses and became a support system for other members interested in the courses, as well as, becoming a DAR Team member as a course reviewer for members taking the online courses. As part of her projects, she developed care packages for distribution to a local young girl for her Care Package Ministry to local schools, for Eastern Panhandle Empowerment Center located in the local senior center, and also to Veterans in our local nursing home. As part of the EPEC program, Penny Kay Hoeflinger, author and speaker, presented information on human trafficking. As a survivor of child abuse, as well as a parent of children that were stolen and trafficked, she now advocates and educates with an emphasis on prevention.

The County Commission signed our proclamation to recognize September 17-23 as Constitution Week. Members gathered at the Court House and at the oldest Methodist church in town on September 17 at 4:00 pm to ring bells in commemoration of the signing of the US Constitution. Children gathered to do the honor of ringing the church bell. A happy second grade young lady was the winner of an art contest that was held by making a poster on the meaning of the Constitution. Winning a monetary prize was a very big deal to her.

Our Good Citizen student placed first in the state this year. Our American History winners also did very well. Our 5th grade winner won first place and is the state winner. Our 6th grade winner placed 3rd, 7th grade winner placed 2nd, and our 8th grade winner placed 2nd. A daughter, Mary Lynne Herald, won first place in the WVDAR American Heritage Contest for her handcrafted doll. We are so proud of each and every winner this year.

Hopefully with knowledge and confidence, Ye Towne of Bath will continue to grow and participate in many other activities. With the bevy of new members and the experience of current members, we will.

Ye Towne of Bath ~ Colleen Stotler, Regent - 2021

In 2020, Ye Towne of Bath Chapter gained 6 new members with two more on the way! We now have a total of 49 members. We also gained a transfer member with two more showing interest.

We had four members taking the Members Course with one completed. A transfer member is now taking the course, also.

Morgan County became two hundred years old in 2020, so a yearlong celebration took place. Our chapter took part in some of the festivities. The Bicentennial Celebration started with a birthday Party at the Morgan County Courthouse. Ye Towne of Bath Chapter members were present in period costumes to hear the County Commissioners speak. Perspective member Jeanne Mozier gave a history lesson on the beginning of Morgan County. The county was founded by Brigadier General Daniel Morgan, DAR Ancestor #A080333 of VA. Our chapter had Ye Towne of Bath brochures, information about joining DAR, flags and books marks on the Preamble that were given to the public.

The Tea Party in the Park was organized and executed in June to continue the Bicentennial Celebration. A cardboard life-sized replica of Daniel Morgan was there for photo opportunities. Members dressed in period costumes to greet the park officials, county population, as well as the tourists in town. Flags were given to the public to celebrate Flag Day. A membership drive was held. Members spoke to the public along with giving various brochures and items promoting DAR. Tea and various scones and other baked items by the ladies of the chapter were given out to commemorate foods of that era. Local authors were present for book signings of local and state historical genres. Newspaper articles, radio and TV spots also captured the event. We felt that it was a huge success and the chapter voted to hold the Tea Party in the Park again with hopes of expanding in 2021 and in years to come.

Ye Towne of Bath will continue to grow and participate in many other activities. The new members that are joining are bringing new ideas with them. We welcome all who are interested.

Ye Towne of Bath ~ Colleen Stotler, Regent ~2022

As I write this final regents' report, I look back on the years I have spent as regent and marvel at how Ye Towne of Bath Chapter has grown. Each year has brought more to our little group than could be imagined especially with Covid looming in the background. We gained two new members and two associate members, but unfortunately, we lost two matriarchs. We have added 3 perspective members to our list and look forward to them joining soon.

Carolyn Scheydt 1st Vice Regent has continually worked hard yearlong to make our annual event "Tea Party in the Park" in the Berkeley Springs State Park bigger and better every year. State Regent Cheryl Brown has made an appearance each year to support the celebration. During the 2021 tea party we celebrated Flag Day, had a membership drive, educated the public with many types of literature, and of course, enjoyed tea and scones! New members participated because of the fun that was had the first year. More dressed in costume than previously. It was exciting to talk to ladies who may become a future Daughter in our chapter or may join elsewhere because of their visit to our little tea party in the park.

As one tea party finishes another is in process for the following year. We are adding our very own Berkeley Springs High School choir to join us in June of 2022, along with the SAR of Martinsburg, West Virginia. A local author/historian will be available to educate the public about our area, Morgan County. We decided to extend an invitation to other chapters to join in on the fun!

Ye Towne of Bath Chapter stepped into the technology age by offering monthly hybrid meetings, a combination of in person and Zoom, to reach the out of state membership and those unable to attend because of Covid or other reasons. We continue to maintain our Facebook public and private pages and have an email address and website that is maintain continually. An exciting bit of technology happened this year when our financial records were digitized!

Ye Towne of Bath is so proud to report state winners for the American History Essay Contest. We have a third-place winner in sixth grade and a tie for third in the eighth grade. In the new contest Patriots of the American Revolution 9-12 we are most pleased to have the State Winner. Keep up the good work students.

As this term finishes, I hope to continue in the growth of Ye Towne of Bath Chapter. I have learned so much and now can't wait to be more involved in the parts that have sparked an interest and are dear to my heart. Best Wishes to the new officers!

State Chairs of National Committees *Service Committees*

American Heritage ~ P. Toffling, K. Genung, Co-Chairs- 2020

We are pleased to report that five (5) West Virginia Daughters participated in the 2019-2020 American Heritage Contest. Each will receive a First Place State Award at the State Conference. They were:

D. Geneal Bailey – Old Hickory – Fiber Arts – Crochet
Mary Lynne Herald – Ye Towne of Bath – Crafts – Cloth Doll
Carol Anne Evans – Blackwater – Arts and Sculpture – Collage
Darla Treat Courtney – Bee Line – Literature – Poetry 16-30
Kathleen G. Sholl – Pack Horse Ford – Literature – Drama

The following additional awards were given:

Best American Heritage Small Chapter in State – Westmoreland
Best American Heritage Small Chapter –Service for Veterans Project – Lap Blankets for Vets –
Colonel Zackquill Morgan
Best American Heritage Public Event Participation – Festival of Trees – Blackwater
Best American Heritage Large Chapter in State – Pack Horse Ford
Best American Heritage Large Chapter – Service for Veterans Project – Hats for Veterans – Pack Horse Ford
Best American Heritage Large Chapter – Public Events – County Fair – Bee Line
Best American Heritage - Heritage Costume Work - Westmoreland

Best American Heritage – Educational Outreach Program – Marilyn
Oppenheimer & Teresa Melvin – Westmoreland
Best American Heritage – Fundraising Effort – Paint Parties – Capt. James
Allen

Best American Heritage – Heritage Cooking Program – Member Chefs!
Shenandoah Valley

Best American Heritage – Combination Project – Born on 4th of July Quilt and
Fundraising Cards – Pack Horse Ford

Best American Heritage State Report – Pack Horse Ford; this report was
forwarded to the East Central Division Vice Chair for further review.

We look forward to an even more robust contest for 2020 – 2021

American Heritage ~ P. Toffling, K. Genung , Co-Chairs 2021

The American Heritage Committee Co-chairs are pleased to report that seven (7)
West Virginia daughters participated in the 2020-21 National American Heritage
Contest. The following will receive a committee award at the state conference:

Catherine Sams, First Place, WVDAR American Heritage – Fiber Arts – Other
Beeline Chapter, First Place, WVDAR American Heritage – Fiber Arts – Quilt
Top

Mary Herald, First Place, WVDAR American Heritage – Fiber Arts – Historic
Costume

Chris Painter, First Place, WVDAR American Heritage – Literature/Fiction

Georgette Ward, First Place, WVDAR American Heritage – Poetry

Catherine Hinkle, First Place, WVDAR American Heritage – Photography

The following additional awards are to be given:

Best WVDAR American Heritage Small Chapter in State – Westmoreland

Best WVDAR American Heritage Small Chapter – Service for Veterans Project
– Westmoreland

Best WVDAR American Heritage Small Chapter –Most Masks Made to Fight
Pandemic - Westmoreland

Best WVDAR American Heritage Large Chapter in State – Pack Horse Ford

Best WVDAR American Heritage Large Chapter – Service for Veterans Project
– Beeline

Best WVDAR American Heritage Large Chapter – Most Masks Made to Fight
Pandemic – Pack Horse Ford

Best WVDAR American Heritage – Historic Costume Work – Trans-Allegheny

Best WVDAR American Heritage Educational Outreach Program – Trans
Allegheny

Best WVDAR American Heritage – Fundraising Effort – Westmoreland

Best WVDAR American Heritage – Quilts – Blennerhassett

The WVDAR American Heritage Committee sponsored a quilt competition in
2020-21 that rose only to the state level. Six (6) submissions were received. The
following winners are announced:

First Place Deborah Hoback – Quilt

Second Place – Roberta Gellner – Wall Hanging

Third Place – Cheryl Haught – Wall Hanging

The WVDAR American Heritage Committee sponsored a Wall Hanging
competition where the winner would donate their creation to be permanently

displayed at the Josephine C. Peters Cottage at Tamassee School. The winner of the competition was Georgette Ward with her original fabric collage design named “Country Roads”. The State Regent will personally hang the piece in the foyer of the cottage.

The final award is:

Best American Heritage State Report – Pack Horse Ford; this report was forwarded to the East Central Division Vice Chair for further review. We look forward to an even more robust contest for 2020-21.

American Heritage ~ Patricia Toffling & Katherine Genung, Co-Chairs ~ 2022

Three WV daughters participated in the 2021-22 National American Heritage Contest. The following will receive a committee award at the state conference:

First WVDAR American Heritage – Fiber Arts – Quilt Top – Georgette Ward

First WVDAR American Heritage – Fiber Arts – Historic Costume – Andrea Duckworth

First WVDAR American Heritage – Art & Sculpture – Photography – Lillian Eddy

WVDAR Quilt Competition – Winner – Georgette Ward

Best WVDAR Public Performance – Westmoreland

Best WVDAR Large Chapter – Tie - Bee Line & Pack Horse Ford

Best WVDAR Public Performance – Bee Line

Best WVDAR Work – Anne Royall

Best WVDAR – Musical – Bee Line

Best WVDAR – Literature – Westmoreland

Best WVDAR in the News – Pack Horse Ford

Best WVDAR - Crafts – Bee Line

Best WVDAR – Fiber Arts – Elizabeth Zane

Best WVDAR – Active Duty & Veterans Service Projects – Pack Horse Ford

Best WVDAR State Report – Pack Horse Ford

Half of the WV chapters held programs for members; some also for the public. For example:

Blackwater: Antique quilts

Morgan Morgan: traditional Cherokee garment and dances

Trans-Allegheny: flag-making craft

Anne Royall: Christmas cards and ornaments

Westmoreland: A Local educator discussed the process of two film programs he and his students produced on WV history. Another, WV Culture & History official discussed his Cabell Co. WV Civil War book. The chapter gave a caroling performance in home-made, Victorian-era, costumes at the Heritage Farm Museum & Village.

Bee Line: showed their group quilt to the Jefferson County, WV Fair and discussed it and DAR with the public as they came by and presented a program showcasing American music with WV ties.

Pack Horse Ford Chapter: A member using graphic design skills created a banner marking the 20th Anniversary of 9/11. Prominently displayed on the banner was “*Daughters of the American Revolution*” where it hung outside the local fire department 3-1/2 months and later as a permanent memorial inside their truck bay.

This banner appeared in *The Journal*, Martinsburg, WV in a pre-9/11 article on the front page.

Members throughout the state practiced American Heritage categories as follows:

Westmoreland Chapter: A member made 50 Christmas-themed items and cards for her minister to give as gifts during home visits. A member created a "Temperature" blanket winning a blue ribbon for it in the county fair.

Bee Line Chapter (4004WV) Several members crafted ornaments to hang on a seasonal/holiday "wall tree" at the VAMC, Martinsburg WV. A member painted ten bird houses that were installed at a refuge site. Another member entered a photo at the Fair winning Best in Show.

Members of Pack Horse Ford Chapter crafted 480 "Star Cards" and Valentines for Blue/Gold crews USS WV under Project Patriot. Two members created ten "bed buddies" benefiting the WV Veterans Home. A member crocheted 65 caps included in stockings given to veterans at the VAMC, Martinsburg, WV. Four members are writers and produced 229 items of written material.

American History ~ Susan Garrett, Chair - 2020

West Virginia chapters reported presenting 136 American History programs at chapter meetings or to other groups. Thirty-two programs were about outstanding American women. Twenty-three Women in American History were honored, and eight Women in American History Certificates were awarded.

A total of forty-one displays were arranged in schools, businesses, libraries, and retirement communities. Eight radio stations aired 1817 spot announcements on topics of American history. Six television stations carried coverage of DAR historical events. Thirteen chapters submitted articles to 19 local newspapers. Bee Line submitted history articles regularly.

Statistics for the American History essay contest include participation by fourteen schools and 951 students. Fifty certificates and 25 bronze medals were awarded. Winners were as follows:

Fifth Grade -Alexa Philpot, Pleasant View Elem. Ye Towne of Bath

Sixth Grade - Caitlin Hall, Hedgesville Middle- William Henshaw

Seventh Grade-Andrew Bohrer - Hedgesville Middle- William Henshaw

Eighth Grade - Hannah Ellison -Homeschool - Kanawha Valley

For the Christopher Columbus essay contest, a total of eight schools and 39 students participated. Eleven certificates were awarded. Benjamin Vierheller, sponsored by James Wood Chapter, was state winner.

Thirty-five certificates were presented for Outstanding Work in American History in schools.

Some of the programs presented were *Frontier Remedies and Beauty Secrets; Tea for Two; Arlington National Cemetery; Three CCCs; Historical Artifacts from the Revolutionary War Era; Naming the United States; Transcontinental Railroad 150th Anniversary; Tomb of the Unknown Soldier; Bear Spirit Mountain; Women's Suffrage Centennial; Morgan Morgan Memorial; Beeline-A Celebration; The Table is Set for POW and MIAs; Battle of King's Mountain; The Women Behind the Signers of the Constitution; Veteran, POW, and native West Virginian Jessica Lynch; Women Behind the Men-First and Second Ladies; History of WV Movie Theaters; Colonial Cooking; Christmas in Colonial America; Constitution*

Jeopardy; 13 Folds of the American Flag; Cookbooks; Our American Heritage; Thank you Elizabeth (Cady Stanton); Women in the American Revolution; Civil War Battles in Hardy County; Fort Pleasant Meeting House; History of Indians in the South Branch Valley; Wayne County Pioneer Amanda "Aunt Mandy" Osburn; and Corney Lett-a WWII Veteran and POW.

Presentations portraying famous persons included *Benjamin Franklin; Martha Washington; George Washington; Sacagawea, and Betsy Ross.*

Other noted activities sponsored by chapter included *Harvest Dinner; Quilt Documentation; and County Fair Booth.*

This year, awards were given to the following chapters:

American History Essay Contest

1st – William Henshaw

2nd – Ye Towne of Bath

3rd – Pack Horse Ford

Promotion of American History

1st – Bee Line

2nd – Pack Horse Ford

3rd - Westmoreland

Honorable Mention – Buford

American History Programs

1st – Pack Horse Ford

2nd – Shenandoah Valley

3rd – Bee Line

Honorable Mention – Kanawha Valley

American History ~ Susan Garrett, Chair – 2021

West Virginia chapters reported presenting 95 American History programs at chapter meetings or to other groups. Thirty-four programs were about outstanding American women. Ten Women in American History were honored, and three Women in American History Certificates were awarded.

A total of thirty-five displays were arranged in schools, businesses, and libraries. Five radio stations aired 468 spot announcements on topics of American history. Four television stations carried coverage of DAR historical events. Thirteen chapters submitted articles to local newspapers. Bee Line submitted history articles regularly to several newspapers and featured a series of historical highlights on its Facebook page.

Statistics for the American History essay contest include participation by thirteen schools and 970 students. 866 certificates of participation and sixteen bronze medals were awarded. Winners for the most recent contest were as follows: Fifth Grade - Amelia Power - St. Joseph School - Pack Horse Ford
Sixth Grade - Matthew Hayes - St. Joseph School - Pack Horse Ford
Seventh Grade - Aidan Tran - St. Joseph School - Pack Horse Ford
Eighth Grade - Abigail Mae Snider - Hedgesville Middle - William Henshaw

Three certificates and six bronze medals were presented for Outstanding Work in American History.

Some of the history programs presented were *Salt in History; The Boston Massacre; Native Americans; History of Ritchie County Mines; Constitution Week; History of the Cherokee Indian; George Washington Through Martha's Eyes; The*

Mayflower; Colonial Christmas-Its Customs and Symbols; A Valentine Card; History of the U. S. Flag; Indian Trails of Monongalia County; History of WV Gold Star Mothers; Morgan County Farm Life; and the 19th Amendment and Women's Suffrage. One notable program was an original drama entitled "Women's Suffrage: The Long and Winding Road" which was written, directed, and narrated by Pack Horse Ford member Kathy Sholl. The drama is based on history of the national Women's Right to Vote movement and actual diary entries made by Shepherdstown suffragist Charlotte Pendleton Goldsborough from 1912-1916 and focuses on the movement in Shepherdstown, WV.

Presentations portraying famous persons included Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Martha Washington.

Other noted activities sponsored by chapters included video presentations, a Christmas Tree adorned by dolls representing historical figures, and "Patriot Games" - an activity created by Bee Line member Darla Treat Courtney which was a series of patriotic trivia questions she posted on the chapter's Facebook page. Pack Horse Ford member Katherine Genung promoted American history by creative interactive posts for the chapter members' only and public Facebook pages.

Although the pandemic proved to be challenging and West Virginia Daughters missed holding in-person meetings and events, many DAR programs and activities occurred as members discovered creative ways to carry on the work of the NSDAR.

This year, awards were given to the following chapters:

American History Essay Contest	American History
Programs	
1 st – Pack Horse Ford	1 st - Westmoreland
2 nd –William Henshaw	2 nd –Trans-Allegheny
3 rd – Kanawha Valley	3 rd - Buford
Promotion of American History	
1 st – Bee Line	
2 nd – Pack Horse Ford	
3 rd - Elizabeth Zane	

American History ~ Susan Garrett, Chair ~ 2022

West Virginia chapters reported presenting 107 American History programs at chapter meetings or to other groups. Twenty-two programs were about outstanding American women. Fourteen Women in American History were honored, and three Women in American History Certificates were awarded. Barbara Wood of the Matthew French Chapter was presented an American History Award for her work with DAR and other historical groups.

A total of thirty-eight displays were arranged in businesses, public libraries, visitor centers, city halls, and veterans' centers. Ten radio stations aired 1700 spot announcements on topics of American history. Four television stations carried coverage of DAR historical events. Thirteen chapters submitted articles to eight local newspapers, a VA newsletter, and a newsletter for an historical organization. Bee Line submitted history articles regularly to several newspapers and featured a series of historical highlights on its Facebook page. Pack Horse Ford also shared through this media.

Statistics for the American History essay contest include participation by seven schools and 734 students. Five hundred ninety-eight certificates of participation and eleven bronze medals were awarded. Winners for the most recent American History contest were as follows:

Sixth Grade: Victoria Knapp St. Joseph School Pack Horse Ford

Seventh Grade: Jackson Allen St. Joseph School Pack Horse Ford

Eighth Grade Maddox Zdziera Hedgesville Middle School William Henshaw

This year NSDAR introduced the new Patriots of American History essay contest for grades 9 – 12. Three chapters submitted essays. Alaira Harrington of Berkeley Springs High School, sponsored by Ye Towne of Bath Chapter, was the state winner.

Some of the history programs presented were *Colonial Herbs; Forms of Communication in Colonial Days; Spy Techniques During the American Revolution; History of May Day; Siege of Fort Henry; Underground Railroad in Ritchie County; Rosie the Riveter, The Star-Spangled Banner; The National Anthem; Letters to Jodie* (Letters of a member's father sent to her mother while serving in WWII); *DNA and Fingerprinting for Victims of 9/11; Traditional Cherokee Dance and Dress; History of the WV Botanical Garden; What Do You Know About the US President?; Native Americans in WW; Early American Christmas Traditions; and 10 Things You Didn't Know About Christmas.* Bee Line Chapter's promotion of American History using the venue of a booth at the Jefferson County Fair is to be noted.

Although the pandemic hindered the usual participation in the essay contests and use of schools for American History displays, West Virginia Daughters continued to promote the historical focus of the NSDAR through programs, events, and various medias.

This year, awards were given to the following chapters:

American History Essay Contest	American History
Programs	
1 st – William Henshaw	1 st - Westmoreland
2 nd –Pack Horse Ford	2 nd –Blackwater
3 rd – Ye Towne of Bath	3 rd – Pack Horse Ford
Honorable Mention – Kanawha Valley	
Promotion of American History	
1 st – Bee Line	
2 nd – Pack Horse Ford	
3 rd - Colonel Morgan Morgan	

American Indians ~ Ashley Burgess, Chair - 2020

For the year of 2019, we had reported 30 programs given, 219 minutes read, 18 proclamations obtained, and raised \$4,713.74. \$2,425 of that was designated for my chosen project the Indian Youth of America Summer Camp program.

We also had several extra projects reported:

1. Displays of Indian artifacts for American Indian heritage month, these were displayed at libraries, and court houses.

2. Speakers brought in to educate us on different aspects of Indian life and accomplishments.

3. Books purchased and donated to local high schools and public libraries.
4. Presentation made to grade school class on the life and work of the Cherokee Indian Reservation at Cherokee, N.C.
5. Box tops and labels sent to Chemawa Indian School and Bacone College.
6. Indian minutes pasted on chapter Facebook pages.
7. NSDAR Scholarships for Native Americans posted in local newspapers and four county high schools.

American Indians ~ Ashley Burgess, Chair - 2021

Considering the challenges, we faced in 2020, with Covid-19, Zoom meetings, virtual conferences, et cetera. I am amazed at the outstanding work that was accomplished for the American Indian Committee. The West Virginia DAR ladies found innovative ways to fund the different categories approved by national.

I have selected six categories for achievement certificates:

- 1) James Wood Chapter for best supporter of Indian Schools
- 2) Blackwater Chapter for best program involving a youth speaker
- 3) Elizabeth Ludington Hogan-Col. John Evans Chapter for most Indian minutes given.
- 4) William Henshaw Chapter for honoring the late Joyce Michels for her dedication to the Native American Committee.
- 5) Pack Horse Ford Chapter for making masks for the Navajo Nation.
- 6) Capt. James Allen Chapter for best supporter of Indian youth of America Summer Camp Fund

American Indians ~ Ashley Burgess, Chair ~ 2022

This committee encourages financial support of scholarship, supported the schools and the Indian Youth Summer Camp.

Last year's shut down curtailed our fundraising abilities! Now is the time to pick up the pace and take all opportunities we can come up with to raise funds to support the entities that NSDAR approves.

The Indian Youth's Summer camp fund helps to send children (10-14) to camp for a week where they are taught pride in their nationality, patriotism for their country, and to preserve their heritage. We support Chemawa school (4-12) that prepares the student for college with a very high success rate. We also support Bacone College where the student chooses a vocation of their choice. We also support scholarships for worthy students. With a \$200 personal donation you become eligible for the American Indian Fund pin, which is lovely, and I wear mine proudly. Perhaps we could make something or purchase an item and sell voices to raise money or donate items for an auction. We have smart, intelligent women in our great organization, and I am sure you will find many other ways to raise money for these worthy causes.

I would like to suggest that each chapter have a chairperson for this committee. Remember, helping those less fortunate is always very rewarding. I realize we have some chapters with few members, are not able to do it. How about a membership drive to improve our numbers?

Log-in NSDAR, member go to committee, click on American Indian Committee where there is a lot of information ie; needs list for Chemawa and Bacone College, also with information on The Indian Youth of America Summer Camp Program.

This is the last year that I will have the privilege to serve as your state chair and it has been quite an experience and honor, I have met and made good friends that I treasure. If I can further assist you, please feel free to contact or email at alb1119.ab@gmail.com.

I wish the next chairperson good will, good luck, and Godspeed. If I can assist in any way, please contact me.

Americanism ~ Cheryl Haight, Chair ~ 2020

West Virginia daughters have shown their American spirit in so many ways this past year. They fly their flags at their homes and along the streets of their towns. The Mathew French chapter passed out a total of 1200 flags at various patriotic events. Also, bookmarks, coloring sheets, and flyers were given out in the schools, and at libraries and post offices across the state. 81 % of West Virginia chapters reported participating in events promoted by this committee.

Many chapters laid wreaths for the Wreaths Across America event, and at Veteran's Day and Memorial Day events.

The Bee Line Chapter does monthly Karaoke at a nursing home. Their visit the veterans there and sing patriotic songs with them.

Our chapters participated in 26 Naturalization Ceremonies where receptions were held for new citizens. The John Young Chapter members presented new citizens with hand-made flag pins, which they proudly wore at the swearing in ceremony. Other Americanism related items were passed out at the different ceremonies.

What can be more American than the good 'ole County Fair? The Bee Line Chapter set up a beautiful booth at the 2019 Jefferson County Fair, where they handed out flag pins, bookmarks, copies of the Constitution, and sweet treats to Fair visitors. The Westmoreland Chapter also set up a booth at their county fair. Booths were set up at several festivals to promote Americanism and to bring attention to the work of the DAR.

This is a small sample of the good deeds done by the WV Chapters and I thank the chapters for the work they have done to promote the Americanism Committee.

Chapter Awards for 2019 were:

Flag Distribution: 1st – Matthew French, 2nd- Westmoreland, 3rd -Anne Royall

Naturalization Ceremonies: 1st – Bee Line, 2nd – Pack Horse Ford, 3rd – John Young

Best Report: 1st – Bee Line, 2nd- Pack Horse Ford, 3rd- Westmoreland

Americanism ~ Cheryl Haight, Chair ~ 20201

Things have been challenging the past year for Daughters, but they have found new ways to spread Americanism. Some chapters use Zoom for meetings and keep in touch with Facebook, keeping in touch with, many having their own page.

All West Virginia chapters reported, with 71% of them participating in at least one activity relating to Americanism. Flags and other patriotic materials were passed out at schools and community events.

Although unable to attend naturalization ceremonies due to Covid, the John Young Chapter made 100 handmade flag pins for new citizens. Chapter members have sewn literally thousands of masks for essential workers, family and friends.

Many chapters have once again participated in the Wreaths Across America program.

The Bee Line Chapter has an “Avenue of Flags” in Martinsburg. The 156 flags displayed have covered the casket of a veteran, and they flutter in the breeze for over a mile.

Chapter awards for 2020 were:

Flag Distribution: 1st Ohio Valley, 3-way tie for 2nd Anne Royall, Col Morgan Morgan, and William Henshaw.

Most Patriotic Materials Distributed: 1st Ye Towne of Bathe, 2nd Kanawha Valley

Sharing Americanism through social media: 1st Westmoreland, 2nd Bee Line
Special Projects: 1st Ye Towne of Bath Bicentennial Celebration, 2nd Bee Line, 3rd Westmoreland

Best Report: 1st Place tie – Bee Line and Ye Towne of Bath

Special Recognition: John Young Chapter for 100 handmade flag pins, Marilyn Bremilst (Bee Line Chapter) for 20-year Military Correspondence Campaign.

Americanism ~ Cheryl Haught, Chair ~ 2022

Another difficult year has passed, and West Virginia Daughters found creative ways to shine in spite of the pandemic. 80% of our chapters participated in Americanism activities in various ways.

Although not allowed at naturalization ceremonies, chapters still provided handouts, welcoming cards, and handmade US Flag pins. Chapters participated in community parades, county fairs, Memorial and Veteran’s Day events. One chapter made a wall tree at their local Veteran’s Medical Center, where decorations were changed for each holiday. Many chapters participated in Wreaths Across America.

This committee had a photo contest with the theme being “What America Means to Me”. Winning First Place was Pattie Norman of the Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter. Second place went to Linda LeMaster of the Westmoreland Chapter, and Third Spalce to April Skidmore of the Anne Royall Chapter.

Other awards went to the following:

Flag Distribution – 1st Westmoreland Chapter, 2nd Col. Morgan Morgan Chapter, 3rd Anne Royall Chapter, and Honorable Mention to Cheat River Chapter.

Naturalization Ceremonies – 1st - Kanawha Valley Chapter

Patriotic Materials Distribution – 1st Wheeling Chapter, 2nd Ye Towne of Bathe, and 3rd to William Henshaw.

Community Involvement – 1st Bee Line Chapter and 2nd John Hart

Outstanding Community Service – Amanda Brewster, of the Matthew French Chapter.

And Best Chapter report went to Bee Line Chapter.

I am impressed with the many activities that our West Virginia Daughters have been able to do despite difficult times. I am thankful for their efforts and good works.

Children of the American Revolution ~ Ann Lake, Chair ~ 2022

West Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution continue to play an integral part in the “training of young people in true patriotism and love of country”. *

There are currently seven Children of the American Revolution Chapters in the State of West Virginia supported by West Virginia Daughters. Despite circumstances and the inability to socialize in person, West Virginia Daughters persevered by supporting C.A.R. financially and by encouraging participation in various activities this past year.

The Anne Bailey Chapter NSDAR Regent attended the chartering and installation ceremony for the West Augusta Society C.A.R in Ripley, WV, on March 8, 2020.

Anne Royall NSDAR and the Elizabeth Zane NSCAR joined forces to place wreaths on 146 veterans’ graves throughout the county as part of the Wreaths Across America.

Buford NSDAR recruited C.A.R. members to act as Pages at the WVDAR State Convention.

Kanawha Valley NSDAR and Shenandoah Valley NSDAR were presented programs by local C.A.R. society members.

Ohio Valley NSDAR members and children worked with a nearby C.A.R. society to participate in Wreaths Across America. The chapter currently has a few members with children whose C.A.R. applications are in progress. The chapter also welcomed one C.A.R. member who celebrated her 22nd birthday.

Pack Horse Ford NSDAR chapter member and WVDAR State Regent, Cheryl Brown, presented a Flag of the United States of America, flagpole, and flag carrier to the newly organized West Augusta Society NSCAR. Individual chapter members donated to the WVCAR State President’s Project which supported Mountain Schools.

Anne Bailey NSDAR, and Anne Royall NSDAR, Colonel Zackquill Morgan NSDAR, Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Col John Evans NSDAR, James Wood NSDAR, Ohio Valley NSDAR, South Branch Valley NSDAR, and Trans-Allegheny NSDAR generously donated financially to state and national C.A.R.

There are currently seven West Virginia Daughters serving as C.A.R. senior leaders at the local, state, or national level. Four WVDAR Chapters included articles promoting C.A.R. membership in their chapter newsletters and provided C.A.R. membership brochures to new and prospective members.

I encourage you to continue reaching out to C.A.R. chapter members in the coming year and to offer support to local, state, and national levels.

Thank you, West Virginia Daughters, for your continued wisdom, guidance, and support of the Children of the American Revolution and its mission to train good citizens and develop future leaders.

*C.A.R. Creed

Commemorative Events ~ Vicky L. Shears, Chair ~ 2020

The West Virginia State Society (WVDAR) celebrated national, state and local commemorative events with programs, dedications, parade participation, facebook posts, commemorative minutes and more. Here are a few of the highlights for Calendar Year 2019.

Many chapters participated in one or both dedications for West Virginia Gold Star Mothers. During the administration of State Regent Malinda “Mindy” H. Davis from 2016 to 2019, the WVDAR undertook the humbling and meaningful project of placing memorials in honor of West Virginia Gold Star Mothers in Fairmont and Point Pleasant, West Virginia. The Gold Star Mothers and the sacrifice they have made hold special meaning to Mrs. Davis, as her husband’s grandmother was a Gold Star Mother. A report was submitted for award consideration by the current State Regent, Cheryl Brown, and that report has been submitted for national recognition.

The Pack Horse Ford Chapter received a State 1st place award for their Independence Day Parade Celebration. Many of us are coveting the special quilt made that includes a depiction of their parade float. I am so excited for the Chapter as their report went on to place 1st at East Central Division and received a 3rd Place National award.

The Bee Line Chapter was exceptional in their use of commemorative events in programs, program agenda’s facebook posts, newsletter and a public display at the Jefferson County Fair. In addition to their participation in the July 4th Parade, they had thirteen programs utilizing commemorative events.

For the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War, Chapters continue to display the Commemorative Banner, recognize Veterans with pins and certificates and lay wreaths.

Other commemorative events that Chapters participated in were Battle Days at Point Pleasant, Wheeling WV 250th Anniversary, World War II Programs, Beckley, WV Founders Day, WV Statehood and the Moon Landing and others.

Seventy-two percent of the West Virginia Chapters participated in Commemorative Events. Sixty-two percent of the Chapters are registered as Commemorative Partners with the USA Vietnam War Commemoration. Number of members who participated in July 4th parades and celebrations: 381; number of programs 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War: 24; 400th Anniversary of the Mayflower: 7; 250th Anniversary of the Boston Massacre: 1; 100th Anniversary of Women’s Suffrage: 24; 100th Anniversary of the dedication of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier: 10; 200th Anniversary of the Santa Fe Trail: 2

State Awards: Best State Event – WV Gold Star Mother’s Plaque Dedications – WV State Society. Best Event - Independence Day Parade Celebration – Pack Horse Ford Chapter. Best Program – Independence Day – Buford Chapter. Best Program – 100th Anniversary of Women’s Suffrage – Shenandoah Valley Chapter. Most Commemorative Programs – Bee Line Chapter. Best Local Event – Wheeling 250 Celebration – Wheeling Chapter. Individual recognition for their tireless work over many months to make the WV Gold Star Mothers Dedications special – Samantha Shleser, April Norris and Brenda Shinkovich. Individual recognition for exceptional promotion of Commemorative Events – Darla Treat Courtney and Heidi Ware, Bee Line Chapter. Posthumous award to Jeral A.

Milton, Bee Line Chapter, for her published article, “Suffragists Fight for the Cause: Jefferson County and West Virginia’s Ratification of the 19th Amendment.”

Commemorative Events ~ Vicky L. Shears, Chair ~ 2022

The West Virginia State Society Daughters of the American Revolution (WVDAR) shined a light on commemorative events in 2021 with an almost 100 percent increase in state first place reports that went on to be judged at the East Central Division level. This Chair forwarded nine reports to the National Vice Chair of East Central Division and ALL reports placed in the Division with four first place awards, one second place award and four third place awards reflecting the creativity, resourcefulness, and fantastic service of West Virginia daughters.

50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War – East Central Division - 1st Place – Old Hickory Chapter – Best Chapter Event; 3rd Place – Captain James Allen Chapter – Best Chapter Display; 3rd Place – Col Morgan Morgan – Most Vietnam Veterans Honored. **100th Anniversary of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier – East Central Division** – 3rd Place – Woodburn Chapter – Never Forget Garden. **400th Anniversary of the Mayflower – East Central Division** - 1st Place – Bee Line Chapter. **200th Anniversary of the Santa Fe Trail – East Central Division** - 2nd Place – Bee Line Chapter. **75th Anniversary of World War II – East Central Division** 1st Place – Blackwater Chapter – **Miscellaneous Category – East Central Division** - 1st Place – Pack Horse Ford Chapter – 20th Anniversary of 9/11. **Cumulative Report – East Central Division** – 3rd Place – Bee Line Chapter.

Many more state awards were made to deserving chapters. Two categories where reports were not submitted for further consideration at the East Central Division level but deserved recognition were 1st Place to Bee Line Chapter for their Independence Day Display at the VA Medical Center and a 1st Place to the William Henshaw Chapter for Conducting the American History Essay Contest on the Boston Massacre.

Individual State Awards: Development of Commemorative Event Programs – Darla Treat Courtney and Heidi Ware, Bee Line Chapter; Ruth Mooney – Elk River Chapter; Anna Chandler – Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans Chapter; Cheryl Brown, Pack Horse Ford Chapter; Susan Garrett – South Branch Valley Chapter; “Dear Jodi” Program – Phyllis Garcia, Blackwater Chapter; Rosie the Riveter Program – Diane Beall and her mother, Arlene Snyder – Blackwater Chapter; 1st Patriots’ Day Recognition in Fairmont – Barbara Channell – Col Morgan Morgan Chapter; Vietnam Veterans Drive-Thru Event – Mary Pistilli – Old Hickory Chapter; 9/11 Banner and 20th Anniversary Event – Katherine Genung, Kristen Hanna and Sarah Shafer – Pack Horse Ford; Constitution Week Activities – Barby Frankenberry and Margie Ways – Shenandoah Valley Chapter; Vietnam Veteran Interviews for the Publication, *Marshall County Patriots and Heros* – Rosanna Keller – Wheeling Chapter; Proclamation from the Governor for National Vietnam Veterans Day – Cindy Harper – Woodburn Chapter; Never Forget Garden – Woodburn Chapter – Edith Harper and Kyleigh Blanchard; Tea Party in the Park – Carolyn Scheydt – Ye Town of Bath.

Community Classroom ~ Dr. Marilyn Rogers, Chair ~ 2020

The WVDAR Community Classroom Committee is pleased to report that during the year West Virginia Daughters participated in reading programs in local schools, donated funding for special projects, donated school supplies and special equipment to classrooms. The Chapter Master Report reflected the involvement of DAR Chapters in their community schools and a total of 24 WVDAR Chapters reported activities in local schools.

All WVDAR Chapters received information at the beginning of the year in the SIP packets with suggestions for projects and classroom activities. During the year this chairman responded to chapter questions and provided additional information upon request.

In preparation for the WV State Conference three displays were prepared for Community Classrooms. The displays will be available at the 2021 State Conference. Certificates for outstanding participation in local classrooms will be distributed to chapters at a later date.

The State Report for Community Classrooms based on the WV Chapter Master Report was sent to the East Central Division Chair in February 2020.

Community Classroom ~ Dr. Marilyn Rogers, Chair ~ 2022

West Virginia DAR Chapters reported activities in 2021 that included 57 DAR members and multiple chapters impacting over 2,024 students. Due to the continued Covid-19 presence in the schools, the DAR chapters were creative and persistent in the support of education with financial donations, school supplies, and classroom assistance when restrictions were lifted.

Flag programs to kindergarten students, original coloring books about the U.S. Constitution, original stories for elementary students, and providing refreshments for classroom celebrations helped restore a sense of normalcy in the schools.

Financially, the chapters purchased books for school libraries and public libraries. Other areas of financial support included donations to a high school's "PAWS" Club, \$200 to a program to finance teacher projects in the classroom, and \$200 grants to chapter members who are classroom teachers. One chapter purchased hundreds of batteries for a school to keep electrical components of classroom items going and going. When schools needed assistance with programs and extra activities the DAR ladies donated to the drama club, Autism projects, Read Aloud, WV, and helped fund a math curriculum.

Several chapters donated clothing and winter coats to schools for students. Other chapters donated canned goods and non-perishable food items to schools that sent backpacks and/or bags of food home with students on Fridays so their families had meals for the weekends.

Even during the summer months, some chapters donated food for programs providing lunches for school-age children. During the school year, chapters reported paying for students who required assistance to participate in field trips and special events.

Information regarding the Community Classroom Committee with suggestions about possible activities for school involvement was communicated to chapters through the packets sent to chapter regents and personal communiques were sent via phone calls and emails.

The ladies of the WVDAR are compassionate and understanding of the needs of the schools and students. The pandemic may have interrupted the schedules for the children, however, the determination and creativity of our pioneer ancestors continues to “Shine” in DAR women in 2021!

Community Service ~ Linda McGraw, Chair ~ 2020

For 2019, one chapter gave a Community Service Award. Anne Royall Chapter NSDAR recognized Jackie L. Davis for his volunteer work in Harrisville, WV. An experienced electrician, Mr. Davis has kept the Christmas lights operating in the display in the town park as well as the lights on Main Street for at least 12 years. To accomplish this task, he has had to sometimes rebuild them. In addition to his work at Christmas, he has used his woodworking skills to provide items to help the Senior Center with crafts and decorations, and he has helped other groups through his work with the Harrisville Lions Club, the Harrisville Alumni Association and other organizations.

Community Service ~ Linda McGraw, Chair ~ 2021

For 2021, three chapters submitted Community Service Award nominations which were approved.

In February, the Wheeling Chapter chose to honor James Harrison Frey who has served as the chairman of the Wheeling 250th Anniversary Committee and organized the community after he was commissioned by the mayor and city council in February of 2018. He brought together different organizations to create a year-long celebration of events.

In April, the Kanawha Valley Chapter chose to recognize Lora Wilkerson and Robin Snyder for their service at the Covenant House Food Pantry.

In November, Ye Towne of Bath Chapter will recognize Chuck Hampe for his making a Vietnam Memorial a reality in Berkeley Springs.

Community Service ~ Linda McGraw, Chair ~ 2022

For 2021, three chapters submitted Community Service Award nominations which were approved.

In January, two chapters submitted nominations. The Ohio Valley Chapter chose to honor Frances Weekley who has written stories for children, made masks for her community and supported the local fire department by repairing their equipment and making a quilt used for a fundraiser.

That same month, Bee Line Chapter nominated Dan and Linda Hart for their 20-year support of Relay for Life. In the last five years, their team raised nearly \$75,000.

In September, Old Hickory Chapter chose to recognize Martha Snyder who daily since 1976 has completed a three-hour walk through her neighborhood picking up litter. Her actions not only help her community but show others the impact one person can have.

Conservation ~ Laura Shifflett, Chair ~ 2020

Chapters with over 50 members

1st Place-Kanawha Valley Chapter with 161 points, have 85 members who consistently recycle

2nd Place-Bee Line Chapter with 115 points, Also Best Supplemental Report

3rd Place—Captain James Allen Chapter with 73 points, host walking club to raise money for www.water.org

Honorable mention-Pack Horse Ford chapter with 54 points-, most creative effort to get participation by making fabric shopping bags to give to each member.

Chapters with 50 members or less

1st place—Ye Towne of Bath Chapter with 31 points—best supplemental report

2nd place—Peters Mountain Chapter with 29 points

3rd place—Daniel Davison Chapter with 28 points

Honorable Mention to Woodburn Chapter for being involved in all areas of conservation in numerous ways

Conservation Report ~ Laura Shifflett, Chair ~ 2022

West Virginia Conservation Committee had thirty-six chapters report on the Chapter Master Report. Of those thirty-six chapters, seven chapters submitted supplemental reports to the State Chair. I am proud to report West Virginia daughters held 16 conservation programs and gave 192 conservation minutes either during the monthly meetings, in newsletters or on their chapter's Facebook page.

Participation in Earth Day or Arbor Day was very successful with 105 daughters participating in activities. From planting trees or dedicating trees such as a copper birch tree in honor of our Nation's First President George Washington, West Virginia daughters are representing conservation well.

No Straw September challenge was met with 139 daughters participating and taking the challenge even further by reducing single use plastics. Over 500 daughters recycle on a regular basis. Recycling plastics, glass, cardboard, aluminum and even furniture items to Westmoreland Chapter, who loves to use recycled items to create new artistic pieces and her work has been featured at her local Tamarack center, she has also been inducted into the WV Arts and Crafts Hall of Fame.

Our WV daughters also take gardening very seriously with 161 daughters planting and maintaining sunshine or victory gardens, many of them have pollinator gardens as well. are having classes on gardening or herbology for example.

Our daughters are also dedicated to our rivers, roadways, and nature! We had 14 daughters participate in a river/water way clean up. WV daughters love nature! We have fed, housed and counted birds, cleaned up roads and parks, planted vegetables and flowers and completed beautification projects, made arts and crafts from recycled materials, and raise Honey Bees!

Our first-place winner this year is the Bee Line Chapter. Bee Line chapter submits a conservation committee report for each meeting agenda package which are emailed to every member.

The members participated in No straw September, and they boast that all 85 members of the chapter recycle and nearly half participate in having a garden.

They had a wonderful program (by a member) on herbs and their usage for medicinal, household, and culinary uses. This daughter also makes natural cleaners, soaps and shampoos.

Another member restored old bird houses for use in a bird sanctuary. And they have other members that crafts using recycled materials and gives to other members, friends and family. And they also teach gardening classes and participate in other areas of conservation as well.

Constitution Week ~ Cathy Hinkle, Chair ~ 2020

The WV Daughters soared in their Constitution Week activities. Our Daughters were very busy. Some of the noted activities for Constitution Week were (and it was hard to pick a just a few):

Anne Bailey Chapter gave students at two schools a Preamble to the Constitution assignment. In incorporating our State Regent, Cheryl Brown's project to teach children to write in cursive, they had the students sign their names on the completed assignment. Bee Line Chapter took part in a Naturalization Ceremony held at the Harper's Ferry Historical Park on Constitution Day. They also highlighted Constitution Week while hosting a booth at the 2019 Jefferson County Fair.

Captain James Allen held a Constitution Bingo at an assisted living facility.

Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter met at the courthouse in Fairmont for a bell ringing with a member dressed as Betsy Ross and also had a Betsy Ross flag displayed.

Kanawha Valley Chapter attended a naturalization ceremony held at the Robert C. Byrd Federal Courthouse on Constitution Day presenting the new citizens copies of documents about our founding documents. They also held a luncheon meeting at the Edgewood County Club with Joe Geiger, WV Director of Archives and History. He spoke about the contributions of the citizens of Western Virginia on the Constitution.

Old Hickory Chapter instituted a Constitution Week Essay contest in elementary schools, handing out certificates to the winners.

Shenandoah Valley Chapter's program for September was Constitution Jeopardy. They answered questions about the Bill of Rights, Amendments, Branches of Government and the U S Constitution.

Ye Olde Towne of Bath held a Constitution Week poster contest, which the WVDAR winner I sent to District came from.

I, as chairman, posted on our WVDAR Facebook page reminders on Constitution Week.

We had: 21 chapters ringing bells; 26 chapters received Proclamations; and 33 chapters read Constitution Minutes or the Preamble at their meetings. We also had: 107 schools contacted; 66 classrooms visited; 3,180 kits distributed and 276 displays.

So, as you can see our WV Daughters are very talented and creative. I am very proud of all the hard work they do, and I thank them. I look forward to seeing what these ladies come up with next year!

Constitution Week ~ Cathy Hinkle, Chair ~ 2021

As everyone knows, 2020 proved to be quite a challenging year for all. I can say that I am proud of my Constitution Week Chairs. WVDAR Daughters persevered to celebrate Constitution Week. We were still able to reach out to 52 schools, sending Constitution Week items such as bookmarks, booklets, and Proclamations for students to sign. Many Daughters ran those bells on September 17th. Constitution Week booklets were handed out throughout the state.

Some chapters safely met for 12 Constitution Programs. Many of them sounded very interesting. Our West Virginia ladies were able to set up 140 Constitution displays. We had a total of 30 poster entries at chapter level, 211 kits handed out at schools, 20 articles in paper, 15 hours of TV time, 9 spot announcements on the radio, contacted 14 scout groups and churches, and 8 libraries.

I want to thank all of the chapters who sent in detailed reports on their constitution Week activities. Excellent Work!

As Constitution Week Chair, I unfortunately was laid up from knee surgery by the time Constitution Week rolled around. I did post reminders on our WVDAR page. I also contacted West Virginia Governor Jim Justice for a Constitution Week Proclamation. I received that a couple of weeks after Constitution Week.

Even though many of us were not able to get out there and celebrate Constitution Week like we hoped because of Covid, I do appreciate and am proud of WVDAR Daughters who continued to shine during this trying time. Here is to a hopefully better year.

Constitution Week - Catherine Hinkle ~ 2022

WV Daughters soared in their Constitution Week Activities. Your Constitution Week State Chair appreciates all the hard work you all have done. In spite of Covid once again making it hard to do some of our activities, the end of the year numbers is very pleasing.

We had 20 chapters that rang bells, 21 received proclamations, 29 had Constitution Week minutes and/or recited the preamble at their meetings, 5 chapters contacted senators, 11 had a speaker for a Constitution Week program, 11 had a program on the founding documents; 22 used email, 25 used Facebook and 5 tweeted or texted information on Constitution Week. WV Daughters contacted 33 schools, visited 22 classrooms, handed out 1,472 kits and put up 264 displays. In events they utilized 1 youth group, 13 scout and church groups, and 12 libraries.

WV Daughters shined in their Constitution Week activities. From beautiful window displays, creative coloring books and a wall tree to a Constitution Week video lesson at a school, they out did themselves this year. I am a very proud Constitution Week Chair!

DAR Good Citizens ~ Brenda Durham, Chair ~ 2021

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, chapters were not able to contact as many schools or have access to schools as in previous years. The DAR Good Citizens

committee had 16 chapters submitting data on the Master Questionnaire this year. Twenty-six students were recognized throughout the state as DAR Good Citizens. Eleven essays were completed by students, but only two student essays were submitted to me for judging. Thirty-three high schools were contacted with 24 schools choosing to participate. There were 5 new participating schools. All of these numbers were lower than last year due to school closures from March through June 2020.

Chapters reported the monetary value of awards, prizes and recognitions given during the 2020-2021 year as \$2213.50. Presentations of awards were done by varying methods, due to COVID-19 policies. Some awards were mailed to winning students; some were presented virtually; some presented at outdoor venues. Whatever method worked best.

The 2020-2021 West Virginia DAR Good Citizens contest awarded both a male and female winner. The female winner is Kira Drue Havermale sponsored by Ye Towne of Bath. Natalie attends Berkeley Springs High School. The male winner is Nicholas Murphy sponsored by the James Wood chapter. Nicholas attends Parkersburg South High School. Both students' entries were forwarded to the East Central Division Chair Julie Hood for consideration at the next level of competition.

This year, awards were given by the committee to the following chapters:

1st Place (tie) James Wood and Ye Towne of Bath Chapters

Honorable Mention to Shenandoah Valley Chapter Innovative

Award Presentation.

Hopefully, the coming year will provide chapters opportunities to award more students.

DAR Good Citizens ~ Brenda Durham, Chair ~ 2022

The DAR Good Citizens committee had 17 chapters submitting data on the Master Questionnaire this year. Forty-two students were recognized throughout the state as DAR Good Citizens. Fourteen essays were completed by students, but only three student essays were submitted to me for judging. Thirty-four high schools were contacted with 36 schools choosing to participate. There were 2 new participating schools.

Chapters reported the monetary value of awards, prizes and recognitions given during the 2020-2021 year as \$2925. Due to pandemic restrictions, chapters were unable to make the presentations of winners with as much fanfare. Several chapters presented their awards at Awards Day at the schools, others at chapter meetings, and some by mail. Local coverage by newspapers and on Facebook were added to publicize the honors.

The 2020-2021 West Virginia DAR Good Citizens contest awarded a male and female winner. The female winner is Allison Marks sponsored by James Wood Chapter. Allison attends Parkersburg South High School. The male winner is Dylan Justin Dever sponsored by Trans-Allegheny and attends Lewis County High School. Both students' entries were forwarded to the East Central Division Chair Julie Hood for consideration at the next level of competition.

This year, awards were given to the following chapters: 1st Place (tie) Trans-Allegheny and James Wood Chapters; and 3rd Place (tie) Westmoreland and Shenandoah Valley Chapters.

**A chapter reported 20 awards given to members of a Boy Scout Troop. Award was labeled DAR Youth Citizenship. I advised the Regent that this was not part of this committee and referred her to appropriate committee, but this was still reported on CMR. These numbers were not included in state totals.

DAR Magazine ~ Margaret Rusnak, Chair ~ 2020

We have 32 Chapter Regents subscribing to the American Spirit and Daughters Newsletter in the State of WV. Some Chapter Regents receive a copy of the DAR Magazine and Newsletter as a perk of their National Positions they also hold. Now knowing this, it may be difficult to achieve 100% participation by Chapter Regents. I do have ideas. Possibly subscriptions paid for by these lovely ladies and sent as gifts to others? Qualifying for the Magazine Pin?

There are 466 total subscriptions in the State as of December 2019.

The President General's message was read from the Daughters Newsletter at 269 meeting in the year 2019. Some people are using the website to acquire the messages.

The members ranking of the favorite articles and topics are as follows:

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| 1 | Historic Places |
| 7 | Collections |
| 6 | Travel and City Highlights |
| 3 | Genealogy |
| 6 | Antiques |
| 4 | Women's Issues |
| 2 | History |
| 8 | Book Reviews |

With 1 being the least favorite and 8 the most favorite, it seems our members enjoyed Book Reviews and traveling to Cities to view Collections of Antiques. Women's Issues are important to us all. Personally, Genealogy and Historic Places and the History that surrounding them intrigue me. This survey could be useful in planning future meetings and possible field trips.

DAR Project Patriot ~Cynthia Kolsun, Chairman ~ 2020

Madame State Regent, the West Virginia Daughters supported the DAR Project Patriot Committee through generous donations of volunteer hours and monetary contributions.

In 2019, 18 of the 38 chapters in the State of West Virginia reported they participated in the DAR Project Patriot through donations of volunteer hours or monetary contributions or both.

At the National Level, four chapters participated in the DAR Women Supporting Women in Military Service project by sending 34 packages to our women troops. Seventy-eight packages were sent to our men serving abroad. The total cost of packages sent abroad was \$6,079.96.

At the National Level, five chapters shipped items to DAR approved centers. These items totaled a \$4,915 including cash donations.

Six chapters conducted state projects which totaled \$452.

Chapter projects were completed by eight chapters. Some chapters sent cards, volunteered by honoring veterans or honored moms of those serving.

West Virginia is proud to announce that \$10,122 went towards DAR Project Patriot.

Madame State Regent, it has been a pleasure serving as the DAR Project Patriot Chairman.

DAR Project Patriot~ Cynthia Kolsun, Chair ~ 2021

In 2020, even amid the pandemic, West Virginia Daughters did a tremendous job in supporting our servicemen and women. Six of our chapters participated in the DAR Women Supporting Women in Military Service project, and 59 packages were sent to women abroad.

One hundred and two goodie boxes were sent to service men. The packages sent abroad were valued at \$4736.38. Five made donations valued at \$1261.66 to national DAR approved centers. Two chapters assisted with the state project and 9 chapters held their own DAR Project Patriot.

One daughter sent out 601 Christmas cards herself. Marilyn Bremlist of the Beeline Chapter started writing them in January and sent them out in November. Unique to this year, a daughter, Katherine Genung of the Park Horse Ford Chapter, spent 53 hours making 212 masks that were given to an Airlift Wing Fire Department. West Virginia Chapters also participated in Operation Bean, Operation Paperback, and Operation Over There. Some chapters sent cards, honored servicemen and women in their community and honored family members.

Both ladies are receiving Exemplary Awards.

West Virginia is proud for the generosity of our chapters to the DAR Project Patriot Project. Madame State Regent, It has been my pleasure serving as your Chairman of this project, and I am looking forward to serving for the next year.

DAR Project Patriot ~ Cynthia Kolsun, Chair ~ 2022

In 2021, even amid another year of the pandemic, West Virginia Daughters did a tremendous job in supporting our servicemen and women. Six of our chapters participated in the DAR Women Supporting Women in Military Service Project, and 23 packages were sent to women abroad.

Eighty-three goodie boxes were sent to service men. The packages sent abroad were valued at \$13,200.

Amazing Marilyn Bremlist: One daughter sent out 1500 Christmas cards herself. Marilyn Bremlist, an Air Force Veteran and a member of the Beeline Chapter, started writing them in January and sent them out in November.

Losing our DAR Project Patriot Advocate: Unfortunately, the WV Daughters lost a great friend of DAR Project Patriot. Jessie McClain, of the Buford Chapter served as chair of DAR Project Patriot of her chapter for over a decade and passed away in 2021. Mrs. McClain had been instrumental in supporting the troops with Christmas care packages and gift boxes.

The Pack Horse Ford Master Designers: Katherine Genung designed and prepared 160 Valentines, one for each sailor with a submariner-inspired poem; stationed on the USS West Virginia, SSBN-736. Katherine, along with Kristen Hanna, Dorene Hale, and Mary Gageby also designed and made 320 "star cards" for each member aboard.

Outstanding Chapters:

Pack Horse Ford Chapter: The work of the Park Horse Ford Chapter during 2021 was just remarkable. By adopting and supporting the active-duty crew of the USS West Virginia SSBN-736, they have shown a true commitment to DAR Project Patriot. The chapter documented and promoted their work well through Face Book and other media.

Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Col John Evans Chapter: This chapter sent 21 packages to men abroad and six to women with donations that totaled over \$1600. They also spent \$190 on donations to approved center. This chapter also adopted a military family with four children while the husband was displayed on the Iwo Jima. Monetary and value of all donations to the family totaled \$661.28.

Anne Bailey Chapter: This chapter sent 13 large boxes of food and personal care items to Operation Bean, Operation Resiliency, and the USS Iwo Jima. They also sent \$60 in phone cards to Dale Boogs to be used for the military at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. Anne Bailey also made the holidays a little brighter as 110 holiday cards were sent to deployed military.

Bee Line Chapter: The Daughters of Bee Line Chapter not only sent out Christmas Cards from Marilyn Bremlist, but they also support the Wear Red Movement.

West Virginia Chapters also participated in Operation Paperback, and Operation Over There as well as projects listed above. Some chapters sent cards, honored servicemen and women in their community and honored family members.

West Virginia is proud for the generosity of our chapters to the DAR Project Patriot Project. It has been my honor serving as West Virginia Chairman of this project.

During these past three years, it has been my pleasure to work with these amazing women who support our military.

DAR Scholarship – Donna Brewster, Chair ~ 2020

Madam State Regent, in 2019, 11 of the 39 chapters in the State of West Virginia reported on the Master Questionnaire that they shared information on DAR scholarships in their communities.

Six chapters reported awarding 16 scholarships. The total dollar amount awarded by WV's chapters was \$16,750.00.

Bee Line Chapter awarded three \$1000 scholarships. Applications for this scholarship are directly reviewed and awarded by Bee Line Chapter NSDAR. One of their current recipients is Noah French, a senior in Shepherd University's BS Nursing Program.

Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Col John Evans Chapter awarded two scholarships worth \$1,750.00. James Wood Chapter awarded 6 scholarships worth \$9,000.00. Old Hickory Chapter awarded 2 scholarships worth 500.00. Pack Horse Ford

Chapter awarded 2 scholarships worth \$2,000.00. William Henshaw awarded 1 scholarship worth \$500.00.

The WVDAR awarded the Blanche L. Reymann Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.

DAR Schools ~ Deloris Nelson, Chair ~ 2020

Madame State Regent, this Chair of the DAR Schools Committee wishes to express her appreciation to all West Virginia Daughters who worked diligently toward the benefit of the DAR Schools and the students.

West Virginia Daughters showed their dedication and love for this Committee by their purchasing sixty-seven DAR School of Sunfish pins, donating over \$5,000 in money, as well as clothing, school supplies, cards, Christmas presents, gift cards, stuffed animals, pajamas, 3,532 pairs of socks and underwear, blankets, and numerous other items. We participated in collections of 3,690 Boxtops for Education, \$438 in Coke Rewards, \$36.31 in Amazon Smile, Tyson labels, sixty-nine ink cartridges, and over 70 pounds of items donated to the Tamassee Thrift Store.

Also, this DAR Schools Committee Chair enjoyed her first experience at Tamassee DAR School during Founder's Day in October of 2019. She joined four West Virginia Daughters for the 100th Anniversary Celebration of Tamassee DAR School.

As this year's state DAR School Gift Card Project draws to a close, this Chair would like to thank all Daughters who have donated and plan to donate toward the project for the students at Tamassee.

It has been my pleasure to serve the West Virginia State Society as its DAR Schools Committee Chair. I look forward to working with you in the future.

DAR Schools ~ Deloris Nelson, Chair ~ 2021

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West Virginia Daughters purchased 59 School of Sunfish pins within a two-year period, and in 2020, Daughters generously donated over \$900 in money, as well as knitted winter hats, food items, bed in a bag, cards, books, gift cards, and other items. We participated in collections of Boxtops for Education, Coke Rewards, and Amazon wish list purchases. We collected \$565 in gift cards that were sent to be utilized in Tamassee's After School Program. The WVDAR School Committee donated \$700 toward scholarships at Tamassee.

It has been my pleasure to serve the West Virginia State Society as its DAR Schools Committee Chair. I look forward to this next year.

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It has been my pleasure to serve the West Virginia State Society as its DAR Schools Committee Chair.

Service for Veterans ~Co-Chairs Ruth Mooney/ Patricia Young ~ 2020

The West Virginia DAR chapters have had outstanding projects and activities in promoting patriotism and supporting our veterans in 2019.

The Master Report revealed many interesting facts. Additional questions this year focused on Wreaths Across America. Many chapters were not prepared, so the participation number is low. We believe next year's report will show an increase in chapter participation. Seventeen chapters indicated they participated in Wreaths Across America. The number of wreaths sponsored was 1242. Another new question this year asked if the chapter participated in an Honor Flight mission. Only seven chapters so indicated.

Adult volunteers gave 3621 hours in service for veterans, with James Allen and Westmoreland chapters donating over fifty hours per adult volunteer. Wheeling and Matthew French chapters donated over 100 hours per adult volunteer. Youth volunteers reported 195 hours given in service for veterans.

Ten chapters reported that the VAVS reports were shared at chapter meetings. Three chapters participated in the Veterans History Project Interviews. Wheeling Chapter reported carrying out 32 interviews.

Chapters had interesting programs about veterans and programs given by veterans. Chapters helped or co-sponsored activities for veterans. Chapters participated in parades, Ceremony of Remembrance, set-up displays in public libraries, placed flags on graves and helped with activities at the medical centers and veteran homes, such as Bingo, Karaoke, and Golden Age Games. DAR member veterans were honored.

Annually, chapters gave donations of used and new clothing, toiletries, refreshments, prizes, gifts, flags, stars of remembrance and books, as well as monetary donations.

West Virginia Daughters have soared to new heights, as they rise and shine for America's veterans.

Service for Veterans ~ Ruth Mooney/ Patricia Young, Co-Chairs ~ 2022

West Virginia DAR Service for Veterans Committee is co-chaired by Ruth Mooney and Patricia Young. Chapters across the state had a year full of programs and activities for veterans.

Twenty-three chapters participated in Wreaths Across America. This is an increase of six chapters reported last year. Over 90 youth and 206 adults volunteered a total of 1,677 hours. Forty-two VAVS reports were shared at chapter meetings. Monetary donations given was \$5,208. The monetary value of donations given: clothing, food, gifts, games, etc., totaled \$20,872.

Two state winners were chosen in this committee's outstanding volunteers contest. Adam Greathouse received the WV Outstanding Veteran Award. Deborah Hoback received the Outstanding DAR Service for Veterans Award. Both

volunteer at the Hershel Woody Williams VA Medical Center in Huntington, WV. In addition, Deborah was a volunteer for Honor Flight and the Navy Seebies. A side note: Emily Anne Craddock Cooper was the WV Outstanding DAR Service for Veteran Award winner 2019. At that time, Emily was a member of Bee Line Chapter.

Recognition for Exceptional Service for Veterans goes to these chapters: Bee Line, Colonel Morgan Morgan, Elk River, Kanawha Valley, Ohio Valley, Pack Horse Ford and Westmoreland. A project of WV State Regent Cheryl Alexander Brown was a special personal gift from the State Society to the WV Veterans Home in Barboursville, WV. Each resident received a bed pocket holder for his/her bed made by chapter members. The "Bed Buddy" lays across the bed between, the mattress and box springs. The pockets are designed to hold any items a veteran may wish to have easy access to, such as a flashlight, glasses, etc. Close to 100 Bed Buddies were sewn by members in 20 chapters. Those chapters are: Anne Bailey, Anne Royall, Bee Line, Blennerhassett, Colonel Morgan Morgan, Daniel Davisson, Elizabeth Zane, Elk River, General Andrew Lewis, James Wood, John Cooke, John Young, Kanawha Valley, Ohio Valley, Old Hickory, Pack Horse Ford, South Branch Valley, Tanner's Cross Roads, Trans-Allegheny, and Westmoreland. The "Bed Buddy" project is worthy of National recognition. The project began in 2020 but was completed in 2021.

It has been an honor to serve as state co-chairs of the DAR Service for Veterans in the Brown Administration.

Historic Preservation ~Karen Snyder Kurilko, Chair ~2020

West Virginia Daughters were very active in Historic Preservation in 2019. Twenty-seven chapters held 46 Historic Preservation programs. Woodburn member Cindie Harper presented a program on the history and preservation efforts of Sweet Springs Resort in Monroe County. Pack Horse member Marilyn Keesecker presented a program on colonial artifacts to Bee Line. Ohio Valley member Frannie Weekley transcribed and published records from funeral homes and public records, and veteran information for the Friendly Cemetery. Kathy Eckert presented an Indian Minute at each Ohio Valley meeting. Westmoreland Daughter Kathleen Bledsoe presented a program to Buford members on preserving and caring for books, bibles and important papers.

Anne Royall maintains the Pioneer Cemetery in Harrisville and a room dedicated to their chapter in the Old Stone House Museum in Pennsboro. Colonel Zackquill Morgan held a program on preservation efforts of historic West Virginia movie theaters. Funds were provided by James Wood to the New Era School in Mineral Wells for supplies to help preserve the former one room schoolhouse which is now used to teach local West Virginia history studies students. Two chapters, Captain James Allen and Kanawha, donated funds and worked on the WVDAR State Regent's Gold Star Mother's Memorial project.

Several chapters worked on cleaning and preserving monuments and cemetery stones. Pack Horse members participated in a presentation on tombstone and cemetery restoration held at historic Elmwood Cemetery. Shenandoah Valley cleared weeds, removed debris and trash, and planted flowers around the Morgan Morgan monument in Bunker Hill. John Hart members cleaned cemetery stones

and markers of American Revolutionary soldiers in historic Beverly Cemetery. John Young members worked on reclaiming the area around the John Young burial site by pulling weeds and planting. Wheeling hosted a "Madonna of the Trail" clean-up day to remove moss and dirt, then applied gravestone cleaner. One member of Captain James Allen donated to the Madonna of the Trail fund.

A number of Daughters participated in their community Historical Societies. Members of Bee Line are very active in local historic preservation programs, including the Jefferson County Historical Society (JCHS), the Jefferson County Museum, and Happy Retreat, the organization caring for the home of Charles Washington, founder of Charles Town, a revolutionary patriot, and youngest brother of George Washington. Bee Line donated vintage posters and original watercolor paintings to JCHS, Happy Retreat and the WV Cottage at Tamassee School. Member Jeral Milton wrote an article for the JCHS Magazine titled "Suffragists Fight for The Cause: Jefferson County and West Virginia Ratification of the 19th Amendment". Bee Line and State Regent Cheryl Brown coordinated with and supported the Friends of Happy Retreat's application for a Historic Preservation Grant from NSDAR. Blackwater hosted a program by the Landmarks Commission and Tucker County Historical Society on the Train Depot, a historic building in their community. Members of William Henshaw served as Docents for the Adam Stephen House Candlelight Christmas Tours. Trans-Allegheny made a donation to the Adaland Historic Preservation Committee.

Historic Preservation ~ Karen Kurilko, Chair ~ 2021

Even with Covid-19, West Virginia Daughters found ways to continue their work on historic preservation. Presentations included the Buford Chapter Regent on her work to locate the gravesite of one of her patriot ancestors, and a presentation by Merle Cole, Historic Preservationist, on the Raleigh County Marker Program to the Captain James Allen chapter. Kanawha Valley held a program on Historic Recipes, one member shared a cake recipe that was sent to active military during WWII, Korean War, Vietnam War and the Gulf War, and another member shared the Pease Porridge recipe from a 1747 cookbook. The President of the Tucker County Historical Society, owner of the historical Western Maryland Train Depot, spoke to the Blackwater Chapter about a project they are working on.

The Westmoreland Chapter enjoyed a presentation by the Mayor of Ceredo on the history of the former Ceredo Elementary School, the new headquarters of the Chapter. Belinda Jividen, VP of WV Gold Star Mothers, shared the history of that organization. Westmoreland has agreed to work with the town and WV Gold Star Mothers on Wreaths Across America at Crescent Hill Cemetery, owned by the town.

Several chapters worked on cemeteries. Anne Royall maintains the Pioneer Cemetery in Harrisville, the oldest existing cemetery in Ritchie County. Members of Colonel Morgan Morgan cleaned gravestones for veterans of the Revolutionary War, Spanish War, Civil War, and the monument for victims of the Fort Seybert massacre. Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Col John Evans Chapter held a training program to teach members the proper way to clean tombstones. Members then cleaned tombstones of Revolutionary War patriots at the Burnt Meeting House and Oak Grove Cemeteries in Monongalia County.

Westmoreland's Bethel Memorial Park Cemetery books, written by chapter

members, document a historically black cemetery in their area. June Ashworth, Honorary Regent and one of the authors, continues to spearhead the books' sales and cleanup efforts of the cemetery. John Young Chapter members participated in refurbishing the John Young grave site, cleaning gravestones and reseeded the grounds.

Chapters continue to support the State Regent's project book, "Revolutionary War Patriots Buried in the State of West Virginia" by collecting names of patriots buried in their county. These Chapters included the Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Col John Evans for Monongalia County, Trans-Allegheny for Lewis County, and Westmoreland for Wayne County,

Bee Line Chapter successfully sponsored an application for a Historic Preservation Grant on behalf of Friends of Happy Retreat in Charles Town (FoHR). The \$9,999 grant will be matched with funds raised by FoHR. Blackwater Chapter is working on a Historic received a design grant to assist in installing a park next to a historic building. The land became available when a bad building was demolished.

The Captain James Allen Chapter presented Merle Cole with the Historic Preservation Medal. Ohio Valley awarded a certificate for Historic Preservation to Fran Caldwell, Board Member of the Wetzel County Historical Museum.

Historic Preservation ~ Karen Kurilko, Chair ~ 2022

Even with Covid-19, West Virginia Daughters found ways to continue their work on historic preservation in 2021. Sixteen Chapters held 31 historic preservation programs, two chapters presented Excellence in History Preservation Awards and two chapters wrote letters of support for NSDAR Historic Preservation Grants. Chapter members spent countless hours researching genealogical, burial and service data for Revolutionary War Patriots buried in West Virginia for the State Regent's project.

Some of the historic preservation programs presented included Donna Brewster of the Mathew French Chapter who presented on her work with the Summers County Historical Society on graves of Civil War veterans and her work on graves in Pipestem District in Summers County. Ohio Valley Chapter members held a program on the Santa Fe Trail and local Indians and visited Henderson Hall, an historical home along the Ohio River.

Many chapters took on historic preservation projects. Several chapters maintain local cemeteries and monuments, including Anne Royal, Shenandoah Valley, Westmoreland, and Wheeling. Col Morgan Morgan Chapter worked extensively with the Historic Woodlawn Cemetery and Anne Royal Chapter maintained the Pioneer Cemetery in Ritchie County where three Revolutionary War Patriots are buried. Shenandoah Valley Chapter cleans and maintains the Morgan Morgan Monument in Bunker Hill as a yearly project. From early spring to late fall the Chapter preserves the Monument and takes pride in making sure it and the surrounding area are in excellent shape. West Virginia Daughters spending time cleaning headstones included Patty Norman from Col Morgan Morgan Chapter and Brenda Hess and Karen Kurilko from Cheat River Chapter.

Peter's Mountain Chapter held their annual projects of honoring veterans on Memorial Day and Veterans Day. Westmoreland Chapter participated in a

dedication of a Revolutionary War Highway Marker in Wayne County in honor of Patriot Private Adam Crum and a Marker in honor of Patriot Dr. Cary Henry Hampton at Dock's Creek Cemetery in Kenova.

Many West Virginia Daughters provided hundreds of hours in historic preservation work, including Westmoreland Chapter Regent Marilyn Oppenheimer. In 2011, Marilyn came into possession of military records and objects of a Korean War Veteran. After years of searching, she located the man's son in Tennessee and was able to return the items to the family.

Pack Horse Ford Chapter members Dorrene Hale and Cheryl Brown logged 196 Service to America hours transcribing a late 1800's ledger book from a Shepherdstown undertaking business. Cheryl transcribed obituaries for over 200 individuals and began researching and writing an introduction to the work, which will be published in 2022. Proceeds will go to the Chapter for marking graves of Revolutionary War Patriots.

Westmoreland's Honorary Regent June Ashworth was one of the authors of Westmoreland's Bethel Memorial Park Cemetery books and she wrote many newspaper articles on genealogy in Wayne County. After her passing in July, the remaining hardback copies of her book, "*Walker Family History*", were donated to the Chapter to sell with the proceeds going to the Chapter.

Junior American Citizens ~ Patricia Nutter, Chair ~ 2020

“The 100TH Anniversary of The 19TH Amendment –
American Women Rise and Shine

It has been a challenging, educational and rewarding experience for me to serve as WV State JAC Chair. I would like to thank all DAR members who have encouraged and supported me in this endeavor. A special thanks to Laura Frymier of the Anne Royall Chapter who assisted with all the judging and picture taking of all the entries.

Of the 39 DAR chapters, 6 reported JAC activities. Two chapters recognized an adult with the Thatcher award (Ellen Ruth Windom-Anne Royall Chapter and Kathy Eckert-Ohio Valley Chapter). Thanks for honoring these outstanding adults.

The total number of children involved in JAC clubs: 748; Number of groups: 34; Number of pictures/articles published:27; Number of children for Art: 586 (66 East Central Division winners and 15 National winners); Number of children for Creative Expression: 129 (10 East Central Division winners and 7 National winners); Community Service-(3 East Central Division winners and 3 National winners). The total number of children participating in JAC (clubs plus contest entrants: 782.

The Anne Royall Chapter NSDAR, in collaboration with the Ritchie County Middle School 8th grade West Virginia history teacher, applied for and received a \$500 grant sponsored by the Helen Pouch Memorial Fund. 97 8th grade students participated in a community service and Veterans recognition program. The class honored local county veterans and those currently in the military by hosting a Veterans Day Program and luncheon. This also included a “Hall of Honor” with the Veterans pictures and dates of service that was completed by the students. After

presenting the Veterans program, which honored each Veteran in attendance, they served a luncheon and visited with and thanked each Veteran for their service.

The goal of this event was to instill and promote an appreciation for our military, the Flag and our country. Educational content standards were addressed that included demonstrated patriotism through important anniversaries and remembrances and identifying, analyzing and evaluating responsibilities, privileges and rights as a citizen.

The General Hugh Mercer Sons of the American Revolution Chapter and the Matthew French Chapter DAR joined to honor one hero in their community. Both chapters presented the Outstanding Young Citizenship Award lapel pin with certificate to Morgan Gage Adkins, a student at Princeton High School. He is a leader, a compassionate community service organizer and a top rate, hardworking student.

Chapter winners: 1st place: Anne Royall Chapter; 2nd place-Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Col. John Evans Chapter; 3rd place-Ohio Valley Chapter. Participation awards: Elk River Chapter; Matthew French Chapter; Westmoreland Chapter.

Junior American Citizens ~ Patricia Nutter, Chair ~ 2021

“THE 400TH Anniversary of the Mayflower
Rise and Shine for New Opportunities in a New Land

I would like to thank DAR State Regent, Cheryl Brown for providing me the opportunity to chair this committee. Due to the Covid-19 virus, it has been a challenging year for the students and staff to participate in this contest; however, several outstanding entries were received.

I received data/comments from four chapters. The total number of students who participated in the JAC contest/JAC activities totaled 499. A lot of the schools were doing virtual/distance learning which made it difficult for the chapters to communicate with the staff and students.

West Virginia totals:

1. Number of JAC groups sponsored: 18
2. Total number of articles published about JAC activities: 20
3. Total number of children who participated in contest: 499
 - a. Number of participants in Art contest: 276
 - b. Number of participants in Creative Expression contest: 46
 - c. Number of participants in Community Service contest: 2
4. Total number of children in all JAC activities: 499
5. Thatcher Award: one to be presented to an outstanding teacher, Leigh Ridgway by the

Anne Royall Chapter NSDAR.

West Virginia had a lot of excellent winners. *

In the Poster category, there were 32 county winners, 32 state winners and 12 East Central Division winners (8 1st place, 3 2nd and 1 3rd place winner).

For Stamp Design: 18 county winners, 18 state winners and 8 East Central Division winners (6 1st place, 1 2nd place and 1 honorable mention).

Short Story: 7 county winners, 7 state winners and 4 East Central Division winners (3 2nd place and 1 3rd place winner).

Poems: 5 county winners, 5 state winners and 3 East Central Division winners (1 1st place winner and 2 3rd place winners).

Community Service-1 County, 1 state and 1 1st place East Central Division winner.

*Please note that the National results have not been received.

A special thanks to:

- The Anne Royall Chapter for sponsoring Ritchie County students and the Doddridge County 7th graders (324 students). Certificates and special recognition will be given to the winners at the schools' awards day program.
- The Elk River Chapter for sponsoring one group that involved 25 students.
- The Ohio Valley Chapter for sponsoring one JAC group which involved 150 students. They also donated to the JAC National program. Local winners received a certificate and a monetary donation. All participants received a certificate.
- All participants, staff and judges who made this a successful endeavor.

Congratulations to the chapter winners:

1st Place- Anne Royall Chapter NSDAR

2nd Place-Ohio Valley Chapter NSDAR

3rd Place-Elk River Chapter NSDAR

The 2021-2022 Theme is : The 100TH Anniversary of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier: Rise and Shine for Duty, Home and Patriotism.”.

Junior American Citizens Committee ~ Patricia Nutter, Chair ~ 2022

I would like to thank DAR State Regent, Cheryl Brown, for providing me the opportunity to serve as JAC State Chair. Also, a special thanks to the five chapters who participated in the contest by reporting participant data and comments.

Several outstanding entries were received and judged.

WV JAC totals:

1. Numbers of JAC groups sponsored: 34
2. Total number of articles published about JAC Activities: 9
3. Total number of children who participated in contest: 588
 - a. Number of participants in Art Contest: 532
 - b. Number of participants in Creative Expression contest: 56
 - c. Number of participants in Community Service: 0
4. Total number of children in all JAC activities: 588
5. Thatcher Award: 1

West Virginia winners:

Poster category, 17-chapter winners, 17 state winners, and 16 East Central Division winners (8 1st place, 6 2nd and 2 honorable mention winners).

Stamp Design: 11-chapter winners, 11 state winners, 10 East Central Division winners (2 1st place, 4 2nd place, 1 3rd place, and 1 honorable mention).

Banner Category: 4-chapter and 4 state winners and 4 1st place East Central Division winners.

Creative Expression (short story and poetry): 11-chapter winners, 11 state winners and 10 East Central Division winners (3 1st place, 5 2nd place, 1 3rd place and 1 honorable mention winner).

On May 28, 2021, Mindy Davis, Vice President General and National Vice-Chair for Women's Issues presented the Thatcher Award and pin to Mrs. Leigh Ridgway, a dedicated second grade teacher. She was assisted by Patty Nutter Anne Royall Chapter JAC Chair.

A special thanks to:

* The Anne Royall chapter for continuing to sponsor Doddridge County 7th grade students. Certificates will be presented to all participants.

* The Blennerhassett Chapter for being first time participants in the contest.

* The Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Col. John Evans chapter for having 91 students participate in the art contest. They also donated to the JAC National Prize Fund.

* The Trans-Allegheny chapter for donating \$25 to the JAC program in WVDAR.

Congratulations the WVDAR JAC chapter winners:

1st place – Anne Royall Chapter

2nd place – Elizabeth Ludington-Hagans-Col. John Evans Chapter

3rd place - Blennerhassett Chapter

For the 2022 – 2023 year, I would like to encourage all WVDAR chapter members to read and view the JAC information on the national website. I encourage every chapter in the state to participate in the JAC contest.

Literacy Promotion ~ Darlene Frederick, Chair ~ 2020

It is with great honor that I am pleased to report on the efforts of the WV daughters who have worked to promote literacy in the state. Thirty-seven out of 39 chapters, and 163 members participated in some way in the Literacy Promotion Committee. Twenty-one chapters, with a total of 984 hours spent time tutoring or assisting adults with literacy issues. Twenty chapters, with a total of 1879 hours were spent tutoring, assisting or promoting literacy in children.

Literacy Promotion donations included 21 chapters donating at total of 2642 books, and 9 chapters making financial donations of \$3275 to promote literacy within the state of WV. There were no participants reported for Literacy Promotion contests or chapters who nominated projects for Literacy Promotion Contests. The Ohio Valley Chapter, however, recognized the importance of the Pleasants County Public Library for its children's programs and awarded a Community Service certificate to the librarian.

Individual members work for literacy promotion such as two chapters which have members who are on the boards of WV Read Aloud Program-James Wood and Woodburn. Many chapters have members who have read to classrooms, as well as their grandchildren to promote the importance of literacy.

Chapters such as Buford, Captain James Allen, and Peter's Mountain have purchased and donated books to book clubs, libraries and Veteran's organizations. Buford Chapter held book sales to benefit "Friends of the Library" and the Huntington Museum of Art. The Elizabeth Ludington-Hagans-Colonel John Evans Chapter collaborated with Girl Scouts to purchase books about women for the Morgantown Public Library, as well as a chapter member is on the board of the Appalachian Prison Book Project. One member of the Captain James Allen chapter personally donated \$250 to Bradley Reading Club which she began twenty years ago.

Other worthwhile literacy projects include that of the John Hart Chapter which has member who writes a literacy column for the InterMountain Newspaper. Two chapters have members who have submitted literacy articles for DAR newsletters- The Elizabeth Ludington Hagans- Colonel John Evans and the South Branch Valley Chapter whose article was about the success of an incarcerated adult male student.

Several chapters donated school supplies such as Matthew French and Kanawha Valley. A Kanawha Valley Chapter member works with "WV Birth to Three" program to promote the importance of reading.

It is evident that the work of the WV daughters certainly has added to the success of reducing literacy problems in the state of West Virginia.

Literacy Promotion ~ Darlene Frederick, Chair ~ 2021

It is with great honor that I am pleased to report on the efforts of the WV daughters who have worked to promote literacy in the state. Despite the Covid 19 pandemic, twenty-seven out of 39 chapters, and 122 members participated in some way in the Literacy Promotion Committee. Only 8 chapters, with a total of 1804 hours spent time tutoring or assisting adults with literacy issues, almost double the hours from last year. Seventeen chapters, with a total of 3500 hours were spent tutoring, assisting, or promoting literacy in children, another increase in time spent promoting literacy.

Literacy Promotion donations included 15 chapters donating at total of 2013 books, and 8 chapters making financial donations of \$1455 to promote literacy within the state of WV. There were no participants reported for Literacy Promotion contests, but Bee Line Chapter received a Certificate of Achievement from the State Society for efforts in encouraging and teaching cursive to children, a high priority for State Regent Cheryl Brown. Col. Morgan Morgan also submitted handwriting samples to State Regent Brown.

Three chapters have members who have encouraged parents and teachers to read out loud to children through the WV Read Aloud Program- supported by Buford, Ohio Valley and Woodburn chapters. Many chapters have members who have read to classrooms, as well as their grandchildren to promote the importance of literacy.

Several chapters have purchased and donated books to book clubs, libraries, and Veteran's organizations. A member of the Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Col John Evans chapter donated an amazing 1500 hours to working with Appalachian Prison Book Program while \$400 was generously donated to the same.

Some interesting special programs were presented by several chapters such as Pack Horse Ford and its costumed readings portraying Martha Washington and a Right to Vote suffragette. One daughter in the Westmoreland Chapter maintains a

Little Library in front of her home to which members donate books. Blackwater Chapter read about Ben Franklin and his inventions and efforts for our country's independence.

Captain James Allen, South Branch and Kanawha Valley Chapters donated books to Tommassee DAR school, while Peter's Mountain donated books to Springfield Nursing Home to start a library.

Other worthwhile literacy projects include that of the Westmoreland Chapter that turned a Valentine's Day card making project for Veterans into a writing project. Writing is just another part of literacy learning, so the children wrote notes in their cards.

This year chapters became creative in the many ways to reach both DAR members and the children in their communities. Captain James Allen emailed literacy materials and worthwhile articles such as 'Reasons to Read Aloud' and "How to Promote Reading" to members. Others videotaped reading sessions.

It is evident that the WV daughters certainly have given time and resources in a very uncertain year of a pandemic like we have never seen in recent times. They have worked hard to reduce literacy problems in the state of West Virginia.

Literacy Promotion ~ Darlene Frederick, Chair ~ 2022

I am honored to report on the efforts of the WV daughters who have worked to promote literacy in the state. Covid 19 may have slowed some efforts of the Daughters to promote Literacy, but our WV DAR chapters still proved to rise and shine.

Thirty-one out of 40 chapters and 114 members participated in the Literacy Promotion Committee. Only 10 chapters, with a total of 1428 hours spent time tutoring or assisting adults with literacy issues, slightly down from last year. Nineteen chapters, with a total of 1710 hours were spent tutoring, assisting, or promoting literacy in children, sadly another decrease in time spent promoting literacy.

Literacy Promotion donations included 24 chapters donating at total of 1619 books, and only 5 chapters making huge financial donations of \$5555 to promote literacy within the state of WV with the Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Col John Evans Chapter alone donating \$4800 of it to Literacy. There were no participants reported for Literacy Promotion contests. Captain James Allen Chapter presented a Literacy Champion Award certificate to a member. Three chapters, Captain James Allen, John Hart and Pack Horse Ford had Literacy Proclamations signed by their mayors.

A high priority for State Regent Cheryl Brown is encouraging and teaching cursive to children for which two chapters submitted writing samples.

Four chapters have members who have encouraged parents and teachers to read out loud to children through the WV Read Aloud Program and WV Reads programs- supported by Col Zackquill Morgan, Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Col John Evans, Ohio Valley, Ye Towne of Bathe chapters. Many chapters have members who have read to classrooms, in-person and even through Zoom, as well as to their grandchildren to promote the importance of literacy.

Several chapters have purchased and donated books to book clubs, libraries, Veteran's organizations and even nursing homes. The Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Col John Evans chapter generously donated books, time, and money to the

Appalachian Prison Book Program. Col. Morgan Morgan, South Branch Valley and Westmoreland chapters gave books for Constitution Week. South Branch and Ye Towne of Bathe donated books to Tamassee DAR school. Westmoreland Chapter members wrote books about a historically black cemetery and others by an award-winning author.

Some special programs were presented by several chapters such as Matthew French and their Catch them in the Cradle program and Kellogg's Feeding Reading Program and Shenandoah Valley's Christmas Program was Christmas in the Colonies. Two chapters John Hart and Westmoreland wrote literacy and genealogy articles for the newspapers. The family of a deceased daughter in the Westmoreland Chapter donated copies of her books to the chapter to be used as genealogy research and some to be sold with proceeds to the chapter. An Ohio Valley member wrote stories and created costumes to accompany those stories that were read to kindergarten students.

It is evident that the WV daughters certainly have given time and resources to reduce literacy problems in the state of West Virginia.

National Defense ~ Neoma Spratt, Chair ~ 2020

Thirty-eight chapters reported on the NSDAR Chapter Master Report for 2020. The following information under National Defense is based on total meetings each chapter held which were down due to the COVID-19 virus:

33 Chapters devoted at least three minutes to a National Defense report at every regular meeting. This constituted 87% of the reporting chapters.

26 Chapters used National Defender articles for their three-minute reports. This also constituted 68% of the reporting chapters.

A total of 37 Medals were presented and they are as follows:

2 Gold (college) ROTC Medals were presented.

9 Bronze (high school/junior college) JROTC Medals were presented.

14 Silver DAR Outstanding Cadet Medals were presented.

There were 3 DAR Distinguished Citizen Medals presented.

A total of 9 DAR Youth Citizenship Medals were presented.

Special recognition to the Ohio Valley Chapter for presenting nine (9) Cadet Medals and Nine (9) Youth Citizenship Medals.

Six chapters donated a total of \$711 to ROTC & CADAET awards programs. Chapters \$50 and over: Bee Line - \$200; James Wood - \$350; Ohio Valley - \$50 and Pack Horse Ford - \$100

There were 10 Chapters with at least one program dedicated to the National Defense Program. I would like to make a special acknowledgement to the Bee Line and Blennerhassett Chapters for outstanding National Defense Programs during COVID-19.

National Defense ~ Neoma Sprouse, Chair~ 2021

I thank all the chapters for your hard work in the area of National Defense this past year. My goals for National Defense this year in spite of the COVID-19 which prevents many chapters from holding regular meetings is as follows:

1. With each meeting you are able to have; please have a three-minute National Defense Report from the National Defender which can be

downloaded from the DAR Website. This will give us 100% participation statewide.

2. If you are unable to use the National Defender, please have a three-minute report from The American Spirit magazine or the Daughters newsletter.

“The National Defense Committee’s responsibilities can be found in the “DAR Handbook and National Bylaws 2017 page 167-170; and 309-312). Please review especially when submitting awards.

I believe each chapter ought to be able to find someone and/or a group in the community to award the “DAR Distinguished Citizen Medal” with the individual(s) going over and beyond helping their community towards the COVID-19 virus. The individuals must be 18 years and older. Examples that might be considered giving the award to: Emergency First Responders, truck drivers, grocery clerks, drug stores personnel, etc. The qualifications can be found on page 310 of the “DAR Handbook and National Bylaws”. National is allowing groups to be recognized. Remember, when doing a group, each person in that group should receive the medal. Each medal is \$10. The form when submitting the award is: Document No. ND-2004.

The “DAR Youth Citizenship Medal” and the “ROTC Medals” qualifications are listed on pages 310-312 of the “DAR Handbook and National Bylaws” when submitting these awards.

I know money is tight; but we all from time to time take change from our purses and throw it into a cup. I am asking all chapters if they would collect change and donate to the ROTC programs and send that money to the state treasurer. I would like to see 100% participation on this as well. Every “cent” counts. God bless our ROTC Programs.

God bless you all and be safe while we all fight the battle against the virus. Keep the country in your daily prayers.

National Defense ~ Neoma Spratt, Chair ~ 2022

Thirty-nine chapters reported on the NSDAR Chapter Master Report for 2021. The following information under National Defense is based on total meetings each chapter held which were down due to the COVID-19 virus:

19 Chapters devoted at least three minutes to a National Defense report at every regular meeting. This constituted 49% of the reporting chapters.

28 Chapters used National Defender articles for their three-minute reports. This also constituted 72% of the reporting chapters.

A total of 21 Medals were presented, and they are as follows:

- Four Gold (college) ROTC Medals were presented.
- Eleven Bronze (high school/junior college) JROTC Medals were presented.
- Three Silver DAR Outstanding Cadet Medals were presented.
- There was one DAR Distinguished Citizen Medals presented.
- A total of 2 DAR Youth Citizenship Medals were presented.

Eleven chapters donated a total of \$963 to ROTC & CADAET awards programs.

There were 19 Chapters with at least one program dedicated to the National Defense Program. I would like to make a special acknowledgement to the Blackwater Chapter for honoring Vietnam Veterans and the Ohio Valley Chapter for honoring Vietnam Veteran Harold Miller for the DAR Distinguished Citizen Medal who also received the Purple Heart. Pack Horse Ford Chapter honoring Dorothy Hogg, the first Surgeon General of the US Space Force and Steve Robert, a survivor of the attack on the Pentagon during 9/11. The Westmoreland Chapter did a great job with the programs held and the people honored. Just to mention a few names: Cpl Adam Greathouse who won the Outstanding Veteran Volunteer of the Year Award and Veteran Tracey Pabrinzinsky for her community service. A few of the chapter members did a lot of work with flags, Wreaths Across America, donations to the veterans etc. Great job by the Westmoreland Chapter.

Service to America ~ Jill Mooney, Chair ~ 2020

West Virginia Daughters reported 75,359 of volunteer hours in the Service to America tally. At least an additional 1,570 volunteer hours were reported on the Chapter Master Report. Chapters reported volunteer hours in areas the included historical preservation, promotion of education, and the encouragement of patriotic endeavor. Historical preservation volunteer hours included the cleaning and care for Revolutionary War graves, the State's Veterans Cemetery, West Virginia's Madonna of the Trail monument, a Morgan Morgan monument, and a monument to soldiers of the first World War. Promotion of education volunteer hours included instructing and encouraging Daughters on the recording of volunteer hours in the Service to America online module through a workshop, a step-by-step guide in the chapter's yearbook, and personal telephone calls. Encouragement of patriotic endeavor volunteer hours included service at Veterans Hospitals including a karaoke event and attendance at naturalization ceremonies. Further volunteer hours were provided for family support programs, women's crisis shelters, libraries and other community organizations.

Ninety-seven percent (37/38) of West Virginia's chapters reported volunteer hours in the Service to America tally. All of West Virginia's chapters reported Service to America volunteer service in the Chapter Master Report.

Ninety-two percent (35/38) of West Virginia's chapters met or exceeded their National Goal of volunteer hours for the Service to America tally.

Seventy-one percent (27/38) of West Virginia's chapters reported participating in the National DAR Day of Service on or around October 11, 2019.

Twenty-one chapters have a Service to America chairman.

Ten chapters shared their service projects, photos, and ideas on the DAR Service to America Facebook Group.

Nine chapters shared additional meaningful community service projects with this Committee.

Seven chapters reported forwarding additional material to the State Committee Chair.

The Flag of the United States of America ~ Lois Kimble, Chair 2020

Rise and Shine for America and Soar to New Heights by promoting respect for our Flag. respect for our Flag. Our Daughters have worked hard to accomplish this

objective.

There were 1,480 youth involved including high school Cadets, high school seniors, 5th graders, pre-K, home schoolers and 4-H clubs.

There were 18 Flag events such as parades, flagpole donations and programs on proper disposal of the American Flag. Several Chapters placed Flags on Veterans' graves. We presented 3,362 Flags and 46 Certificates to naturalized citizens, veterans and school children. No Flags that were flown over Constitution Hall were purchased.

There were 1,660 DAR Flag Codes and other Flag literature distributed. "Flag Minutes" during meetings included 172 minutes. No Braille Flags were presented.

The CMR seems to indicate that all Chapters are doing an awesome job of promoting our Flag. I would like to mention three Chapters that sent pictures and detailed information on their projects. Thanks to Bee Line, Buford, and Kanawha Valley for their reports.

Flag of the United States of America ~ Lois Kimble, Chair 2022

West Virginia Chapters have been busy promoting our flag. There were 57 flag events which included 539 youth. There were flag retirement ceremonies involving Boy Scouts. An Eagle Scout made several receptacles for flags that were to be retired. 4-H groups helped place flags along a walkway to honor local veterans.

Classroom lesson on "Good Flag Manners" was presented. Flag pins were handed out to children who requested them. A total of 2,399 flags were presented to individuals, schools, new citizens, churches and placed on graves of veterans.

58 flag certificates were presented to Boy Scouts, individuals who properly display a flag at their home, local churches, and restaurants.

623 flag codes and 643 flag literature were distributed.

No Braille flags were presented.

No flags flown over Constitution Hall were purchased.

Chapters included 179 flag minutes at meetings or on Facebook.

Thanks to all the chapters for their hard work and creativity in promoting our flag. Check out WVDAR Facebook for half-staff alerts.

Women's Issues ~ Barbara Holt, Chair ~ 2020

The chapters in West Virginia covered women's issues during their year of service for NSDAR in a variety of ways. Women's Issues has four sections - domestic violence, health, career, and family. Chapters' shared Women's Issues through their projects, events, and presentations.

Some of the subjects covered included information on trafficking, active shooters, preserving the environment, building family strengths, increasing awareness of our global interdependence, stress management, cervical cancer, breast cancer, Alzheimer's, organ donating, veteran women issues and needs, increasing awareness globally of women's issues, the wives of the men who signed the Declaration of Independence, the first women to vote, women veterans' sexual trauma and many others.

They held events to raise funds and give supplies to women's shelters, veterans at the American Legion and veteran hospitals, children's care packages for those children whose homelives have been involved in law enforcement issues,

community education outreach, Christmas party for women veterans, Care Pack Ministries, American Cancer Society, Alzheimer's Association, women's crisis center, under-privileged families, local food banks, Rosenbaum Family House, and a baby shower for women veterans.

They put articles in the newspaper, on Facebook, newsletters, websites and discussed information during meetings. Speakers that were invited to speak include a Gold Medalist, Pharmacist, member from the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV), an individual who has survived domestic violence, chairperson of the Beckley Area Foundation for Youth Committee, U.S. Representative WV 3rd Congressional District, Carol Miller, former U.S. Army soldier, Jessica Lynch, VA Medical Center representative, representative from Voices Against Domestic Violence (VADV), and chapter members.

An award for Outstanding was given in each section of Women's issues – Domestic Violence was given to Ye Towne Chapter (4056WV); Health was given to Bee Line Chapter (4004WV); Career was given to Bee Line Chapter (4004WV); and Family was given to Shenandoah Valley Chapter (4045WV).

Women's Issues ~ Barbara Holt, Chair ~ 2021

Even with the pandemic of COVID-19, most of the chapters in West Virginia covered women's issues of health, career, and family during their year of service for NSDAR in 2020. This year an essay was submitted on *Preventing Heart Attack and Stroke* by Georgette Ward from the Elizabeth Zane Chapter (4021WV) which was judged by three non-NSDAR women and submitted to the Division level.

Most of the chapters continued to offer education on a plethora of subjects in conjunction to women's issues. They also gave of their time, much needed supplies for the homeless and abused, baskets for first responders, supplies for women veterans, participation to raise funds through walking challenges, and assistance for those during medical treat which included supplies and food.

Even with meetings moving to virtual and the complication of learning how to maneuver through the internet programs, women's issues were still made a part of the programs. They put articles in the newspaper and newsletters; on Facebook, websites, emails; and discussed information during meetings.

The Women's Issues State Chair received only one submission of a complete report in order to be considered for possible recognition. This submission came from the Bee Line Chapter (4004WV). For this recognition, an Outstanding award was given to this chapter for Women's issues for career and family for all their hard work.

Women's Issues ~ Barbara Holt, Chair ~ 2022

Each chapter has a daunting challenge with hold meetings and helping others in their community due to the continued covid pandemic. However, the ladies of West Virginia NSDAR continue to move the bar forward.

No essays were received this year to evaluate. Twenty-five out of forty chapters reported on Women's Issue. One hundred and nine meetings had Women's Issues minutes read.

I have received two chapters' information for recognition from Women's Issues.

- Outstanding in Family will be awarded to the Anne Royall (4001WV) Chapter which is one of the moderate size chapters with 51 members. They presented a program on *Women's Right to Vote* which was featured in the newspaper.
- Outstanding in Health will be awarded to the Bee Line Chapter (4004WV) Chapter which is one of the larger chapters with 85 members. Towards suicide prevention, member Becki Jones sewed, and ribbon embroidered a pillow that she donated to be used for a raffle to benefit the suicide prevention organization "Out of the Darkness." This chapter also donated to the Veterans Affairs Medical Center's Food Pantry in response to a quick-turnaround call for donations of shelf-stable foods which they contributed canned fruits and vegetables, boxes and tins of milk, hot and cold cereals, and tinned meats which were low-sodium items which were specifically requested. They also covered special monthly awareness issues of health: September focuses on gynecologic cancer awareness and information was shared about symptoms, treatment, risk factors, prevention, clinical trials, and survivors' stories. October is breast cancer awareness which also included skin cancer, information on regular mammograms, men also getting breast cancer checks. This is also domestic abuse awareness which this chapter supported through awareness and updating legislation. May is National Women's Health Week and they spoke on physical and mental health issues. This chapter added articles in the newspaper as well as Facebook posts.

The programs, service projects and activities conducted this year covered a plethora of items just to mention a few: workshops to learn to use zoom, importance of vaccinations, managing homelife and careers during the pandemic, a woman's career in the FBI, domestic violence, caring for the elderly, receiving a liver from a live donor, sewing and embroidering pillows, need for physical activity, weight control, mental health, donation of hygiene products, donation to food pantries, donation to paralyzed veterans, and the list continues.

Genealogy Committees

DAR Genealogy Preservation ~ Heidi Ware, Chair ~ 2020

West Virginia Daughters are Soaring to New Heights assisting with the projects of the DAR Genealogy Preservation Committee. Our Daughters volunteering to assist with this project are "shining a light" on our genealogical links and add that information to DAR databases.

The focus of this committee is the Supporting Documentation Project. The objective is to categorize over 8 million documents used by members to support the lineage submitted on their DAR applications. Categorizing these documents makes it easier for Registrars to find needed supporting documents in the DAR Genealogical Records System for a particular ancestor. Ten West Virginia members contributed to the Supporting Documentation Project during 2019. Delores (Geneal) Bailey of the Old Hickory Chapter indexed 13,710 documents, Cynthia Harper of the Woodburn Chapter indexed 4,346 documents, Vickie Baker

of Tanners Cross Roads indexed 2,277 documents, Joanna McKown of Old Hickory Chapter indexed 2,228 documents, Susan Arnold of Elizabeth Ludington Hagens-Colonel John Evans Chapter indexed 1,956 documents, Georgette Ward of Elizabeth Zane Chapter indexed 1,219 documents, April Wallace of Elizabeth Zane Chapter indexed 479 documents, Grace Arthur of Old Hickory Chapter indexed 373 documents, Claudia Duncan of Kanawha Valley Chapter indexed 226 documents and Heidi Ware of Bee Line Chapter indexed 46 documents for a total of 27,157 documents. Of special note, West Virginia is proud to say that Delores (Geneal) Bailey of Old Hickory Chapter was selected as a reviewer for the Supporting Documentation project. When documents are categorized differently during the initial categorization, Ms. Bailey determines the correct categorization of the document.

Local preservation is important, and our West Virginia Chapters are doing their part to preserve genealogical records and history. Members are donating genealogical records to local libraries and abstracting, indexing and transcribing local records. Members are attending classes to learn more about locating genealogical records as well as creating websites to highlight our Patriots and preserve their history. There are several noteworthy activities of West Virginia Daughters. Frannie Weekley of the Ohio Valley Chapter epitomizes the motto "Preserving the Past, Preparing for the Future and Helping Others Along the Way" through her hours of transcribing records, her assistance with researching Gold Star Mothers and her work to bring history to children. Barbara Channell of Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter ensured the safekeeping of chapter records by placing member applications in archival sleeves. And finally, Elizabeth Ludington Hagens-Colonel John Evans Chapter member Andrea Ice-Horton spoke about her patriot ancestor Andrew Ice and the history of the Ice family as part of the grand opening of a Morgantown History Museums new exhibit. The Ice family were early settlers who established and ran Ice's Ferry on Cheat River. A recording and photos of this presentation are available on the Morgantown History Museum's Facebook page. preserving records in archival sleeves,

And finally, in support of the State Regents Project, members from chapters around the state are beginning the work to collect and publish genealogical, burial and service data for Revolutionary War patriots whose final resting place is in present-day West Virginia.

DAR Genealogy Preservation ~ Heidi Ware, Chair ~ 2022

West Virginia Daughters assisted in the completion of the DAR Genealogy Preservation Committee projects in 2021.

The focus of this committee was the Supporting Documentation Project and the Descendants Project. The objective was to categorize over 8 million documents used by members to support the lineage submitted on their DAR applications. Six West Virginia members contributed to the Supporting Documentation Project during 2021. Georgette Ward of Elizabeth Zane Chapter indexed 917 documents, Vickie Baker of Tanner's Cross Roads Chapter indexed 603 documents, April Wallace of the Elizabeth Zane Chapter indexed 372 documents, Delores (Geneal) Bailey of the Old Hickory Chapter indexed 232 documents, Joanna McKown of Old Hickory Chapter indexed 138 documents and Grace Arthur of Old Hickory Chapter indexed 36 documents for a total of 2,298 documents.

Currently, no new volunteer opportunities are available within Genealogy Preservation. The Genealogy Department is working to identify a new project.

In the meantime, West Virginia Daughters helped to finalize the State Regents Project, collecting genealogical, burial and service data for Revolutionary War patriots whose final resting place is in present-day West Virginia.

Genealogical Records ~ Brenda Shinkovich, Chair ~ 2021 – 2022

The Morgan Morgan Chapter has submitted a Bible Record for 2021. The work was completed by Patti Norman. The volume entitled *Bible Records: Fairmont, Marion County, West Virginia* is WVs2v39 and earned 124 pages. This being added to the 2020 GRC log of 197 pages should make her eligible for the newly released GRC pin. This concludes my report for 2021.

Lineage Research ~ Linda Whitman, Chairman ~ 2020

This chairman was active in assisting others in the WVDAR by serving on the Chapter Development & Revitalization Commission and the WV SAT (State Application Team). I attended the WVDAR Genealogy Workshop held in Flatwoods, WV, on Sept. 21, 2019. I also provided a “Greetings” letter to our new Lineage Research chapter chairmen, which was included in the WVDAR Summer packet.

The West Virginia Daughters were active in assisting the Lineage Research Lookup Board. Assisting prospective members, and the Lineage Research Group on Facebook. Five chapters requested research assistance from the Lineage Research Lookup Board for eight queries. Twelve chapter members have completed look-up requests posted on the Lineage Research Look-up Board. There were twelve requests for research assistance on the Lineage Research Facebook group. There were four requests for image access assistance from the Lineage Research Facebook group. Two chapters requested help with applications or supplementals from Specialty- Research teams.

Lineage Research Chapter Awards were as follows:

Large Club: 1st -- Capt. James Allen Chapter

2nd – Ohio Valley Chapter

3rd – Kanawha Valley Chapter

Small Club: 1st – Barboursville Chapter

2nd – Tanner’s Cross Roads

Outstanding Achievement in Research:

Susan Arnold -- Elizabeth Ludington -Col. John
Evans Chapter

Lee Eddy – Ohio Valley Chapter

Heather Harrison – Kanawha Valley Chapter

Lineage Research ~ Linda Whitman, Chair ~ 2021

This Chair was active in assisting others in the WVDAR by serving on the Chapter Development and Revitalization Commission and the WVDAR SAT {State Application Team}. I provided a “Greetings” letter to our new Lineage Research chapter chairmen to download various brochures which may help with specific subject areas. I included the German Patriot brochure in the packet. I also

suggested chairmen encourage members to join a Specialty Research Team or help with the Cold Case Project. I attended the Virtual DNA Genealogy Workshop entitled “DNA 101 – Let’s Get Started” held on Sept. 19, 2020, with Cricket Crigler as presenter.

The West Virginia Daughters were active in assisting the Lineage Research Lookup Board, assisting prospective members, and the Lineage Research Group on Facebook. Ten chapters appointed Lineage Research Chairmen. Chapters requested research assistance five times from the Lineage Research Lookup Board. Eight WVDAR members have completed look-up requests posted on the Lineage Research Look-up Board. There were two requests for research assistance on the Lineage Research Facebook group. We had no requests for assistance of State, Divisional, or National Lineage Research Chairs. We had no requests for image access assistance from the Lineage Research Facebook group. No chapters requested help with applications or supplementals from Specialty-Research teams.

Lineage Research Chapter Awards were as follows:

Large Club: 1st – Elizabeth Ludington Hagans=Col. John Evans
2nd – Ohio Valley Chapter
Small Club: 1st – Elizabeth Zane Chapter
2nd – Col. Zackquill Morgan Chapter

Outstanding Achievement:

Susan Arnold – Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Col. John Evans {2}
Outstanding help with AIRS
Outstanding Research and Assistance

Frannie Weekley – Ohio Valley Chapter

Lee Eddy – Ohio Valley Chapter

Mary Lamp – Ohio Valley Chapter

Georgette Ward – Col. Zackquill Morgan Chapter

Lineage Research ~ Linda L. Whitman ~ 2022

This chairman was active in assisting others in the WVDAR by serving on the Chapter Development & Revitalization Commission and the WV SAT (State Application Team). I provided a “Greetings” letter to our Lineage Research chapter chairmen, which was included in the 2021 WVDAR Summer packet. This chairman suggested chapter chairmen encourage members to join the Lineage Research Lookup Board and the NSDAR Lineage Research Facebook page. Chapter chairmen were made aware of the newly created Jewish Task Force pamphlet, as well as, given ideas they could utilize in their chapters. We had sixteen West Virginia chapters report on their lineage research activities in the Master Questionnaire. Twelve of those chapters had each appointed a Chapter Lineage Research chairman. We had four chapters make use of the new Lineage Research Virtual Support Team.

We had one chapter who completed look-up requests posted on the Lineage Research Lookup Board. We had five requests for assistance by asking State, Divisional, or National Lineage Research Chairs.

Two chapters and one member watched the presentation, Beyond the Musket, from the Lineage Research Resources page.

We had three chapters provide genealogy workshops for both members and non-members.

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

Patriot Records Project – Cynthia Harper - 2020

The Patriot Records Project Committee was given the task of indexing Revolutionary War records. Indexing these records will make it easier to find and identify patriots who may have otherwise had unique and perhaps inaccessible records. The resulting index will be available as part of the Genealogical Research System (GRS) where both members and the public will be able to use them for research.

As appointed State Chairman for the Patriot Records Project Committee, I have indexed the names of 32, 465 Patriots to date. Participation in this project requires members to familiarize themselves with the penmanship of the time period since some records are more difficult to read than others.

Any member can volunteer for this project as long as you have a computer with internet access and the ability to read cursive. The indexing for this project is done online through eMembership.

In 2019, the WV DAR Contributions to the Patriot Records Project Committee were as follows:

Chapter: Old Hickory - Total number of names indexed by chapter member Grace Arthur: 15

Chapter: Woodburn - Total number of names indexed by chapter member Cynthia Harper: 2,219

Chapter: Ye Towne of Bath - Total number of names indexed by chapter member Carolyn Scheydt: 6,377

Chapter: Elizabeth Zane - Total number of names indexed by chapter member Georgette Ward: 9,352

Patriot Records Project ~ Cynthia Harper, Chair ~ 2021

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System (GRS) where both members and the public will be able to use them for research.

As the appointed State Chairman for the Patriot Records Project Committee in 2020, West Virginia Daughters indexed 19,366 Patriot records. Any member can volunteer for this project as long as you have a computer with internet access and the ability to read cursive. The indexing for this project is done online through eMembership.

In 2020, the WV DAR Contributions to the Patriot Records Project Committee were as follows:

McKown, Joanna	Old Hickory	4063WV	249	
Scheydt, Carolyn	Ye Towne Of Bath	4056WV	289	
Silva, Teresa	Kanawha Valley	4031WV	2,694	
Tillinghast, Rachel	Old Hickory	4063WV	108	
Ward, Georgette	Elizabeth Zane	4021		16,026
Total number of hours spent on this project by WVDAR members:				280 hours

Patriot Records Committee ~ 2022

The Patriot Records Committee's purpose is to make finding and identifying Revolutionary War Patriots easier. Volunteers index the names of men, women and businesses that helped during the War for Independence, and the results can be accessed online through the Genealogical Research System. Any DAR member can volunteer for this committee by writing to patriotrecords@nsdar.org. Once a participant has indexed 10,000 surnames, she is eligible to purchase the Patriot Records Project Pin.

During the 116th WVDAR State Conference in March 2021 the West Virginia State Regent honored Georgette Ward of the Elizabeth Zane Chapter for having indexed 16,026 names during 2020. This recognition was given not only as an award for outstanding service but also to recruit additional participants through giving visibility to the work of this committee.

In 2021 four West Virginia Daughters from four different chapters indexed a total of 42,502 names. Two of them indexed over 10,000 names: Cynthia Archer of the Wheeling Chapter, who indexed 23,023 names, and Georgette Ward of the Elizabeth Zane Chapter, who indexed 16,601 names.

On September 27, 2021, State Chair Cynthia Harper resigned. Due to the short time left in the administration, no replacement was named.

Cheryl Alexander Brown
West Virginia State Regent

Volunteer Genealogists ~ Vickie Baker, Chair ~ 2020

I, Vickie Baker, Regent, Tanner's Cross Roads Chapter accepted the position as the WVDAR Volunteer Genealogist for 2019-2022 term. I am learning the duties. I am serving on the Chapter Revitalization and Development Commission (CDRC) and State Application Team (SAT).

The following information was submitted in the Chapter Master Report for Volunteer Genealogists.

WVDAR has 20 NSDAR Trained Volunteer Genealogists.

Members who have completed the online Genealogy Educational Program during 2019 include 2 for GEP 3 and 1 for DNA and the DAR.

4 NSDAR Trained Volunteer Genealogists were assigned to designated chapters. 3 chapters reported they could benefit from a NSDAR Trained Volunteer Genealogist. 5 chapters requested assistance from the America 250! Membership Task Force. Chapter in West Virginia presented 3 genealogy or application workshops. 42 members attended a non-DAR genealogy workshop.

In conjunction with the CDRC, WVDAR held a statewide genealogy workshop conducted by the NSDAR Director of Genealogy with 69 attendees. Additionally, a State Application Team (SAT) was created to assist chapters with the Prospective Member Database. Other chapter highlights of the year:

- One chapter sponsored a Lineage Society Saturday.
- One chapter help women veterans explore family history during Christmas party.

I look forward as we Rise and Shine for America and Soar to New Heights with the State Application Team and Volunteer Genealogist.

Volunteer Genealogist ~ Vickie Baker, Chair ~ 2021

I, Vickie Baker, Regent, Tanner's Cross Roads Chapter, am currently serving as the WVDAR Volunteer Genealogist for 2019-2022 term. I assisted as needed our chapter registrar, Susan Tucker, to complete membership applications. I am also serving on the WVDAR Chapter Development and Revitalization Commission. I have also attended virtual meetings of the State Application Team.

The following information was submitted in the Chapter Master Report for Volunteer Genealogist.

WVDAR has 23 NSDAR Trained Volunteer Genealogist. Most of the trained Volunteer Genealogist are

committed multiple aspects support in genealogy research and completion of new and supplemental applications. Members that completed GEP courses include 3 for GEP I, 2 for GEP III, and 3 for GEP IV.

Two Volunteer Genealogists were informally assigned to designated chapters through the CDRC. Five chapters have reported they could benefit from the assignment of a NSDAR Trained Volunteer Genealogist. Five chapters reported requesting assistance from the America 250! Membership Task Force during 2020.

During 2020, three chapters reported having genealogy or application workshops with 35 attendees.

Sixteen members attended non-DAR genealogy workshops. Twenty-six members were reported to have assisted another chapter in need of help in preparation of applications.

The Volunteer Genealogist committee worked with the State Application Team (SAT) to assist chapters in a state-wide effort to reduce the number of PMs on the PMD. In addition, the committee worked with the Chapter Development and

Revitalization Commission to sponsor a series of two workshops on using DNA to advance genealogical information.

The following members were submitted to East Central District Chair to be recognized for their service to their chapters and others in the state for genealogy work.

- Georgette Ward, Elizabeth Zane Chapter
- Cheryl Brown, Pack Horse Ford Chapter
- Susan Arnold, Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Col John Evans Chapter
- Brenda Chevront, Old Hickory

Volunteer Genealogists – Vickie Baker, Chair ~ 2022

I, Vickie Baker, Regent, Tanner's Cross Roads Chapter am currently serving as the WVDAR Volunteer Genealogist for the 2019-2022 term. I assist chapters as requested by chapter regents and/or registrar. I am also serving on the WVDAR CD&R Committee. I presented three workshops in West Virginia.

The following information was submitted in the Chapter Master Report for Volunteer Genealogist.

WVDAR has 36 NSDAR Trained Volunteer Genealogists. Members that have completed GEP courses during the 2021 reporting period include 9 for GEP 1, 5 for GEP 2, 4 for GEP 3, 1 for GEP 4, 11 for GEP 5, and 10 for GEP 7.

Three chapter had a NSDAR trained Volunteer Genealogist officially assigned through the state regent and CDRC, although the assign was not formalized with NSDAR at the request of the VG. Five chapter reported they could benefit from a Volunteer Genealogist. The chapters have not indicated their needs. Each of the five chapters regents will be contacted to determine how they can be helped. Three chapter requested assistance from the America 250! Membership Task Force. Two members served on the newly formed Supplemental Application Support Team.

Chapters in West Virginia held 3 genealogy/application workshops. One workshop was sponsored by WVDAR. All four workshops were presented by trained NSDAR volunteer genealogist with a total of 150 participants. The Volunteer Genealogist committee was included in the WVDAR Conquering the Chapter Master Report series. Thirty-three members of WVDAR attended non-DAR genealogy workshop. Twenty-one members assisted other chapters with application preparations.

Patsy Adkins was mentioned by multiple chapters for her outstanding assistance with prospective member applications.

Chapter Achievement Awards ~ Judith Bowyer ~ Chair ~ 2020

This chairman is pleased to report that 100% of our 39 chapters completed the CAA section of the Chapter Master Report. Thirty-four of those chapters achieved Level 1, and four chapters received Level 3. One chapter was below level failing to reach the minimum of 200 point to achieve Level 3.

In August I led a teleconference with the District Directors to go over the new Chapter Achievement Awards requirements.

I have sent a copy of the CAA totals for West Virginia to both the East Central Division Vice Chairman and the National Chair. Let us continue to “Soar to New Heights.”

Chapter Achievement Awards ~ Judith Bowyer, Chair ~ 2021

This chairman is pleased to report that 100% of our 39 chapters completed the CAA section of the Chapter Master Report. Thirty-five of those chapters achieved Level 1 with more than 400 points, and four chapters received Level 3 with more than 200 points. One chapter was below level failing to reach the minimum of 200 points to achieve Level 3.

Kanawha Valley chapter again leads the state with the most points on the CAA.

The Chapter Achievement Awards committee is recognizing up to three chapters per state who had the highest percentage increase in CAA points from 2019 to 2020. Those three chapters are Blackwater, South Branch Valley, and Barboursville. They will receive certificates from National.

I have sent a copy of the CAA totals for West Virginia to both the East Central Division Vice Chairman and the National Chair. Let us continue to “Soar to New Heights.”

Chapter Achievement Awards ~ Judith Bowyer, Chair ~ 2022

This chair is pleased to report that 100% of our 40 chapters completed the CAA section of the Chapter Master Report. Thirty-four of those chapters achieved Level 1 with more than 400 points, and two chapters received Level 2 with more than 300 points, and three chapters received Level 3 with more than 200 points. One chapter was below level failing to reach the minimum of 200 points to achieve Level 3.

These five chapters earned the most CAA points in 2021. Bee Line Chapter leads the state with the most points on the CAA followed by Pack Horse Ford Chapter and three chapters tied for third: Kanawha Valley Chapter, Old Hickory Chapter and South Branch Valley Chapter.

This chair created a power point presentation and helped with the Chapter Master Report/Chapter Achievement Awards training for the District Meetings along with a Fall Training Workshop. We were hoping to encourage chapters to maximize their points on the CAA and improve committee work on the CMR.

The Chapter Achievement Awards committee is recognizing up to three chapters per state who had the highest percentage increase in CAA points from 2020 to 2021. Those three chapters are James Barbour, Bee Line, and Old Hickory. They will receive certificates from National.

I have sent a copy of the CAA totals for West Virginia to both the East Central Division Vice Chair and the National Chair. Thank you for helping this committee “Soar to New Heights.”

Chapter Development and Revitalization Commission ~ Brenda Chevront, Chair ~ 2022

This Chair reports 39 chapters. The membership has increased from 1,794 as of January 1, 2021, to 1,827 on January 1, 2022. With an increase of 33 new members. We have 13 chapters with a membership increase, 5 chapters with a

decrease in membership and 21 chapters with no change. We had 59 members that did not pay their dues and 46 that dropped. We had 17 transfers out of West Virginia, and we had 3 transfers into West Virginia. We had 6 members pass away.

West Virginia has a Development and Revitalization Commission assigned members to assist with the application process. We are currently working with chapters that currently do not have a registrar. Patsy Adkins has worked with Barboursville chapter as their Registrar and is working with them to get a member trained. We encourage all chapters to increase their membership by 5%.

The CDRC and SAT members traveled to Cheat River for a Workshop and traveled to Huntington for a workshop with Buford and the Barboursville Chapters. Joetta McCallaster, Patsy Adkins and Brenda Chevront were the presenters.

The CDRC is compiled of very talented WVDAR Women. Thank you to the CDRC Members:

Susan Arnold, State Registrar, Margie Way, State Organizing Secretary, Patsy Adkins, membership.

Chairman, Linda Whitman Lineage Research Chairman, Vickie Baker Volunteer Genealogist

Chairman, Joanna McKown DAR Leadership Training Chairman, Chris Painter America 250

Chairman and Membership Task Force Chairman and Christina Rumbach and Tabitha Murray

Junior Membership Co-Chairman.

Thank you to Cheryl Brown, State Regent, for helping the CDRC and the SAT for very successful workshop “Shine” and “Soar to New Heights”.

DAR Leadership Training ~ Joanna McKown ~ 2021

The DAR Leadership Training Committee is dedicated to educating our members in the various aspects of Daughters of the American Revolution. We do this in a variety of ways: topic specific webinars, remote meetings & socials resources, and our Members/New Horizons courses. National handles the webinars and remote meeting resources, but it is up to the states to promote and monitor the Members and New Horizons courses.

With the threat of COVID still looming in our country, what a great time to work on learning more about our wonderful society! And this is just what our membership did! With the help of Carolyn Scheydt as a reviewer, West Virginia Daughters added many members to the Members/New Horizons graduation list. We now have added six Members Course graduates and one New Horizons graduate to our totals, with many very close to completion. Since the CMR lists by year, January to December, the course graduations will take place in that fashion as well, so only those that graduated in 2020 are counted.

None of the chapter challenges were met this year, but I am confident that our members will Soar to New Heights in our final year of the Brown Administration.

DAR Leadership Training ~ JoAnna McKowan ~ 2022

The DAR Leadership Training Committee is dedicated to educating our members in the various aspects of Daughters of the American

Revolution. This year, we have added a new course to our program: the Committee Leaders Course. The pilot program for this new course was a wonderful success and couldn't have been completed without the dedication of our WV ladies.

Our East Central Division Vice Chair of DAR Leadership Training hails from West Virginia and included many of our daughters in helping to form and critique the workbooks and sections of the new course. Chris Painter enlisted many WV ladies from across the state to help with this project. From east to west, and north to south, our ladies gladly took their time to participate in this new project and were eager to help develop the new course. And I am proud to say that we even had one person complete the course in the year of 2021: Carolyn Scheydt!! Congratulations Carolyn!

This last year as DAR Leadership Training Chair has met with many challenges. But with the help of my reviewer, Carolyn, we were able to continue to provide feedback and encouragement for our ladies that have striven to complete the courses. We have many that are still working, but I know all will take what she has learned back to her chapter. I am confident that our state society has grown stronger in the knowledge of DAR that these courses have provided, and I am sure that the future is bright for DAR in this great state of West Virginia.

Thank you for the opportunity to Soar to New Heights with the Brown Administration. I have learned a lot and will cherish this time serving our great state!

Insignia Committee ~ Dorrene Hale, Chair ~ 2020

The President General announced July 2019 that DAR will not renew the contract to Hamilton as the official DAR Insignia Company. The contract would expire on February 29, 2020. Between March 1 and Continental Congress, no Insignia would be sold. She also said that DAR will be doing all Insignia in-house. There will be an Insignia DAR Store ready by Continental Congress.

Insignia Committee ~ Dorrene Hale, Chair ~ 2022

There have been problems at National with lack of leadership in the Insignia Department due to Covid. During this epidemic, most employees were working from home and unable to be in the building. Apparently, insignias have been delayed in being delivered to members and also there is a back log in ordering. Vickie Baker, the State Liaison, with the Insignia Office has not received much information.

Members can access the Insignia Store online at the NSDAR Web Site. There is a lot of information on this site regarding the proper wearing of the insignia.

Junior Membership ~ Christina Rumbach, Chair ~ 2022

Greetings from the Junior Membership Committee in West Virginia. It has been a pleasure to serve during State Regent Cheryl Brown's administration of West Virginia Society Daughters of the American Revolution. Juniors serve as chapter officers and as state chairs. New Juniors have been added to the West Virginia State Society by the diligent work of our chapters.

For a second year in a row, we were dealing with the effects of the Covid-19 Pandemic. The 2021 West Virginia State Conference was held virtually via Zoom, while it was great to join in DAR fellowship, this Chair missed the in-person interaction with our wild and wonderful members. The West Virginia daughters are always so supportive and generous to Junior Membership and the Junior's Sales Table is always thriving. It was hoped that Summer of 2021 would permit us to gather in person for District Meetings; however, these were also held virtually. Until such time as we can meet again in person, please remember that Junior items may be purchased online at shop.dar.org under the heading of Junior Membership. Chapters are encouraged to place orders and then inform the State Chair of the Junior Membership items purchased.

Junior membership is vital to our organization. A Junior is a DAR member 18 through 35 years of age. This Chair is very happy to have joined the DAR as a Junior. In talking with many "former" Juniors in our State Society, it seems a common thread that the Junior spirit continues long after our thirty-sixth birthdays. Recruiting and involving Juniors into your Chapters not only gives your chapter credit in reporting, it helps to build a strong chapter. Many of the Juniors that join today will be the leaders of tomorrow. This Chair is proud of the work and dedication of the West Virginia Juniors, they truly exemplify the current theme "Juniors Light up Our Lives." Looking forward, the future is bright as the West Virginia Junior Members continue to grow the State Society.

Membership ~ Patsy Adkins, Chair ~ 2020

The chair reports 38 chapters with 1,784 members. This includes 29 new members in 2019. Most chapters maintained their membership. Some chapters saw membership decrease due to resignation, non-payment of dues, or death. We have at least six chapters who went below 5%. They were General Andrew Lewis with 6%, Matthew French with 7%, South Branch Valley 6%, Tanners Cross Roads 5%, Ye Towne of Bath 7% and Kanawha Valley 5%.

On the Chapter Master Report 2019 it asked the question, "How many of your chapter's members took and/or completed the New Horizons course this year? We had several chapters where members took this course. Anne Bailey – 5, James Allen – 3, Kanawha Valley – 3, Colonel Morgan Morgan – 2. Several chapters had only one. They were Colonel Charles Lewis, Blennerhassett, Bee Line, Daniel Davisson, Ohio Valley, Old Hickory, South Branch Valley, and Ye Towne of Bath.

Another question asked was "how many of your chapter's members took and/or completed the New Horizons Chapter this year? We had several chapters where members took this course. They were Anne Bailey – 1, Colonel Morgan Morgan – 2, Kanawha Valley – 3, Matthew French – 1, Ohio Valley – 1, Ye Towne of Bath – 1, and Elizabeth Ludigton Hagans – Colonel John Evans – 1.

All the chapters in West Virginia use newsletters, Facebook, emails, phone trees, and local newspapers to keep all members informed of what is happening in their chapters. They also have members assigned to new members who make them feel welcome in the chapter. Plus, some chapters have set up booths at fairs to promote the DAR and their chapters gaining a few members that way as well. We have had a few chapters doing a remarkable job in 2019 and keeping their members active. They are Bee Line, Pack Horse Ford, Old Hickory, Daniel Davisson,

Elizabeth Ludington Hagans – Col. John Evans, John Hart, Kanawha Valley, and Ohio Valley.

Since taking office in 2019 I have discovered that some chapters are holding workshops around our state. They hold these workshops at the local libraries and Historical Societies around the area. We want to encourage our chapters to keep doing these workshops and helping all prospective members to find an ancestor in their family tree. And more importantly to educate each prospective member as to what is acceptable proof and include members who want to work on supplementals.

Membership ~ Patsy L. Adkins, Chair, ~ 2021

This Chair reports that she is immensely proud of the 39 Chapters in WV. With everything that went on in 2020 we had 124 new members come into our Chapters. Bringing us a grand total of 1758 members in the state. Some chapters saw membership decrease due to resignation, non-payment of dues or deaths. We have five chapters who went above 5%. They were South Branch Valley with 11%, Kanawha Valley 10%, Daniel Davisson 10%, Blackwater 7%, Elk River 7% and Pack Horse Ford 7%. We had 22 chapters who gained new members from 1-5. You had 9 chapters with no new members.

On the Master Report 2020 it asks the question, "How many of your chapter members enrolled in and/or completed the New Member Course this year?" Blennerhassett with -3, Kanawha Valley-1, South Branch Valley-1 Westmoreland-2 and Ye Town of Bath-5. On the Master Report 2020 it asks the question, "How many of your chapter members enrolled in and/or completed the New Horizon Course this year?" Anne Bailey-1, Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Evans-1, Pack Horse Ford-1, South Branch Valley-1 and Ye Town of Bath-1. We need to encourage chapters to get their new members to take these courses because they are the future of the DAR in WV.

In 2020 all Chapters in West Virginia use newsletters, Facebook, emails and local newspaper and word of mouth in getting new members. Plus learned how to use Zoom to hold meetings since we could not meet in person. We must encourage the chapters to keep doing these things in bringing in new members and keeping them active. Plus, some of the chapters used the SAT to get help with applications. Joetta McCallister Anne Bailey Chapter helped with some of the applications getting them ready for National.

Cathy Hebb helped her Registrar Sue Silk of Blackwater Chapter with applications. Ann Carson, Registrar did an outstanding job getting members into Ohio Valley Chapter. Three Chapters stand out for getting new members in 2020: Blackwater Chapter, Daniel Davisson and Bee Line Chapter. We had four chapters that should be mentioned on their membership efforts Elizabeth Zane Chapter, Ohio Valley Chapter, Pack Horse Ford Chapter and Ye Town of Bath Chapter.

Plus, we had one Chapter who with the help of Patsy Adkins brought their membership up to 13 - Barboursville. Between Patsy Adkins and Brenda Chevront, they were able to bring the Prospective Member List from 250 down to 173. We hope to get it down lower by getting these ladies into the chapters so that they can become active.

Membership Committee -Patsy Adkins, Chair ~ 2022

This Chair reports that she is immensely proud of are 40 Chapters in WV. With everything that went on in 2021 we had 109 new members come into our Chapters. Bringing us a grand total of 1,827 members in the state. Some chapters saw membership decrease due to resignation, non-payment of dues or deaths. We have three chapters who went above 10%. They were South Branch Valley with 11%, Beeline with 10%, Blackwater10%. We have seven chapters who came in at 5%. They were Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Col John Evans, Kanawha Valley, Matthew French, Old Hickory Pack horse Ford, Cheat River and Colonel Morgan Morgan. We had 37 chapters who gained new members from1-5. You had 14 chapters with no new members. You had six chapters with no membership reports at all.

On the Master Report 2021 it asks the question,” How many of your chapter members enrolled in and /or completed the New Member Course this year?” Old Hickory with 1, Kanawha Valley-1 and Ye Town of Bath-1. On the Master Report 2021 it asks the question,” How many of your chapter members enrolled in and /or completed the New Horizon Course this year?” Ye Town of Bath-2. We had several chapters that members took the Ged Classes and DNA. We need to encourage chapters to get their new members to take these courses because they are the future of the DAR in WV.

In 2021 all Chapters in West Virginia use newsletters, Facebook, emails and local newspaper and word of mouth in getting new members. Plus learned how to use Zoom to hold meetings since we could not meet in person. We must encourage the chapters to keep doing these things in bringing in new members and keeping them active. Plus, some of the chapters used the SAT to get help with applications. Joetta McCallister Anne Bailey Chapter helped with some of the applications getting them ready for National. We had three chapters that stood out with getting new members they were Beeline who gained 12 new members, Blackwater 10 new members and South Valley Branch 10 new members. We had 27 chapters that meet the challenge of bringing in one new member.

Plus, we had one Chapter who with the help of Patsy Adkins brought their membership up to 6 Matthew French kept them from going on probation. Between Patsy Adkins and Brenda Chevront, they were able to bring the Prospective Member List from 173 down to 154.

In closing, I would like to say it has been an honor to serve as your State Membership Chair these past three years.

President General’s Project ~ Stephanie Burns, Chair ~ 2021

“Rise and Shine for America” the national project for NSDAR President General, Denise Doring VanBuren continues to move forward during the pandemic. The President General’s Project of restoring DAR Constitution Hall is entering Phase III: The Next Act and is dealing with unexpected structural issues as well as restoring the original esthetic of John Russell Pope’s design. The Project is also moving forward by: Energizing members to rise up in meaningful service to America and to shine by raising awareness of DAR’s purpose and relevancy;

honoring the spirit of our Revolutionary ancestors and educating the public of their sacrifices and actively promoting the rights and responsibilities of U.S. citizenship. The Project is working to propel membership 200,000, to ensure financial stability and leadership training at every level.

During the VanBuren administration Chapters are asked to make a donation of \$7.50 per member using the member count as of January 1, 2020. The VanBuren administration three-year term of office dates are August 2019 through July 31, 2023. This can be done by donating a portion of Chapter dues of \$2.50 per member per year or \$7.50 for all three years. Newly organized Chapters are to remit \$7.50 per member based on the organizing membership. Chapters may exempt Life Members whose donations are paid by the NSDAR through The DAR Life Membership fund.

For Chapters to be eligible to receive 100% Chapter Participation Certificate; Chapters are required to complete the Chapter guidelines listed in the above paragraph. The Chapter donations need to be remitted to the State Treasurer in time for the State Treasurer to remit the donation to the Treasurer General's office by the first day of the month proceeding the month of state conference. NSDAR will then mail the President General's 100% Participation Certificate to the State Reagent in time for state conference.

Individual donations do not count toward the \$7.50 per member Chapter 100% Participation for the Chapter. Chapter donations do not count toward a members' eligibility for the President General's Project Donor or Benefactor Pins.

Two West Virginia Society Chapters have reached the 100% Chapter Participation level: Blackwater Chapter and Peter's Mountain Chapter and received 100% Participation Certificates in January 2021.

Members may further support the President General's project in many ways. Members will be mailed items during the year such as address labels and cards with an opportunity to donate. Members may purchase VanBuren Administration merchandise at the DAR store on the DAR website. Purchases made during the Virtual State Conference are eligible for free shipping. Individual donation may also be made through the Sustaining Supporter monthly giving program or by completing the Donations and Contribution Form (DEV-1003).

Public Relations and Media ~ Darla Treat Courtney, Chair ~ 2020

West Virginia Daughters Soar to New Heights by sharing the good works of our Society. Our communities are informed of service projects, chapter programs, and special events through local newspapers, TV, and radio stations. Chapter brochures or flyers share chapter information and attract new members. Chapters engage our current members through social media and newsletters; email is a popular means of communicating, and many of the chapters have a members' only Facebook page—including John Young Chapter, which launched its Facebook page in September. Darla Treat Courtney, State Chair, launched a Public Relations and Media Facebook page providing tips, hints, and information for chapter chairs to use. One of our chapters, Kanawha Valley, used all reported means of media to get the word out, and five chapters have used nearly all media: Captain James Allen, Elizabeth Zane, John Hart, Matthew French and Woodburn.

Twenty-four (24) chapters reported that they do a chapter newsletter. Most chapters share their newsletter electronically, but they make the printed newsletter available for those members who do not have access to the online version

We have fourteen (14) chapters reporting the use of a chapter brochure or fact sheet to recruit new members and to inform the public about their chapter. We had eight (8) chapters report that they used the “Today’s DAR” video in the public or chapter environment. An increased number of chapters are working with local television and radio stations to promote the work and activities of DAR at the local level. Eleven (11) chapters received broadcast coverage. Ohio Valley Chapter reported a total of 630 spot announcements for Constitution Week and Native American Awareness.

Most of our chapters make use print coverage. Thirty-three (33) of our thirty-nine (39) chapters reported having articles printed in local newspapers. Over 150 articles were highlighted by the ten (10) chapters that provided specific information. Articles highlight chapter meetings, community activities, awards, and scholarships given out by our chapters. Two chapters, Anne Royall and Bee Line had 50 or more newspaper articles.

Our chapters are hosting or participating in commemorative or community events throughout the year. Nineteen (19) chapters reported using the press to promote their events. Six (6) chapters presented articles for judging, including Anne Bailey, Anne Royall, Bee Line, Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans, Kanawha Valley, and Shenandoah Valley. Commemorative events highlighted were Constitution Week, the 400th Anniversary of the Mayflower, Women’s Suffrage, Flag Day, and “Rosie the Riveter.” Veterans were at the center of many of the reported activities as chapters supported local Veterans Hospitals. Cooperation and community education were highlighted with a “history corner” at a county fair and a harvest dinner featured Benjamin Franklin.

Chapter Newsletter 1st – Anne Bailey

2nd – Bee Line, Buford

3rd – Ohio Valley

Chapter Brochure 1st – Bee Line

Print Coverage 1st – Anne Bailey, Anne Royall, Bee Line

2nd – Kanawha Valley

3rd – Ohio Valley, Trans-Allegheny, Woodburn

Broadcast Coverage 1st – Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans
Ohio Valley

2nd – Anne Bailey

Electronic Coverage 1st – Anne Bailey

2nd – Bee Line

Today’s DAR Video 1st – Colonel William Lowther, Elizabeth Zane, John Hart,
Kanawha Valley, Shenandoah Valley, Trans-
Allegheny, Wheeling, Woodburn

Commemorative or Community Event -

Commemorative 1st – Shenandoah Valley, Anne Bailey, Kanawha
Valley

2nd – Bee Line, Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel

John Evans

Community 1st – Anne Royall, Bee Line, Elizabeth Ludington
Hagans- Colonel John Evans

Public Relations and Media ~ Darla Treat Courtney, Chair ~ 2021

West Virginia Daughters “Soar to New Heights” by sharing news of our Society through a full range of media. Chapters use newspapers, in both print and online forms, and broadcast media to keep local communities informed about our programs and service projects. They use flyers to attract new members, and they use email, social media, and newsletters for internal and external communication.

Most chapters use Facebook as an increasingly important means of communication. A small but growing number of chapters maintain either public Facebook pages or a combination of both public and private pages. One chapter, Woodburn, uses a public page to compensate for the lack of responsive press coverage. The chapter has over 500 followers and receives substantial traffic. Another chapter, Bee Line, uses Facebook to encourage collaborative communication among members.

Twenty-three (23) chapters reported having a chapter newsletter—either in electronic form, print, or both. Fourteen (14) chapters report having a chapter brochure or factsheet to recruit new members and to inform the public about DAR. Eight (8) chapters reported receiving broadcast coverage in some form.

Most of our chapters report some level of print coverage. Twenty-nine (29) received print coverage of their activities, and twenty-one (21) received electronic coverage. In general, given the pandemic, press coverage has been less robust this year. Chapters reported less success with press submissions and more reliance on the *West Virginia DAR News* to share their activities with other chapters.

A few chapters have found ways to combine modern and traditional technologies to share information. Three (3) chapters—Anne Royal, Ohio Valley, and Elizabeth Zane—make effective use of newspaper calendars and/or broadcast bulletin boards for spot ads.

Our chapters continue using various forms of media to promote commemorative or community events. Nineteen (19) chapters reported using the press to promote their events.

The following awards were given:

Chapter Brochure

1st – Bee Line

Chapter Newsletter

1st – Anne Bailey, Elizabeth Zane

2nd – Bee Line

3rd – Shenandoah Valley

Print Coverage

1st – Pack Horse Ford

2nd – Trans-Allegheny

3rd – Anne Bailey, Shenandoah Valley, Bee Line

Special Award for Use of Spot Ads – Anne Royall, Ohio Valley

Broadcast Coverage

1st – Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Col. John Evans

2nd – Shenandoah Valley

3rd – Col. Morgan Morgan

Special Award for Use of Broadcast Bulletin Board – Elizabeth Zane

Electronic Coverage

- 1st – Pack Horse Ford
- 2nd – Bee Line
- 3rd – Trans-Allegheny, Westmoreland

Social Media Presence

- 1st – Woodburn
- 2nd – Shenandoah Valley
- 3rd – Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Col. John Evans
Special Award for “Patriot Games” through Social Media – Bee Line

Commemorative or Community Events

- 1st – Shenandoah Valley (Constitution Day)
- 2nd – Trans-Alleghany (Native American Program)
- 3rd – Bee Line (Women in World War II & Rosie the Riveter)

Chair Recognition for Outstanding Effort in PR & Media (4 chapters)

Barboursville, James Barbour, Peters Mountain, Tanner’s Cross Roads

Chair Recognition for Exceptional Effort in PR & Media (6 chapters)

Blackwater, Col. William Lowther, Col. Zackquill Morgan,
Daniel Davisson, John Cooke, Matthew French

Chair Recognition for Outstanding Service in PR & Media

Wendy Evans, WVDAR Newsletter Editor
Ericka Chevront, WVDAR Facebook Administrator

Public Relations and Media ~ Darla Treat Courtney, Chair ~ 2022

In 2021, West Virginia Daughters “soared to new heights” by sharing news of our Society through a full range of media. They principally used newspapers (print and electronic) and social media, but they also found innovative ways to use traditional public relations techniques.

Most chapters (30 of 39) used Facebook as a means of communication. Not only did they use private Facebook groups for internal communication, they participated in a variety of groups sponsored by DAR at the national and state levels. A few chapters also maintained public groups to increase their community exposure.

Thirty-one (31) chapters received print coverage of their activities, and twenty-two (22) received electronic coverage. In general, given the periodic easement of COVID restrictions, press coverage has improved slightly over last year. For several chapters, *West Virginia DAR News* served as the principal outlet for statewide information and press releases, as well as for sharing their activities with other chapters—an activity facilitated by editor Wendy Evans. Buford in Huntington was featured in a high production quality, newspaper-affiliated magazine article about its historic Chapter House.

Twelve (12) chapters reported receiving broadcast coverage in some form. Some used YouTube and Facebook Live and radio spot ads to cover special programs. One small chapter, Morgan Morgan, aggressively used YouTube and Facebook Live to gain better public exposure for its activities.

Twenty-one (21) chapters used newsletters for internal communication, and thirteen (13) developed brochures or fact sheets to attract new members. Anne Bailey and Shenandoah Valley used special issues of their newsletters to help cope

with COVID, and Pack Horse Ford developed an attractive trifold brochure to raise its public visibility.

Seven (7) chapters used DAR promotional videos as part of their communications strategy, and twenty-one (21) used media to promote community or commemorative events. Only one (1) chapter, Morgan Morgan, presented a local media award. A few chapters have found ways to combine modern and traditional technologies to share information. At least four (4) chapters—Anne Royall, Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans, Ohio Valley, and Ye Towne of Bath—used print or electronic bulletin boards to make announcements of chapter events to the broader community.

Two chapters made highly effective use of traditional public relations techniques. Shenandoah Valley has a longstanding tradition of placing educational exhibits in large-format, wall-mounted display cases in the foyer of the Martinsburg library. The month-long exhibit celebrates Constitution Week and is different every year. Bee Line placed a themed, decorative “wall tree” in the lobby of the Martinsburg Veteran Affairs Medical Center. The themes change periodically throughout the year, but the overarching purpose is to thank veterans for their service. Both displays were seen over time by thousands of passersby, and the chapters follow up their physical displays with media coverage, giving DAR higher visibility within the community.

Volunteer Information Specialists ~ Ericka Chevront, Chair ~

This Chair reports she answered questions regarding information on DAR technical problems that may have arrived.

To encourage women to enjoy computer technology and assist with any problems or concerns that may arise within the computer world.

This Chair assisted State Regent, Cheryl Brown with Zoom Meetings, State Conference and District meetings whether it be in person or via my computer station.

This chair monitored and assisted as the Administrator of WVDAR Facebook page.

A special thank you to State Regent, Cheryl Brown, for helping this Chair assist the West Virginia Daughters and to be permitted to work with all the ladies of WVDAR.

America 250! Committee ~ Mary E. Johnson, Chair ~ 2020

The 2020 year was less active for many chapters, likely an impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, and that, to some extent, is reflected in activities for this committee. More than one-half of chapters included “Our Patriot” minutes or Revolutionary Flashbacks at chapter meetings (81), an increase over the previous year. However, although the number of chapters that shared information via various media held steady at about one-third, the number of shares declined across all means: social media (82), other media (11), and community events (5). Bee Line, Trans-Allegheny, and Westmoreland chapters made successful use of social media

to publicize patriots, with Bee Line featuring 32 Revolutionary War patriots in social media.

Both the Colonel Morgan Morgan and Anne Bailey chapters posted to the America 250! Facebook page.

The State Historian, who is also serving as the state chair of the America 250! Committee, submitted an article published in the April 2020 issue of *The Patriot Post* on the State Regent's project to compile genealogical, burial, and service data for Revolutionary War patriots buried in West Virginia. Although COVID-19 has slowed work on the project, several chapters continued to identify burial sites and complete forms.

Among chapter activities that included the American Revolution, over a 30-day period, Bee Line Chapter members played Patriot Games via Facebook as a means of keeping members in touch with one another during the pandemic, providing insights into why and how they became Daughters, learning more about each other and their patriots, and having some fun. In addition, chapter members made a heritage quilt on which each block border has the names of two members and their patriots. Ye Towne of Bath Chapter held a bicentennial tea as part of Morgan County's celebration of its 200th anniversary, which included honoring Revolutionary War Patriot and namesake Daniel Morgan. At least two chapters cleaned Revolutionary War tombstones as Day of Service projects. One creative way of recognizing their patriots was carried out by Pack Horse Ford Chapter: Members honored their DAR patriots by making Christmas ornaments that paid tribute to them and their service. Blennerhassett Chapter helped arrange a luminary event at Mound Cemetery in Marietta, Ohio, that focused on Revolutionary War patriots.

America 250! Committee ~ Mary Johnson, Chair ~ 2021

The VanBuren Administration called for the creation of this new committee at the state and chapter levels in 2019. A perfect fit for the committee is one of State Regent Cheryl Brown's projects: the compilation and publication of information on Revolutionary War patriots buried in West Virginia. More than 2,000 patriots recognized by NSDAR reportedly died in what is now West Virginia, and while many of these have unidentified burial sites, hundreds of others are marked or otherwise known. The project was introduced at district meetings in July and August 2019, and several chapters, in particular, some in the Eastern and Central districts, quickly started work on it.

One-third of West Virginia chapters have begun including "Our Patriot" minutes or Revolutionary Flashbacks at chapter meetings, and nearly one-half have shared information about Revolutionary War patriots, memorials, and sites through various media and community events. All told, 67 "Our Patriot" minutes or flashbacks were presented in 2019. Social media was used 120 times, other media 21 times, and community events 28 times. Kanawha Valley Chapter's (75) and Westmoreland Chapter's (25) use of social media was especially worthy of note.

Among activities, in June, the Captain James Allen Chapter held a joint "Luncheon on the Green" with the Sons of the American Revolution John Beckley Chapter and the Raleigh County Historical Society to honor city founder, Alfred Beckley, and his father, John Beckley, a Revolutionary War patriot. Andrea Ice

Horton, a member of the Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans Chapter, shared the story of her patriot ancestor, Andrew Ice, during a presentation at the Morgantown History Museum. A recording and photos of her presentation are available on the museum's Facebook page and on YouTube. At a memorial event in May to honor deceased chapter members, the Ohio Valley Chapter also recognized the Revolutionary War ancestors of those members. The chapter similarly recognized the Revolutionary War ancestors of Gold Star Mothers who were members of the chapter as part of the chapter's support of then State Regent Mindy Davis's project to recognize Gold Star Mothers.

Since March 2019, Westmoreland Chapter has administered a Facebook page on Wayne County (WV) Revolutionary War Soldiers that features those who have been verified by NSDAR. The chapter also designed and began selling t-shirts, proceeds from the sales of which will go toward purchasing DAR markers for patriots buried in Wayne County. The t-shirts include the names of 12 patriots from Wayne County. The Wheeling Chapter participated in the Wheeling 250 celebration throughout the entire year, but the most outstanding event was the Zane Memorial in September. The wreath laying service was held at the Ohio cemetery where Revolutionary War patriots Ebenezer Zane and his sister Betty Zane are buried. The Zanes were founders of Wheeling, and Betty Zane was a heroine of the Revolutionary War battle at Fort Henry.

America 250! Committee ~ Mary Johnson, Chair ~ 2022

Although the coronavirus continued to impact chapters, 2021 was much more productive than 2020. The number of members who contributed information for "Our Patriot" minutes increased (63) as did the number of "Our Patriot" minutes or Revolutionary Flashbacks given at chapter meetings (95). Information shared via various media rose in 2021: social media (149), other media (15), and community events (14). Blennerhassett Chapter made the most use of social media to publicize patriots, with Colonel Morgan Morgan a strong second. Two chapters reported adding Betsy Ross "Flower" and/or "A Patriot's Legacy" images to Find a Grave.

Work on the State Regent's project to compile and publish genealogical, burial, and service data for Revolutionary War patriots buried in West Virginia picked up substantially in 2021 with a Fall deadline for submissions from chapters. Twenty chapters submitted forms during the year, a total of 25 during the multi-year project. In the end, more than 1,000 forms were submitted, 80 percent of them in 2021 due in large part to the delay in 2020 caused by COVID. The State Historian has been diligently reviewing submissions for accuracy, weeding out duplicates and those ineligible for inclusion, and adding more patriots as appropriate in order to complete it in the Spring.

Among chapter activities, Buford Chapter planted a cooper birch to replace the tree originally planted in 1932 in honor of George Washington. South Branch Valley Chapter made a binder for the local library on patriots buried at the Fort Pleasant Meeting House Cemetery (Old Fields), where they also did a Day of Service clean-up and repaired a Revolutionary War marker. John Young Chapter formed a committee to plan periodic weeding, raking, and headstone cleaning at the grave of the chapter's namesake. In 2021, Old Hickory Chapter updated its Patriot Scroll Book, created in 2013 with 27 patriots, to 158 patriots and gave a copy to the local library.

Two chapters stand out for their activities: Colonel Morgan Morgan and Bee Line. Colonel Morgan Morgan organized the first Patriots' Day commemorative event in Fairmont. The mayor issued a proclamation, a framed list of chapter members Revolutionary War Patriots was presented for display at the city building, and members created a window display and shot a video for Facebook. The regent was interviewed by a reporter with the *Times-West Virginian* newspaper, which published an article in print and online.

As one of Bee Line's seasonal wall trees at the VA Medical Center in Martinsburg, in July the chapter used silhouette ornaments of chapter Patriots. They displayed the ornaments again on a tabletop tree at the Jefferson County Fair in August. A quilt made in 2020, which honors members and patriot ancestors, was on display at the fair and got a red ribbon. Bee Line received press coverage for each of these activities in three newspapers and two online services.

State Chairs of State Committees

Audit ~ Vicky Shears, Chair; June Ashworth, Karen Bonifacio ~

West Virginia Society			
National Society Daughters of the American Revolution			
Proposed Budget for July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023			
Income:			
	State Dues (1827 members @ \$5 per member)		\$ 9,135.00
	Interest from Accounts:		
	WV State Society DAR Checking Account	64.19	
	Magazine Co-op (90% of 40 chapters paying \$40)	1,440.00	
	Total Income:		\$ 10,639.19
Expenses:			
	State Regent (1/3 of State Dues)	\$ 3,045.00	
	WV C.A.R. (1827 members @ \$0.01 per member)	18.27	
	WV Secretary of State Annual Report Fee	26.00	
	DAR Magazine (Increased to \$660/page at 3 pages)	1,980.00	
	State Officers & Chairs (supplies, printing, postage & software)	500.00	
	WV Directories/Supplement	50.00	
	State Proceedings Printing (Total withdraw in 3rd Year)	1,800.00	
	Liability Insurance	500.00	
	Audit	200.00	
	WV Archives - Marshall University	150.00	
	State Education Awards	600.00	
	Outstanding Teacher (\$200.00)		
	High School Essay Winner (\$100.00)		
	American History Essay Winner \$50 each (\$200.00)		
	Medals/Certificates (\$100.00)		
	State Page Fund	1,000.00	
	WV Continental Congress Event	150.00	
	WV Room at Memorial Continental Hall	100.00	
	Unrestricted Contingency Fund	519.92	
	Total Expenses:		\$ 10,639.19
Respectfully Submitted:			
	Grace Parsons Arthur, Chair		
	Carolyn Corley Channell		
	Malinda "Mindy" Davis		
	Kelly Gainer Goodwin, Ex-Officio		

**West Virginia Society
National Society Daughters of the American Revolution
Budget for 117th WVDAR State Conference**

Income:	Balance
WVDAR State Conference Dues (1829 members @ \$1 per member)	\$ 1,829.00
Total Income:	\$ 1,829.00
Expenses:	
Postage - Credentials	40.00
Online Voting System - Officer Election	210.00
IT Consultant - Officer Election	100.00
Flowers - Memorial Service	150.00
Stipend for Church - Memorial Service	50.00
Total Expenses:	\$ 550.00
Balance Remaining in WVDAR State Conference Fund:	\$ 1,279.00

Respectfully Submitted:

Grace Persico Arthur, Chair
Carolyn Corley Charnell
Malinda "Mindy" Davis

Kelly Garner Goodwin, Ex-Officio

West Virginia State Society
National Society Daughters of the American Revolution
Proposed Budget for the Josephine C. Peters - West Virginia Cottage at Tamassee DAR School
July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

Assets:

WVDAR Checking Account	5,154.57
Peters Cottage at Tamassee Utilities Sub-Account	0.00
Peters Cottage at Tamassee Sub-account (Repairs/Upkeep)	35,000.00
Peters Cottage at Tamassee Fund Brown/Khare	<u>35,000.00</u>

Total Assets WVDAR Checking Account - Peters Cottage at Tamassee **\$ 40,154.57**

Expenses:

Utilities	500.00
Repairs and Upkeep	<u>3,500.00</u>

Total Expenses **\$ 4,000.00**

Balance Remaining in Checking Account **\$ 36,154.57**

Peters Cottage Certificate of Deposit (CD) City National Bank - February 28, 2022 - \$5,265.29

Note: The amount of operating funds is dependent upon chapters continuing with the \$1/member donation.

Respectfully Submitted:

Grace Parsons Arthur, Chair
 Carolyn Corley Channell
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Awards ~ Randi Gray, Chair ~

No report given

Blanche L. Reymann Scholarship ~ Lisa McNeil, Chair ~ 2020

Last year at the 114th WVDAR State Conference in Martinsburg, contributions were added to the scholarship savings funds from donations and the sale of voices on a Fiesta dinnerware basket and a contribution made in lieu of favors at the awards luncheon.

In August, Devine Sparks, a student at the Ohio Valley University was presented with a scholarship check for \$1,000 at the Northern District Meeting held at the Seventh Street Methodist Church, in Parkersburg, West Virginia. A picture of the presentation ceremony was published in the WVDAR NEWS for Fall 2019.

In January, I contacted Ms. Susan George, Director of Financial Aid at West Virginia Wesleyan College to advise her that a female student from the college would receive the Blanche L. Reymann State Scholarship in 2020. West Virginia Wesleyan is a private college whose mission is to challenge its students to a life-long commitment to develop their intellectual, ethical, spiritual and leadership potential and to set and uphold standards of excellence. Ms. George and her staff evaluated potential recipients according to our eligibility requirements, i.e., a female student in need of funds to enter her senior year, and in the upper third of her class and promptly selected Samantha Marteney, to receive the scholarship this year. She will be awarded the at one of the Central District meeting this summer.

The scholarship is funded through the generous support of all the West Virginia chapters. I would like to acknowledge the contributions by our chapters in the amount of \$866.00 to the Blanche L. Reymann Scholarship Fund this year. Special thanks to all WV Daughters for your support this year. Your contributions illustrate WV DAR's commitment to education and will allow the scholarship to be sustained at the \$1000 level for the next year.

Blanche L. Reymann Scholarship ~ Lisa McNeil, Chair ~ 2021

When the 115th WVDAR State Conference was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the conference co-chairs, Mary Ellen Hunt and Charla Nutter, created an on-line auction so that voices could be sold on a Fiesta dinnerware basket to raise funds for the Blanche L. Reymann State Scholarship Fund. The auction raised \$295.00 for the scholarship fund.

On July 23, 2020, Samantha Marteney, a student at West Virginia Wesleyan College was presented with a scholarship check for \$1,000 on the steps of Wesleyan Chapel on the campus of West Virginia Wesleyan. Special thanks to Georgette Ward and all the members of the Elizabeth Zane Chapter for their assistance in making the presentation possible with COVID protocols in place. News articles regarding the presentation were published in the Record Delta and Wheeling News Register.

In January, I contacted Laura Martin, Director of Financial Aid at the Appalachian Bible College to advise her that a female student from the college would receive the Blanche L. Reymann State Scholarship in 2021. Appalachian Bible College is a private college located in Mount Hope, West Virginia. Ms. Martin and her staff will evaluate potential recipients according to our eligibility requirements, i.e., a female student in need of funds to enter her senior year, and in the upper third of her class

and will select a recipient, to receive the scholarship this year. The scholarship will be awarded the scholarship at one of the district meetings this summer.

The scholarship is funded through the generous support of all the West Virginia chapters. I would like to acknowledge the contributions by our chapters in the amount of \$960.25 to the Blanche L. Reymann Scholarship Fund this year. Special thanks to all WV Daughters for your support this year. This year's contributions illustrate WVDAR's commitment to education and will allow the scholarship to be sustained at the \$1000 level for the next year.

Blanche L. Reymann Scholarshio ~ Lisa McNeil, Chair ~ 2022

With the 116th WVDAR State Conference being held virtually due to COVID-19, Nancy Kornegay and Kathy Robertson, co-chairs from South Branch Valley Chapter created an online auction so that voices could be sold on a Fiesta dinnerware basket to raise funds for the Blanche L. Reymann State Scholarship Fund, among other items.

On August 28, 2021, Madison Elliott, a student at Appalachian Bible College was presented with a scholarship check for \$1,000 at the Eastern District Meeting in Moorefield, West Virginia. Special thanks to Gail Potter and all the members for their assistance in making the presentation possible with Covid protocols in place. New articles regarding the presentation were published in the Moorefield Examiner, Register-Herald, Wheeling News Register and Appalachian Bible College News.

In January, Laura Doty, Executive Director of Enrollment and Financial Services at Bethany College evaluated potential recipients according to our eligibility requirements, i.e., a female student in need of funds to enter her senior year, and in the upper third of her class and will select a recipient, to receive the scholarship this year and selected Kaitlyn Adkins, a Psychology Major from Weirton, West Virginia as the scholarship recipient for 2022-2023. The scholarship will be awarded to Ms. Adkins at one of the district meetings this summer.

The scholarship is funded through the ongoing support of all West Virginia chapters. Chapter contributions totaling \$1,000 were received by the Blanche L. Reymann Scholarship Fund this year. Special thanks to all WV Daughters for your generous support. This year's contributions illustrate WVDAR's commitment to education and will allow the scholarship to be sustained at the \$1000 level fir the next year.

Credentials Report- Rebecca Davis, Chair

Credentials report is given in the 117th State Conference report.

Historic Preservation Grants ~ Karen Kurilko, Chair ~ 2020

West Virginia Daughters were very active in Historic Preservation in 2019. Twenty-seven chapters held 46 Historic Preservation programs. Woodburn member Cindie Harper presented a program on the history and preservation efforts of Sweet Springs Resort in Monroe County. Pack Horse member Marilyn Keesecker presented a program on colonial artifacts to Bee Line. Ohio Valley member Frannie Weekley transcribed and published records from funeral homes and public records,

and veteran information for the Friendly Cemetery. Kathy Eckert presented an Indian Minute at each Ohio Valley meeting. Westmoreland Daughter Kathleen Bledsoe presented a program to Buford members on preserving and caring for books, bibles and important papers.

Anne Royall maintains the Pioneer Cemetery in Harrisville and a room dedicated to their chapter in the Old Stone House Museum in Pennsboro. Colonel Zackquill Morgan held a program on preservation efforts of historic West Virginia movie theaters. Funds were provided by James Wood to the New Era School in Mineral Wells for supplies to help preserve the former one room schoolhouse which is now used to teach local West Virginia history studies students. Two chapters, Captain James Allen and Kanawha, donated funds and worked on the WVDAR State Regent's Gold Star Mother's Memorial project.

Several chapters worked on cleaning and preserving monuments and cemetery stones. Pack Horse members participated in a presentation on tombstone and cemetery restoration held at historic Elmwood Cemetery. Shenandoah Valley cleared weeds, removed debris and trash, and planted flowers around the Morgan Morgan monument in Bunker Hill. John Hart members cleaned cemetery stones and markers of American Revolutionary soldiers in historic Beverly Cemetery. John Young members worked on reclaiming the area around the John Young burial site by pulling weeds and planting. Wheeling hosted a "Madonna of the Trail" clean-up day to remove moss and dirt, then applied gravestone cleaner. One member of Captain James Allen donated to the Madonna of the Trail fund.

A number of Daughters participated in their community Historical Societies. Members of Bee Line are very active in local historic preservation programs, including the Jefferson County Historical Society (JCHS), the Jefferson County Museum, and Happy Retreat, the organization caring for the home of Charles Washington, founder of Charles Town, a revolutionary patriot, and youngest brother of George Washington. Bee Line donated vintage posters and original watercolor paintings to JCHS, Happy Retreat and the WV Cottage at Tamassee School. Member Jeral Milton wrote an article for the JCHS Magazine titled "Suffragists Fight for The Cause: Jefferson County and West Virginia Ratification of the 19th Amendment". Bee Line and State Regent Cheryl Brown coordinated with and supported the Friends of Happy Retreat's application for a Historic Preservation Grant from NSDAR. Blackwater hosted a program by the Landmarks Commission and Tucker County Historical Society on the Train Depot, a historic building in their community. Members of William Henshaw served as Docents for the Adam Stephen House Candlelight Christmas Tours. Trans-Allegheny made a donation to the Adaland Historic Preservation Committee.

Historic Preservation Grants ~ Karen Kurilko, Chair ~ 2021

Even with Covid-19, West Virginia Daughters found ways to continue their work on historic preservation. Presentations included the Buford Chapter Regent on her work to locate the gravesite of one of her patriot ancestors, and a presentation by Merle Cole, Historic Preservationist, on the Raleigh County Marker Program to the Captain James Allen chapter. Kanawha Valley held a program on Historic Recipes, one member shared a cake recipe that was sent to active military during WWII, Korean War, Vietnam War and the Gulf War, and another member shared the Pease Porridge recipe from a 1747 cookbook. The President of the Tucker

County Historical Society, owner of the historical Western Maryland Train Depot, spoke to the Blackwater Chapter about a project they are working on.

The Westmoreland Chapter enjoyed a presentation by the Mayor of Ceredo on the history of the former Ceredo Elementary School, the new headquarters of the Chapter. Belinda Jividen, VP of WV Gold Star Mothers, shared the history of that organization. Westmoreland has agreed to work with the town and WV Gold Star Mothers on Wreaths Across America at Crescent Hill Cemetery, owned by the town.

Several chapters worked on cemeteries. Anne Royall maintains the Pioneer Cemetery in Harrisville, the oldest existing cemetery in Ritchie County. Members of Colonel Morgan Morgan cleaned gravestones for veterans of the Revolutionary War, Spanish War, Civil War, and the monument for victims of the Fort Seybert massacre. Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Col John Evans Chapter held a training program to teach members the proper way to clean tombstones. Members then cleaned tombstones of Revolutionary War patriots at the Burnt Meeting House and Oak Grove Cemeteries in Monongalia County.

Westmoreland's Bethel Memorial Park Cemetery books, written by chapter members, document a historically black cemetery in their area. June Ashworth, Honorary Regent and one of the authors, continues to spearhead the books' sales and cleanup efforts of the cemetery. John Young Chapter members participated in refurbishing the John Young grave site, cleaning gravestones and reseeding the grounds.

Chapters continue to support the State Regent's project book, "Revolutionary War Patriots Buried in the State of West Virginia" by collecting names of patriots buried in their county. These Chapters included the Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Col John Evans for Monongalia County, Trans-Allegheny for Lewis County, and Westmoreland for Wayne County, Bee Line Chapter successfully sponsored an application for a Historic Preservation Grant on behalf of Friends of Happy Retreat in Charles Town (FoHR). The \$9,999 grant will be matched with funds raised by FoHR.

Blackwater Chapter is working on a Historic Preservation grant for 2021. In addition, a Blackwater chapter member applied for and received a design grant to assist in installing a park next to a historic building. The land became available when a bad building was demolished.

The Captain James Allen Chapter presented Merle Cole with the Historic Preservation Medal. Ohio Valley awarded a certificate for Historic Preservation to Fran Caldwell, Board Member of the Wetzel County Historical Museum.

Historic Preservation Grants ~ Karen Kurilko, Chair ~ 2022

Even with Covid-19, West Virginia Daughters found ways to continue their work on historic preservation in 2021. Sixteen Chapters held 31 historic preservation programs, two chapters presented Excellence in History Preservation Awards and two chapters wrote letters of support for NSDAR Historic Preservation Grants. Chapter members spent countless hours researching genealogical, burial and service data for Revolutionary War Patriots buried in West Virginia for the State Regent's project.

Some of the historic preservation programs presented included Donna Brewster of the Mathew French Chapter who presented on her work with the Summers

County Historical Society on graves of Civil War veterans and her work on graves in Pipestem District in Summers County. Ohio Valley Chapter members held a program on the Santa Fe Trail and local Indians and visited Henderson Hall, an historical home along the Ohio River.

Many chapters took on historic preservation projects. Several chapters maintain local cemeteries and monuments, including Anne Royal, Shenandoah Valley, Westmoreland, and Wheeling. Col Morgan Morgan Chapter worked extensively with the Historic Woodlawn Cemetery and Anne Royal Chapter maintained the Pioneer Cemetery in Ritchie County where three Revolutionary War Patriots are buried. Shenandoah Valley Chapter cleans and maintains the Morgan Morgan Monument in Bunker Hill as a yearly project. From early spring to late fall the Chapter preserves the Monument and takes pride in making sure it and the surrounding area are in excellent shape. West Virginia Daughters spending time cleaning headstones included Patty Norman from Col Morgan Morgan Chapter and Brenda Hess and Karen Kurilko from Cheat River Chapter.

Peter's Mountain Chapter held their annual projects of honoring veterans on Memorial Day and Veterans Day. Westmoreland Chapter participated in a dedication of a Revolutionary War Highway Marker in Wayne County in honor of Patriot Private Adam Crum and a Marker in honor of Patriot Dr. Cary Henry Hampton at Dock's Creek Cemetery in Kenova.

Many West Virginia Daughters provided hundreds of hours in historic preservation work, including Westmoreland Chapter Regent Marilyn Oppenheimer. In 2011, Marilyn came into possession of military records and objects of a Korean War Veteran. After years of searching, she located the man's son in Tennessee and was able to return the items to the family.

Pack Horse Ford Chapter members Dorrene Hale and Cheryl Brown logged 196 Service to America hours transcribing a late 1800's ledger book from a Shepherdstown undertaking business. Cheryl transcribed obituaries for over 200 individuals and began researching and writing an introduction to the work, which will be published in 2022. Proceeds will go to the Chapter for marking graves of Revolutionary War Patriots.

Westmoreland's Honorary Regent June Ashworth was one of the authors of Westmoreland's Bethel Memorial Park Cemetery books and she wrote many newspaper articles on genealogy in Wayne County. After her passing in July, the remaining hardback copies of her book, "*Walker Family History*", were donated to the Chapter to sell with the proceeds going to the Chapter.

West Virginia Chorus ~ Selma Humphreys, Director ~ 2020 – 2022
Linda Hendrickson, Assistant Director

Hello! It's been a couple of trying years with the Covid pandemic causing us to not have our State Conferences. Music was provided for the Memorial Services. We are looking forward to our State Conference to be held in 2023. Madam State Regent, Jane Jacobs Larke, has asked me to contribute as State Choir Director for her term. Please reach out to me via Facebook or text my phone: 304-377-5784. Our songs will be familiar ones, so everyone will be comfortable singing. Looking forward to making beautiful music with everyone.

West Virginia Event at Continental Congress ~ Jane Larke, Chair ~ 2022

Is the third time a charm? We have planned the West Virginia Breakfast which will occur during the 131st Continental Congress, after having the prior two events cancelled. The event will take place on June 29, 2022, at 8AM. Our venue is the beautiful and historic Army and Navy Club in Washington, D.C., just a few blocks from DAR Headquarters. I would particularly like to thank Marjorie Turley for helping secure this venue. Her assistance was invaluable.

Join us to meet your West Virginia friends to begin your Continental Congress experience. Our plated breakfast should guarantee a great start to the day! Tickets are now on sale through Eventbrite at <https://wvbreakfast2022.eventbrite.com>.

WV Peters Cottage at Tamassee ~ Sandra Isner-Johnson, Chair, 2020

The WV Peters Cottage Committee has been assigned, and has accepted, the challenge of refurbishing the cottage during this administration...and have we been busy. We started with studying information related to the cottage: the school's maintenance history (which wasn't much) and the very recent, thorough Inspection Report. We collected as much information as we could before our first Work Weekend over the Labor Day holiday in 2019. During this visit, we walked through the cottage evaluating what was needed; we cleaned outside in the flower beds and did some basic lawn maintenance; we cleaned out every cabinet and ALL of the windows. The evenings were spent preparing the Punch Lists and dividing them into phases: Phase I included items that would be done by a contractor (part 1) and items done by Tamassee Maintenance (part 2). Phase II, which is separate from Phase I, included items for the State Regent's Project. We spent hours comparing notes with the school representative to come up with the three complete lists. Once the lists were completed, the school representative provided three contractor bids which were presented to and discussed among the Executive Committee. On December 5, 2019, a contractor was selected. We had a second Work Weekend during Founder's Day activities (October 12 through 16, 2019). We freshened up the outside and placed some flowers and West Virginia decorations around the cottage to make it pleasant for the Founder's Day events. We did not have an open house this year as we were "under construction." The guest cottage was then closed after Founder's Day. The contractor began work the week before Christmas and Progress Reports were provided from the school approximately every two weeks as items were completed from the Punch Lists. An anonymous donation was provided for the cottage with a restriction for it to be used only for items on Phase I. Districts began fundraising for items included on Phase II – The State Regent's Project. A site visit/progress review was completed at the end of January 2020.

WV Peters Cottage at Tamassee ~ Sandra Isner-Johnson, Chair ~ 2022

At the end of the third year of the Brown Administration, the WV Peters Cottage Committee along with the WV DAR Members had already completed the tasks in Phase I of the Cottage Project. With the structural items finished, work continued on the items in Phase II, which was the State Regent's project – the Refurbishment of WV Peters Cottage.

Each of the District sponsored rooms were now complete. The Living Room (Eastern District) received a new couch, chairs, lamps, side tables, behind the couch table, mirror, mantel, area rug and artwork. The front bedroom (Northern District) received a new wardrobe, area rug, freshly distressed painted furniture, benches and artwork. The Presley Wagoner bedroom (Western District) received new artwork, floor mirror, benches, and area rug. The State Regent bedroom (Southern District) received new bed, new mattress & box springs, freshly distressed painted desk, area rug, bench, floor mirror and artwork. Each bedroom received new linens, bedspreads, comforters, pillows and decorative/throw pillows. The Laundry Room (also Southern District) received new cabinetry and mirror. The Kitchen (Central District) received new stove, refrigerator, table & chairs, Fiesta ware dishes, pots & pans, artwork and area rug.

The Josephine C Peters WV Cottage sign was damaged by bore bees, so a new sign was purchased with material that will withstand the bees.

Our State Librarian, Sandy Cowan, continued to collect books for the WV Little Library which will be housed in the Cottage. These are books about West Virginia or by West Virginia authors.

Due to Covid, the Rededication Ceremony did not take place in October 2021. However, the marker from the National Register of Historical Places was placed on the outside of the cottage.

Also, the State Regent's project was recognized in May 2022 during the Awards Ceremony at Tamassee DAR School.

The Committee continued to do the annual maintenance review throughout the Cottage, inside and outside. Any maintenance or minor repairs were reported to the school so that would be fixed. Follow up continued to make sure that these items were completed, and repairs were made.

It has been a pleasure being the Chair for the WV Peters Cottage Committee during this Administration.

West Virginia DAR News ~ Wendy Evans, Chair ~ 2020-2022

The West VA Newsletter for the DAR was published three times a year: Sept, December/ January, and in May. Each issue contained a cover letter from the state Regent Cheryl Brown, a list of new members, news on special topics like cursive handwriting in schools, Golden Mothers Memorial funding, and the WV Peters Cottage at Tamassee DAR School. It also contained news from various committee chairs, and all chapters were invited to submit an article on their accomplishments. Effort was made to ensure that most pictures submitted were included in the newsletter.

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West Virginia Room in Memorial Continental Hall ~ Marjorie Turley, Chair ~ 2022

I would like to invite all DAR members who are attending the 2022 Continental Congress to stop by our West Virginia Room at Continental Hall during Open House following the West Virginia breakfast. Be sure to gaze upward at our newly plastered and painted ceiling! I will be there to discuss items in this room which is a replica of an 1820's parlor. The parlor room was used for many things including a classroom for the family's children, a gathering room for parties, and a workspace for managing business affairs. Looking forward to sharing this interesting room with everyone! !!