



West Virginia DAR News

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

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



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State Regent's Message

Dear West Virginia Daughters,

What a wonderful first year we can look back on! We have so many reasons to celebrate.

First, I want to highlight our special events at Continental Congress, where we had a delightful West Virginia Breakfast with National Chair of Literacy Promotion, Allison Holland, as speaker. She was so inspiring! I hope you will plan to attend some of her committee's Zoom sessions on literacy. They are a great resource which may give you ideas for chapter projects. We were also able to applaud West Virginia's nominee, Mr. Forest "Jack" Bowman, who was recognized on the national level for his outstanding work in historic preservation. He received the Historic Preservation Award and Medal on opening night from the President General. He said he was very moved by both the presentation and the ceremony.

We held our five district meetings throughout the state this summer. These meetings provided an opportunity for members to make new friendships and renew old ones. It was truly heartwarming to see the bonds of sisterhood grow stronger, and we know those who attended appreciated being able to hear from our state officers and chairs about new information important to their positions. We celebrated many accomplishments of our chapters and individual members. Congratulations to those who were recognized! From service projects to educational initiatives, our members have truly made a difference in their communities.

Finally, I want to acknowledge the progress we have made on the state regent's project. Thanks to the support of our members, we are well on our way to achieving our goals. All aspects of our three-prong project are ongoing and on schedule to finish during the term. The digitization of the yearbooks (phase one) at Marshall University is almost complete. They expect to have a link available for us by the end of this semester. The technology segment has finished phase one (email system), phase two



(approved public Facebook page), phase three (approved public webpage) and phase four (our members-only site). We want all members to have access to the members site, so please register so that you have important documents (bylaws, SIP, newsletters, etc.) available to you. Directions on how to do that are elsewhere in this newsletter.

We have collected about 60% of our goal to finance the project. Technology will always have annual expenses (licensing, subscriptions, and fees, etc.). Please help fund these. Your additional support at dues time (an optional \$1/member to be remitted with state dues) is needed and would be greatly appreciated so that we can establish a fund that will generate support for years to come. The work on chapter webpages (phase 5) has begun. The completion of this project will help with your membership recruitment and give your chapter additional exposure. We want everyone to know about our chapters and about the great work that you do!

I have heard of such great projects that you are doing for the early childhood literacy segment. Keep up the great work

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on this part of the project and remember that we will be highlighting education at our 2024 state conference. The President General is also highlighting literacy for the national day of service this month, so don't forget that your chapter literacy projects can count for both of these.

In conclusion, I want to extend my heartfelt congratulations to all our members for a job well done. You have truly made this a year to remember. Here's to another great year ahead! 🌟

With much love and appreciation,

Jane

Show your support for the State Regent's Project

Silver Plated Pin with an anti-tarnish protectorant \$25
18 " Sterling Rice bead Chain \$20
Perfect pricing for a gift
Contact the State Regent for shipping or delivery options



From the Desk of The State Recording Secretary

Boy *West Virginia Daughters!* Have I had fun meeting so many of you at district meetings and State Conference. State officers, district directors, chapter regents and state committee chairs, you will need to send your reports to me by March 15, 2024. Please look for notification about the reporting period here in our newsletter and the Members Only WVDAR social media page.

We are all *Blooming Through Service & Friendship*, but instead of being flowery, try to be brief in your descriptions. This will help cut down on word-count. Helpful hints—as we move through the year—make notes on your calendar of specific things you want to mention in your report—or—start your report now and add to it through the year.

Please send your reports to me as a Microsoft WORD document. Settings are 1.5-inch margins, double-spaced, Times New Roman 11-pt font, and limited to 500 words. I am here to help you—please ask for assistance in condensing the story of your chapter's exceptional work. Contact me by email at Katherine@TwoGenungs.com OR by phone at 540-486-8473 (you can text me at this number too, but be sure to mention in your text WHO you are).

Please also let me know what events your chapter is holding and if you would like state officers to attend.



From the Desk of The State Historian

Daughters, with schools back in session, it is time to consider nominating a local teacher from your area for the DAR Outstanding Teacher of American History Contest. This contest honors full-time teachers of American history or related fields for grades 5–12. The application form and instruction sheet are available through the Historian General's Office on the DAR Members' Website: <https://www.dar.org/sites/default/files/members/darnet/forms/HG-4000.pdf>. A judging sheet is also available <https://www.dar.org/sites/default/files/members/darnet/forms/HG-4003.pdf>.

Please note that all nominations must be forwarded to the Historian General prior to December 15, 2023. All nominations must first be directed to the State Historian, who will organize a committee to select a statewide nominee. The committee will be approved by the State Regent. If your chapter plans to nominate a teacher, please notify me by email no later than October 31st. Nominations should be in my hands no later than November 22nd. Note that physical nomination packets are required, and late arrivals at each level will be automatically disqualified.

In addition to the Outstanding Teacher award, National offers several other special recognitions and programs that may be of interest to your chapter. These include a variety of historical, commemorative, and grave markers; a national American history book award; and a national American history for children book award. Please visit the Historian General's page of the DAR Member's website for more information: <https://www.dar.org/members/executive-offices-nbm/>



State Conference Room Reservations

A block of rooms is now available at the Holiday Inn, Martinsburg for the 2024 State Conference. Please make your reservation directly with the hotel by calling **304-267-5500** and requesting the **Group Code DAR**.

A deposit equal to one night's rate plus taxes will be due with each reservation request. Reservations will be accepted at the hotel until **March 14, 2024**.

Room requests after March 14, 2024, will be considered pending availability and are not guaranteed the WVDAR State Conference rate.

historian-general.

In addition to the National contest for outstanding teachers, WVDAR still plans to continue offering statewide recognitions whereby chapters can honor local teachers of history and social studies. This program is entirely a state effort and is not affiliated with the National contest. Nominations for WVDAR recognitions for teachers are due to the State Historian by March 15, 2024, and recipients will be announced at the upcoming State Conference.

Please contact me directly if you have questions.

Darla Treat Courtney
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304-725-1645



America 250!

What's New



Does your community have a specific point of interest that could use a historic marker? The Pomeroy Foundation has joined with the DAR to offer grants under

the "Revolutionary America 1775-1783" grant program. The DAR will receive funding from the Pomeroy Foundation for at least 250 historic markers for sites across the country beginning in 2022 through 2027. Grants will be awarded for sites that **have not** already



been recognized with war memorials, statues, signage and other commemorations. More information can be found on members.dar.org site, America 250 webpage.

* **Celebration Grants**—Bring your ideas to **Celebrate Stars & Stripes Forever** with a \$500 grant as a gift of this administration. See the grant instruction sheet, application, and after-action report which can be found on the DAR America 250! webpage or contact your state chair for more information. All grants must be completed, including the After-action Report, by February 28, 2025.

CELEBRATE GRANT RECIPIENTS

- Anne Royall Chapter
- Shenandoah Valley Chapter
- Elizabeth Zane Chapter
- Old Hickory Chapter
- Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter
- Matthew French Chapter

Georgette Ward, WV State Chair
104 Eastgate Dr., Morgantown, WV 26508
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<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100088202526513>



Welcome New Members
February 5-September 5, 2023

Anne Bailey

*Jasmina Zhang Foster**
*Breauna Sierra McCallister**
Stacy Renee Abbott Porter

Blackwater

Peggy Jean Arnold
Titi Killeen Ferguson
Terri Lynn Bennett Lawrence
Rebecca Marlayne Kalar Nestor
Karen Senta Schurman Peterson

Blennerhassett

Stacey Lynn Richardson Adams
*Alexandria Lynn Adams**
Rebecca Carol Richardson Buskirk
*Holly Nicole Buskirk**
Sharon Lee Jeffrey Cartmill
Amber Shenandoah Ash Fields
Margaret Louise Baldwin Foley
Barbara Jean Miller Gissy
Mary Diane Simmons Griesser
Carla Beth Grubbs Hennen
Priscilla Ann Jeffrey Hopkins
Barbara Ann Foley Marling
Rebecca Jaye Dyer McCale
Kelley LeAnn Richardson McGill
*Whitney Grace Oppe**
Mary Ann Pfeifer
Mickie Ann Yester Richardson
Sharon Kay Foley Shaner
Judith Ann Jeffrey Warfield
Kathryn Sue Foley White

Cheat River

Maureen Conley Durst
Debra Marie Helms Taylor

Colonel Charles Lewis

Tammy Lynn White Chinchek
Elizabeth Ann Jones
Betty Louise Jones Rawlings
Danielle Elizabeth Hudson Sanders

Colonel Zackquill Morgan

Lisa Anne Church

**Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-
Colonel John Evans**

Lora Denise Chapman
Julie Kay Jividen
Geraldine Knoebel
Denise Knoebel
Madeline Knoebel

Elizabeth Zane

Patricia Ann Morton Marsh
Teresa Ann Vernon Smith

Elk River

Barbara Sue Barnette Gibson
Sarah Lynne Moore
Lucinda Colleen Tomer Waters

General Andrew Lewis

Nancy Irons Greenstreet

Highlands of the Potomac

Ruby Ethel Alvaro
*Billie Jo Susan Bane**
Leeanne King
Ashlee Lynne Newlin
Carolyn Mae Ross
Pamela Sue Williams

James Wood

Ashley Cole Craft
Teresa Marie Fowler Hudgins

Sara Kathryn Tebay Sherwin
Olga Marlene Johnson Thomas

Kanawha Valley

Corrina Marie Boggess
Kendal Harlan Kloostra
Julie Ann Quinn
Kelly Rebecca Wilson Simpson
Lucy Young

Matthew French

Deborah Sue Goodwin Croy
Lois Fleeman Tabor
Aurora Louise Witt

Ohio Valley

Nancy Jayne Hyre Carpenter
Carolyn Anne Clark Williams
Linda Sue Williams Wilson

Old Hickory

Dawn René Taylor Caro
Dora Mae Hammack Parsons

Pack Horse Ford

*Carsyn Ann Blenker**
Valerie Dawn Pearson Heaberlin
Addison Rose Hamilton Reese

Shenandoah Valley

*Ashlee Margaret Johnson**
*Trinity Marie Johnson**
Lillian Grace Twigg

South Branch Valley

Kim B Richardson Skiles

**Junior*



New Members Continued

Tanner's Cross Roads

*Barbara Jean Shamblin Ashley
Sarah Beth Snyder Nicholson
Annette Sanchez
Sandra Kaye Bennett Webb*

Trans-Allegheny

Barbara Ann Beamer Jones

Westmoreland

Sandra Ann Compton Mayo

Wheeling

*Gail Phillips Atkinson
Maureen Kay Huff Barte
Brittany Jo Hanket Birch
Tina Ellen Corrado
Marla Roseberry Crabtree*

Sharon Dorrelle Ramey Dahlke

Denise Lynn Palmer Dunfee

Laura Lynn Furbee Hall

Kathleen Sue Rohrig

Deanne Corrado Snodgrass

Sherry Birrittieri Stanfield

Janice Lorraine Glover Swain

Patricia Garrison Weinschenker

From the State Registrar

The Supplemental Support Team remains ready to review supplemental applications before they are sent to National. Since State Conference, the team has reviewed 30 applications. Having your application reviewed is optional, but you are encouraged to take advantage of this option before sending it to National. Team members will review it for correct formatting and proper documentation to support the information on page 2 of the application. The team is hoping that an ounce of prevention will be worth a pound of cure in regard to AIR letters! The email address to send drafts of your supplementals (.pdf) and accompanying proofs (.jpeg) is wvdarssteam@gmail.com.

A reminder to chapter registrars: Keep your chapter's PM list up to date. That includes adding the names of people who don't come through National before sending in their applications. That will be beneficial in getting help if an AIR letter is sent.



State Regent's Special Project
Early Childhood Literacy

State Regent Jane Larke has completed the first part of her 3-part State Regent's Project. Erika Chevront has done a terrific job on our website, and I know you're all proud of it! It is now time to concentrate on Part II—Early Childhood Literacy. We all know how important it is for children to learn to read and to love it! This project will continue throughout the remaining two years.

It is our hope that 100% of West Virginia chapters participate in the Early Childhood Literacy Project. Creativity is the limit as you decide how your chapter will implement this program.

First things first—October 11 is NSDAR's Day of Community Service. Our President General has designated the day to be used to read to others. She has also included veterans and adults. Please plan an activity where your members can read to others, especially children, for that day! Read! Read! Read!

The reporting form for this special project can be found in the newsletter. The best part of this project is that it may not cost the chapter or member a penny. Reading is a free gift that can be given! If your chapter wants to donate money, start a Little Free Library, plan a reading event, receive training as a Read Aloud Reader or any other creative event, you may do so. I've offered a challenge to members to even write a children's book for a special award. Feel free to be creative as you emphasize and promote early childhood literacy.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me by text 304-553-1012 or by email drkolsun@atlanticbb.net. I'm here to help.

READ! READ! READ! Ladies!

I can't wait to hear about all the wonderful things you've done! Thank you!

Yours in DAR,
Cindy Kolsun, Chair, State Regent's Special Project: Early Literacy



Reporting Form for State Regent Jane Larke’s Special Project—Early Childhood Literacy

Chapters: We are hoping each one of you will report in this special category. This form is due the same time as the CMR, Feb 1, 2024. It will be used for recognition in West Virginia for this amazing project.

Return to Cindy Kolsun, Chair at drkolsun@atlanticbb.net by Feb 1, 2024. Do not send in the mail as I’ll be spending January and February in Florida. This information will be shared with Barbara McCreary, Literacy Education Chair

NAME OF CHAPTER: _____

CHAIR OR PERSON COMPLETING REPORT: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

READING TO CHILDREN:

OF HOURS: _____

OF BOOKS: _____

OF PAGES: _____

OF CHILDREN YOU READ TO: _____

You can count reading to your children and grandchildren. We want them to learn to love reading too!

OF CLASSES OR GROUPS OF CHILDREN: _____

OF AMERICAN HISTORICAL FICTION OR NON-FICTION YOU READ TO CHILDREN: _____

Include any quotes about the impact you made on the children you read to.

Include any quotes about the impact reading to children made on you.

List up to 10 great books and the age levels of them that you would recommend be read to children.

DID YOU READ TO CHILDREN AS PART OF YOUR COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT ON OCTOBER 11? _____ WHAT WAS YOUR ACTIVITY?

DID YOU HOLD AN EVENT? DESCRIBE IT.

DID YOUR CHAPTER HOLD A BOOK CLUB? WHAT DID YOU READ?

BOOK DONATIONS:

OF TOTAL BOOKS DONATED: _____

TO LIBRARIES: _____ TO SCHOOLS: _____

TO PUBLIC PLACES: _____ IN LITTLE FREE LIBRARIES: _____



FINANCIAL DONATIONS:

AMOUNT OF MONEY DONATED TO CLASSROOMS: _____ LIBRARIES:

IMAGINATION LIBRARY: _____ SCHOLASTIC CLASSROOM

PROGRAM: _____ OTHER PROJECTS (List them)

TRAINING:

OF HOURS OF TRAINING: _____

WHAT TRAINING DID YOU HAVE? _____

WHAT TRAINING DID YOU FACILITATE? _____

WRITING FOR CHILDREN:

OF BOOKS WRITTEN FOR CHILDREN: _____

OF PAGES: _____

TITLES AND AUTHORS: _____

OF BOOKS ILLUSTRATED FOR CHILDREN:

TITLES AND ILLUSTRATORS:

ANY OTHER COMMENTS THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE ABOUT THIS PROJECT. IDEAS FOR NEXT YEAR ARE APPRECIATED.

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO PROVIDE DETAILS. NEWSPAPER ARTICLES, ETC. THAT YOU THINK WILL BE HELPFUL IN DESCRIBING YOUR PROJECT.

THE PRESIDENT GENERAL HAS ALSO DESIGNATED READING AS HER COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT. LIST ANY READING THAT YOU DID FOR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

OLDER STUDENTS: # OF STUDENTS, # OF BOOKS, # OF PAGES, # OF HOURS

ADULTS: # OF ADULTS, # OF BOOKS, # OF PAGES, # OF HOURS

VETERANS: # OF VETERANS, # OF BOOKS, # OF PAGES, # OF HOURS

Please provide any quotations about your experiences in reading to these groups.

Feel free to share any other information about any unique projects you may have completed or ways you promoted reading through the media, etc.



American Indians Committee

As West Virginia state chair for American Indians, I (Pat Bills) want to say thank you to all the chapters that have donated items to our Indian schools or camp this year. Some will donate money to a DAR-supported Indian School or camps. The Quilts for Chemawa were well received by the school. The posts on Facebook were beautiful. Please sent pictures with your reports in January 2024.

Reminder: November is Native American Indian Month. Please have your local officials sign the American Indian Proclamation. A public announcement on local Radio or TV may be free in your local chapter area. You may get the proclamation from NSDAR Web (shown below). Thanks for all your help in recognizing our Native Americans.



DAR Genealogy Commission Update

By Vickie Baker
DAR Genealogy Commission State Chair

The DAR Genealogy Commission posted a new webinar (<https://www.youtube.com/embed/CnIZ88NHf7w>) about the DAR Genealogical Records System. The script was also posted in PDF format.

The webinar primarily covers the three major databases of ancestors, members, and descendants. Some great search tips are given to help you get the most out of these resources. But that is not all, the lesser used databases in the system listed below are discussed.

Genealogical Records Committee (GRC)
Revolutionary War (Rev War)
Bibles

WVDAR State Bylaws Committee, 2022-2025



During the 2022-2025 term, the State Bylaws Committee will continue to review and suggest Bylaws changes as the National Society communicates revised bylaws.

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Ex-Officio
Members: Brenda Noble Chevront, State
Parliamentarian
Jane Jacobs Larke, State Regent

ARTICLE XVII - Amendments

(b) Amendments proposed by a chapter shall include the wording of the proposed amendment, the rationale, the name of the chapter proposing or endorsing the amendment, the names, addresses and signature of the chapter regent and the chapter recording secretary of the proposing or endorsing chapter and the date that the chapter voted to propose or endorse the amendment;

Information will be presented during 2023 district meetings. Forms will be sent to chapter regents after August 28, 2023. **DEADLINE for submitting Proposed Amendments is December 1, 2023.**

Resources
Check out the webinar and improve your usage of these valuable resources.



New Website

We have a new website: <https://wvdar.org>.



We are proud to introduce our members only website! You may register by first navigating to:

<https://members.wvdar.org/register>

Next, you will need to register your new account by filing in the requested fields. The password you enter on this page, will be the password you use when you sign into your members only account. Once all fields are completed click register. You will receive an email once your account has been reviewed and approved.

Finally, you will be able to log into the members only website by navigating to <https://wvdar.org> and selecting login on the top right or by navigating to <https://members.wvdar.org>.

We hope you enjoy this update made possible by the State Regent's technology project. Please send any suggestions or corrections to: wvssdar@gmail.com.

The SIP is on the Web

The **State Information Packets (SIP)** are now on the Members Page of the NEW WV webpage. Submissions for 2023 and 2022 are currently included. If you have not submitted an informational flyer for your State Committee or STATE Office, it's not too late. Please send to the State Vice Regent, Sandra Isner-Johnson at sisnerjohnson@gmail.com.

Constitution Week



State Awards

Recognition may be given from the state chair for any of the following:

- Outstanding Chapter Report
- Chapter with Most Groups that Rang Bells
- Chapter with Most Constitution Week Kits distributed
- Chapter with the Most Outstanding Media Coverage (social, broadcast, and print)
- Chapter with the Most Outstanding Displays (indoors and outdoors) Includes outdoor billboards
- Chapter with the most posters distributed/ displayed (new)**
- Outstanding Constitution Week Participation (as reported in the CMR)
- Outstanding Electronic Scrapbook (submitted to the state chair via email by due date) (new)**
- Presented a program on the Bill of Rights (State Chair may have additional awards) (new)**

Division Awards and National Recognition (*National will provide certificates of award*)

Division Certificates of Award will be given under the following categories:

- Best Chapter Report 1st, 2nd, 3rd Place, and Honorable Mention)
- Best State Report (1st, 2nd, 3rd Place, and Honorable Mention)

National Certificates of Recognition may be given for the following:

- Constitution Proclamation from State Governor
- Outstanding Constitution Week State Participation (new)**
- Outstanding News Article Promoting the Constitution
- Outstanding Constitution Week Program
- Outstanding Contributions to the Constitution Week Community page on the Daughters Online Community (DOC) (new)**

Constitution Week Poster Contests

All DAR members are invited to participate in the Constitution Week Poster Contest for 2023. The winning poster will be printed in the spring of 2024 and offered for sale at the DAR store. The poster should illustrate/celebrate the spirit or



meaning of the U.S. Constitution. *Participants may be students and adults.*

Constitution Week Poster Contest Guidelines and form are on the NSDAR website under Constitution Week Committee.

Deadlines:

Entries must be received by your state chair on or before January 15.

Winning state entry must be received by Division Vice Chair by February 25.

Division winning entry must be received by the National Committee Chair by March 15.

For more information, please contact your state or division chair.

This year's national winner of the DAR Constitution Week poster contest:



Please visit the DAR website for additional and new information on the following: **The History of the Constitution; What's New news release; The Goals of the Committee.**



National Historic Preservation Committee

April Gardner Norris, Chair

I wish to congratulate Dr. Joan Gibson, Regent, and the Woodburn Chapter for presenting Forrest Jackson (Jack) Bowman, who won a National Preservation Award for his endeavor in securing the mast from the U.S.S. *West Virginia* in 1959 as the West Virginia University Student Body President.

After being bombed at Pearl Harbor, the U.S.S. *West Virginia* was refurbished and given a new mast. The ship was then instrumental in securing the Allies win. This mast now stands in a place of honor in front of Oglebay Hall at the intersection of University Avenue and College Avenue.

At the request of President General Pamela Wright, Jack Bowman was presented his award during the grand gala of this year's Continental Congress on opening night. His wife, Myla Bowman, Dr. Gibson and myself were asked to sit in the President General's reserved seating where we had an excellent view of the festivities.

We were also asked to attend the Historic Preservation Luncheon the following day where National Historic Preservation Chairman, Liz Hotchkiss, again introduced Mr. Bowman and WVDAR. A PowerPoint presentation was shown with pictures of the U.S.S. *West Virginia* and the mast as it was moved to Morgantown, WV.



Patriot Records Project Committee

By now, you are most likely familiar with the Patriot Records Project as a committee for NSDAR. You might even know we have volunteers who have been indexing records (hopefully even someone in your chapter!) for over seven years now. But you may not be as familiar with how to search these records or how to use them in assisting potential members locate or document their Revolutionary War Patriot! We hope to help you become more familiar with the scope of these records and how you and the general public can research these records.



At this time, there are thousands of records available that you can search that are rich in history with a wealth of information regarding the men and women who were part of this great United States of American's Revolutionary War. We need to get the word out regarding the availability of these records, and you can help us!

Start your search by going to www.dar.org. At the top of the page, click on **Genealogy**. Next, on the right-hand side menu, click on **Genealogical Research-GRS**. Then at the top of that page in the text, click on the **Genealogical Research System** link. Now in the second top menu bar, click on the **Rev War** tab. Lastly, click on the **Patriot Records Project Index**. Enter at least part of a surname but



note you can also include a first name. Try Surname "Revere" and first name "Paul" and click **Search**. You will be given a list of records where his name appears. If you click on one you can view the actual record to see Paul Revere's name and contribution. By clicking on the Question mark in the document column, you can learn exactly where those records originated. You can obtain copies of any records you find by using the DAR Library Copy Services www.dar.org/library/services/search-services.

In review, these records are available to DAR members as well as the general public! Pass the word and help us increase the usage of this valuable resource.



State Officers Club

President April Norris is asking all chapter regents to help establish an up-to-date membership list for this club. Regents, please help by notifying all chapter members that if they are eligible and are interested in membership, they will need to register (one time) as a State Officers Club member.

Eligible members are current or past state officers who request membership. Those who make the request will receive club correspondence. The email or snail mail request must include the following: Name, Chapter, State Office held and the administration served or serving. Also include your email, phone and address.

If interested in membership, one should send her request by December 15th to:

April Norris, 1364 Old Eccles Road,
Beckley, WV 25801

Or email: DAR.AprilGardner@yahoo.com

Questions? Call April at 304-993-7777



John Chapman Chapter Disbanded

Vickie Baker, State Organizing Secretary

During the August National Board of Management meeting, the disbanding of the John Chapman Chapter was approved. Fortunately, most of the members chose to join another chapter.

Who was John Chapman? John Chapman is known as Johnny Appleseed. He was born on September 26, 1774, in Leominster, Massachusetts, to Nathaniel and Elizabeth Chapman. He was a pioneer cultivator of apple orchards and missionary for The New Church (Swedenborgian). He died in Fort Wayne, Indiana, on March 18, 1845.



As you plan your literacy project, remember Johnny Appleseed. It is up to us to make sure our children remember what he did.



Blanche L. Reymann Scholarship

Jessica Rexrode received the Blanche L. Reymann Scholarship at the Central District Meeting in Clarksburg. It was the first time since 2019 that the presentation was able to be made at one of the district meetings. At the time, Jessica was going into her senior year at Alderson Broaddus University; however, shortly after the presentation it was announced that Alderson Broaddus would be closing. Thankfully, she was able to transfer to Davis & Elkins College to complete her senior year and finish her degree.




She is the daughter of Traci Beckner and Charles Rexrode and a graduate of Elkins High School.



While at Alderson Broaddus, she was regularly recognized on the dean's list for students who demonstrate academic excellence. She is expected to graduate in the spring of 2024 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology and a minor in chemistry with plans to attend physician's assistant school following graduation. In addition to her academic achievements, she also worked on campus at Alderson Broaddus as a teaching assistant in the chemistry department and was an active member of Phi Kappa Delta sorority. She held a position on the executive board, chaired the community service, fundraising and recruitment committees, and was responsible for new member education.

Following the presentation, Jessica sent a card thanking WVDAR for the scholarship. "It was an honor receiving the Blanche L. Reymann Scholarship and I am extremely grateful." The scholarship will be presented to a student at Wheeling University in 2024.

Genealogical, Burial & Service Data for Revolutionary War Patriots Buried in West Virginia



Available on
Amazon for \$27

See below for
State Conference
discount offer.

A few chapters have purchased copies of the WVDAR's recent publication, *Genealogical, Burial & Service Data for Revolutionary War Patriots Buried in West Virginia*, for donation to local libraries. Eastern District is providing copies for the principal county libraries in that district. If only one book were placed in a library in each county, that would be 55 books spread around West Virginia. What a wonderful gift to the libraries in

this state!

Have you or your chapter placed copies in any area libraries? If not, would you be interested in purchasing copies at State Conference for the same reduced price (\$25) that was available at district meetings? I will be compiling a list of names of people who would like to pick one up at State Conference in Martinsburg in April. These copies will not be mailed and must be picked up by you or a friend at that time.

If you would like to be added to the list, send **your name** and **the number of copies** to Mary Johnson at annebaileydar@gmail.com. If you indicate the **name of the library** or libraries for which you are buying copies, I can tell others if a copy is already being purchased for a specific library. (It would be helpful to know the names of libraries that have already received copies.)

Note: You don't have to be getting one for a library in order to take advantage of the same State Conference discount.

Net proceeds will go for more America 250! markers in West Virginia.



← →
[Lineage Research](#)

A Reminder to ALL Chapter members from the WVDAR Lineage Research chairman:

If you have genealogy research books which you would be willing to look up info in for prospective members or for supplementals, please send Linda Whitman (dar.linda.whitman66@gmail.com or 123 Travelers Lane, Beckley, WV 25801) your list. We wish to thank Margaret Rusnak for her list. You will see it in this newsletter (next page).





Title	Author	Content	Counties
A History of Pendleton County, WV	Morton, Oren		Pendleton
Pendleton Co (West) Virginia Sale Bills, Settlements --1788-1846	Toothman	Wills 1788-1846 Inventories	Pendleton
Pendleton County, (West) Virginia	Toothman	Deeds 1788	Pendleton
Moccasin Tracks and other Imprints	Dodrill	History	Webster
A Seed Bed of the Republic	Stoner, Robert	History	Early Botetourt Co.
Roger Dyer, Pioneer Settler of the Va Frontier	Forman, E. D.	History	Augusta Co.
Early Western Augusta Pioneers: Cleek, Gwinn, Lighter, Warwick, Bratton, Campbell, Carlile, Craig, Crawford, Dyer, Gay, Graham, Harper, Henderson, Hulle, Keister, Yorkbridge, McFarland, Moore	Cleek, George	History	Augusta Co.
Annals of Webster Co., WV	Miller, Sampson	History	Webster
Fourteen Children	Dyer, Geneva Amick		
Webster County History - Folklore	Thompson, Fred		Webster
WV Revolutionary Ancestors	Reddy, Anne	Non-military	WV counties
Cemetery Records of Pendleton County	Pendleton Co. Historical Society	Cemeteries	Pendleton
The Dyer Settlement, Fort Sybert Massacre	Talbot, Mary	History	Pendleton

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DAR Leadership Training

Below are two articles submitted in fulfillment of requirements of the DAR Leadership Training.

Pat Goodwin



Have you considered learning more about the DAR leadership process? After almost being in WVDAR for 20 years, I thought I knew everything one needed to know

about DAR—its foundation, history, mission, motto meaning, the *American Spirit*, and hierarchy and committees.

Oh my goodness, once I began the Members Course, I knew I was “back in school!” I had to

research the DAR website to locate all the answers for the worksheets. Luckily, our chair of the WVDAR DAR Leadership Committee, Carolyn Scheydt, has been a real cheerleader and provided the encouragement not to give up! Thank you, Carolyn!!

As I began the journey in the Committee Course, I thought this would be a “piece of cake” because I have held many chapter and state committee positions over the years. Was I ever wrong! I have learned so many new and exciting additions to the committee process these past few months!

At the 2023 WVDAR State Conference, when the DAR Leadership Committee Chair Carolyn Scheydt, the State Regent Jane Larke, and the President General Pamela Wright presented the certificate of course completion and honor cords for the two courses I had completed, I felt so proud to have been a part of the recognition of members



who had accepted the same challenge as I—to learn as much about the new DAR.

Currently, I am working diligently to complete the New Horizons Course, the third and final leadership course. Since I have completed GEP 1, 2, 3, and 6, I selected my Capstone Project to be a workshop sponsored by my chapter, Trans-Allegheny, to host an Application and Supplemental Application Workshop to assist registrars, prospective members, and members.

I look forward to completing this course and joining the ranks of the Triple Crown members at the 119th WVDAR State Conference.

Tami Reeves

Wreaths Across America

Wreaths Across America honors the memory of the men and women that sacrificed for their country. Chapters and members have solicited wreath donations, participate in ceremonies, and in the laying of wreaths.

But there is much more to the organization than laying of the wreaths. They sponsor a mobile semi-truck unit that crosses the country to inform people about the program and to meet and honor

veterans along the way. Inside the unit is a theater and several displays. One video explains how the wreaths are made and what each of the 10 balsam bouquets represents. A veteran's wreath is a symbol of HONOR, RESPECT, and VICTORY.

1. Their **Belief** in a Greater Good
2. Their **Love** for Each Other
3. Their **Strength** Work Ethic & Character
4. Their **Honesty** and Integrity
5. Their **Humility**, Selflessness, & Modesty
6. Their **Ambitions** and Aspirations'
7. Their **Optimism** for America
8. Their **Concern** for the Future
9. Their **Pride** in their Duties
10. Their **Hopes & Dreams** that Didn't Always Come True but Left Them With No Regrets

Wreaths Across America also has an educational curriculum available on their website from grades K-12 on a range of subjects such as Women's History Month to Flag Day. The web address is: <https://wreathscrossamerica.org/Resources/EducationalResources>.

Take the time to learn about this Service For Veterans Program on the committee webpage.





WITH THE CHAPTERS

Anne Royall Chapter

The Anne Royall Chapter NSDAR used their America 250! grant to purchase American Flags for the Main Street of Harrisville in Ritchie County. The flags were flown on the 4th of July and will be flown on all other patriotic holidays throughout the year. A banner was created to highlight the event.

In addition to honoring America, the chapter wished to highlight those Revolutionary War patriots who served from Ritchie County. Patriots listed on the banner are Robert Ross, Patrick Sinnett, William Cunningham, Thomas Cunningham, Lawrence Maley, and Thomas Chancellor.



Front row, L-R: Cheryl Haight, Regent Patricia Casper, Pam Stanley, and Annetta Siers; Back Row, L-R: P.J. Dumire, Sandra Harper, Patty Nutter, and Sue Weese



Bee Line Chapter

Bee Line Recognizes Local Youth



Regent Heidi Ware with Cadet Dylan Gauthier.

Each year, Bee Line Chapter in Charles Town recognizes two outstanding area high school students—one for exceptional performance in a Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) program and the other for excellence as a citizen of their high school community. In both cases, recipients of the awards are

chosen by facility and staff. Each student receives a certificate, a medal, and a cash award to help in pursuing their future goals.

This year, Regent Heidi Ware presented the chapter's annual JROTC recognition to Cadet Dylan Gauthier, a graduating senior at Jefferson High School. Dylan received several recognitions for his JROTC participation and planned to attend college in the fall.

Corresponding Secretary Doris Bauer presented the Good Citizen Award to Madison Roggenkamp, a senior at Washington High School. Madison was active in Future Farmers of America and the National Technical Honor Society. She took several advanced placement courses and graduated summa cum laude. She planned to attend Shepherd University with political science as her major and a goal of attending law school.



Corresponding Secretary Doris Bauer with Madison Roggenkamp

Bee Line DAR Celebrates Red, White, and Blue at the County Fair

Bee Line members take the annual Jefferson County Fair very seriously. As a patriotic lineage society, Daughters are naturally predisposed to respect the red, white, and blue color scheme. At fair time, however, the order gets a bit rearranged: we are off and running in search of blue (1st), red (2nd), and white (3rd) ribbons rewarding the best entries for various exhibit categories.

County fairs in the United States have been a celebration of the agrarian lifestyle for well over two centuries. They have been a place where far-flung neighbors came together to share and compare the best of their livestock and produce, to celebrate a successful harvest season, and to showcase the skills and crafts of domestic life in rural America.

The Bee Line fair booth, which was shared with the Adam Stephen Chapter of SAR, featured displays highlighting DAR's three core pillars of service: patriotism, historic preservation, and education. The displays provided examples of how Bee Line has worked during the past year to bring substance to those values, including support for the



Members Mary Pat Courtney, Amy Stottlemyer, and Ross Watts (chapter historian) welcome fairgoers to the Bee Line booth at the Jefferson County Fair

local Veterans Affairs hospital in Martinsburg; installation and maintenance of a colonial herb garden at Happy Retreat, the historic home of Charles Washington; and gifts of “literacy bags” of books, crafts, and school supplies for first graders at North Jefferson Elementary School.

In addition, the booth featured an interactive quiz on Independence Day, which was designed to share facts and trivia about our most important national holiday. Fairgoers were encouraged to test their knowledge, then to accept bookmarks featuring the Preamble for the Constitution, the Pledge of Allegiance, and a fact sheet on the Declaration of Independence. Handouts on the 75th anniversary of the Space Shuttle, the Boston Tea Party, and the history of how Americans have celebrated Independence Day were also offered—all of which were popular with homeschooling parents.

For their part, the Sons of Adam Stephen Chapter of SAR were present to answer questions about their programs. They also displayed full-scale replicas of Revolutionary-era firearms, offering hands-on information about how such weapons were created and used, and they conducted a raffle to support SAR activities on behalf of veterans.

Aside from hosting the booth, Bee Line members also celebrated the fair in multiple ways. First and foremost, members are encouraged to attend with their families and friends to enjoy the atmosphere of this special institution. For some, this is a place for children of all ages to enjoy the tastes and thrills of the carnival. For others, it offers an opportunity for parents and grandparents to reinforce the practical skills and rewards of managing life on

a farm.

As exhibitors, Bee Line families took home dozens of ribbons in such wide-ranging categories as horticulture, photography, baking, food preservation, herbs, needlecraft, art, various 4-H and youth categories, and livestock—including several Best of Class and Best of Show ribbons and awards. Bee Line families also participated in special events ranging from the “funny fitting” contest to the youth saddle club show. Still other members were active as volunteers in several capacities, with one member serving on the fair board.

Bee Line Regent Helps to Honor Local Family’s Revolutionary Past

This summer, descendants of five brothers, all of whom were patriots of the American Revolution, come together from across the nation to participate in their annual family reunion. This year that event was held in Jefferson County, and one program for the gathering included a unique tribute to the Wysong family’s Revolutionary past. Several members of the family live locally.



This year’s Wysong Family Reunion, held in Jefferson County, took time to honor its Revolutionary-era ancestors. Bee Line Regent Heidi Ware (second from right) described the Revolutionary service of five Wysong Patriots. Also shown (left to right) are Betsy Wysong; Mike Benson, SAR, depicted as a company drummer; Stephen Englebright, SAR, shown as a militiaman holding a flintlock rifle; Marty Keesecker, SAR, shown as member of the Continental Army holding his flintlock musket; and Jack Wysong.

The program for Saturday evening featured Heidi Ware, Bee Line’s regent, as well as three members of the General Adam Stephen Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR). Ware’s presentation shared the results of her re-



search on the Revolutionary era in general and on the service rendered by each of the five brothers of the Wysong family.

Ware began with a general discussion about daily life during the Revolution. Everything a family needed had to be grown, produced from raw materials at hand, bartered for with neighbors, or bought with scarce cash resources. If a family wanted to see after dark, candles had to be made. New clothes required a long process of raising sheep and flax, spinning and weaving to produce thread and cloth, and finally transforming the cloth into clothing for each family member. Meals required more than just cooking food, usually over a wood fire. Animals had to be raised and butchered; gardens had to be planted, tended, and harvested; and especially on the frontier, hunting and foraging were required to keep a family fed. Hunting not only provided food, but skins to be cured and transformed into clothing and bedding.

Next, Ware explained how both DAR and SAR recognize that it took more than soldiers for the Revolution to succeed. It also took those who provided supplies and those who offered support and inspiration in a variety of forms. As such, patriotic service included ministers who gave patriotic sermons, signers of oaths of fidelity, and those who rendered any sort of material aid. Several states enacted a special tax to raise money for supplies, and payment of that tax is therefore considered a patriotic service. She illustrated this point by sharing that one of the Wysong patriots, Valentine, supported the war effort by paying the supply tax in York County, Pennsylvania.

She then described the military service of the four remaining brothers. Using a map, she challenged her audience to visualize the miles they covered, mostly traveling on foot.

The second brother, Joseph, enlisted in the militia in York County, Pennsylvania, and was sent to Fort Mifflin on Manhattan Island in New York. He served in the Battle of Fort Mifflin in November 1776, was captured, and died on a prison ship in 1777.

The third brother, Jacob, enlisted in the 8th Virginia Regiment in 1777 and served as the company drummer, which was an extremely important role. SAR member Mike Benson described the role of drummers and demonstrated several drum signals that would have been used, some during battle and others for everyday operations. Ware

subsequently explained that when Jacob was discharged from the 8th Virginia Regiment, he moved to Shepherdstown, enlisted in Josiah Swearingen's Company, and was sent to the western frontier (Ohio) to assist with building two forts, Fort McIntosh and Fort Laurens.

The fourth brother, Feidt, also moved to Shepherdstown and served in Ohio alongside Jacob. After being discharged, he moved his family to Fincastle, Virginia, and enlisted in a company that served under General Lafayette. He participated in the siege at Yorktown and was present when General Washington accepted the surrender of the British by General Cornwallis.

The fifth and final brother, Lewis, served as a militiaman in York County, Pennsylvania. His most active duty came after the defeat of Cornwallis when British prisoners were sent to Camp Security in York County, where he was assigned duty as a prison guard.

Ware ended her presentation by using her map to highlight the fact that the combined miles covered by the three brothers who survived the war had exceeded 2,100 miles. These marches occurred in all kinds of weather, through brutal winters and sweltering summers. She thanked the descendants for the service, bravery, and perseverance of their ancestors.

Harriet Jones, a Model of Active Citizenship

Ross Watts, Chapter Historian

Earlier this year, Bee Line Chapter paused to remember a distinguished West Virginian, Harriet Jones, and her many contributions to civic life. Jones is best remembered as the first licensed physician in West Virginia. The Bee Line Chapter, however, recognized Jones for a variety of accomplishments outside her clinical work, including public health advocacy, political service in our state legislature and leadership of statewide efforts for women's suffrage. Jones's example shows us all that we should pursue both professional success and social change on behalf of our local communities.

Harriet Jones was born in 1856 in Ebensburg, PA, but spent most of her childhood in Terra Alta, WV. She graduated from the Wheeling Female College in 1875 and the Women's Medical College in Baltimore in 1884, specializing in gynecology. She spent two years training in New York,



Dr. Harriet Jones (1856-1943) was an innovator in public health advocacy and practice in West Virginia. She was also a leader in the women's suffrage movement and served two terms in the state legislature. (Photo used by permission from the West Virginia State Archives.)

Philadelphia, and Chicago before returning to Wheeling, WV, to settle down and establish a practice in 1886. Her licensure made her the first woman to practice medicine in our state, while her experience in large cities exposed her to the most pressing public health challenges of her day.

Jones was not content to work solely in clinical settings. She also took on leadership roles in public health. Just two years after getting her medical license in 1888, she accepted the assistant superintendent's position at the West Virginia Hospital for the Insane. In 1892, she returned to Wheeling to establish a women's hospital that operated for about 20 years. At the start of her professional career, Jones established a pattern of serving both individuals and entire communities.

Early in her career, she took on tuberculosis and the care of poor and sick children as public health causes. She lobbied the state legislature to establish the WV Children's Home in 1899 and the West Virginia Industrial Home for Girls in 1897. Jones served as president and remained a member of the Board of Directors for the Industrial Home for over a decade, while also lobbying the state legislature to address tuberculosis as a public health crisis.

Scientific understanding of tuberculosis was rapidly changing at the end of the 19th century when Jones was embarking on her medical career. In the early 1800s, science understood the disease to be genetic and recommended treatment with rest and exposure to a temperate climate. But in 1882, Robert Koch announced his discovery of a bacterial cause of the disease, ushering in a paradigmatic shift in diagnosis, treatment and prevention. Physicians like Harriet Jones now understood the disease to be contagious and preventable through good hygiene. Yet by the time of this dis-

covery, tuberculosis had infected between 70% and 90% of populations in major U.S. cities like New York and Chicago, with many infected people not developing symptoms. In short, tuberculosis was a significant public health threat at the time that Jones began her medical career.

Jones responded to the threat of tuberculosis to West Virginia's public health by advocating the new disease model, which supported the isolation of patients, exposure to cold, clean air and hygiene measures to stop the disease's spread. Jones lobbied the state legislature again for funding for tuberculosis hospitals, leading to creation of the Hopemont Sanitarium near her childhood home of Terra Alta in 1913 and another facility in Denmar, WV, for people of color.

Jones is worthy of recognition for her contributions to public health alone. Yet, she was also active at the state and national level in support of women's equality. At the same time that she spearheaded state responses to children's health and tuberculosis, she took the lead on women's suffrage and equal access to education for women.

Jones's political career coexisted with her professional activities. Between 1888, when she got her medical license, and 1920, when the Nineteenth Amendment was ratified —

- She founded the Wheeling Political Equality League in her home in 1895, in response to support from the National American Women's Suffrage Association, which identified WV as one of only a few states without an active suffrage movement at the state level.
- She advocated for women to be admitted to WVU and other state colleges, which the legislature granted in 1889.
- She held leadership roles in the West Virginia Equal Suffrage Association, including serving as president in 1906.
- She addressed the state legislature in support of women's suffrage in 1907 and marched in Washington, DC, in 1912.
- She organized a statewide speaking tour in favor of a woman's right to vote in 1916, when West Virginia lawmakers faced a ballot measure to approve women's suffrage. She personally wrote to 150 newspaper editors to gauge their support for the cause before the vote. The referendum was unsuccessful.



After the Nineteenth Amendment was ratified in 1920, Jones became active in the League of Women Voters. She was a lifelong Republican, representing Marshall County in the state legislature in 1924. She served two terms in office.

It would be easy to remember Harriet Jones simply as our first female physician in the state. Yet, she was a leader of critical public health initiatives that improved the lives of West Virginians. And she was at the same time a visionary who led efforts for political equality for women. It is easy to imagine a life given to one or the other pursuit, but it is exceptional to devote oneself to both. Her example reminds us to live out our noblest convictions fully in our professional and our personal lives.

Jones died in 1943 in Glen Dale, WV. She is buried in her childhood hometown of Terra Alta, WV. Her obituary made note of her public health and temperance work but omitted mention of her work for women's suffrage.



Blackwater Chapter

Central District Director, Georgette Ward, honored Blackwater Chapter with a visit to their June meeting. To show the chapter's appreciation for all she has done for the Central District, Georgette was presented a wooden American



heart by Regent Cathy Hebb. WVDAR State Regent Jane Larke presented Cynthia Kolsun with her honorary regent pin.

Photos and awards from the WVDAR State Conference were displayed including a First Place certificate for the chapter's 2022 CMR submission in the category of American Heritage entitled "American



Heritage: A Fireside Chat." The meeting concluded with an interesting program entitled "The History of the American Flag" given by Vice Regent Daryla Rapp. It was a memorable day!



Blackwater members Debbie Stevens and Linda Sherman made a presentation on the American Flag to an enthusiastic group of young campers at the 4-H Camp at Camp Kidd. Great outreach by these chapter members to the 4-H campers!

An informative presentation on the history of West Virginia vintage glassware was given at Blackwater Chapter's July meeting by members Daryla Rapp, Phyllis Garcia, and Debbie Stevens. Each of the ladies brought pieces from her own collection. One of the interesting points shared was about Vaseline glass, which is a term for the transparent yellow to yellow-green glass that owes its color to its uranium content. Purists might argue that green





glass should not be considered Vaseline glass because an additional colorant (probably iron) has been used in addition to the uranium to produce the green color. Some collectors describe the green glass as "Depression Glass". Perhaps the most reliable way to identify the presence of uranium in the glass is to expose it to a source of ultraviolet light, such as a black light. If the glass glows a rich green color, it contains uranium. Our members learned a great deal about a product made in our own state.



In August, Blackwater Chapter members collected 94 early childhood books in the name of WVDAR State Regent Jane Larke's special project: Early Childhood Literacy. The books were later donated to the Family Resource Network in Parsons.



Blennerhassett Chapter

Happy Fall Ya! The Blennerhassett daughters have been busy this summer. We have donated 106 books to the local libraries and promoted literacy for children. The chapter had an awesome float in the Parkersburg Homecoming parade where we celebrated the 250th anniversary of the Boston Tea Party not only by riding in a replica ship graciously provided by member Mary Pfeifer and her friend Darin Prouty, but also by throwing tea packages that were from the same company that lost the tea 250 years ago. It was the same



blend that was thrown over the side of the ship as well as other items that people enjoyed. We won first place in the

non-commercial categories. We would not have accomplished this without Darin Prouty and Donald Brown helping raise and lower the ship mast from the low power lines and tree branches on the parade route. We also had a booth set up at the Parkersburg Homecoming where children recited the Pledge of Allegiance and received a prize. Thanks to Larry Painter for setting up the booth and engineering it to stand the wind. At the booth we handed out Flag Codes and other handouts. People wrote thank you cards that we will send to the veterans. We have had a busy summer, and we are looking forward to another busy year promoting DAR.



Captain James Allen

The Captain James Allen Chapter was proud to represent the Daughters of the American Revolution at the Veterans Resource Fair held May 4, 2023, at the National Guard Armory in Glen Jean, WV. The fair had over 50 vendors represented who were there to let the veterans know about the resources and services available for them. We were honored to meet and talk with veterans of all military service and ages and to make them aware of our organization and the core foundation of what we value and our service to the communities. Many of the attendees were unaware of our organization and the work we do to support



our military and our local veterans. We distributed flags and pamphlets about our Constitution and our organization and also met some prospective members. Members Cecilia Chapman, Regent, Vice Regent Lisa McKinney, Registrar Terry Noland, Eloise Moore and Barbara Wiseman were there to talk with veterans and their families.

The Captain James Allen Chapter, NSDAR, along with the John Beckley Chapter, NSSAR, participated in the World Record holding Lilly



Reunion, held July 15 at Flat Top in Raleigh County. The Lilly Reunion holds the Guinness World Book of Records for the Largest Family Reunion, and they have a permanent stand where visitors can receive complimentary ancestry search!

We spent a beautiful day under the trees giving out flags and information about becoming a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Members Margaret Rusnak, Carolyn Jones, Karen Bonifacio, Regent Cecilia Chapman, our Vice Registrar, Linda Whitman, and Registrar, Terry Noland, were on hand to talk with prospective members. They also assisted them with completing a genealogy worksheet and an application for membership. We considered it a successful day with some additional prospective members. There was also lots of interest generated from the basket we gave away just for stopping by

to talk with us. The basket contained all items handmade in West Virginia. This gave us the opportunity to not only find prospective members but to make our community aware of the presence of our chapter and the opportunities we can share in to serve, educate, and promote patriotism.



On Sunday, August 27, 2023, members of the Captain James Allen Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution met at the grave of deceased member Anita McClung interred at Highlawn Memorial Park, in Oak Hill, WV, for the dedication of her



DAR grave marker insignia. Anita's family members and friends were present to dedicate this marker in her honor. Our Chaplain,

Carolyn Jones, led the service and several daughters spoke of the dedication and hard work Anita gave to our chapter. Those in attendance were: Carolyn Jones, Chaplain; Linda Whitman, Assistant Registrar; Margaret Rusnak, Treasurer; Lisa McKinney, Vice Regent; and Terry Noland, Registrar; Anita's mother and her only son.



Members Linda Whitman and Linda Sumner of the Captain James Allen Chapter kicked off the celebration of Constitution Week with a beautiful and informative display at the Raleigh County Public Library. The display includes take-a-way coloring sheets and word search puzzles as well as articles and information about the Constitution. We also left information



about the Daughters of the American Revolution and our chapter contact numbers as another way to reach new prospective members. The display will remain at the library for the month of September. Our chapter will also be donating the book *Shh! We're Writing the Constitution* by Jean Fritz to our county library.



Chapter member Linda Sumner also contacted the mayor of Beckley, who will be issuing a Proclamation Commemorating Constitution Week in the City of Beckley, Raleigh County.

And we are very pleased that daughters Margaret Rusnak, Samantha Shleser, Terry Noland and Lisa McKinney will be reading to first graders in three of our county elementary schools. In addition to reading *Why America Matters* by Ben Carson the ladies will be giving each student a bell and a flag to celebrate Constitution Week. The book will then be donated to each of the three school libraries.



Daniel Davisson Chapter

Daniel Davisson Chapter members have been busy during the summer with patriotic activities. Laura Fullen, Doris Dean, and Tami Reeves put up Flag Day displays at three local libraries.

On July 12, Regent Laura Fullen and Vice Regent Tami Reeves attended the visitation of the Wreaths Across America mobile unit in Clarksburg. What a great display, and it's all in a huge semi-truck! A mini theater is included, and we viewed three short videos about the Wreaths Across America mission. Not only does this organization decorate veterans' graves in the

United States, but they also decorate overseas! Tami and I were privileged to meet Terry Cunningham, president of West Virginia Department American Gold Star Mothers! What an honor that was!

On July 13, Wendy Madden, outreach coordinator for the office of U.S. Senator Joe Manchin, read a proclamation and presented a flag that was flown over the U.S. Capitol to the Southern Area Library in Lost Creek. This was because Tami Reeves put up a Flag Day display at the library in June and then met Wendy at the Flag Day ceremony at the WV Veterans Nursing Facility.

On Memorial Day, Regent Laura Fullen attended the first ever Memorial Day ceremony at the Veterans' Memorial in Bridgeport.

Daniel Davisson Chapter hosted the WVDAR 76th Central District Meeting on July 29 at the First Presbyterian Church in Clarksburg. Eighty DAR members attended. Guest speaker was Michael Spatafore, president of The Clarksburg History Museum. Jessica Rexrode, a pre-med student, received the Blanche L. Reymann scholarship award, and \$863.00 was donated to our State Regent's project from the Voices Drawing! It was a great meeting!



Front row, L-R: Doris Dean, Jane Larke, Carolyn Bell, Mindi Jacobs, Laura Fullen, Charlotte Orrahood, Tami Reeves, Lucy Hornor; Back row: Martha Jett, Alexa Kolodziej, Beverly Rollins, Kristi Reeves, and Tracy Zang.





Elizabeth Zane Chapter

The Elizabeth Zane Chapter has been busy completing parts 1 and 2 of their celebration grant.

Part I included setting up an informational booth during the weekly Buckhannon "Festival Friday's" events to attract prospective members. Ladies that visited the EZ booth were given a "goodie" bag that contained information about the DAR, the Elizabeth Zane Chapter, small gifts and a bottle of water to quench their thirst during the evening event.



Part II, a formal DAR Tea Party, was a huge success. We had ten guests that enjoyed the opportunity to meet members and other guests and learned about the goals of the DAR and the process involved in completing an application.



In September members attended the signing of the Constitution Week proclamation by Buckhannon Mayor Robbie Skinner at City Hall.



Elk River Chapter

The Elk River Chapter recently donated the book, *Geneological, Burial & Service Data for Revolutionary War Patriots Buried in West Virginia*, to the Sutton Public Library, the Summersville Public Library, and the Braxton County Family Research Library.



L-R: Charlene Lewis, Meg Ashby, Summersville Library Assistant Director Jason McClung, Elk River DAR Chapter Regent Ruth Mooney, and Amy Starcher display the new book donated by the Daughters of the American Revolution .

Elizabeth Stewart and Ruth Mooney researched patriots in Braxton County. Meg Ashby, Charlene Lewis, Ann Lynch and Leigh Sisson conducted research in Nicholas County. The ladies visited burial sites and cemeteries to compile the information for the patriots in their local areas.



James Wood Chapter

James Wood Daughters joined with Captain James Neal, Sons of the American Revolution, for the annual Memorial Day Ceremony at the Parkersburg City Park. As names were read of Revolutionary



War Patriots buried in Wood County, a flower was placed in a Memorial Wreath. A future SAR member participated in the ceremony. The service concluded



with a 21-gun salute by the SAR,

Six James Wood Daughters attended the Northern District Meeting in St. Marys. Everyone enjoyed the day learning of the exciting events happening in the WVDAR and visiting with friends.



Our 2023-24 year will begin with our Dues Tea on September 16. We will observe the kickoff for Constitution Week by assembling information packets for a local elementary school.



Kanawha Valley Chapter

April Gardner Norris, Honorary Regent

On a beautiful and gusty Monday, June 27, 2023, members of the Kanawha Valley Chapter were pleased to present Mason County Commissioner Rick Handley a new NSDAR Flag to fly over the Gold Star Mother's Monument. The monument is located in Point Pleasant on the Mason County Library front lawn and was dedicated during the



Front row L-R: Assist. Treasurer Patty Young; 2nd Vice Regent Linda Quinn Keeling; Regent Connie Bowling; Past VPG and Honorary State Regent Shirley Gilkeson; Point Pleasant Chairman of the Gold Star Mother's Monument April Gardner Norris; Back row: Gold Star parents Richard and Jan Parsons along with Mason County Commissioner Rick Handley; Ed Cromley of the Point Pleasant Chapter WVSSAR; Diana Cromley, Mason County Clerk and Col. Charles Lewis DAR Chapter member.



Mindy Davis Administration as her State Regent's Project.



Matthew French Chapter

The Matthew French Chapter welcomed two new daughters, Louise Witt and Lois Taber. Louise is the mother of the chapter's chaplain, Barbara McDowell, who proudly gave the Oath of Membership.



Louise Witt (left) and Lois Taber (below) with their families.



For years, Lois Taber and her family have cleaned Matthew and Sarah French's gravesite.

Our chapter is indebted to them for their service to our chapter's American Patriot.



On June 14, 23 intermediate students celebrated Flag Day at Straley Elementary School. The students learned about the history and symbolism of the flag, the Pledge of Allegiance,



and the *Star-Spangled Banner*. Members of the local American Legion taught the students the correct way to fold a flag. The students completed a flag-inspired wind spinner craft. A Kahoot's Quiz was a fun way for the students to show what they learned. Most students answered the questions correctly. Congratulations to Heather Farley, vice-regent, and the American Legion for teaching the history and care of the flag. A cake decorated like the American flag was enjoyed by all. Flags and flag decals were given to all in attendance.

At the June meeting, Michelle Sparks, chapter registrar, was awarded the Women in American History Award. She is known for her passion in researching genealogical records for her family, prospective DAR members and completing supplementals. Michelle attends DAR and other genealogical webinars and workshops. She is an active participant on the DAR Facebook registrar's page and other genealogical related sites. Michelle successfully completed the Registrar GEP Courses 1 and 2. She represents the Southern District on the State Society NSDAR Supplemental State Team. At the 2023 State Conference, Michelle was recognized as an Outstanding Registrar in WV 2022.



June's program was "A Woman's View of the American Revolution," presented by Barbara Wood and Heather Bostic. Barbara read the forward from *Wives of the Founders of the Signers of Declaration of Independence* by David Barton, 1997.



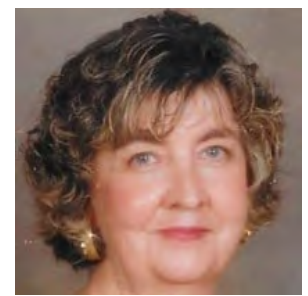
The forward was an excerpt from 1912 *Pioneers of America*. Barbara passed around an Abigail Adams doll. She shared that many women in 1775 feared for their lives and died for the cause of independence. The women willingly sacrificed all for their families, their country, and their prosperity. Abigail's life portrays the woman found in Proverbs 31.

Heather portrayed Prudence, a program she gave at Mercer Christian Academy. Prudence is a fictional woman born in 1690 and living in Williamsburg. Heather did extensive research about the American Revolution to describe the conditions and tensions leading to the Boston Tea Party and the colonists' rebellion against the Crown in their quest for independence.

A Memorial Service was held to remember two departed daughters, Patricia Booth (July 25, 2022) and Patricia Anderson (August 12, 2022). Patricia Booth was a member for 31 years and a staunch supporter of veterans and patriotic causes. Patricia Anderson was a member for over a year. She was so proud to be a DAR member.



Patricia Booth



Patricia Anderson

The Matthew French Chapter attended the Southern District Meeting hosted by the General Andrew Lewis Chapter in Lewisburg. Members attending were Stella Moon, regent; Heather Farley, vice-regent; Pat Mick, secretary; Margie Sentelle, treasurer; Michelle Sparks, registrar; Carole Brewster, librarian; Nicole Bowman, historian; and Nell Bowman, Constitution Week chair. Our chapter received the following NSDAR awards: 1) Blue Ribbon for the Chapter Achievement Award Fifty Members or Less, 2) West Virginia East Central



Division for Zero Drops or Resignations, and 3) Outstanding Women in American History Program. The chapter received the following awards from the WV State Society NSDAR: 1) Pressbook Small Chapter Category - 2nd Place and 2) Scrapbook Small Chapter Category - 1st Place. A lovely time was had by all members who enjoyed the warm hospitality of the General Andrew Lewis Chapter.



Ohio Valley Chapter



Ohio Valley Chapter members Anna Carson, Kathy Eckhart, Patty Bills at the UPS store mailing care quilts to the Chemawa Indian School

The Ohio Valley Chapter - 70th Anniversary Celebration

The Ohio Valley Chapter celebrated 70 years of DAR organization at the Northern District Meeting on August 12, 2023, at the Dewey Avenue Church of Christ in St. Marys, WV. The chapter held its “first” DAR meeting in February 1954. Harry S. Truman was the President of the United States at that time and his wife, Bess, was supportive of the advancement of women in society.



Debi Smith, portraying Bess Truman

The special entertainment of the day was a “visit” by the First Lady Bess Truman presented by Debi Smith, a member of the Wheeling DAR Chapter. Dressed in

authentic attire, Debi made us feel we were transported back to 1954 and the events of that era that must have been important to the charter members of the Ohio Valley Chapter as they laid the groundwork that is being continued by chapter members today.

Chapter members worked collectively on a book of the history of the chapter during the last ten years which will be a continuation of the book compiled for the 60th Anniversary.

A delicious buffet lunch was catered by Quinet’s Restaurant in New Martinsville and a chocolate and white cake made certain that no one went home hungry.

The Memorial Service for the Northern District was conducted by Frannie Weekley, Ohio Valley Chapter Chaplain. Following the district service, a Memorial Service for Ohio Valley members who had died during the past 10 years was conducted by Chaplain Weekley. A gray ribbon with each member’s name and national number printed on it was tied around a white rose in remembrance of each departed daughter.

It was a beautiful day and spending it with wonderful DAR friends gave the Ohio Valley Chapter an opportunity to reflect on the past and look forward to the future as we serve God, Home, and Country with all Daughters of the American Revolution.

Front row, L-R: Tina Seese, Northern District Director; Ginger Nalley, Honorary State Regent; Marilyn Rogers, Ohio Valley Chapter Regent; Mindy Davis, Past Vice President General & Honorary State Regent; Pat Bills, Honorary Chapter Regent; Back row, L-R: Neoma Spratt, Linda Poynter, Lathy Eckert, Susanna Pierce, Louella Raper, Frannie Weekley, Lee Eddy, Blye Grove, Carolyn Kesterson



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Old Hickory Chapter

Old Hickory Chapter had nine members attend the 118th WV State Conference of the NSDAR at Canaan Valley State Park on May 5th to 7th. Those attending were State Vice Regent Sandra Isner-Johnson, State Parliamentarian Brenda Chevront, Honorary Past Chapter Regent Joanna McKown, and Regent Grace Arthur who also served as page to State Regent Jane Larke. Chapter members included Rachel Tillinghast, Debbie Burge, Ericka Chevront, Cindy Norman, JoAnn Jones, and Gerry Chapman. It was ninety-year-old Gerry's first time to attend a conference and she enjoyed it very much, especially the workshop on old quilts.



Sandra Isner-Johnson, WV Vice State Regent; National Chair Literacy Promotion Allison Holland; Regent Grace Arthur; Brenda Chevront, WV Parliamentarian, at the WV Breakfast in Washington, D.C. Old Hickory received 2 mentions on Literacy Promotion at Continental Congress.

Our summer included a celebration of Flag Day on June 14 in front of City Hall in Ripley. We celebrated the 4th of July by participating in the



biggest small-town parade in our city of Ripley.

We chose the Boston Tea Party as our theme and passed out candy, popsicles, bracelets, and flags from our boxes labeled TEA. Our Flag

4th of July Parade in Ripley, WV

Chair and Recording Secretary, Debbie Burge, introduced another great flag contest for the summer. Every Friday we were to take a photo of ourselves dressed in red with our American flag to honor and show our support for our deployed troops. We had photos from Cape Hatteras to the mountains of Kentucky, North Carolina, Maryland, Ohio, and from our front yards. Our winner was Joann Clarkson, as her name was drawn at our meeting in September.

Our chapter held our Dues Tea on September 2, 2023, at the Senior Center in Ripley, WV. We had 31 ladies in attendance including all our former regents: Sandra Isner-Johnson, WV vice regent; Brenda Chevront, organizing chapter regent and WV Parliamentarian; and Joanna McKown, honorary past regent.



Dues Tea September 2, 2023

Regent Grace Arthur has a full agenda of celebrations planned for the next few months plus our regular meetings. They include:

- * September 17 - 3:00 p.m. We will honor POW-MIA Recognition Day with the dedication of our Never Forget Garden at the Jackson County Courthouse and at 4:00 we will Ring the Bells for Constitution Day and Citizenship Day.
- * October 7 - Our chapter meeting will be NSDAR Day of Prayer and our Service to America Day.
- * November 1 - Literacy Day
- * November 4 - 1:00 p.m. Dedication of our American Revolutionary War Bench at the Jackson County Courthouse. The names of our twelve Revolutionary War Patriots are engraved upon it.



Revolutionary War Patriots Bench at Jackson County Courthouse in Ripley, WV. The bench will be dedicated November 4, 1:00 p.m.

Up Day; Red, White, and Blue Day; and Friday Red Day (Remember Everyone Deployed).



Mountainview Intermediate School presentation

- * November 11 – We will participate in the Veterans Day Parade in Ripley.
- * December 2 – 6:00 p.m. to 8 p.m. Celebrations of the Boston Tea Party at the Starcher Mansion in Ripley. Special invitation to school children of Jackson County Schools.
- * December 16 – Wreaths Across America at Jackson County Courthouse.

Then we will ring in the New Year of 2024!



Pack Horse Ford Chapter

April is designated as the Month of the Military Child and the Project Patriot Committee chose that month to support two local Purple Star Program Schools: Gerrardstown Elementary School and Mountain Ridge Intermediate School. Purple Star Schools is a program that supports military-connected children. Both schools had a week of



Katherine Genung, Camo Day; Lois Kimble, Red, White, and Blue Day

reading events during the April “Purple Up Month.” Lois Kimble and Katherine Genung read to classrooms and dressed up during the special Crazy Dress Days that included Camo Day; Purple

The committee led by committee chair, Kim Sencindiver, created a “military section” in each of the two school libraries. Dr. Ann Mathena, Military Family Liaison, provided a list of military-related children’s books. Kim purchased 9 books for each school with designated chapter funds. A label was placed in each book indicating it was presented by our chapter. Military children in both schools (totaling 14) were given certificates of appreciation featuring the image of a dandelion, the flower of the Military Child. Kim made wooden plaques for each school library featuring our chapter name, and the Dandelion Poem written by an unknown author for military children. The official grand opening of the military sections at the libraries was held on May 24. Kim Sencindiver, Cheryl Brown, and Patricia Toffling represented our chapter. Patricia attended in colonial dress. Much appreciation is extended to Kim Sencindiver and her committee for the planning and execution of these heartfelt projects. We also thank enthusiastic readers Katherine Genung and Lois Kimble for their patriotism and dedication to Purple Star Schools!

An astonishing discovery of the remains of 14 Revolutionary War soldiers unearthed in Camden, SC, led Michelle Phillips, Pack Horse Ford Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, and husband



Michelle at wreath laying



Allan Phillips of the John Wood II Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, to attend an unprecedented military tribute to the found soldiers.

The Phillips attended funeral services at the Bethesda Presbyterian Church in Camden, SC, on Saturday, April 22, 2023, for the remains of 12 American Revolution War soldiers that were discovered in September 2022, over 240 years after the Battle of Camden in Camden, SC, on August 16, 1780.

Chapter members, family members, and guests gathered on Saturday, June 10, 2023, at Uvilla United Methodist Church for our chapter's annual picnic. We enjoyed a delicious pot-luck supper of fried chicken, assorted side dishes and salads, lemonade, and a variety of desserts. Emilie Pratt and Carsyn Blenker were installed and welcomed as new members.

Lt Col Donald Carpenter, Commander of the 167th Communications Squadron, West Virginia Air National Guard, was our special guest for the evening. He gave a very interesting presentation on cyber security. Lt Col Carpenter explained the role



Cheryl Brown and Lt Col Carpenter

of the Air Force and National Guard in national cyber security; discussed threats to national cyber security; and gave security tips for civilians. Cheryl Brown presented Lt Col Carpenter with a NSDAR Challenge Coin in appreciation. Many thanks to our member Kim Sencindiver who made all the arrangements for this special treat!

For the Shepherdstown Independence Day parade on Tuesday, July 4th, sponsored by the Rotary Club, members gathered at the home of Cheryl Brown and Joe Khare. Kim Sencindiver pulled the float with her truck while spectators were treated to patriotic beads, bracelets, and glow sticks. Several members walked alongside the float handing out U.S. flags, flag code bookmarks, and colorful pin-wheels.

Chapter members Cheryl Brown, Katherine Genung, and Lois Kimble attended the Larke Administration West Virginia Breakfast at the Army and Navy Club in Washington, DC, on



Wednesday, June 28. National Literacy Chair, Dr. Allison Holland was the speaker. She was informative and funny. The fortifying breakfast got attendees off to the right start as they spent opening day of Congress at national headquarters.

Chapters of the Eastern Panhandle gathered with Daughters from across the state for the Eastern District Meeting led by District Director, Margie Ways, our Eastern District Director. The meeting was held on Saturday, August 19, at the beautiful Cacapon State Park Lodge. Chapter members in attendance were Katherine Genung, Lois Kimble, and Cindy Nicewarner.



South Branch Valley Chapter

It's been a busy year for the South Branch Valley Chapter. Honoring "Women in History" month in March, we enjoyed a program about Dr. Anita Newcomb McGee who was instrumental in establishing the Army Nurse Corps. In April, several members of our chapter traveled to the Flight 93 Memorial in Shanksville, PA. The memorial is thought-provoking and humbling as we realized the courage and love exhibited by the passengers aboard that flight who gave their lives to save many.





May was a whirlwind of activity as six members and two pages attended the very informative and inspiring 118th WV State Conference at Canaan Valley Resort. It was wonderful to connect with many friends in chapters from around the state.



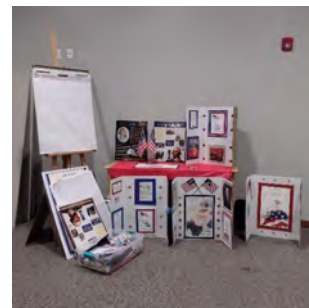
During our May meeting, member Annabelle Vance was recognized for her 40 years as a member of the NSDAR. Annabelle has been a loyal member of the chapter and has served in many capacities, including past regent and secretary. Two new members, Amber Tiller and

Kim Skyles, were given the Oath of Membership. Our chapter also supported a project to honor military children by bringing items for babies and sending them to military



hospitals that deliver babies. The Boston Tea Party was the subject of our program at the May meeting and information was presented by Regent Judy Bowyer. Afterwards, our members enjoyed their own version of a Tea Party .

Also in May, the Good Citizen award was presented to students at six different high schools. As our chapter covers four counties (Grant, Hardy, Hampshire, and Pendleton), member JoeAnn Eye contacted each high school and coordinated the presentations.



A planning meeting was held in August, and items were distributed to display for Constitution Week in September. Later in August, seven members attended the Eastern District meeting held in Cacapon State Park.

Again, it was a time of fellowship and inspiration as we enjoyed the company of members from chapters in our district.



We are looking forward to the rest of 2023 as we continue to pursue the many activities planned to encourage the education of our children, historical preservation, and honoring our military.





Wheeling Chapter

The Wheeling Chapter met in June at the beautiful Sandcrest Retreat Center where we welcomed six new members: Maureen Barte, Kathleen Rohrig, Marla Crabtree, Patricia Weinschenker, Janice Swain, and Denise Dunfee. Members brought donations for the Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center in Clarksburg and crushable plastic to donate to Appalachian Outreach to be recycled into benches. In July, Roseanna Keller and her husband took the donated personal items, puzzle books, playing cards, markers and crayons, socks, a woman's top and a woman's pair of shoes plus 22 hand-quilted twin bed size quilts and 17 hand-quilted lap covers to the Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center in Clarksburg.

This fall, we had a table to promote membership at Fort Henry Days on Labor Day weekend and sold voices on basket and flag afghan that raised \$140 for the Blanche L. Reymann Scholarship. Our September meeting will focus on the upcoming dedication ceremonies for the Fort Van Metre and McColloch's Leap monuments restoration projects. In October, Raquel McLeod and Cathy Whorton will discuss the literacy programs in the Northern Panhandle. In November Dave Schoenian, a Vietnam Combat Veteran, Purple Heart recipient who leads the Moundsville Veterans Honor Guard and is the president of the Purple Heart Order in our area, will be our speaker for our Veterans Day program.



William Henshaw Chapter

William Henshaw Chapter Holds Summer Work Sessions and Plans for the Autumn

The William Henshaw Chapter, NSDAR, is poised to begin an active autumn following work sessions and training during the summer to prepare the members.

The June meeting featured recognition of member Carolyn Scheydt for her work on the Heritage Faire, held in the month of May at the Martinsburg Roundhouse. Carolyn was presented with a plaque for her services by Regent Julia Gates. At the same meeting, Matthew Umstead, Chair of the Heritage Faire, was acknowledged for his work. A vote was taken at the conclusion of the meeting and the

chapter voted to continue the William Henshaw participation at the 2024 Heritage Faire. Changes to the schedule include movement to the third week in May and a focus on a one-day event versus the two-day event of 2023.

A special work session was held in the month of July to assist members in the correct entry of Service to America hours on the national website. Additional training was provided by Carolyn Scheydt in event description requirements for the annual Master Report and on changes to the by-laws resulting from action at the NSDAR national convention.



The month of August brought the 76th Annual Eastern District Meeting, West Virginia State Society, on August 19 and attendance by five of the chapter members. Highlights included recognition of Julia Gates, regent, for her 65 years of DAR membership and recognition of the chapter in the receipt of two awards; Blue Ribbon for the Chapter Achievement Award, fifty members or less, and Fourth Place, Pressbook, Small Chapter Category. The meeting attendees included Chapter Regent, Julia Gates; Carolyn Scheydt, WVDAR Leadership Training Coordinator; Deborah E. Hammond, Recording Secretary; Jackie Richards, Historian; and Heidi Wilkinson, member.

The first official meeting of the autumn on September 2 featured a collection by participating members for children brought to local women's shelters. The so called "jellyroll" collection consists of a set of pajamas for a child and body wash all wrapped in a towel and tied with ribbon. The "jellyroll" collection will continue through the month of November when presentations will be made to local shelters. The chapter is also collecting books for distribution to local school libraries.

At the same meeting, the chapter looked



forward to events planned during the month of September which include the Morgan Cabin Fall Festival on September 9. Four members of the chapter participated: Linda Grubb, Shelly



Hamilton, Joanne Krishack and Carolyn Scheydt. The chapter members attended to distribute information on DAR membership at the annual event. Individuals who expressed interest in membership were invited to attend the next William Henshaw NSDAR meeting.

Other upcoming events include the bell ringing at the Berkeley County Courthouse on September 17 in celebration of Constitution Week activities. Constitution Week is held the week of September 17-September 23. The chapter is also busily planning October events for the annual Day of Service and the recognition events for the remainder of 2023. The William Henshaw Chapter, NSDAR, is the oldest DAR chapter in the state of West Virginia, named for Revolutionary War patriot William Henshaw who is buried at the Christ Church cemetery in Bunker Hill, WV, along with first European settler, Morgan Morgan.

On December 7, 1941, the USS *West Virginia* was sunk during the attack on Pearl Harbor by seven torpedoes and two bombs. She was raised, repaired and sent to Bremerton, WA, for refurbishing and the latest radar. She returned to the Pacific in July 1944. In October that year, she was the lead in taking out the Japanese fleet sneaking up the Suigao Strait to attack the landings in Leyte Gulf, Philippines. It was the last battle of battleships.



Following that endeavor, she took part in other battles and covered the landings on Iwo Jima and

Okinawa. She was the only survivor of Pearl Harbor present in Tokyo Bay for the surrender on September 2, 1945. Then she participated in "Operation Magic Carpet" bringing more than 7,500 battle weary soldiers back to the U.S. in 3 crossings.



In 1959, 21-year-old WVU Student Body President, Forest Jackson (Jack) Bowman of Petersburg, WV, learned that the USS *West Virginia* was being sold for scrap. He contacted the Navy to ask for "something significant" from the ship for WVU. They offered the mast, with the stipulation that WVU had to get it shipped from Bremerton, WA, to Morgantown, WV. After many phone calls and help from others, the B&O RR agreed to ship it for free. It arrived in Huntington by train, was loaded onto a flatbed and trucked to Charleston for a ceremony. Then it made the journey to Morgantown, arriving on the campus March 17, 1961. In May 1963, it was erected on Memorial Plaza outside Oglebay Hall where it stands as sentinel over the WVU downtown campus.



West Virginia and Regional History Collection

A ceremony is held at the mast every December 7 honoring Pearl Harbor Day. Jack has often been a speaker, although his efforts were never formally acknowledged. At the urging of WVDAR Historic Preservation Chair, April Norris, Woodburn Chapter began the nomination of Jack Bowman for the NSDAR Historic Preservation Medal in



Woodburn Chapter



Bowman; WVDAR Historic Preservation Chair, April Norris; and Woodburn Chapter Regent, Joan Gibson, in the President General's Reserved Section right down front.

It was wonderful to see Jack, whose work had been done 64 years ago, be given proper credit on the stage of Constitution Hall. Bringing the mast back to WV has led to the ship and what she did being remembered proudly in West Virginia.



December 2022. Not only was Woodburn Chapter successful with the nomination, President General Pamela Rouse Wright asked that it be awarded to Jack on Opening Night of the DAR 132nd Continental Congress.

DISTRICT NEWS

**Southern District/
General Andrew Lewis Chapter**

After our Summer recess, the General Andrew Lewis Chapter was happy to gather to host the 78th Annual Meeting of the Southern District on August 26 at the Clingman Center in Lewisburg. District Director, Samantha Shleser, presided and Chapter Regent, Suzanne Cronquist, welcomed more than 50 attendees and officers from across



Left: District Treasurer Sandy Cowan and Chapter Treasurer Barb Hiltner register attendees



Below: Sally Ford

the state. Table arrangements reflected the theme "West Virginia Blooms Through Service and Friendship." The chapter was especially happy to see our "Golden Girl," Sally Ford, (Honorary Regent, and much more, with over 70 years of service to



What a night it was for Woodburn Chapter and WVDAR. NSDAR Historic Preservation Chair, Liz Hotchkiss, had seats for Jack's wife, Myla



Marit Withrow assists Judy Deegans, chairperson of the DAR-ling Auction

Blue” for projects regarding historic preservation at the Blue Sulphur Springs and Pavilion.

DAR) in attendance. Margaret Hambrick, of the Greenbrier Historical Society (GHS), was the featured speaker. The successful DAR-ling Auction raised more than \$600 as a contribution to the GHS “Friends of the



Restored columns at Blue Sulphur Springs Pavilion



New member Nancy Greenstreet meets Dr. Joan Gibson

Right: State Regent Jane Larke with Gen. Andrew Lewis Chapter Regent Suzanne Cronquist



Below: Jane Larke accepts contribution to State Regent’s Project from District Director Samantha Shleser



State Regent, Jane Larke, spoke and was on hand to present certificates of achievement to the district chapters. State Chaplain and chapter member, Barbara Holt, performed the Memorial Service. Attendees enjoyed a pleasant day in historic Lewisburg and were provided with information regarding walking tours of historic downtown sites of interest.



From the Editor

Thanks to everyone who submitted articles for this edition of the *West Virginia DAR News*. Keep sending news on how you “Bloom through Service and Friendship.”

So that the number of days between issues will be a little more equal, the deadline for the winter issue will come sooner than it did last winter. The deadline for the next issue is:

January 15, 2024

Yes, it’s between the New Year and the CMR deadline, but that could may make it easier.

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