

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

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Dear WVDAR Ladies,

There are so many worthy projects that need to be done. As you can see below, National is having a CONTEST and I hope that we have a chapter win this!

Our State Regent Jane Larke, is having the records at Marshall University digitized so as to make them more accessible to the WVDAR online.

I am asking Chapters to encourage their members to scan old Bible Genealogy, deeds and wills that they may have. Even old obituaries and pamphlets from funerals are a great source of information. These documents help establish our ancestors and the history is irreplaceable. This project qualifies each chapter to enter the contest!

Of course, all historic projects are invaluable.

Please log on to DAR.ORG go to Historic Preservation and research what is available.

<https://www.dar.org/members/committees/service-committees/historic-preservation/our-mission>

GRANTS are available! If money is needed to help in your historic preservation, you may apply for a grant!

Let's get busy and save our history before we lose it!

I am looking forward to working with you during these next three years!

Sincerely,

April Norris
Historic Preservation Committee Chair

Our Mission

Historic Preservation!

The Historic Preservation Committee was established as a national committee on March 1, 2008, and functions at the chapter, state, division, and national levels.

The primary objectives of the committee are to assist members of the National Society in historic preservation; to encourage recognition of significant volunteer efforts in historic preservation at the community, state, and national levels; and to catalog historic sites and properties that are owned, maintained, or operated by DAR chapters and state societies.

As we "**Celebrate Stars & Stripes Forever**" through historic preservation, the following projects and awards are available:

- * **The DAR Historic Preservation Grants:** NSDAR provides financial support for local community projects that exemplify the Society's historic preservation mission.
- * **The Historic Preservation Medal:** This prestigious award is to recognize and honor a person who has done extraordinary work over a long period of time as it pertains to historic preservation at **the regional, state, and/or national level**.
- * **The Historic Preservation Recognition Award:** Recognizes and honors an individual or group that has done remarkable work at **the community level** in historic preservation.
- * **The Excellence in Historic Preservation Medal:** The Historic Preservation Recognition Award recognizes and honors an individual or group that has done recent remarkable volunteer work at the community level.
- * **The Historic Preservation Project Contest** provides a path to recognize worthy chapter and state projects at the state, division, and national levels.
- * **The Historic Sites and Properties Database** recognizes and promotes an awareness of the wide array of DAR owned and maintained sites and properties throughout the nation.

[Committee Project and Award Forms](#) required for the work of the committee are found in the [National Information Packet \(NIP\)](#) or click on [FORMS](#) in the menu box at the right.



DAR Historic Preservation Grants

Grants

The DAR Historic Preservation Grants provide financial support for local community projects that preserve historic resources, sites, and other history-related projects. The grants represent excellent public relations potential to share the valuable mission of DAR.

Examples of projects considered for grant funding include restoration of historic buildings; digitization or preservation of documents/records; preservation of historical items/artifacts; erection of new or rededication/relocation of existing historical markers; cemetery headstone and monument conservation, etc.

Additional consideration is provided to projects related to the Colonial-through-the-Federal periods, though projects from all eras are welcome to apply.



Left to right: Lindsay Rentfro Irwin, her son William Joseph Irwin, and her mother Lenora Rentfro with the restored flag

The required application form and instructions are also on [the Forms page](#) and the [DAR Members' Website](#):

- * [DAR Historic Preservation Grants Application Instruction Sheet](#)
 - * Each application must be accompanied by a DAR chapter or state organization sponsorship letter.
 - * The maximum grant amount is \$10,000.
 - * Smaller projects are encouraged.
 - * Only 501 (c) 3 public charity organizations are eligible to apply. An IRS public charity determination will be required as part of the submission.

- * [DAR Historic Preservation Grants Online Application](#)^{SP}
- * [DAR Historic Preservation Grants Flyer](#)

- * [Historic Preservation Grants approved for 2022-2023](#) PDF
- * [Historic Preservation Grants approved for 2021-2022](#) Word PDF
- * [Historic Preservation Grants approved for 2020-2021](#) Word PDF

Historic Preservation Awards



Historic Preservation Medal



The Historic Preservation Medal recognizes and honors a person who has done extraordinary volunteer work over a long period of time in establishing a historic district, preserving a local landmark, restoring or preserving objects of historic cultural significance, or establishing or participating in oral history projects, youth leadership, and education, as it pertains to historic preservation, at the regional, state, and/or national level.

This non-competitive award is administered by Elizabeth Hotchkiss, National Chair, with no timeline for applications. If the application is successful, the national chairman will send a letter of approval to notify the chapter or state society that it may purchase a [Historic Preservation Medal](#) directly from the [DAR Store](#) and a certificate will be sent by the Office of the Reporter General.

★ **Directions and application forms.** These forms can also be found in the [Forms section](#) of the DAR members' website.

Historic Preservation Recognition Award

The Historic Preservation Recognition Award recognizes and honors an individual or group that has done recent remarkable volunteer work at the community level. The award may be presented to DAR members and non-members and recognizes achievements in all areas of historic preservation: buildings, landmarks, monuments, cemeteries, historic districts, statues, museum collections, manuscripts, documents, and archival materials. It also includes writing or compiling and publishing books on historic preservation projects, historical properties, genealogical and courthouse records, and photography collections; as well as compiling oral histories; and serving as historical guides, interpreters, or docents.

This award may be presented by state societies or chapters and is administered by Barbara Chesney, the National Vice Chair, Historic Preservation Recognition Award. See our [Contact page](#). This is a non-competitive recognition award with no timeline for applications. Once the applicant has been approved by the National Vice Chair, she will send a letter of approval for the purchase from the [DAR Store](#) of a [pin and certificate](#).

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Excellence in Historic Preservation Medal



The [Excellence in Historic Preservation Medal](#) recognizes outstanding individuals and organizations that promote historic preservation in a myriad of ways. The recognition honors individuals in groups that have saved and/or preserved their local history, including restoration of buildings, collections, significant objects, monuments, cemeteries, and other important artifacts. It may be presented to a group of businesses that rescues a historic structure in order to establish it as their headquarters.

It may be presented to DAR members and non-members by chapters and state societies, and it does not require any formal application/approval. It is a non-competitive recognition that has no deadline.

- ★ The Chapter or State Regent wishing to present the certificate may [purchase](#) the NSDAR Excellence in Historic Preservation Medal from the [DAR Store](#).

Historic Preservation Project Contest



Contest

The purpose of this contest is to recognize and honor an NSDAR chapter or state society that has completed an outstanding project in historic preservation. Projects could involve preserving a historic site, landmark, historic district, or property, all of which may be publicly, privately, or DAR-owned. The project must be sponsored by an NSDAR chapter or state society and have been completed in the last two years.

The Historic Preservation Project Contest is administered by the national vice chairman. After being judged, states send their first-place winners to the division level. Non-DAR judges should be used both at the state and division level. Division first-place winners are forwarded to Jeanie Hornung, National Vice Chair. Division-level winners are given certificates by their respective division chairs. National first, second, and third place chapter and state society winners are determined by non-DAR judges, and certificates are presented at Continental Congress each year.



- ★ [Directions and application forms](#). These forms can also be found in the [forms section](#) of the [DAR members' website](#).