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National Theme

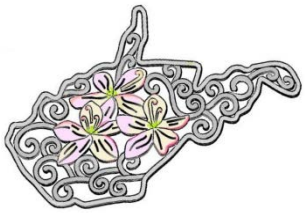


Celebrate Stars & Stripes Forever
Rejoice in our DAR Ties of Service and Friendship

Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude.
Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right.
Love bears all things, hopes all things, endures all things.
I Corinthians 13:4-7

Rejoice Always
I Thessalonians 5:16

State Theme



West Virginia Blooms Through Service and Friendship

"I will lift mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help."
Psalms 121:1

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

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



Jane Jacobs Larke
West Virginia State Regent
2022-2025



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National Meetings

132nd NSDAR Continental Congress
June 28 to July 2, 2023
Washington, DC

133rd NSDAR Continental Congress
June 26 to June 30, 2024
Washington, DC

134th NSDAR Continental Congress
June 25 to June 29, 2025
Washington, DC

State Meetings

118th WVDAR State Conference
Canaan Valley Resort, Davis, WV
May 3 to 7, 2023
Hostesses: Central District Chapters, Georgette Ward, Director
Conference Chair: Kelly Goodwin

119th WVDAR State Conference
Holiday Inn, Martinsburg, WV
April 5 to 7, 2024
Hostesses: Eastern District Chapters, Margaret Ways, Director
Conference Chairs: Barbara "Barby" McDonald Frankenberry, Heidi Ware

120th WVDAR State Conference
Bridgeport Conference Center at Charles Pointe, Bridgeport, WV
April 4 to 6, 2025
Hostesses: Northern District Chapters, Lucinda "Tina" Seese, Director
Conference Chairs: Malinda "Mindy" Horner Davis, Charla Nutter-McNaboe

Advisory Committee for the Larke Administration

All Honorary State Regents
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Ms. Lori Thompson, Archivist/Digital Preservation Librarian, Marshall University
Mr. Carroll Wayne Larke, Chemical Engineer & Consultant

West Virginia State Regent's Project

Jane Jacobs Larke Administration

The State Project of the Larke administration is to digitize selected historical documents housed in the WVDAR archives at Marshall University; to create a fund for the use of technology for WVDAR; to impact early childhood literacy by volunteering and providing resources within West Virginia.

Preserving WVDAR History Digitalization, Linda McMahon, Chair
Administrative Technology, Ericka Cheuvront, Chair
Education-Early Childhood Literacy, Cynthia "Cindy" Kolsun, Chair

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2022-2025

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Librarian ..... Gail Potter
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Presley Merritt Wagoner 1992-1995
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Malinda Horner Davis 2016-2019
Shirley Morrison Gilkeson 2004-2010
Virginia Wright Nalley 2007-2010
Charla Louise Nutter-McNaboe 2010-2013
Barbara M. Frankenberry 2013-2016
Cheryl Alexander Brown 2019-2022

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American Heritage – Chris Painter
Conservation – Charla Nutter-McNaboe
Franco-American Memorial – Suzanne Cronquist
Lineage Research – Susan Arnold

National Committee Members

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Huntington .....Linda Parsons, Representative, Kathleen Bledsoe, Deputy Representative

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Districts

Central District:

Director: Georgette Kessler Ward
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Eastern District:

Director: Margaret “Margie” Ways
Secretary/Treasurer: Lois Tabler Kimble

Chapters: Bee Line, Highlands of the Potomac, Pack Horse Ford, Shenandoah Valley, South Branch Valley, William Henshaw, Ye Towne of Bath

Northern District:

Director: Lucinda “Tina” Seese
Secretary: Annetta Siers
Treasurer: Katherine Brown

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Director: Samantha Shesler
Secretary: Nancy Kornegay
Treasurer: Sandra Cowan/Deborah Phillips

Chapters: Captain James Allen, General Andrew Lewis, John Chapman, John Cooke, Matthew French, Peters Mountain

Western District:

Director: Marilyn Oppenheimer 2022-23/April Norris 2023-25
Secretary: Linda Bibbee
Treasurer: Nickie Evenson

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America 250! ..... Georgette Kesler Ward
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American Indians ..... Patricia Bills
Americanism ..... Karen Taylor
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    Educational Resources ..... Marketta Crum, Vice Chair
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DAR Museum Outreach ..... Barbara “Barby” Frankenberry
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Insignia ..... Sally Ann Greenfield
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Membership ..... Joetta McCallister
President General’s Project ..... Dina Braniff
Protocol ..... Charla Nutter-McNaboe
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Sandra Cowan 2022-2024, Brenda Durham, Susan Garrett, Annetta Siers 2025, Susan Tucker, Vicky Shears, WVDAR Treasurer, ex-officio

Long Range Planning ..... Malinda "Mindy" Davis 2019-2028

Name	District	Term
Debi Smith	Northern	2017-2025
Barbara Channell	Central	2019-2025 to fill the vacated term of Shirley Gilkeson
Sally Ann Greenfield	Eastern	2022-2025
Grace Arthur	Western	2019-2028
Diana Cromley	Western	2019-2028
Donna Brewer	Southern	2022-2031
Patricia Goodwin	Central	2022-2031
Cindy Nicewarner	Eastern	2022-2031
Cheryl Haught	Northern	2024-2025 to fill the unexpired term of Debi Smith

Pages ..... Johnna Nicewarner

WVDAR Chorus Director..... Mary Mullenax 2022-2023/Selma Humphreys 2023-2025
Kathy Kidd.....Assistant Director

WVDAR Congress Event ..... Sandra Isner-Johnson

WVDAR News ..... Mary Johnson

WVDAR 50-Year Club ..... Sylvia Rhodes

West Virginia Room in Continental Hall ..... Beverly Rollins

Chapter Regents

Anne Bailey ..... Mary E. Johnson
Anne Royall ..... Patricia Casper
Barboursville ..... Martha Miller
Bee Line ..... Heidi Ware
Blackwater ..... Cathy Hebb
Blennerhassett ..... Cathy Hinkle
Buford ..... Marsha Moses
Captain James Allen ..... Cecelia “Sally” Chapman
Cheat River ..... Karen Kurilko 2022-2023/Tracy Burns 2023-2025
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Colonel Morgan Morgan ..... Barbara Channell
Colonel William Lowther ..... Charla Nutter-McNaboe
Colonel Zackquill Morgan ..... Elizabeth Satterfield
Daniel Davisson ..... Laura Fullen
Elizabeth Ludington Hagans – Colonel John Evans ..... Susan Arnold
Elizabeth Zane ..... April Wilson Wallace 2022-2023/Chris Mundy 2023-2025
Elk River ..... Ruth Ellen Mooney
General Andrew Lewis ..... Deborah Phillips 2022-2023/Suzanne Cronquist 2023/2025
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James Wood ..... Mary Jane Richards
John Chapman ..... Sharon Houston 2022-2023
John Cooke ..... Anita Lusk
John Hart ..... Carolyn Channell
John Young ..... Karen Taylor
Kanawha Valley ..... Connie Bowling 2022-2024/Linda Keeling 2024-2025
Matthew French ..... Stella Moon
Ohio Valley ..... Marilyn “Susie” Rogers
Old Hickory ..... Grace Parsons Arthur
Pack Horse Ford ..... Cynthia “Cindy” Jones Nicewarner
Peters Mountain ..... Virginia Buttel
Shenandoah Valley ..... Jerell Wright
South Branch Valley ..... Judith Bowyer
Tanner’s Cross Roads ..... Kathy Harper Kidd
Trans-Allegheny ..... Theresa Blake
Westmoreland ..... Stephanie Smith
Wheeling ..... Lisa McNeil
William Henshaw ..... Julia Gates
Woodburn ..... Joan Gibson
Ye Towne of Bath ..... Gail Potter

WVDAR Clubs

State Officers Club

Organized 1927 – Term, 1 year

Office	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025
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Vice President	April Norris	Patricia Goodwin	Margaret Ways
Secretary	Brenda Cheuvront	Margaret Ways	Mary Johnson
Historian	Patricia Goodwin	Sandra Cowan	Susan Garrett

State Chapter Regents Club

Organized 1950 – Term – 3 years 2022-25

President.....April Norris
Vice President .....Linda McGraw
Secretary .....Linda Hendrickson
Historian.....Patricia Bills

Cameo Club

Term - 3 years - 2022-2025

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Vice President ..... Patricia 'Pat" Goodwin
Secretary ..... Mary E. Johnson
Treasurer ..... Joan McClelland
Registrar .....Joan Gibson
Historian .....Sally Ann Greenfield

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West Virginia State Society Children of the American Revolution

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West Virginia Societies, Children of the American Revolution

Elizabeth Zane Society ..... Sponsoring Chapter: Anne Royall
Fort Randolph Society .....Sponsoring Chapter: Colonel Charles Lewis
Henrietta Bedinger Lee Society..... Sponsoring Chapter: Pack Horse Ford
John Augustine Washington Society..... Sponsoring Chapter: Shenandoah Valley
Kanawha Salines Society ..... Sponsoring Chapter: Kanawha Valley
Michael Kerns Fort Society ..... Sponsoring Chapter: Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans
West Augusta Society ..... Sponsoring Chapter: Old Hickory

In Memory

In memory of Vicky Lynn Shears, our esteemed State Treasurer, whose dedication and service left an enduring legacy in our administration and organization."



Vicky Lynn Shears

June 14, 1960 – June 19, 2025

Final Report for the Larke Administration State Regent's Project

Introduction

The Larke Administration took office as West Virginia emerged from the COVID-19 pandemic, with the state's emergency declaration spanning from March 20, 2020, to January 1, 2023. Lockdowns and isolation had been common. Many chapters did not meet or met virtually for at least part of this time period. These challenges shaped the organization's priorities and the State Regent's vision. Her project was strategically divided into three areas of impact, addressing the past, present, and future needs of the WVDAR.

Past

The past effort became known as the "WVDAR Historical Documents Digitization Project."

Overview and Goal Statement: The WVDAR Historical Documents Digitization, in collaboration with Marshall University's Special Collections Library, aimed to preserve and make accessible historical records of the WVDAR. The primary objectives were to make WVDAR's history available to members outside the Huntington, WV area, fostering greater engagement with the organization's heritage; and to provide members taking DAR Leadership Training Courses with online access to critical historical information required for their modules.

Process and Implementation: The effort was initiated by the State Regent, who contacted Marshall University to explore digitizing selected WVDAR records. Discussions were held with Dr. Monica Brooks, Dean of Libraries, and Lori Thompson, Head of Special Collections, to outline the effort's feasibility and scope. The State Regent visited the Special Collections Library to assess the collection and determine the effort's focus. Three categories of records were prioritized for digitization to maximize utility: 1) WVDAR Proceedings, 2) History of WVDAR, and 3)WVDAR Newsletters. Concerns about privacy issues and adherence to current digitization standards were addressed during planning. The library's equipment was reviewed, and the digitization process was explained. The project scope was refined to ensure efficiency, with a budget estimated at $2,000. Additional funding was supported through a combination of library grants, paid personnel, and student volunteers seeking service opportunities. The State Regent presented the proposed project at the 2023 WVDAR State Conference, where Lori Thompson, Head of Special Collections, served as a keynote speaker to explain the project to the membership. Conference delegates voted to approve the project. Additionally, during the conference, the original wooden DAR insignia, which previously hung at Jackson's Mill, was donated to Marshall University for inclusion in the archives.

Project Progress and Phased Approach: Work on the digitization process began in the fall semester of 2023 and was divided into three phases.

- Phase 1: Digitization of WVDAR Proceedings – Completed in February 2024. The digitized proceedings are accessible at https://mds.marshall.edu/wvdar/. Some proceedings are still pending entry into the Marshall University catalog. Newer copies of the proceedings are available at https://members.wvdar.org/proceedings/.
- Phase 2: History of WVDAR – [To be updated based on project completion status].
- Phase 3: WVDAR Newsletters – A decision was made not to publish the newsletters online due to privacy concerns related to current contact information displayed in the documents.

Outcomes and Impact: The project has made significant strides in preserving and enhancing access to WVDAR's historical records. The completion of Phase 1 in February 2024 has

provided members with online access to the WVDAR Proceedings, supporting DAR Leadership Training requirements and enabling members outside Huntington, WV, to engage with the organization's history. The donation of the DAR insignia to Marshall University further enriches the archival collection. The decision to exclude newsletters from online publication demonstrates a commitment to protecting member privacy while adhering to modern archival standards. The collaboration with Marshall University, bolstered by Lori Thompson's engagement with the membership, has ensured professional execution of the project.

Conclusion: The WVDAR Historical Documents Digitization Project has successfully advanced the preservation and accessibility of the organization's historical records. The completion of the proceedings' digitization in February 2024, the donation of the DAR insignia, and the strategic partnership with Marshall University's Special Collections Library mark significant milestones. Ongoing work in subsequent phases and continued oversight will further enhance the project's impact, ensuring WVDAR's history remains accessible to members and future generations while safeguarding sensitive information.

Present

The present effort became known as the "WVDAR Technology Project."

Goal Statement: The West Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution (WVDAR) aims to establish a dedicated Technology Fund to support the acquisition, maintenance, and enhancement of technological resources. This fund will address the absence of a technology line item in the current budget, ensuring sustainable funding for future expenditures. Recognizing the critical need for a robust virtual presence, as highlighted by the COVID-19 pandemic, the fund will enable improved internal communication among members and chapters, as well as enhanced outreach to the broader community, fostering connectivity, engagement, and organizational resilience.

Other related objectives: To maximize the impact of technology by strengthening WVDAR's virtual impact by updating the WVDAR State Webpage and by creating a public-facing Facebook page to serve as a hub for information about the organization's mission, and activities and to publicize the work of our chapters. To also develop a "members only" page on the website for communication to our members and give them access to governing documents and historical

Process and Implementation: To establish and sustain the WVDAR Technology Fund, a multi-faceted fundraising strategy will be implemented, focusing on the sale of a high quality custom state pin to members and soliciting chapter donations. When our goal is reached, the funds will be invested to sustain expected expenditures in the future.

Results: The first year was spent on updating the WVDAR email system. Research began immediately on the design of the WVDAR State Webpage with regard to software, format, and adherence to DAR guidelines. An attractive page was developed and submitted to NSDAR for approval during the second year of the administration, https://wvdar.org. Additional work was done to add a "members only" page to this site.

Basic organizational information that every member should have access to was uploaded to the site. It now contains the SIP, bylaws, past and present proceedings, and past and present newsletters. Also, during this time frame, a public facing Facebook page was developed and approved, https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100088202526513.

The VIS solicited information from chapter regents to begin working with them to design pages for individual chapters. The work on the chapter pages will be left to the next administration.

Future

The future effort became known as the “WVDAR Early Childhood Literacy Project.”

Goal Statement: The “Early Childhood Literacy" effort aims to increase early childhood literacy across West Virginia by encouraging local chapters to deliver tailored outreach programs to engage children and foster a love of reading that will create informed and engaged citizens for future generations.

Rationale: Non-readers in early childhood face severe long-term consequences: third-grade reading proficiency is a strong predictor of high school graduation future employment, and civic participation. In West Virginia, socioeconomic disparities exacerbate this, with rural counties facing higher poverty rates and limited access to books or programs. This project counters these by leveraging local strengths—such as strong community ties and knowledge of community resources —to provide additional resources and manpower to address the issue.

Chapter Challenge: This project challenges chapters to innovate using a knowledge of their own community, and the recognition of the consequences of a child being a non-reader, to develop a strategy to address early childhood literacy in your area by volunteering and providing resources.

Results: From 2023 to 2025, the West Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution (WVDAR) advanced early childhood literacy primarily through its Literacy Promotion, Community Classroom, and DAR Library Outreach Committees. These committees engaged young children (ages 3–10), donated books and materials, contributed volunteer hours, and provided financial support to foster reading skills in pre-K through elementary school settings. This report consolidates unique contributions, eliminating overlaps, to highlight WVDAR’s total impact on early childhood literacy in West Virginia. The information for this report was compiled from the CMR reports from the state committees. Care was taken to eliminate duplications across the committees. The 2026 CMR which includes data from Feb 1, 2025 to the end of the term, June 29, 2025, was not complete at the time of this writing. Therefore, there is a significant period of time for which data is unavailable, which creates lower numbers that indicate the true impact of this project.

Key Contributions to Early Childhood Literacy

1. Student Engagement and Reach

- Literacy Promotion Committee: Engaged young children through Read Aloud programs, literacy bag donations, and activities in schools, nurseries, and daycare centers, emphasizing pre-K and elementary settings.
- Community Classroom Committee: Reached 5,978 students (2,400 in 2023, 3,578 in 2024–2025), primarily in Head Start, daycare centers, and elementary schools (kindergarten through fifth grade). Notable chapters included Matthew French (1,148 students), Bee Line (575 students), and Cheat River (490 students). Programs included Read Aloud initiatives, book swaps, and book vending machines.
- DAR Library Outreach Committee: Targeted young library patrons through initiatives like Kanawha Valley Chapter’s display at South Charleston Public Library (67 patriotic-themed children’s books, bookmarks, coloring pages, and Little George Washington paper dolls) and Bee Line Chapter’s book donations to a nursery school class at Fort Meade and Veteran Mom’s Baby Shower baskets.
- Combined Impact: Approximately 3,500–5,000 unique young children were reached through direct engagement in schools, daycare centers, Head Start programs, libraries, and veteran family initiatives, accounting for overlaps in pre-K and elementary settings.

2. Volunteer Efforts

- Literacy Promotion Committee: Contributed 1,705 hours in 2023 and an estimated 2,500–3,000 hours in 2024–2025 for early childhood literacy, with 184 members from 11 chapters participating.
- Community Classroom Committee: In 2024–2025, 165 volunteers across 39 counties focused on early childhood settings, supporting Read Aloud programs and events like Spirit Week and Month of the Military Child.
- DAR Library Outreach Committee: Supported libraries through activities like Kanawha Valley's children's literacy display and South Branch Valley's volunteer work at Capon Bridge Library, contributing targeted but unquantified hours for young patrons.
- Combined Impact: An estimated 3,200–4,200 unique volunteer hours were dedicated to early childhood literacy, with the majority from Literacy Promotion and Community Classroom efforts, supplemented by Library Outreach's targeted support.

3. Book and Material Donations

- Literacy Promotion Committee: Donated 11,197 books (2,104 in 2023, 4,615 in 2024, 4,478 in 2025) to schools, daycare centers, and pre-K classes, plus literacy bags, coloring books, bookmarks, and comic books/graphic novels for young readers.
- Community Classroom Committee: Donated 1,938 books by Bee Line (1,023 in 2023, 915 in 2024–2025), 358 by Ye Towne of Bath, and 312 by South Branch Valley. Additional materials included reading blankets (Elizabeth Zane) and foam phonics boards (Westmoreland) for young learners, including dyslexic students.
- DAR Library Outreach Committee: Contributed 67 patriotic-themed children's books (Kanawha Valley) and an estimated $3,475 worth of books (Bee Line) to school, classroom, public libraries, nursery schools, and Veteran Mom's Baby Shower baskets.
- Combined Impact: Approximately 6,790–7,970 unique books were donated to early childhood programs, with 6,470–7,470 from Literacy Promotion and Community Classroom and 100–500 from Library Outreach. Age-appropriate materials like literacy bags, graphic novels, and coloring books enhanced engagement.

4. Monetary Contributions

- Literacy Promotion Committee: Contributed $9,171.50 ($1,755 in 2023, $4,768 in 2024, $2,648.50 in 2025) for book purchases and literacy programs.
- Community Classroom Committee: Provided financial support through 20 chapters, including nearly $10,000 from Bee Line and $3,620.54 from a Matthew French member, primarily for low-income students.
- DAR Library Outreach Committee: Contributed $3,475 (Bee Line) for book donations to schools, libraries, and nursery programs, with other support (e.g., South Branch Valley's gift bags) indirectly benefiting young patrons.
- Combined Impact: Approximately $13,000–$15,000 supported early childhood literacy, with $10,000–$12,000 from Literacy Promotion and Community Classroom and $3,000–$3,500 from Library Outreach.

5. Innovative Programs for Early Childhood Literacy

- Literacy Promotion Committee: Provided literacy bags, Read Aloud programs, coloring books, bookmarks, and graphic novels. One member wrote six children's stories inspired by her grandchildren for school use.
- Community Classroom Committee: Supported Read Aloud programs, book swaps, book vending machines, and the Circles Program (Bee Line) for children in poverty. Donated graphic novels, reading blankets, and phonics boards, and supported the PASS Program (Ye Towne of Bath) for mentorship.

- DAR Library Outreach Committee: Delivered Kanawha Valley's library display with patriotic-themed materials and Bee Line's nursery and veteran family book donations, enhancing early literacy access.
- Combined Impact: Programs like Read Aloud, literacy bags, book swaps, vending machines, and library displays engaged young readers. Patriotic materials, graphic novels, and support for dyslexic and low-income students ensured inclusivity.

6. Community and Collaborative Efforts

- Collaborated with Read Aloud, Monongalia/Preston County Literacy Volunteers, and libraries to enhance literacy access.
- Community Classroom initiatives like the Little Black Dress Event (William Henshaw) and Born Learning Bookmobile distributed books to young children.
- Library Outreach partnerships with public and school libraries (e.g., Kanawha Valley, Bee Line) supported young patrons through displays and donations.
- Events like Dr. Seuss Week and National Teacher Appreciation Week included literacy-focused activities for early childhood settings.

Total Effect on Early Childhood Literacy

- Students Reached: Approximately 3,500–5,000 young children were engaged through reading programs, tutoring, library displays, and literacy initiatives in schools, daycare centers, Head Start programs, libraries, and veteran family programs.
- Volunteer Hours: An estimated 3,200–4,200 hours supported early childhood literacy, primarily from Literacy Promotion and Community Classroom, with additional Library Outreach contributions.
- Books Donated: Approximately 6,790 –7,970 books, including children's books, graphic novels, and literacy materials, were provided, with Library Outreach adding targeted donations.
- Financial Support: An estimated $13,000–$15,000 funded books, supplies, and programs, particularly for low-income students and library initiatives.
- Program Impact: Innovative programs like Read Aloud, literacy bags, book swaps, vending machines, and library displays, combined with inclusive materials, fostered literacy among diverse young learners.

Conclusion: From 2023 to 2025, WVDAR's Literacy Promotion, Community Classroom, and DAR Library Outreach Committees collectively engaged 3,500–5,000 young children, contributed 3,200–4,200 volunteer hours, donated 6,790 –7,970 books, and provided $13,000–$15,000 to advance early childhood literacy in West Virginia.

Additionally, another 7,377 hours were recorded in member's Service to America hours that involved supporting early childhood literacy. Examples of their service included organizing book drives, serving on library boards, and helping with afterschool activities. Through innovative programs, collaborations, and inclusive materials, WVDAR fostered a love for reading among diverse young learners, including those from underserved and military families. Thank you to all WVDAR members for their dedication to enriching West Virginia's children through literacy and for providing for a brighter future of our children.

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WVDAR Executive Committee Meeting

Monday, July 11, 2022
Virtual Zoom Meeting

The State Regent, Jane Larke, opened the Meeting of the State Executive Committee West Virginia State Society of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution on Monday, July 11, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. via the virtual Zoom platform. State Regent Larke welcomed and thanked officers for attending.

The invocation was given by State Chaplain, Brenda Holt.

The roll was called. Officers in attendance were State Regent Jane Larke, State Chaplain Barbara Holt, State Recording Secretary Katherine Genung, State Corresponding Secretary Cynthia Kolsun, State Organizing Secretary Vickie Baker, State Treasurer Vicky Shears, State Registrar Patsy Adkins, State Historian Darla Treat Cortney, State Librarian Gail Potter and State Parliamentarian Brenda Cheuvront.

Not in Attendance due to connectivity issues was State Vice Regent Sandra Isner-Johnson.

A committee of Darla Treat Courtney; Cythia Kolsun; and Vickie Baker were appointed to approve the minutes.

State Regent Larke announced that Committee Chairs were almost finalized and that 2022 District meetings were scheduled.

State Regent Larke called for officer reports.

State Chaplain reported she was invited to act as Chaplain for the Southern District Meeting as their Chaplain would not be available and she would conduct their memorial service. She created a spreadsheet on members' deaths. She had recently attended the Bee Line Chapter's centennial celebration.

State Recording Secretary reported the minutes from the Officer Elect Zoom Meeting which were then approved.

State Corresponding Secretary reported that she was working on the WVDAR Directory and had a quote from a printer.

State Organizing Secretary reported she had received her pin and reviewed the WVDAR Bylaws. She noted that all Lantern Chapter designations were completed.

State Treasurer asked for information she needed for dues processing. The Treasurer had emailed her Treasurer's Report to the officers. The transition from the former Brown administration to the Larke administration is ongoing. She reported that chapters who pay the full President General Project funds this fall will be eligible to receive, from the President General, the 100% certificate at the May State Conference.

State Registrar reported that she was working on 6 AIR letters. She had discussed setting up a new program for registrar training for e-membership and is concerned that some chapter registrars are having difficulty with e-membership. She has referred new chapter registrars to national to get help in setting up their e-membership access. She expressed a willingness to do workshops..

State Historian reported she is working on the WVDAR History Facebook page. She hopes to expand it. She asked questions regarding the Property Agreement form. Mrs. Treat Courtney mentioned that this year is the anniversary celebration of the Space Shuttle. There was discussion about a possible trip to Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center. She requested that the State Regent send a list of committee chairs to the officers prior to the publication of the directory.

State Librarian had no report.

There were no further Officer Reports.

In old business, District Meetings were discussed.

The SIP Info for officers was discussed. State Regent Larke requested that all officers get their deadlines and information to the State Vice Regent, along with their contact information; a deadline would not be determined until the release of the NIP.

Also under old business, future dates were discussed, particularly the State Conference, scheduled for May 4 through 7, 2023 at Canaan Valley.

The Corresponding Secretary stated she had a quote from McClain Printing for the WVDAR Directory. Cynthia Kolsun moved that WVDAR purchase 120 coil bound directories from McClain Printing at a cost of approximately $800 and it was seconded by Vickie Baker. The motion carried.

Under new business the State Organizing Secretary gave updates on the restructuring of the genealogy committees. She reported that applications no longer require endorsements.

State Regent Larke mentioned there are new committees for this administration. They are DAR Library Outreach, DAR Podcast, NSDAR Technical Support, NSDAR Technical Planning Commission and Special Projects. The State Regent also reported that an increase for National Dues, to $45, was passed at Continental Congress.

Tamassee and the WVDAR involvement with the former DAR School was discussed. Continued funding, the State Regent's signing the contract to maintain the Josephine C. Peters Cottage at Tamassee and discontinuing the WVDAR association with Tamassee altogether were discussed at length. Many questions were raised by the officers. The discussion was tabled until further information could be found.

The State Regent introduced her proposed State Regent's Project. She described each aspect of the project in detail saying that it would be divided into the Past, Present, and Future focuses. The Past component was to preserve our own history by digitizing select documents held at Marshall University, making it more accessible to our members. The Present component was to establish a fund to provide for technological changes for our organization. The future was to impact early childhood literacy in the state by donating and volunteering to provide for our children's future. State Regent Larke requested a motion to approve her project. It was moved by State Corresponding Secretary Cindy Kolsun and seconded by the State Recording Secretary Katherine Genung. The motion carried.

She showed a sample of her State Regent's pin and spoke about how the profit from the pin sales would be used to support her state projects. State Regent Larke also informed the Executive Board that her theme is: *"West Virginia Blooms Through Service & Friendship"* and her Bible verse is *"I will lift mine eyes unto the hills from which cometh my help."* Psalm 121:1

The Treasurer asked for approval of her recommendation for changes to the state dues form which were: to add a line item of $1 per member for the State Regent's Projects just approved by

the Executive Board, to remove the line item of $1 per member for the Peters Cottage Utility Fund, and to remove the line item for contributions to the WV Congress Event. State Treasurer Vicky Shears moved to accept the recommendations and State Registrar Patsy Adkins seconded the motion. The motion carried.

State Regent Larke thanked everyone for attending. The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Katherine M. Genung, WVDAR Recording Secretary

WVDAR Executive Committee Meeting

October 17, 2022

Virtual Zoom Meeting

The WVDAR Executive Committee Meeting was called to order by State Regent Jane Larke at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were Sandra Isner-Johnson, Vice Regent; Barbara Holt, Chaplain; Cynthia Kolsun, Corresponding Secretary; Vickie Baker, Organizing Secretary; Vicky Shears, Treasurer; Patsy Adkins, Registrar; Darla Treat Courtney, Historian; and Gail Potter, Librarian. Katherine Genung, Recording Secretary; was excused due to Internet issues.

State Chaplain Barbara Holt led the opening prayers.

The Regent appointed Sandra Isner-Johnson, Barbara Holt, and Gail Potter to approve the minutes.

Officer reports were given, beginning with the State Regent thanking the members of the board for their service and stated district meetings were successful.

The Vice Regent reported she signed a contract and placed a deposit with the Army-Navy Club for June 28, 2023 for the WV Breakfast at Continental Congress. The theme will be early childhood literacy promotion.

The Chaplain reported that she sent out two birthday cards for members and seventeen condolence cards.

The Corresponding Secretary reported that the directories have been printed and distribution will begin.

The Organizing Secretary reported she is working with Ki Trelaine on establishing a new chapter in Newell, WV.

The Registrar reported that 50 new members had been approved in this administration.

The Historian promoted the Project for America 250 project, the Pomeroy Marker Program and the Historical Book award program.

The Librarian explained how books can be submitted to National.

The Treasurer reported that we have total assets as of Oct 19 of $265,258.17. Darla Treat Courtney moved to open an 18-month CD at MVB with $3,319.32 from the Cameo Club and $15,991.34 from the WV Room monies totaling $19,310.66. It was seconded by Vickie Baker. Interest would be prorated with 17.18 percent going to Cameo Club and 82.72 percent going to the WV Room at Memorial Continental Hall. The motion carried.

In old business, we received a written request from Southern District to have unused funds from the Tamassee Project returned. A decision was made to return $943.53 from the project in excess to the chapters in the state. In other discussion about the Tamassee Project, Cindy Kolsun moved that the Executive Committee discontinue our relationship with Tamassee including Peters Cottage. It was seconded by Vicky Shears. After much discussion, the motion passed unanimously. This recommendation will be taken to the State Board of Management for their approval.

In new business, the Regent asked the treasurer to present an updated WVDAR Financial Policies and Procedures Draft. Following the report, Darla Treat Courtney moved to approve the

updated policies as presented. It was seconded by Sandra Isner-Johnson. The motion carried. Cindy Kolsun and Darla Treat Courtney agreed to work with Vicky Shears on a financial committee, with Vicky as chair.

The following financial decisions were approved:

- Reimbursement of $206.03 for three corsages at Continental Congress. Motion by Vicky Shears, seconded by Patsy Adkins. Motion carried.
- Reimbursement of $147.34 from the Davis State Regent's Project for flags at the Gold Star Mothers Point Pleasant location. Motion by Vicky Shears, seconded by Darla Treat Courtney. Motion carried.
- Transfer of $72 from the WV History Fund to the Regent's Digitalization Project. Motion by Vicky Shears, seconded by Patsy Adkins. Motion carried.
- Expenditure of $497.50 to RV Nuccio and Associates Insurance Brokers for nonprofit insurance. Motion by Vicky Shears, seconded by Vickie Baker. Motion carried.
- Reimbursement of $178.78 for chapter pin purchases for two new chapters. Motion by Vicky Shears, seconded by Vickie Baker. Motion carried.
- Reimbursement of pins for new Chapter Regents from the unrestricted budget in the future. Motion by Vicky Shears, seconded by Darla Treat Courtney. Motion carried.

Due to the action taken earlier in the meeting, the following motions were made regarding the Tamassee Project:

- Vicky Shears. moved that utilities and repairs of $849.37 on the cottage be paid, and that chapters be sent letters asking to choose if they want a reimbursement or to repurpose their funds if the State Board of Management votes to discontinue its relationship with Tamassee and Peters Cottage. It was 2nd by Darla Treat Courtney. Motion carried.
- Return of $2,786.55 from the Major Renovation Account for Peters Cottage to the donor and closure of the account. Motion by Vicky Shears, seconded by Patsy Adkins. Motion carried.

Announcements: Regent Larke made the following announcements: The Space shuttle visit has been postponed. She has been working with the Vietnam Veterans to gather more information about their services. The JW Marriott openings for rooms for Continental Congress begin Thursday. We'll be receiving more information on the Daughters Only Online Community. Those interested in being Congress pages or serving on committees should let the Regent know.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

Respectfully submitted, Cynthia Kolsun, Acting WVDAR Recording Secretary

WVDAR Board Of Management

March 13, 2023

Virtual Zoom Meeting

Jane Larke, WVDAR State Regent, called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

The Invocation was delivered by WVDAR Chaplain, Barbara Holt.

The Pledge was led by Elizabeth Satterfield, Regent, Colonel Zackquill Morgan Chapter. Members were asked to stand during the playing of the National Anthem.

WVDAR Officers and Honorary State Regents in attendance were introduced by the State Regent.

Jane Larke, WVDAR State Regent, stated the purpose of the meeting was to clear agenda items from the scheduled Board of Management meeting that will occur prior to the opening

session of the upcoming state conference. This action will allow for additional time with the President General during her visit.

The State Regent appointed WVDAR Registrar Patsy Adkins, Cathy Hinkle, Regent Blennerhassett Chapter, and Margaret Ways, Eastern District Director to approve the minutes.

WVDAR Recording Secretary, Katherine Genung called the roll. Present were: State Officers, 10; Past Vice President Generals, 1; Honorary State Regents, 3; District Directors, 3; Chapter Regents, 24; State Parliamentarian, 1, for a total present of 40, which constituted a quorum.

State Regent Jane Larke reminded the voting body that since all the recommendations were made by the WVDAR Executive Committee, a second to the motion is not required.

WVDAR Treasurer, Vicky Shears, presented her report on her review of the WVDAR Financial Policies and Procedures as follows:

> "The financial policies and procedures need a major overall and a committee has been formed to do a thorough review; however, in my first few months as State Treasurer it became apparent that thresholds for purchases/expenditures/approvals were too high, and this needed to be addressed immediately. For example, per the current Financial Policies and Procedures an Officer or Committee Chair could spend the entire $500 allocated in the budget for Officer/Committee Chair expenses without the approval of the State Regent. Therefore, these changes address thresholds for State Chairs, the State Regent, and the Executive Committee. In addition, the State Treasurer was listed under EXPENSES AND ACCOUNTS PAYALBE, Authorization for Payment. A treasurer's role is not to authorize payment but receive and disburse funds as authorized by others."

There being no questions, the State Regent asked the WVDAR Recording Secretary, Katherine Genung to proceed with the reading of the Recommendations and Rationale behind changes requested by the WVDAR Executive Committee. Mrs. Genung moved each of the following recommendations to the WVDAR Financial Policies and Procedures:

- **Recommendation 1** Section 1.c. will read "Approve payments as authorized other than pass-through expenditures to the National Society or DAR Schools".
  There were no questions. The vote was 33 yes and 0 no. The motion carried.
- **Recommendation 2** The section will read "4.a.v. Approve expenditures exceeding the State Regent's threshold other than the pass-through expenditures to the National Society or DAR Schools." There were no questions. The vote was 32 yes and 0 no. The motion carried.
- **Recommendation 3** The section will read "7. State Committee Chairs – The State Committee Chairs shall obtain the approval for planned expenditures from the State Regent prior to making purchases. For payments from funds referenced in EXPENSES AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: 5. Disbursement from Selected Funds, no prior approval is required where that section authorizes payment. There were no questions. The vote was 34 yes and 0 no. The motion carried.
- **Recommendation 4** The new section a will read "State Officers/State Committee Chairs will have the authority to authorize payments of $30 or less." There were no questions. The vote was 32 yes and 0 no. The motion carried.
- **Recommendation 5** Section 2.b. will read "The State Regent will have the authority to authorize payments of $500 or less other than pass through contributions to the National Society or the DAR Schools. There were no questions. The vote was 33 yes and 0 no. The motion carried.
- **Recommendation 6** The new section 2c will read, "The Executive Committee will have the authority to authorize payments greater than $500 between meeting of the State Board

of Management." There were no questions. The vote was 32 yes and 0 no. The motion carried.

- **Recommendation 7** The new section 3a. will read, "The State Regent will provide prior approval of the purchases of items over $30 and less than $500." There were no questions. The vote was 32 yes and 0 no The motion carried.
- **Recommendation 8** Section 3.b. will read, "State Officers/State Committee Chairs will provide prior approval of items costing $30 or less." There were no questions. The vote was 33 yes and 0 no. The motion carried.
- **Recommendation 9** The new section Expenses and Accounts Payable 3. Purchases c. will read, "For purchases from funds referenced in EXPENSES AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: 5. Disbursement from Selected Funds, the policy for each fund shall be followed." There were no questions. The vote was 33 yes and 0 no, The motion carried.
- **Recommendation 10** The new section Expenses and Accounts Payable – 4. Invoice/Receipt Approval and Payment is amended by adding a new section "a" to read "The State Regent will approve all bills for payment." There were no questions. The vote was 31 yes and 0 no. The motion carried.
- **Recommendation 11** Expenses and Accounts Payable – 4. Invoice/Receipt Approval and Payment is amended by renumbering "a" to "b", The new section b. will read, "State Officers/State Committee Chairs shall forward to the State Treasurer for payment invoices/receipts for which an expense was incurred as authorized. There were no questions. The vote was 32 yes and 0 no. The motion carried.

The State Regent then called on WVDAR Treasurer, Vicky Shears, to report on the recommendations of the Executive Committee with regard to Tamassee DAR School.

Treasurer Shears reported, "With the NSDAR removing Tamassee as a DAR approved school and with less of an attachment to Tamassee by our members, the Executive Committee believes it is time to move on from this project. In addition, all DAR State Societies have withdrawn from Tamassee except the South Carolina DAR State Society. The West Virginia Cottage will be left in a much better condition than it was in at the beginning of the Brown administration. The Brown/Khare fund of $35,000 received under letter dated February 24, 2021 and signed by Cheryl Brown contains the following restriction: . . ."the donation is to be used to establish a temporarily restricted account from which to pay for capital improvements, maintenance, repairs and utility costs for the West Virginia Peters Cottage at Tamassee DAR School in Tamassee, SC, after July 1, 2022.

If the WVDAR votes not to remain the sponsor of the West Virginia Peters Cottage at Tamassee DAR School, my husband and I stipulate that the WVDAR donate any remaining funds in the account to the Tamassee DAR School to pay for the Cottage's upkeep. If the Tamassee DAR school is sold or discontinues operations while the WVDAR sponsors the West Virginia Peters Cottage, we stipulate that the WVDAR donate any remaining funds in the account to the West Virginia Veterans Home in Barboursville, WV."

I presented a review of Tamassee DAR's financials to the Executive Committee to assess the likelihood that Tamassee would be sold or discontinue operations. This review determined that it is highly unlikely given the level of unrestricted investments and net assets that a sale or discontinuance of operations would happen at Tamassee."

WVDAR Recording Secretary, Katherine Genung, moved the following:

- **Recommendation 12** That WVDAR discontinue our relationship with Tamassee DAR School, including the relationship with the Josephine C. Peters Cottage and that the $35,000 in the Peters Cottage – Brown/Khare fund be forwarded to Tamassee within 30 days. There were no questions. The vote was 29 yes and 2 no. The motion carried.

- **Recommendation 13** That the West Virginia State Society approve the State Regent's Project: to digitize selected historical documents housed in the WVDAR archives at Marshall University; to create a fund for the use of technology for WVDAR; to impact early childhood literacy by volunteering and providing resources within West Virginia. There were no questions. The vote was 33 yes and 0 no. The motion carried.

State Regent, Jane Larke, stated that historically the WVDAR gives a donation to the President General's Project when she visits at State Conference. Mrs. Larke said she would entertain a motion for the same to be done at the May 2023 State Conference.

WVDAR Treasurer, Vicky Shears, Elizabeth Ludington Hagans – Colonel John Evans Chapter, moved to donate $1,250.00 to the President General's Project when she visits our State Conference. The motion was seconded by WVDAR Corresponding Secretary, Cynthia Kolsun, Blackwater Chapter. The motion carried.

The WVDAR State Regent, Jane Larke, recessed the meeting at 7:56pm.

Respectfully submitted, Katherine M. Genung, WVDAR Recording Secretary

WVDAR Executive Committee Meeting

Thursday, May 4, 2023

Willow Room, Canaan Valley Resort & Conference Center

State Regent, Jane Larke, opened the Pre-State Conference WVDAR Executive Committee Meeting on Thursday, May 4, 2023, at 8:30 p.m. State Regent Larke welcomed and thanked officers, for attending the meeting.

The invocation was given by State Chaplain, Barbara Holt, who was thanked by State Regent Larke.

State Regent Larke introduced the guests to the meeting, Cathy Hebb, State Chair, Audit Committee and Karen Kurilko, State Chair, Finance Committee.

Mrs. Larke appointed a committee of Vickie Baker (chair), Darla Treat Courtney, and Patsy Adkins to approve the minutes.

Recording Secretary Katherine Genung called the roll Those in attendance were: State Regent Jane Larke, State Vice Regent Sandra Isner-Johnson, State Chaplain Barbara Hold, State Recording Secretary Katherine Genung, State Corresponding Secretary Cynthia Kolsun, State Organizing Secretary Vickie Baker, State Treasurer Vicky Shears, State Registrar Patsy Adkins, State Historian Darla Treat Courtney, State Librarian Gail Potter and State Parliamentarian Brenda Cheuvront. The Secretary's Report was given noting that the minutes from the prior Executive Meeting on October 17, 2022 were approved by a committee composed of Sandra-Isner-Johnson, Barbara Holt, and Gail Potter. They were distributed by email.

Mrs. Larke introduced new business.

The Standing Rules of the 118th WVDAR State Conference were presented by Mrs. Cheuvront. Patsy Adkins moved that the Standing Rules by accepted as presented and the motion was seconded by Darla Treat Courtney. The motion carried.

The Conference Program was presented by Cindy Kolsun. The following corrections were made:

- Page 19, add the word "West" to the heading "Virginia State Club Officers"
- Page 22, Item #4, 2nd line, "Is" should be "is"
- Page 22, Item #7, 3rd line, add the word "stand" to "shall give her name and" so that it reads "shall stand, give her name and

- Page 22, Item #7, 4th line, add ", and" to "the name of her chapter upon recognition by the presiding of-" so that it reads "the name of her chapter, and upon recognition by the presiding "

Patsy Adkins moved to approve the Conference Program as corrected. It was seconded by Barbara Holt. The motion was adopted.

Cathy Hebb, Audit Committee Chair presented the committee's report (Attachment 1) of the State Society's financial records for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022. There were no questions. Cindy Kolsun moved that we accept the Audit Report, and Patsy Adkins seconded. The motion was carried.

An issue arising from the audit that affected our financial operations was to require that if an event is canceled, refunds of money are to be made to payees within sixty (60) days of the cancelation. Darla Treat Courtney moved that refunds be made within sixty (60) days of a cancelation of any event and the motion was seconded by Vickie Baker. The motion was adopted.

State Treasurer Vicky Shears presented the Treasurer's Report for the time period of March 1, 2022 to February 29, 2023. (Attachment 2) There was discussion about the report.

Karen Kurilko presented the report of the Finance Committee on the proposed budgets for 2023-2024. (Attachment 3). There were no questions. The Recording Secretary, Katherine Genung read Recommendation 1, " To approve and recommend to the 118th WVDAR Board of Management the adoption of the 2023-2024 WVDAR State Budget as presented by the Finance Committee". Mrs. Genung moved the adoption of Recommendation 1. This motion was seconded by Patsy Adkins. There was no debate and recommendation 1 was adopted.

Mrs. Kurilko presented the 118th State Conference Budget. The Recording Secretary read Recommendation 2, "To approve and recommend to the 118th WVDAR State Board of Management the adoption of the 2023-2024 State Conference Budget as presented by the Finance Committee. Mrs. Genung moved the adoption of Recommendation 2. The motion was seconded by Vickie Baker. There was no debate, and recommendation 2 was adopted.

Karen Kurilko then presented the 2023-2024 Tamassee Budget. This budget is required by the WVDAR State Bylaws. Recording Secretary Katherine Genung read Recommendation 3, "To approve and recommend to the 118th WVDAR State Board of Management the adoption of the 2023-2024 Tamassee Budget as presented by the Finance Committee". Mrs. Genung moved the adoption of Recommendation 3. Vickie Baker seconded the motion. There was no debate, and recommendation 3 was adopted.

State Regent Jane Larke reminded the State Officers that the Board of Management Meeting was to be held the following day immediately following lunch in the Spruce Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:52 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Katherine Genung, WVDAR Recording Secretary

WVDAR Board Of Management Meeting

Friday, May 5, 2023

Spruce Room, Canaan Valley Resort & Conference Center

State Regent, Jane Larke, opened the WVDAR Board of Management Meeting on Friday, May 5, 2023, at 1:45 p.m. State Regent Larke welcomed and thanked everyone, for attending the meeting.

The invocation was given by State Chaplain, Barbara Holt, who was thanked. Elizabeth Satterfield, Regent, Colonel Zackquill Morgan Chapter led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America

State Regent Larke introduced the distinguished guests in attendance, Barbara "Barby" Frankenberry, Past Curator General, Honorary State Regent; Shirley Morrison Gilkeson, Past Vice President General, Honorary State Regent; Malinda "Mindy" Davis, Past Vice President General, Honorary State Regent; and Charla Louise Nutter McNaboe, Honorary State Regent.

State Regent Larke introduced the WVDAR State Officers and the WVDAR State Parliamentarian.

Mrs. Larke appointed the following committee to review and approve these minutes: Gail Potter, WVDAR State Librarian (chair), Barbara Channell, Regent, Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter, and Tina Seese, Northern District Director.

Recording Secretary Katherine Genung called the roll. Present were: National Officers 0; Past Vice President Generals 2; Honorary State Regents 3; State Officers 10; District Directors 3; Chapter Regents 21 and Parliamentarian 1. A quorum was verified.

WVDAR Recording Secretary Katherine Genung reported that the minutes of the March 13, 2023 Board of Management meeting had been approved by the committee of Patsy Adkins, WVDAR State Registrar (chair), Margaret Ways, Eastern District Director, and Cathy Hinkle, Regent, Blennerhassett Chapter. They were distributed by email to the Board members.

WVDAR State Parliamentarian Brenda Cheuvront presented the Standing Rules for the 118th State Conference. Charla Nutter McNaboe, Honorary State Regent and Regent Colonel William Lowther Chapter made motion to approve the Standing Rules as presented. April Wallace, Regent Elizabeth Zane Chapter seconded. There was no debate and the motion was adopted.

WVDAR State Corresponding Secretary Cindy Kolsun presented the Conference Program and noted corrections made in the executive committee meeting. (Executive Committee meeting minutes, May 4, 2023). Mrs. Kolsun moved that the Conference Program for the 118th State Conference, subject to any further changes that may be necessary, be adopted. Cathy Hinkle, Regent Blennerhassett Chapter seconded the motion. There was no debate. The motion was adopted.

WVDAR Audit Committee Chair, Cathy Hebb, Regent, Blackwater Chapter reported that WVDAR financials had been found in good order and the contents reasonable. (Attachment 1).

WVDAR State Treasurer, Vicky Shears presented her Treasurer's Report. (Attachment 2).

WVDAR Finance Committee Chair, Karen Kurilko, Regent Cheat River Chapter presented the state budgets. (Attachment 3). WVDAR State Recording Secretary, Katherine Genung, read Recommendation 1: "To approve and recommend to the 118th WVDAR State Conference the adoption of the 2023-2024 State Budget as presented by the Finance Committee". Mrs. Genung moved the adoption of recommendation 1. No second to the motion was needed since it came from the WVDAR Executive Committee. There was no debate. The Recommendation was adopted.

WVDAR Finance Committee Chair, Karen Kurilko, Regent Cheat River Chapter presented the 2023-2024 proposed State Conference Budget. WVDAR State Recording Secretary, Katherine Genung, read Recommendation 2: "To approve and recommend to the 118th WVDAR State Conference the adoption of the 2023-2024 State Conference Budget as presented by the Finance Committee" .Mrs. Genung moved the adoption of recommendation 2. No second to the motion was needed since it came from the WVDAR Executive Committee. There was no debate. The Recommendation was adopted.

WVDAR Finance Committee Chair, Karen Kurilko, Regent Cheat River Chapter presented the 2023-2024 Tamassee Budget. It was explained that although the State Society will consider ending our relationship with Tamassee, we are required by our bylaws to have a budget until that relationship is in actuality severed. WVDAR State Recording Secretary, Katherine Genung, read Recommendation 3: "To approve and recommend to the 118th WVDAR State Conference the

adoption of the 2023-2024 Josephine C. Peters West Virginia Cottage Budget as presented by the Finance Committee". Mrs. Genung moved the adoption of recommendation 3. No second to the motion was needed since it came from the WVDAR Executive Committee. There was no debate. The recommendation was adopted.

Announcements were made. Mary Johnson, Regent Anne Bailey Chapter announced the West Virginia Patriot Burial Book that was begun during the Brown Administration was ready to be printed. It was also announced that the State Officers Club would meet at 3:30 pm rather than 3 p.m. as stated in the Conference Program. Finally, it was announced that President General Pamela Rouse Wright was delayed and that evening's dinner would be delayed to 6:15 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:56pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Katherine Genung, WVDAR Recording Secretary

118th WVDAR State Conference

"Blooming by Preserving Our WV Heritage" Welcome Dinner

Friday, May 5, 2023

Maple/Balsam Room

The Welcome Dinner marked the prelude to the 118th WVDAR State Conference. Hosted in the Maple/Balsam Room, the event was themed "Blooming by Preserving our WV Heritage" and was hosted by the Blackwater and James Barbour Chapters.

The evening began with a warm welcome by the State Regent, followed by an invocation by State Chaplain Barbara Holt and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Stephanie Burns, State Chair DAR Project Patriot. The Regent introduced distinguished guests at the head table, Lori Thompson, Associate Professor at Marshall University, who was the evening's speaker and our distinguished daughters: Barbara "Barby" Frankenberry, Past Curator General, Honorary State Regent; Shirley Gilkeson, Past Vice President General, Honorary State Regent, Malinda "Mindy" Davis, Past President General, Honorary State Regent, and Charla Nutter McNaboe, Honorary State Regent. She also introduced our conference guests: Lael Harley Marlow, Vice President General from Alaska; Cheryl Baxter, State Regent of Indiana, Cynthia Bell, State Regent of Nevada, Anna Choi, State Regent of North Carolina, and Susan Leininger, State Regent of Ohio. All state officers were recognized as well as Cathy Hebb and Diana Davide, chapter regents from the host chapters. Dinner entertainment was provided by the Mountaineer Fifes and Drums, led by George Willis, Associate Professor at WVU, who performed and shared the historical significance of the instruments. The ensemble received a donation as a token of appreciation for their performance.

A special recognition segment honored members who donated to the State Regent's project, each receiving a vintage WVDAR pin. The Regent acknowledged these donors: Susan Arnold, Vickie Baker, Debbie Burge, Barbara Channell, Brenda Cheuvront, Linda Collins, Mindy Davis, Barby Frankenberry, Katherine Genung, Kelly Goodwin, Pat Goodwin, Selma Humphries, Mary Johnson, JoAnne Jones, Betty Kniceley, Cindy Kolsun, Charla Nutter McNaboe, Stella Moon, Deloris Nelson, Sharon Smith, and Susan Yablonski and expressed gratitude for their contributions.

The host chapters were thanked for their efforts in creating a beautiful dining experience. The evening concluded with announcements from Conference Chair Kelly Goodwin about the upcoming processional and a benediction by Barbara Holt. The event fostered a sense of camaraderie, heritage, and anticipation for the conference ahead.

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Opening Session

Friday, May 5, 2023

Spruce Room, Canaan Valley Resort & Conference Center

State Regent, Jane Larke, opened the WVDAR 118th State Conference Opening Session on Friday, May 5, 2023, at 8:30 p.m. State Regent Larke welcomed and thanked everyone, for attending the meeting.

The invocation was given by State Chaplain, Barbara Holt. Heidi Ware Regent, Bee Line Chapter, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America. The American's Creed was led by Mary Johnson, Regent Anne Bailey Chapter. The Preamble to the Constitution was led by Carolyn Kesterson, Constitution Week State Chair.. WVDAR VIS Erika Cheuvront played accompanying music while WVDAR Chorus Director, Mary Mullenax led the National Anthem. The colors were posted by the Tucker County Veterans Group. Leader Charlie Showalter introduced his group, and a donation was presented to them by the State Regent.

Barbara "Barby" Frankenberry, Past Curator General and Honorary State Regent presented Greetings from the Honorable Jim Justice, Governor of the State of West Virginia as follows:

> "As Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, I welcome you to the 118th West Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution state conference being held at the Canaan Valley Resort and Conference Center in Davis.
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> The DAR has long been an influence on American culture and society and is an organization filled to the brim with history. Its members cherish American history and work to preserve the thoughts, principles, and intentions of our forefathers. Your love for our great nation is commendable and your patriotism an inspiration to us all.
>
> Let me take a minute to applaud those involved in putting this year's conference together. I'm impressed by your hard work and dedication, which is obvious to everyone here today. Congratulations on a job well done.
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> On behalf of the citizens of the Mountain State, I extend my most sincere best wishes have no doubt the DAR will remain successful and continue to make a difference in the lives of all West Virginians; Sincerely, James "Jim" Justice, Governor."

The Honorable Alan Tomson, Mayor of Davis, West Virginia brought Greetings. He presented a Proclamation from the Town of Davis. Mrs. Larke introduced Elaina Bacchus, a representative for the conference center who welcomed WVDAR.

Mrs. Larke introduced Kelly Goodwin, General Conference Chair. Mrs. Goodwin presented the Central District Director, Georgette Ward, Central District Chapter Regents: Cathy Hebb, Blackwater Chapter, Karen Kurilko, Cheat River Chapter, Barbara Channell, Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter, Elizabeth Satterfield, Colonel Zackquill Morgan Chapter, Laura Fullen, Daniel Davisson Chapter, Susan Arnold, Regent Elizabeth Ludington Hagens – Colonel John Evans Chapter, April Wilson Wallace, Elizabeth Zane Chapter, Ruth Mooney, Elk River Chapter, Diana Davide, James Barbour Chapter, Carolyn Channell, John Hart Chapter, Kathy Harper Kidd, Tanner's Cross Roads Chapter, Theresa Blake, Trans-Allegheny Chapter, and Joan Gibson, Woodburn Chapter; and Hospitality Suite Hostess, Pat Goodwin. WVDAR Vice Regent, Sandra Isner-Johnson gave the response to the Greetings.

State Regent Larke introduced the following distinguished guests: Barbara "Barby" Frankenberry, Past Curator General, Honorary State Regent; Shirley Morrison Gilkeson, Past Vice President General, Honorary State Regent; Malinda "Mindy" Davis, Past Vice President General, Honorary State Regent; and Charla Louise Nutter McNaboe, Honorary State Regent.

Past Vice President General, Honorary State Regent Shirley Gilkeson offered Greetings on behalf of the Honorary State Regents. Honorary President General, Honorary State Regent Presley Wagoner sent regrets as did Honorary State Regent Carmen Silliman. Mrs. Larke requested that the WVDAR Corresponding Secretary mail copies of the Conference Program to all Honoraries who were unable to attend.

Mrs. Larke introduced the following Conference Guests, all of whom brought Greetings: NSDAR Vice President General Lael Hartley Marlowe, Alaska; Indiana State Regent, Cheryl Baxter; Nevada State Regent, Cynthia Bell; North Carolina State Regent, Anna Choi; and Ohio State Regent, Susan Leininger.

Officers of other hereditary organization were introduced by the State Regent as follows: Grace Arthur, Senior President Children of the American Revolution; Patricia Goodwin, President Dames of the Court of Honor and President Daughters of Colonial Wars; Cindy Nicewarner, President Daughters of 1812; Susan Arnold, President Daughters of American Colonists; and Brenda Cheuvront, President New England Women.

WVDAR State Officers were introduced as follows: WVDAR Vice Regent, Sandra Isner-Johnson, WVDAR Chaplain, Barbara Holt; WVDAR Recording Secretary, Katherine Genung; WVDAR Corresponding Secretary, Cynthia "Cindy" Kolsun; WVDAR Organizing Secretary, Vickie Baker; WVDAR Treasurer, Vicky Shears; WVDAR Registrar, Patsy Adkins; WVDAR Historian, Darla Treat Courtney; and WVDAR Librarian, Gail Potter. Mrs. Larke also introduced the WVDAR Parliamentarian, Brenda Cheuvront.

The State Regent introduced DAR National Vice Chairs: America 250 Committee, Malinda "Mindy" Davis, and Insignia Committee, Barbara "Barby" Frankenberry.

The following DAR National East Central Division Vice Chairs: American Heritage Committee, Chris Painter; Conservation Committee, Charla Nutter McNaboe; and Volunteer Genealogists Committee, Vickie Baker were introduced.

The following National Committee Members were introduced: Application Task Force Committee, Brenda Cheuvront; Bylaws Committee, Patricia Goodwin; Lineage Research Committee, Susan Arnold; Volunteer Genealogists Committee, Vickie Baker; and Insignia Committee, Vickie Baker.

VAVS members, appointed by the President General, were asked to stand to be recognized. Darla Treat Courtney, Heidi Ware, Ruth Mooney, and Marilyn "Susie" Rogers were acknowledged by the State Regent with thanks for their service.

The State Regent introduced the Keynote Speaker, Lori Thompson, Head of Marshall University Special Collections. Ms. Thompson talked about the Marshall University Libraries Special Collections which can be found at: (https://mds.marshall.edu/lib_sc/) as well as the digitization effort of the Larke Administration. Mrs. Carolyn Kesterson, past WVDAR Recording Secretary, presented Ms. Thompson with the vintage wooden DAR insignia that was originally from Jackson's Mill and subsequently hung in the Josephine C. Peters Cottage at Tamassee DAR School. This artifact will be added to the WVDAR Collection at Marshall.

Mrs. Larke introduced the five District Directors: Central District Director, Georgette Ward, Eastern District Director, Margaret Ways; Northern District Director, Lucinda "Tina" Seese; Southern District Director, Samantha Shesler (not present); and Western District Director, Marilyn Oppenheimer. The State Regent acknowledged all National and State Committee Chairs who were present as well as first-time Conference attendees and Pages. Johnna Nicewarner, Chief Page, introduced the pages serving during the 118th State Conference as: Courtney Blank, Tracy Burns, Lily Moreno, Taylor Mulligan, Grace Parsons, Taylor Sams, and Elizabeth Satterfield.

Mrs. Larke recognized WVDAR Chorus Director, Mary Mullenax and WVDAR VIS Committee Chair, Erika Cheuvront for their hard work during Conference.

Kelly Goodwin, Conference Chair announced that the Chapter Regent's Breakfast was to be at 7:30 am in the Maple/Balsam room, that the processional would line up at 8:45am in the Aspen Room the next morning, Committee Chairs were reminded to sign and return their award certificates, and the Morning Business Session was to begin at 9am.

The Colors were retired and the 118th WVDAR State Conference was recessed until Saturday, May 6, 2023 at 9 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Katherine Genung, WVDAR Recording Secretary

118th WVDAR State Conference

Business Session

Saturday, May 6, 2023

Spruce Room, Canaan Valley Resort & Conference Center

State Regent, Jane Larke, reconvened the WVDAR 118th State Conference on Saturday, May 6, 2023, at 9 am. State Regent Larke welcomed and thanked everyone, for attending the meeting.

The invocation was given by State Chaplain, Barbara Holt. Barbara McCreary, John Hart Chapter, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America. The American's Creed was led by Donna Brown Brewster, Matthew French Chapter. WVDAR VIS Erika Cheuvront played accompanying music while Pat Goodwin, Trans-Allegheny Chapter, led the National Anthem. The colors were posted.

The State Regent reminded all that during this business meeting, voting would be in order and that Delegates must be wearing their voter ribbon and seated in the designated Delegate seating.

State Regent Larke introduced President General Pamela Edwards Rouse Wright. Mrs. Wright was greeted by the members with applause, and she brought Greetings from over 190,000 DAR members. She thanked WVDAR for inviting her to our 118th State Conference and promised to speak more during the evening event.

State Regent Larke introduced the Honorary State Regents in attendance: Barbara "Barby" Frankenberry, Past Curator General, Honorary State Regent; Shirley Morrison Gilkeson, Past Vice President General, Honorary State Regent; Malinda "Mindy" Davis, Past Vice President General, Honorary State Regent; and Charla Louise Nutter McNaboe, Honorary State Regent.

Mrs. Larke recognized our conference guests: NSDAR Vice President General Lael Hartley Marlowe, Alaska; Indiana State Regent Cheryl Baxter; Nevada State Regent, Cynthia Bell; North Carolina State Regent Anna Choi; and Ohio State Regent Susan Leininger.

The State Regent asked that National Vice Chairs, National East Central Division Vice Chairs, and National Committee Members who were introduced by name the previous evening, to rise and be recognized.

Rebecca Davis, Chair, Credentials Committee gave her report. (Attachment 4) Mrs. Davis stated that there was a quorum, the official voting strength being 132; and moved that the report be adopted. The motion carried.

Regent Larke stated that Brenda Cheuvront, WVDAR Parliamentarian had read the Standing Rules of the 118th State Conference at the WVDAR Board of Management meeting on Friday, May 5, 2023 and that they were approved as printed on page 22 of the Conference Program. The State Regent asked that if there was no objection, the Standing Rules would not be read. There was no objection. The WVDAR Recording Secretary Katherine Genung moved that the Standing

Rules of the conference as printed on page 22 of the program be adopted. There was no debate. The motion was adopted.

WVDAR State Corresponding Secretary Cindy Kolsun presented the Conference Program and noted corrections made in the executive committee meeting. (Executive Committee meeting minutes, May 4, 2023). Other corrections were noted from the floor:

- Marilyn Oppenheimer, Western District Director, noted that on page 19, under "Western District", the Regent of Westmoreland Chapter should be written "Stephanie Smith".
- Elizabeth Satterfield, Colonel Zackquill Morgan Chapter, noted that on page 13, under Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United State of America … "Laura Fullen, Daneil Davisson Regent" should read "Laura Fullen, Daniel Davisson Regent".

Chair of the Conference Program Committee, Cindy Kolsun moved that the above changes be made and that the adoption of the program, as corrected and subject to any further changes that may be necessary, as the order of business for the 118th State Conference be approved. There was no debate. The motion carried. Mrs. Larke stated that with the adoption of the 3 reports, the 118th State Conference was officially open for business.

The State Regent asked if there were no objections that Georgette Ward, Central District Director (chair), Jane Richards, Regent James Wood Chapter, and Judy Bowyer, Regent South Branch Valley would be appointed to approve the minutes for the business session of the 118th WVDAR State Conference. There were no objections.

Chris Painter, WVDAR CDRC Chair and Debbie Burge, WVDAR CMR Chair were appointed as timekeepers for the Conference.

Reports were given by all WVDAR Officers. Officer reports are found in a separate section of these proceedings.

The State Regent asked the Audit Committee Chair, Cathy Hebb to present the Audit Report of the State Society's financial records for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022. The Chair reported that the WVDAR financials had been found in good order and the contents reasonable. Mary Johnson, Regent Anne Bailey Chapter, moved for the adoption of the Audit Committee Report; April Wallace, Regent Elizabeth Zane Chapter seconded the motion. There was no debate and the motion was adopted. It is found as Attachment 1.

Vicky Shears, WVDAR Treasurer, gave her report. It is found as Attachment 2.

WVDAR Finance Committee Chair, Karen Kurilko reported on the WVDAR budgets. The report is found as Attachment 3. The WVDAR Recording Secretary read **Recommendation 1**: "to approve the adoption of the 2023-2024 State Budget as presented by the Finance Committee". She moved the adoption of recommendation 1. There was no debate. The 2023-2024 State Budget was adopted.

Mrs. Genung read **Recommendation 2**: "to approve the adoption of the 2023-2024 State Conference Budget as presented by the Finance Committee". She moved the adoption of recommendation 2. There was no debate. The 2023-2024 State Conference Budget was adopted.

Mrs. Genung read **Recommendation 3**: "to approve the adoption of the 2023-2024 Josephine C. Peters West Virginia Cottage Budget as presented by the Finance Committee". She moved the adoption of recommendation 3. There was no debate. The 2023-2024 Josephine C. Peters West Virginia Cottage Budget was adopted.

The State Regent asked the WVDAR Treasurer to give background to the voting body on the remaining recommendations concerning the Financial Policies and Procedures. A handout was distributed and the report was given as detailed in the March 13, 2023 Board of Management meeting minutes.

WVDAR Recording Secretary, Katherine Genung read **Recommendation 4**: "to approve the adoption of proposed amendments to the WVDAR Financial Policies and Procedures". She moved the adoption of Recommendation 4. There was no debate, the motion was adopted.

WVDAR Recording Secretary, Katherine Genung read **Recommendation 5**: "to discontinue our relationship with Tamassee DAR School, including the relationship with the Josephine C. Peters Cottage and that the $35,000 in the Peters Cottage – Brown/Khare fund be forwarded to Tamassee within 30 days". She moved the adoption of recommendation 5. There was no debate. The motion was adopted.

Mrs. Genung continued with **Recommendation 6**: "To approve the State Regent's Project which is to digitize selected historical documents housed in the WVDAR archives at Marshall University; to create a fund for the use of technology for WVDAR; and to impact early childhood literacy by volunteering and providing resources within West Virginia.". She moved to approve the State Regent's Project. There was no debate; the motion was adopted.

The following National Committee Chairs gave reports for their committees (this year focused on Historic Preservation): Susan Arnold, Chair Volunteer Genealogists; Anna Chandler, Chair American Heritage; Randi Gray, Chair American History; Barbara Channell, Chair Commemorative Events; Barbara "Barby" Frankenberry, Chair Museum Outreach; April Norris, Chair Historic Preservation; Linda Link Whitman, Chair Lineage Research; Judy Mathias, Chair Patriot Records Project. Committee Chair reports are found in a separate section of these proceedings.

The following State Committee Chairs gave reports for their committees: Sandra Isner-Johnson, Chair Continental Congress Event; Beverly Rollins, Chair West Virginia Room. The following State Special Committee Chairs gave reports for their committees: Erika Cheuvront, Chair State Regent's Project – Technology and Cindy Kolsun, Chair State Regent's Project – Early Childhood Literacy. Committee Chair reports are found in a separate section of these proceedings.

District Directors took part in presenting a slideshow highlighting Historic Preservation efforts of all the chapters in West Virginia. Chapter Regent reports are found in a separate section of these proceedings. All chapter regents were asked to stand to be recognized.

Mrs. Larke asked the Conference Chair, Kelly Goodwin if there were any announcements. Mrs. Goodwin reported that Heather Farley had won the hospitality room door prize the previous night; that the hospitality room would be open from 10 to midnight that night; members were reminded to visit the photo displays in the Aspen Room as well as the DAR-lings voices. Mrs. Larke reminded everyone that Workshops would be held in the afternoon and that photos were to be taken starting at 5pm in the evening.

The 118th State Conference was recessed at 11:45 A.M.

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'Blooming With Pride In Our Schools And Community' Awards Luncheon

Saturday, May 6, 2023

Maple/Balsam Rooms, Canaan Valley Resort and Conference Center

American History Committee Chair, Randi Gray welcomed all to the luncheon at noon. The Invocation was delivered by WVDAR Chaplain, Barbara Holt. The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America was led by Laura Fullen, Regent Daniel Davisson Chapter. The American's Creed was led by Julia Gates, Regent William Henshaw Chapter. The National Anthem was led by Kathy Kidd, Regent Tanner's Cross Roads Chapter.

Introductions of honored guests were made, and greetings were delivered by Grace Arthur, Senior President National Society Children of the American Revolution; and Rhendel Butler, President West Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution.

Randi Gray, Chair American History presented the following First Place American History Essay Contest awards to Grace Derrick, 6th Grade, sponsored by Pack Horse Ford Chapter; Stella Carter, 7th Grade, sponsored by Pack Horse Ford Chapter (not present); and Andrew Galvin, 8th Grade, sponsored by Pack Horse Ford Chapter (not present).

Mrs. Gray also presented awards to the Patriots of the American Revolution DAR Essay contest First place winners: Caelyn Bartley, 10th Grade, sponsored by Ye Towne of Bath Chapter and Ian Niemczyk, 12th Grade, sponsored by Ohio Valley Chapter.

Mrs. Gray noted that Miss Derrick and Miss Carter had also placed Third in the East Central Division; that Mr. Galvin had placed First in the East Central Division and that Miss Bartley had placed Third in the East Central Division.

Mrs. Beverly Chaney, Organizing Regent Highlands of the Potomac Chapter representing the DAR Good Citizen committee announced that 18 chapters had recognized 49 students as DAR Good Citizens. Jaidyn Patrick, sponsored by Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter received the WVDAR Good Citizen Award for her essay.

Darla Treat Courtney, WVDAR Historian announced that winner of the state Outstanding History/Social Studies Teacher award. It had been awarded to Sam Cochenour, Jr., Wayne High School (retired 2022), American History sponsored by Westmoreland Chapter, and Alyson Whitacre, Harpers Ferry Middle, World History, sponsored by Bee Line Chapter. Mrs. Courtney stated that certificates for teachers and chapters would be distributed during district meetings.

April Norris, WVDAR Chair Historic Preservation Award announced that Woodburn Chapter sponsored Forrest “Jack” Bowman for the National Historic Preservation Award for his efforts to obtain the mast of the WWII Battleship West Virginia and place it on the West Virginia University campus. Mrs. Norris invited Woodburn Chapter Regent, Joan Gibson, to speak about Mr. Bowman’s efforts while a slide show was displayed. The award will be presented to Mr. Bowman on June 20, West Virginia Day at 2:05 p.m.

Carolyn Scheydt, Chair DAR Leadership Training, with the assistance of President General Pamela Edwards Rouse Wright and State Regent Jane Larke presented Leadership Training Awards to recipients. The 2022-23 Triple Crown Winners were: Grace Arthur and Sandra Isner-Johnson, Old Hickory Chapter; Vickie Baker, Tanner’s Cross Roads Chapter; Catherine “Cathy” Hinkle, Blennerhassett Chapter; Pattie Norman, Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter; Carolyn Scheydt, William Henshaw Chapter; and Georgette Ward, Elizabeth Zane Chapter. A final superlative award *Above the Stars* was presented to State Regent Jane Jacobs Larke, Central District Director, Georgette Ward, and Regent Colonel Morgan Chapter, Barbara Channell. All awardees are listed in the Leadership Training Committee reports.

Randi Gray reminded members that Workshops would begin at 2 pm.

WVDAR Chaplain, Barbara Holt, delivered the Benediction.

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118th State Conference Workshops and Events

The following workshops were held during the 118th State Conference.

- Quilt Documentation, Preserving "Pieces" of American History presented by Roberta Gellner, WV Quilters
- "The Care and Feeding of a Prospective Member," presented by Morgan Elliott, Honorary State Regent, Arizona
- Registrar's Round Table Discussion, presented by Patsy Adkins, WVDAR State Registrar, and State Volunteer Genealogists Chair, Susan Armold
- Treasurer's Workshop, presented by Vicky Shears

"Blooming With Friendships In DAR" Banquet

Saturday, May 6, 2023
Maple/Balsam Rooms

The final processional of the 118th State Conference occurred with the following people participating: the pages and flag bearers, Chapter Regents, State Officers, Visiting Guests, Honorary State Regents, The President General, and The State Regent.

The Invocation was delivered by WVDAR Chaplain, Barbara Holt. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Charla Nutter McNaboe, Honorary State Regent. The American's Creed was led by Malinda "Mindy" Davis, Past Vice President General, Honorary State Regent. The National Anthem was led by Susan Arnold, Chair Volunteer Genealogists Committee. After the posting of the colors, the State Regent introduced Pamela Edwards Rouse Wright, President General, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution.

Mrs. Wright gave a presentation on her President General Projects including the renovation of DAR Memorial Hall. The President General asked Elizabeth Satterfield, Mrs. Wright's Page for the State Conference, to carry her PG pin around the room. Attendees were allowed to admire it; although Mrs. Wright warned that if anyone put it on, they would get all of her emails since July in their inbox the next day.

Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Larke presented 100% participation certificates to Regents, or their representatives, of the following chapters and photos were taken: Anne Bailey Chapter, Anne Royall Chapter, Bee Line Chapter, Blackwater Chapter, Blennerhassett Chapter, Captain James Allen Chapter, Cheat River Chapter, Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter, Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter, Colonel William Lowther Chapter, Colonel Zackquill Morgan Chapter, Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans Chapter, Elizabeth Zane Chapter, Elk River Chapter, General Andrew Lewis Chapter, Highlands of the Potomac Chapter, James Barbour Chapter, James Wood Chapter, John Cooke Chapter, John Hart Chapter, Kanawha Valley Chapter, Matthew French Chapter, Ohio Valley Chapter, Old Hickory Chapter, Peters Mountain Chapter, Shenandoah Valley Chapter, South Branch Valley Chapter, Tanner's Cross Roads Chapter, Trans-Allegheny Chapter, Westmoreland Chapter, Woodburn Chapter, and Ye Towne of Bath Chapter.

Sylvia Rhodes, Chair of the Fifty-Year Club acknowledged fifty-year members as well as those who had been members for far longer. Those achieving membership to this club this year were: Carolyn Demopoulos, John Chapman Chapter; Sally Ann Greenfield, Shenandoah Valley Chapter, Julia Long, John Chapman Chapter; Patricia Moore, Elk River Chapter; Ruth Mooney, Elk River Chapter; Beverly Reger, John Hart Chapter; Barbara Ann Smith, James Wood Chapter; Lynn Carol Winn, John Hart Chapter; and Susan Stalder Woodwar, Blennerhassett Chapter.

Scrapbook Judging was announced. Large Chapter winners were First place, Pack Horse Ford Chapter; Second place, Old Hickory Chapter; Third place, Anne Bailey Chapter; and 4th place, James Wood Chapter. Small Chapter winners were First place, Matthew French Chapter; and (tie) 2nd place Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter and Cheat River Chapter.

Pressbook Judging was announced. Large Chapter winners were First place Bee Line Chapter; Second place, Pack Horse Ford Chapter; and Third place, Old Hickory Chapter. Small Chapter winners were First place, Ye Towne of Bath Chapter; Second place Matthew French Chapter; Third place, Anne Royall Chapter; and Fourth place William Henshaw Chapter.

DAR Darlings Voices income was announced at $2,040. Winners were announced and items delivered. One item went unclaimed. The State Regent began to auction it off live; bids got up to $30 when the President General stated that if WVDAR would pay for the shipping, she would bid $100 for it. No further bids were made, and the galvanized watering can was given to Mrs. Wright. The final total was $2,140 income to the State Regent's Project.

WVDAR Chaplain, Barbara Holt delivered the Benediction and the Colors were retired.

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WVDAR 118th State Conference

Memorial Service

Sunday, May 7, 2023

Spruce Room, Canaan Valley Resort and Conference Center

The Call to Remembrance was opened by WVDAR Chaplain, Barbara Holt. The WVDAR Chorus, led by Director Mary Mullenax sang *My Home Among the Hills*. Chaplain Holt led those gathered in prayer. Ashley Burgess delivered the Scripture, 1 Chronicles 16:28, Isaiah 41:10, and John 14:1-3. The Chorus sang *In the Garden*.

The following Members were memorialized:

Central District

Blackwater Chapter: Sue Ann McDonald Silk

Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter: Rita Marlene Jones; Hallie Mae Shaffer Williams; Helen Ford Nuzum

Daniel Davisson Chapter: Carolyn Mae Reynolds Burnside

Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans Chapter: Ann Wade Van Voorhis

James Barbour Chapter: Carylen Jean Ramsey Ware Ketchen

John Hart Chapter: Hazel Enlow Hankey; Doreen Lynnette Lilly Hall

Tanner's Cross Roads Chapter: Vicki Jean Huffman Knights

Eastern District

Bee Line Chapter: Mary Alice Moore Lemen; Doris Deborah Marshall Cline

Pack Horse Ford Chapter: Dorrene Hale

Shenandoah Valley Chapter: Norma Jean Short Brown

Ye Towne of Bath Chapter: Mary Virginia Banks Nichols; Eleanor Jean Hopper Effland; Elizabeth Louise Spriggs Spring

Northern District

Blennerhassett Chapter: Barbara Mills Cheuvront; Deloris Ann Cooper; Mildred Parr Sutton; Mary Parr Hardman

James Wood Chapter: Donna Jean Smith Enoch; Cynthia Katherine Cain Buskirk

Ohio Valley Chapter: Sonya Denise Godfrey Billiter; Vivian Annalee Gowers Cox; Hilda Ann Hays Wright

Wheeling Chapter: Carolyn Rae Miller Morgan; Evelyn Luella Miller Tokas

Southern District

Captain James Allen Chapter: Margaret Kathleen McClung McGaha

John Cooke Chapter: Miriam Hogan Watkins; Peggy Shufflebarger McGraw; Sylvia Ann Acord Bragg

Matthew French Chapter: Patricia Jane Bailey Booth; Patricia Jean Baker Anderson

Western District

Anne Bailey Chapter: Nyrea Dawn Songer; Diana Lynn Todd Bowsher Schwab; Sandra Rae Price Casteel

Buford Chapter: Charlotte Marie Hartley Crandall; Mary H. Hodges

John Yong Chapter: Sallie Harriet Hunt Milam

Kanawha Valley Chapter: Nancy Jean Gill Shifflet; Mary Eleen Morris Hamrick

Old Hickory Chapter: Nancy Olivia Burdette Dalesio; Evelyn June Stump Fulks

The Benediction was delivered by Ashley Burgess, Blennerhassett Chapter. The WVDAR Chorus sang *Go Ye Now in Peace*. The Colors were retired in silence.

Respectfully Submitted, Katherine Genung, WVDAR Recording Secretary

Closing Session

Sunday, May 7, 2023

Spruce Room, Canaan Valley Resort and Conference Center

The State Regent reconvened the Conference. The Invocation was delivered by WVDAR Chaplain, Barbara Holt. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by April Wilson Wallace, Regent Elizabeth Zane Chapter. The American's Creed was led by Stella Moon, Regent Matthew French Chapter; the West Virginia Hills was led by Vickie Baker, WVDAR Organizing Secretary. The Colors were posted.

Rebecca Davis, Chair Credential Committee delivered the final report of the committee. Rebecca Davis, committee chair, moved that the final report be accepted. The motion was seconded by Stella Moon, Regent Matthew French Chapter. There was no debate. The motion was adopted.

Stella Moon, Regent Matthew French Chapter delivered the Courtesy Resolutions and moved the Courtesy Resolutions be adopted. Patsy Adkins, WVDAR Registrar seconded the motion. There was no debate. The motion was adopted.

The State Regent requested the invitation to the 119th WVDAR State Conference. Margaret Ways, Eastern District Director invited the membership to the Holiday Inn in Martinsburg, West Virginia on April 5 through 7, 2024.

State Regent Jane Jacobs Larke thanked Mrs. Ways and further thanked the many people who had made the State Conference a success.

Johnna Nicewarner, Chief Page, made a presentation to Mrs. Larke of a live rhododendron bush, a gift from the pages. WVDAR Chaplain Barbara Holt noted that she would be taking the memorial flowers to a senior's home in Thomas, West Virginia. Regents and District Directors were reminded that awards were to be picked up.

The group joined hands and sang Blessed Be the Tie that Binds. Barbara Holt, WVDAR Chaplain delivered the Benediction. The Colors were retired in silence.

The 118th WVDAR State Conference was closed by Jane Jacobs Larke, State Regent, with a single rap of the gavel at 10:25 a.m. The state regent wished everyone a safe journey home.

Respectfully submitted, Katherine Genung, WVDAR Recording Secretary

118TH WVDAR STATE CONFERENCE
2022-2023 State Officer Reports

WVDAR State Regent – Jane Jacobs Larke

I celebrated the Stars and Stripes on the 4th of July with a new title and the responsibility to represent and lead the members of West Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution. I returned home from Continental Congress and went back in time on my first visit, to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Colonel Morgan Morgan chapter. It was held at the very appropriate colonial era, Prickett's Fort, in Fairmont, WV. Congratulations to Regent Barbara Channell and all the officers, whom I had the honor of installing that day.

I wasn't the only one who needed to get comfortable with new responsibilities. We had many new regents and vice regents. I worked with State Vice Regent Sandra Isner-Johnson to conduct training within the first 2 weeks of the Larke administration. This training was to talk about where and how to prepare for a successful term. I will mention that we had a lot of training this year. I'm sure the leaders of those events have encapsulated what they did in their own reports to mentor and train our members in their specific specialty.

In July, we began the whirlwind of District meetings. Southern District was first hosted by the ladies of Captain James Allen Chapter. What great fun we had in getting back together again! Many thanks to District Director, Samantha Shleser and Captain James Allen Chapter Regent, Sally Chapman for their preparation for this meeting.

By the middle of the next week, I was back in the mountains, hosting my own Blackwater chapter at my home. It was a special pleasure to install these chapter officers, with Cathy Hebb as Regent.

By the weekend we were zooming for the Western District meeting. Western District Director, Marilyn Oppenheimer planned a very educational meeting where we heard about the different types of cemetery structures, the care and cleaning of headstones, and also about the Hershel "Woody" Williams Fisher House. There were many questions and much discussion.

Before the next weekend rolled around, I was back on the road to Berkeley Springs to celebrate with Chapter Regent Gail Potter and the Ye Towne of Bath chapter. They were celebrating their 90th anniversary. It was fun and games, good fellowship, and laughter with history of the chapter thrown in.

From one end of the state to the other, my next stop was in Charleston to attend "An Evening with Dolly" with State Organizing Secretary, Vickie Baker. This was an information gathering trip to obtain tips on supporting one of the aspects of my proposed project, enhancing childhood literacy in West Virginia. Thank you, Vickie, for the invitation to attend. It was amazing to hear how much impact Dolly has had in this state.

The next district to hold its meeting was Central District which was held in Arthurdale, WV. It was a beautiful, sunny day and was so much fun. The luncheon planned and mostly prepared by Chapter Regent Elizabeth Satterfield, Colonel Zackquill Morgan Regent was delicious, and District Director Georgette Ward allowed time for socializing, for which everyone was very appreciative.

I then traveled to Stout Memorial Methodist Church in Parkersburg to visit with Northern District. This meeting was hosted by James Wood Chapter, and Regent Jane Richards planned a beautiful day. District Director Tina Seese presided at the meeting, where Ashley Burgess gave a talk on American Indians, and displayed a beautiful traditional dress. I administered the oath of membership to Melody Zimmerman, and I have to mention the corsage Tina presented to me from the district. Thank you, Northern District daughters for such a unique corsage.

I did an additional Day trip in Northern District to present the Blanch L. Reymann Scholarship along with State Chair and Wheeling Chapter Regent, Lisa McNeil to a deserving Bethany student, Kaitlyn Adkins, a psychology major. She said this scholarship would definitely help her with expenses during her senior year. Thank you to the many members who help support this scholarship. It is a great tradition started by Mrs. Reymann and established as an annual scholarship by the state society in 1967.

Our Eastern district meeting was held at the Arden United Methodist Church. Chapter Regent, Julia Gates gave a presentation of her work on the grave of a family member. William Henshaw was the host for this meeting. District Director Margie Ways led a very much needed revision of their bylaws, which was presented by Sally Greenfield. Many thanks to this district for putting time and effort into this much needed administrative task. Members will thank you for years to come.

The end of district meetings didn't end my travel around the state. It was only the next weekend that I headed south to go to Cross Roads to have lunch and visit with Chapter Regent Mary Johnson and the Anne Bailey Chapter. I was able to welcome Samantha Hageboeck, a prospective member, and was on hand for her application signing.

I traveled with Central District Treasurer Pat Goodwin to visit James Barbour chapter in September and was privileged to install their officers. Their members had an in-house auction that helped with chapter funds. Congratulations to Chapter Regent Diana Davide and her other officers.

Bell Ringing was in order for Constitution Day in Fairmont, WV. Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter cooperated with the Marion County Historical Museum to sponsor a tour of the building and a ceremony on this day. This building was the former sheriff's home and county jail and very interesting. It held a walkway from the home to the jail so that the sheriff could go to work from home without going outside. Afterwards, I accompanied Chapter Regent Barbara Channell and Treasurer Pattie Norman to the Gold Star Mothers Memorial to decorate it with flowers for fall.

I was off to DAR Headquarters to participate in the full week of "Sparkle Week" in October. This was a wonderful week full of activity. Highlights of this week were: hearing from representatives of all of the DAR Schools; visiting the DAR museum; going to the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture; and attending wreath laying ceremonies for two of our Honorary Presidents General. On a side note, President General Pamela Wright passed around the President General's pin to get an up-close look at it, and I met Buford Chapter Regent Marsha Moses in the DAR library, who just happened to be doing research that day.

The week ended with the October National Board of Management meeting and a celebration of the Stars and Stripes by attending a concert in our very own Constitution Hall. One other meaningful ending of this trip was that I flew out of Dulles to come back home. It just so happened that three different Honor Flights arrived during my wait time at the airport. I must say that it brought tears to my eyes to see the veterans walk through the airport to their waiting bus and to hear so much applause from the onlookers. It was a very touching moment.

I was home for a day when I was on the road again to attend Battle Days, the SAR sponsored event in which many WVDAR chapters participate. It was a beautiful sunny day at Tu-Endie-Wei State Park near the Ohio River. And I was honored to represent you, greet the people gathered, and lay a wreath at that event.

By the end of the week, I was back across the state. It was my honor to attend and lay a wreath at the grave marking ceremony of Mary Douglass Howell Gardner, a female patriot born about 1744. Bee Line Chapter Regent Heidi Ware conducted this ceremony at the Zion Episcopal

Church in Charles Town, WV, in a churchyard where the surname Washington was seen on many stones.

The very next day held another celebration in Weston, WV, where Chapter Regent Theresa Blake and the Trans-Allegheny Chapter held an open house to receive visitors that came to celebrate their becoming a centennial chapter. We were happy to celebrate and congratulate this chapter on their 100th anniversary.

From 100 years to 1, the next celebration was for the Cheat River Chapter in Kingwood. Chapter Regent Karen Kurilko talked about the many accomplishments that the chapter had attained in their first year. They got off to a great start and I am so excited to watch them grow.

Another weekend and another anniversary celebration. Chapter Regent Grace Arthur and the Old Hickory Chapter celebrated 10 years as a chapter. They provided an early taste of the holidays with their red, white, and blue decorated Patriot tree.

Veterans Day was celebrated with my own Blackwater Chapter at Cortland Acres, a rehabilitation center in Tucker County. The chapter donated items for the veterans at the facility and had light refreshments for them. I was very happy to meet Mr. Ira Miller, who is 105-year-olds, and is known countywide for the service that he continues to give by packing shoeboxes at Christmas time. He is an inspiration.

Blennerhassett Chapter held a very special National Defense Program in Parkersburg. They presented a very deserved Distinguished Citizen Award to Corrina Boggess, the 2022-2023 department commander of the West Virginia VFW. Dr. Boggess talked about her military service where she broke through several glass ceilings during her career.

Chapter Regent Marilyn “Susie” Rogers and the Ohio Valley Chapter put me in the holiday spirit at their annual Christmas luncheon in Sistersville. Member Frannie Weekly encouraged everyone to look for female patriots by researching women who were living in forts in the area at the time of the Revolution. They sent me home with a very heavy box of homemade fudge, which was very much enjoyed by my entire family during the holidays.

I took another fast trip to Headquarters in December to go to the DAR Holiday Open House. I accompanied National Vice Chair Mindy Davis to see all the decorations, especially the tree for the America 250 committee, which was located across from the DAR Museum entrance. Our state chair, Georgette Ward, had supplied an ornament to the decorating committee for our state. It was the silhouette of a minuteman on a blue background encircled with white stars around the edge. I also discovered a WV ornament on the staff tree. I wonder how that one got there. Thank you, ladies, for your help in showcasing West Virginia at this special event.

I got home from the open house, but the holidays didn’t stop there! Trans-Allegheny Chapter invited me to Adaland Mansion in Phillipi for lunch. This restored 1870 Greek Revival mansion had trees and decorations in every room in the house. It was just beautiful. Thank you to Trans-Allegheny Chapter, Regent Theresa Blake for the invitation.

A final event for December was to go to the West Virginia National Cemetery to participate in laying wreaths for Wreaths Across America Day with my chapter. It was a cold, gray day, and the wind was pretty brisk on the hilltop, but lots of volunteers made fast work of covering all of the 6,500 graves. And it was nice to warm up at Tygart Lake State Park afterwards with a bowl of soup.

Marsha Moses, Buford Regent, opened her home to me in January when I visited Buford Chapter. At that meeting, the chapter donated a portrait of an early Huntington resident to the Marshall archives, and we saw some early Huntington memorabilia.

I was really happy to visit Cheat River chapter in early February because they were welcoming a new member, who had had a difficult application. It was so great to see Charity Starcher become a member. Thanks to Chapter Regent Karen Kurilko, Registrar Brenda Hess,

State Registrar Patsy Adkins, State Membership Chair, Joetta McCallister, State Parliamentarian Brenda Cheuvront, and South Branch Valley Registrar Bonnie Myers for working together to unlock this patriot story. It's great to see such wonderful cooperation, especially when you have a successful result.

Also, in early February I participated in another training session that we entitled "The CMR is submitted…now what"? that focused on what committee chairs could do to highlight the work of West Virginia daughters.

And then I was off to DC again to attend the February Board of Management meeting. Your national board stuffed care packages for Friendship Place, found lots of relatives, and visited the Library of Congress to hear about and see artifacts of John Phillip Souza as well as making decisions that will be voted upon during Continental Congress.

In early March, I visited Highlands of the Potomac Chapter for their 1st anniversary. Last year there had been a storm keeping me from attending in-person, but this year I didn't have to attend virtually, as it was a beautiful, sunny day. And the Chapter Regent pin was finally delivered to Organizing Regent, Beverly Chaney, who actually turned it over within a few minutes, when I gave the oath of office to their new officers. Thanks to the organizing officers for providing such a solid foundation for this chapter.

And then State Conference Season began. I traveled to the Virginia State Conference in Richmond, with State Regent Laurie Nesbitt presiding, to represent you. And then to the Ohio State Conference in Columbus, invited by State Regent Susan Leininger, and finally last weekend to the North Carolina State Conference, State Regent Anna Choi, presiding. These visits are very informative and provide a great opportunity to gain experience and observe the workings of DAR within another state.

The year has been a whirlwind, and it has been an amazing experience. I am so grateful for the opportunity to work with such a wonderful organization. Thank you for working so hard and being my inspiration to do the best that I can to represent you.

WVDAR Vice Regent - Sandra Isner-Johnson

The first year as State Vice Regent began with the installation of new officers for the (Pamela Rouse) Wright Administration. I was honored to join newly installed WV State Regent, Jane Larke, on the stage of Constitution Hall at our beautiful DAR home in Washington DC, along with the many other new officers from across the nation. It was a wonderful event. As the newly elected State Vice Regent, I was able to attend the State Vice Regent's Club Luncheon during Continental Congress while meeting other current and former Vice Regents from across the country. It was a great opportunity.

The Vice Regent responsibilities started with the State Information Packets. The State Committee Chairs and State Officers provided information about their respective committees or office that was compiled into the SIP. These were then shared with the Chapter Regents to utilize within their chapters. The complete SIP was also made available to the State Officers, State Committee Chairs, and others upon request.

I was fortunate enough to attend all five district meetings and assisted the State Regent with the presentation of certificates to the respective members and chapters. Some district meetings were in-person, and some were virtual, but ALL were exciting to see the enthusiasm within the districts as they prepared for their upcoming year.

Plans began for the WV Breakfast event that is held each year during the National Convention. The theme for 2023 coincides with the State Regent's Literacy Project and will be held at The Army and Navy Club in DC.

I have attended an eMembership Webinar, a Protocol Meeting, two CMR Zoom Meetings, each of the WVDAR State Officer Meetings, Office Elect Meetings, Executive Committee Meeting, and Board of Management Meeting.

On the chapter level, this State Vice Regent has assisted with installing new members of Old Hickory during the chapter meeting, substituted for the Chapter Chaplain as needed and shared information on the State Regent's projects. Participated in the Ripley 4th of July Parade (dressed to represent Amelia Earhart as one of the Women in American History) and attended the Vietnam Veterans Ceremony at the Jackson County Courthouse; held by Old Hickory Chapter.

Personally, I have completed the Leadership Committee Training course, the GEP II course, and had my fourth Patriot Supplemental approved.

It been a pleasure to serve as the WV State Vice Regent during this Administration.

WVDAR State Chaplain – Barbara Holt

From July 1, 2022, through December 2022, WVDAR have experienced 27 losses of our members with each person's family receiving a sympathy card. We also celebrated 90+ birthdays of 2 women. I attended 5 or the 6 district meetings. When appropriate gave opening and closing pray and scripture. I also completed the Members course.

Across the chapters of West Virginia there were 210 Sunshine Reports given. There were 186 birthday cards sent to those of ages 90+. There were 27 memorial services conducted.

Fourteen of forty-chapter reports participated in the NSDAR Day of Prayer on October 10, 2022.

Thirteen of forty-chapter reports participate in the National Day of Prayer on May 6, 2022.

WVDAR Recording Secretary – Katherine Genung

After being elected to office during the 117th State Conference, held virtually, I began my service to the state society by conferencing with the outgoing WVDAR Recording Secretary, Carolyn Kesterson, who, along with State Regent Elect, Jane Larke, and State Vice Regent Elect, Sandra Isner-Johnson, helped me understand the nuances of my new role. State Regent Elect Larke held a virtual meeting where all the newly elected WVDAR officers were able to get to know each other and Ms. Larke revealed the goals of her administration. This gave me an opportunity, although it was not an "official" meeting, to practice recording the notes of the meeting. I worked with the minutes approval committee to finalize and distribute these minutes. After taking office in July of 2022, I attended the Northern District Meeting held in Parkersburg as well as my own Eastern District Meeting held in Arden in August. While I was away on vacation, Education-Early Childhood Literacy Chair, Cindy Kolsun kindly stood in for me, as Temporary Recording Secretary, for the October Executive Committee meeting and seeing them through the minutes review committee changes. I distributed the minutes to all officers. I began working with the State Parliamentarian and Bylaws Committee Chair on future alterations to the Bylaws. I attended and took the minutes of the Board of Management Meeting held in early spring and saw to the distribution of those approved minutes. I have collected annual reports from State Officers, National & State Committee Chairs, District Directors, and Chapter Regents as well as worked to prepare the Historic Preservation Slideshow to be presented at State Conference. I am becoming well-seasoned in my service to this society.

WVDAR Corresponding Secretary – Cynthia Phillips Kolsun

Madame State Regent, it has been my pleasure to serve as your Corresponding Secretary.

It has been a busy year as West Virginia blooms through service and friendship. In July, I began compiling names and data for the publication of the WVDAR Directory. After getting all

the information, I began compiling the directory. I met with the State Regent to ensure that I had included all the information she wanted in the directory. The directories were available later than expected, so they were distributed at various events, and some were mailed out.

Compiling the Directory was definitely a learning experience, and it was a productive one. I also compiled an on-line directory which is available on the DAR website to all members. I am currently working on a form to send out to Chapter Regents to update officers, names, and address corrections.

I assisted the State Regent when requested. I attended WVDAR Executive Committee meetings held by our State Regent and participated in the WVDAR Board Meeting. I also attended two district meetings, a National Defense Luncheon, and an anniversary celebration for Highlands of the Potomac Chapter.

Madame State Regent, I look forward to serving as Corresponding Secretary for the next two years.

WVDAR Organizing Secretary – Vickie Baker

Serving as West Virginia State Organizing Secretary in the Larke Administration has allowed this officer to *Bloom through Service and Friendship*. This officer also serves the National Society Daughters of American Revolution as National Vice Chair Eastern Central Division Volunteer Genealogists, member of Volunteer Genealogists Committee Supplemental AIRs team, and member of the Insignia Committee as an Insignia Volunteer.

This officer has attended all executive committee meetings, 4 of 5 district meetings, the called virtual State Board of Management meeting, and Chapter Development and Revitalization Committee (CDRC). This officer also posted the application review dates for new members and supplemental applications.

This officer also had the privilege to attend several chapter celebrations: a grave marking by the Bee Line Chapter, Trans-Allegheny Chapter 100th anniversary, Cheat River Chapter 1st anniversary, Old Hickory 10th anniversary, and James Wood Chapter's Guest Day. This officer was also able to join State Regent Jane Larke for a West Virginia Department of Education celebration of the Imagination Library, An Evening with Dolly.

This officer assist the organizing regent for chapter being formed in Newell, WV by answering her questions as she works through the process. This officer organized a set of four family applications and supporting documents in preparation for State Regent Larke's signature.

This officer had several conversations about the disbandment of two chapters. The required process was researched and provided. The chapters have not completed the process. There have also been discussions about a potential chapter forming in Elizabeth. Individuals interested in joining have been encouraged to join neighboring chapters to learn about DAR.

This officer submitted Lantern Chapter proof to the Office of the Organizing Secretary General used information from e-Membership. The following were submitted and approved: Tanner's Cross Roads – Old Hickory; Highlands of the Potomac – South Branch Valley; Cheat River – Woodburn; Woodburn – Col Zackquill Morgan; Old Hickory – James Wood.

As an Insignia Volunteer, I had the opportunity to participate in the Sparkle Weekend in Washington DC at our House Beautiful.

This year, I have been Rejoicing in My DAR Ties of Service and Friendship. My DAR ties of friendship have made this difficult and stressful year bearable. This officer is grateful to every Daughter who helped me though the year. No act is too small between friends.

WVDAR Treasurer – Vicky Shears

July 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 - This officer attended a Zoom meeting with the National Treasurer and attended all five district meetings. Reminded Chapters of the due date for submission of State dues and other contributions. Reminded Chapters of the due date for National dues. Assisted Chapters with questions on dues and other matters. I attended the one-year anniversary celebration of the Cheat River Chapter on October 30, 2022.

State Registrar – Patsy Adkins

As the new WVDAR State Registrar, this State Officer had the privilege of attending four District Meetings in the Summer of 2022, where she met the Chapter Registrars and informed them to contact me if they had problems or concerns. This Officer has helped Chapter Registrars regarding applications, supplementals, or general questions. Specifically, this Officer has assisted the James Barbour Chapter in increasing its membership to 13. In addition, this Officer is proud to announce that nine Chapter Registrars took the free Registrar Course, and several took the GEP Classes.

To assist each Chapter Registrar, Susan Arnold, Volunteer Genealogists Chair, and I held a Zoom Meeting for Chapter Registrars, covering what tasks they would do as a Chapter Registrar. We had over 40 members in attends.

Since the beginning of my term in July 2022 we gained 64 new members in the state. Bringing in the total number of new members at the end of December 2022 to 123.

There are currently 40 active chapters in West Virginia. We were delighted to welcome a new January 22, 2022, Highlands of the Potomac Chapter (WV4066) based in Keyser, WV. Beverly Chaney is the Organizing Chapter Regent, and there were 13 organizing members. National dropped 58 members for non-payment of dues. In 2022, 39 members resigned. On the positive side, six members reinstated their membership, and WVDAR gained 88 new members. Two Chapters, Old Hickory and Wheeling, gained ten new members for 2022. In addition, several Chapters gained four to six new members: Bee Line, Blennerhassett, Cheat River, Colonel Charles Lewis, Elizabeth Zane, Highlands of the Potomac, Kanawha Valley, and South Branch Valley. Congratulations!

Furthermore, in 2022 WVDAR changes occurred in the following categories: deceased – 39; Transfers Out-39 (28 left West Virginia), and Transfers In -31 (20 New to West Virginia). In 2022, this Officer and other WVDAR genealogist specialists resolved issues with several Air Letters that they returned to National for approval. The review team noticed a significant improvement since there were fewer Pre-Letters compared to previous years.

This Officer looks forward to continuing to assist our West Virginia Chapter Registrars and serving in the Larke Administration.

WVDAR Historian – Darla Treat Courtney

During 2022, 100% of West Virginia chapters reported their activities through the Chapter Master Report, with 6 chapters providing additional information to the State Historian on their activities.

A total of 16 chapters reported special activities to honor the men and women who helped achieve American Independence. These included special programs and displays in public areas (Bee Line, Colonel Morgan Morgan, Elk River, Matthew French, Ohio Valley, Pack Horse Ford, Westmoreland), features in chapter newsletters (Elizabeth Zane), Patriot Minutes at chapter meetings (Colonel Zackquill Morgan, Elk River, South Branch Valley), and media features (Bee Line, Old Hickory, Westmoreland). Several chapters also participated in cemetery cleanup and grave markings. or wreath layings to honor those who supported the American cause (Bee Line,

Blackwater, Colonel Morgan Morgan, General Andrew Lewis, Shenandoah Valley, Tanner's Cross Roads, Westmoreland, Wheeling, William Henshaw).

In addition, Beverly Wilson Chaney, the organizing regent of Highlands of the Potomac Chapter, conducted original research on Captain John Ashby, Patriot of the Revolution, which was published by the Council of the Alleghenies (June 2022).

Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter in Fairmont submitted an application for recognizing Julia Augusta Robertson Pierpont (1828-1868), who helped to create Memorial Day, as a "Woman in American History" honoree.

At the state level, former WVDAR state regent and state historian, Cheryl Brown and Mary Johnson, worked to finalize publication of a statewide directory of Patriot burials.

Three (3) chapters reported grave markings during the past year:

Bee Line marked female Patriot Mary Douglass Howell Gardner at Zion Episcopal Churchyard in Charles Town.

Elizabeth Zane marked Private Nathan Gould at Old French Creek Cemetery in French Creek.

Pack Horse Ford marked Patriot Philip Sheetz at Old Lutheran Graveyard in Shepherdstown.

Bee Line Chapter in Charles Town began work to establish a colonial herb garden at Happy Retreat, the historic home of Lieutenant Colonel Charles Washington.

William Henshaw Chapter in Martinsburg supported the Historic Morgan Cabin Association during Berkeley County's 250th anniversary event. Chapter members served as docents at Christ Church, built in 1740 and founded by Morgan Morgan, a founding settler of the county. Six Morgan sons and several grandsons served the Revolutionary cause.

Two members of the Wheeling Chapter, Carol Bell and Ginger Straub Fato were honored as recipients of the West Virginia History Hero Award during "History Day at the Legislature" held in Charleston.

Nominations were not received for the Outstanding Teacher of American History Award; however, Westmoreland Chapter hosted a previous state-level honoree, Sam Cochenour, Jr., for a program on the nation's Founders.

Several chapters celebrated significant milestones, including at least three that reached the century mark (Bee Line, Colonel Morgan Morgan, Matthew French).

WVDAR Librarian – Gail Potter

As the WVDAR State Librarian, I had the privilege of attending 3 District Meetings and the State ZOOM Conference. WVDAR chapters donated 7 books to the NSDAR Library in 2022.

Kanawha Valley Chapter donated, "*Spain, Britain and the American Revolution in Florida 1763-1783*" in memory of Nancy Jean Gill Shifflet. In memory of John Russell Henderickson, "*Shelby County, Ohio Death Records*" was donated. A third book, "*Legacy of African Americans in Western Nebraska: Pioneers, Entrepreneurs and Buffalo Soldiers*" was donated in memory of Lonuel D. Barley.

Pack Horse Ford Chapter donated "*Records of Robert Samuel McClay Hoffman: Undertaker Shepherdstown, West Virginia, and Corresponding Obituaries Volume I, Part I: August 20, 1897-December 31, 1900*. A second book was "*Volume I, Part II: January 1, 1901-August 30, 1906*". These records were transcribed by chapter members Dorrene Hale and Cheryl Brown.

South Branch Valley donated 2 books – "*An Early Teacher in Old Fields and Moorefield: Phillip W. Peck Diary 1826-1845*" in memory of Alice Cunningham Hyde and "*The Cemetery Records of Pendleton County, West Virginia*". Bee Line Chapter presented two burial books to the South Jefferson Public Library. They were "*Tombstone Inscriptions Jefferson County, W.V. 1687-1980*" and "*Burials in Jefferson County, West Virginia 1978-1997*". Pack Horse Ford

Chapter presented Theresa Smith, Director Scarborough Library, Shepherd University a check for $2000 to honor Honorary State Regent Jean Ann Elliott. Money was raised by the sale of a diamond insignia plus a chapter contribution.

Old Hickory Chapter donated over 300 items to the local library including books, DVDs and crafting supplies. Westmoreland Chapter took a trip to the NSDAR Library. Five chapters had programs on the "125th Anniversary of the NSDAR Library". Four chapters started a Book Club. Two chapters made donations totaling $235 to the Library Fund.

Thank you to all chapters for your efforts to support the NSDAR Library and their local libraries.

118TH WV STATE CONFERENCE

2022-2023 District Director Reports

Central District, Georgette Kesler Ward, District Director

The Central District of the West Virginia State Society of Daughters of the American Revolution held its 75th annual meeting on Saturday, August 13, 2022 at the Arthurdale Historic Center Hall, Arthurdale, WV hosted by the Col. Zackquill Morgan Chapter.

Central District Director, Georgette Kesler Ward, called the meeting to order and the Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, American's Creed and singing of the National Anthem was led by Central District daughters. Host Chapter Regent, Elizabeth Satterfield of the Col. Zackquill Morgan Chapter, provided the greeting, and Barbara Channell, Regent of the Col. Morgan Morgan Chapter, delivered the response.

The state regent, Jane Jacobs Larke, and eleven distinguished WV daughters were introduced along with three WV daughters that were appointed to serve on committees for the National Society. Chairs of State and National committees were also introduced. New DAR members and guests were introduced. The registration report indicated there was in attendance 1 State Regent; 7 State Officers; 3 National and East Central Division Vice Chairs; 2 District Directors; 13 Chapter Regents; 12 State Chairs; 50 Central District Daughters; 7 Other District Daughters; and 3 Guests for a total 56 in attendance. The business of the 74th Central District Zoom meeting was voted on and passed. A committee was appointed to approve the minutes for the 75th Central District meeting. The business meeting was conducted, and the treasurer's report was read. A By-Laws Committee was appointed by the district director to review and update the district by-laws. Organizing Regent, Karen Kurilko, was recognized for her work in organizing the new Cheat River Chapter.

State Regent Jane Jacobs Larke delivered her State Regent's Message and reported on the 2022 Continental Congress, the honoring Hershel "Woody" Williams at the National World War II Memorial, Wright administration merchandise, America 250! grants, dues and application fee increases, and upcoming events. State Regent Jacobs Larke presented the theme of her administration, "West Virginia Blooms Through Service and Friendship" along with her State Regent's Projects.

State and National awards were presented to Central District chapters and daughters. A delicious lunch was provided by the Arthurdale Historic Center Hall. The Voices drawings were conducted, and it was voted that all proceeds would be presented to State Regent Jane Jacobs Larke for her state projects along with a personal donation from Pat Goodwin and family to support the projects. The memorial service was conducted by Linda Hinter, Chaplain of the Elizabeth Zane chapter. The courtesy resolutions were given by Ruth Mooney, Elk River Chapter. Laura Fullen, Regent of Daniel Davisson Chapter, invited members to the 76th Central District Meeting to be held in Clarksburg in July 2023. Rudy Vincent, of the George Rogers

Clark, SAR chapter, was thanked for taking photographs during the meeting. Bonita Schreckengost, Chaplain, Tanners Crossroads Chapter, led the benediction and the meeting was adjourned.

Eastern District, Margaret Ways, District Director

Greetings from the Eastern District Director! The Eastern District represents seven chapters: Bee Line, Highlands of the Potomac, Pack Horse Ford, Shenandoah Valley, South Branch Valley, William Henshaw, and Ye Towne of Bath.

This director presided over the 75th Eastern District Meeting of the West Virginia State Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution on Saturday, August 27, 2022 at the Arden United Methodist Church in Martinsburg, West Virginia. The Eastern District was represented by all the Eastern District Chapters with 58 WVDAR members in attendance that included guests from across the state.

The highlight of the meeting was approval of the proposed Eastern District Bylaws and the WVDAR State Regents presentation of her State Regent's projects and goals of the past, present and the future. DARling Voices raised $345.00 which was donated to the State Regents projects. The William Henshaw Chapter hosted the 75th Eastern District Meeting and provided the Continental Breakfast and Lunch.

This Director attended the grave marking by Bee Line Chapter for Patriot Mary Douglass Howell Gardener on October 15, 2022 at the Zion Episcopal Church, Charles Town, West Virginia. Ancestors of the patriot traveled from Tennessee Chapters to attend the ceremony. A lovely reception was held following the grave marking.

A special celebration by the Highlands of the Potomac Chapter on March 5, 2023 was attended by this Director. Two years prior to this date, meetings were held with the WVDAR State Regent Cheryl Brown and DAR members from the Keyser area that began the process of establishing a new chapter in the Keyser, West Virginia. This director was serving as the WVDAR State Organizing Secretary. The Chapter was formed and named the Highlands of the Potomac and became a chapter on March 5, 2022. A one-year anniversary celebration was held at the Keyser Presbyterian Heritage House, Keyser, West Virginia on March 5, 2023. A lovely reception was held following the election of new officers. This chapter has been highly successful in its first year.

Northern District, Lucinda (Tina) Seese, District Director

The Northern District has had a busy and wonderful year, with 33 new members with only losing a few members, either from resignation or passing.

Each of the chapters show commitment in support for our veterans, from the largest amount of donations going to the Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center, as well as donations of cookies and snacks to Veteran's Counseling Center and even cleaning memorial parks, and providing handmade duffle bags with personal supplies, such as toothbrushes and toothpaste, gloves, and scarves for homeless veterans.

Chapters of the Northern District have applied for the 250 grant with each having fantastic ideas for using the funds. Several of our chapters donate to women's crises center, help with stocking food pantries as well as several mission organizations.

Each of the chapters recognize our students from award ceremonies, luncheons and recognizing them among their peers during school recognition day. Another way the chapters are helping students is by supplying newly made braille flags to the blind schools in area.

Constitution week is another big event for the Northern District Chapters, from hanging banners in their local communities, displays in local schools and libraries as well as post offices and the signing of proclamations.

One chapter supported Landstuhl Regional Medical Hospital in Germany, with two large boxes of T-shirts and sweatpants as well as quilts and lap-blankets. Book donations are another item the chapters support such as to local offices, libraries as well as the Clarksburg VA Center, Hindman School and the Chemawa School.

For a small district, many great things are accomplished, and I would like to say it is an honor working with the ladies of these chapters.

Southern District, Samantha Shleser, District Director

This Director would like to report that the members of the Southern District have had an eventful year with all chapters working within communities to help improve their areas and help to alleviate the problems which have manifested due to the COVID epidemic of the past three years.

There is much need in Southern West Virginia, and the DAR Chapters of the Southern District have stepped forward and worked hard to help their citizens with those problems. The Chapters are also working on Prospective Members lists and growing their chapters with several new members.

The Southern District held their yearly meeting on July 23, 2022 at the Holiday Inn in Beckley, West Virginia. The total number attending this meeting was 41. Installation of new officers was conducted by State Regent Jane Larke. Those elected were Samantha Shleser, District Director, Nancy Kornegay District Secretary, and Sandra Cowan District Treasurer.

The Audit Committee gave their report for the years 2019 – 2022 at the meeting by the Chair of the Audit Committee, Beverly Boswell. The Memorial Service was not conducted due to health reasons so next year there will be a combined service for 2022 and 2023. The Darling Auction raised $282.00 which was donated to Veterans at the VA Hospital in Beckley for lunch cards they can use for field trips.

This Director visited the Matthew French Chapter for their monthly meeting at the Robert B. McNutt House in Princeton which will now be their home base through the generous donation of the City of Princeton. After the meeting, a walking tour was given by the members of the chapter and historical sites were visited in the old section of Princeton. Much fun was had by all.

It is with a heavy heart that this Director must report on the loss of five (5) members in our District this past year. Each and every one of our deceased members will be sadly missed. The extra monies in the Tamassee WVDAR account have been reimbursed through the hard work of our State Treasurer, Vickie Shears and our State Regent, Jane Larke, not only to the chapters in the Southern District but also to chapters in other Districts. And Southern District is very grateful that this situation was resolved in a timely manner, and the Chapters were able to donate these amounts to other charitable projects.

This Director has enjoyed working with our new State Regent, Mrs. Jane Larke, and is looking forward to working with her over the next two years.

Western District, Marilyn Oppenheimer, District Director – No Report

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2022-2023 Chairs Of National Committees Reports

America 250

The America 250! Committee had 40 chapters report on the Chapter Master Report. No chapters placed an America 250 Patriot Marker in 2022. April Norris, Kanawha Valley Chapter, is the WVDAR representative for the West Virginia state 250 Commission. There were 2

celebration grants submitted in 2022, but both were still awaiting approval at the end of the reporting period. Fifteen chapters reported successful community events or media effects for the year.

The America 250! Committee recommends the following chapters for awards:

- Small Chapters:1st place – Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter; 2nd place – Westmoreland Chapter; 3rd place – Barboursville Chapter
- Large Chapters: 1st place – Bee Line Chapter; 2nd place – Pack Horse Ford Chapter; 3rd place – Old Hickory Chapter

A Special Achievement Award goes to Bee Line Chapter for the numerous events that they reported and the time and effort they spent in compiling their media documentation for the America 250! Committee.

Georgette Kesler Ward, Chair

American Heritage Committee

Madam State Regent and Distinguished guests, it is an honor to present you with this report that contains information about the wonderful work our state daughters have been doing for and with the American Heritage Committee arts and crafts.

West Virginia had a total of 14 entries in the National American Heritage contest this year that showed a glimpse of our WV Sparkle. Unfortunately, none of our amazing WV Daughters placed on the national level. This Chairperson must add a personal note that through the entries in our 2022 contest she found a new cousin from the Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter. What a nice surprise!

Our chapters were very diligent in preserving and teaching our American Heritage throughout the year. Members performed with a traditional English handbell group playing Christmas music for the chapter Christmas program; partnered with a local SAR, Chapter to create period costumes that were worn by members of both organizations and others at an Historic Open House in Princeton; designed and submitted a Quilt Square for the DAR America 250 Quilt Project; created Heritage Christmas ornaments that were used to decorate trees at a historic home as well as worked to reupholster antique chairs at the same home; we created multiple quilts for babies, veterans, and other community members; crocheted Watch Caps to donate to the Service for Veterans Committee for Christmas stockings distributed to Veterans at the Martinsburg WV Veterans Medical Center; Poppies were crocheted to assist in a Washington State project with the Society of the Tomb Guard; hosted speaker on ‘Colonial Medicine’ that discussed the evolution of heritage medical care in the new world; one chapter reminds us we are all stewards of family heirlooms and to actively work to preserve our American Heritage by learning about, creating, sharing, and teaching about places and things such as historic homes and buildings, presenting historic music at meetings, hosting a booth at the County Fair for children’s crafts, enter and win ribbons at fairs and elsewhere for quilts, photographs, gourd art, needle work, and music. One member created and presented a program entitled ‘Colonial Art – An American Sampler’ that taught members how to create sampler patterns for their Patriot’s Surname. Another member organizes and leads ‘The Camp Horseshoe Quilt Retreat’ twice a year at a local state 4-H camp that teaches others about quilting and how to create their own quilts. She was included in the Fall 2022 edition of WV Living Magazine.

Our theme for the 2024 contest will be "Celebrating Stars & Stripes - Forever in Our Hearts Through the Arts!" The historic costume era will be the Belle Epoch period 1890-1899 in commemoration of the Spanish-American War.

It has been my pleasure to serve as your American heritage State Chair, and I look forward to what joys this new year will bring!

Anna Chandler, Chair

American History

As the world started to return to normal after the pandemic, WV Daughters were busy. It was a lot of work getting back into schools and public buildings, but we were still busy teaching, preserving, and honoring our ancestors.

We honored Women in American History from the past to the present. Awards were made to these women, and we also had many programs on the women that made us what we are.

We had many displays in public places. Bee Line has a tree in the VA Med Center that they decorate monthly with a historic theme.

Matthew French was preserving their history by helping preserve the history of McNutt House, the oldest house in Princeton (pre-Civil War). The history of the chapter is also being preserved in this building.

We have educated ourselves as well as others with quizzes on history. We learned about National Parks, how music and history go together, the roles of taverns, and the role of women in the westward movement.

We dressed in period costumes to lay wreaths and present programs to children. We had a presence at local fairs and festivals. We put up displays and were able to tell the public about DAR and our mission.

We also were present when Hershel "Woody" Williams was laid to rest. We had a presence in the local media. We laid a wreath in his honor, and we visited the Rotunda to pay our respects.

WV Daughters were busy despite the limitations of the pandemic. Our voices were heard and seen in local newspapers and on television as we continue to preserve our history.

Randi Gray, Chair

American Indians – No Report

Americanism

Fifteen WVDAR Chapters submitted for the 2022 term. Of the fifteen Chapters, three indicated that they had referred to the DAR Manual for Citizenship located in the DAR Members Website. All fifteen Chapters were involved in some capacity with naturalization functions.

All chapters described ways that distributed U.S. Flag. America's Creed, or copies of the Pledge of Allegiance materials. There were two chapters who showed outstanding involvement in Americanism. Members of Bee Line Chapter and Ye Towne of bath submitted outstanding activities. They were both co-contributors to the ideals of Americanism. For 2023, all chapters can strive to participate in two more activities which will reflect Americanism efforts for WVDAR.

Every chapter is encouraged to find out where Naturalization ceremonies are being held closest to your chapter location and support them. Contact the following to get that information: US Immigration and Naturalization Service, 210 Kanawha Blvd. W, Charleston, WV 25302 (304-347-5766)

Karen E. Taylor, Chair

Children of the American Revolution

In West Virginia, we have 5 DAR chapters, Colonel Charles Lewis; Kanawha Valley; Old Hickory; Pack Horse Ford; and Shenandoah Valley; that support the following chapters respectively Fort Randolph Chapter; Kanawha Salines; West Augusta; Henrietta Bedinger Lee; and John Augustine Washington. Several of the other DAR chapters within the state have donated funds to CAR; as well as our state society donating to CAR each year.

Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter had a program led by the CAR members, while both Kanawha Valley Chapter and Ohio Valley Chapter participated in local CAR Day of Service projects in April. All 5 supporting DAR chapters have members that go to CAR meetings as well as having at least one DAR member serving as a Senior Leader in the C.A.R. Societies. Grace Parsons Arthur, Chapter Regent for the Old Hickory Chapter is also WV C.A.R. State President.

Below is what each chapter reported on the CMR:

- The Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter provided many hours of service assisting the CAR in making apple butter in a copper kettle for Battle Days on October 7 and 8, 2022. Thereafter we sold the apple butter at our local courthouse to members of the public.
- The Old Hickory Chapter gave materials to our local C.A.R. group for Constitution Week for their annual program at their September meeting. Multiple C.A.R. members participated with us for our annual 4th of July parade and Veterans Day Parade. We also had a couple younger members help us with a historic preservation project in cleaning a local cemetery.
- The Pack Horse Ford Chapter local C.A.R. members participated with us in the Shepherdstown Independence Day Parade, the Shepherdstown Christmas Parade, our Philip Sheetz grave marker dedication ceremony, our February chapter anniversary luncheon and ceremony, and our Vietnam War era veteran's breakfast in November. The C.A.R. members also made a donation to our chapter's Veterans Christmas Stocking project for patients at the VA Medical Center in Martinsburg.
- The John Augustine Washington Society made valentine cards for Veterans in February. The group was very productive. They also participated in "ringing the bells" in September, our day of service in October, and laying a wreath at War Memorial Park in November.

Grace Parsons Arthur, Chair

Commemorative Events

West Virginia daughters have done a fantastic job on Commemorative Events. The topics selected by the Wright Administration gives members endless opportunities to shine a light on the milestones that shaped our country. I proudly recognize the Shining Stars who received National Awards during the 2022 Continental Congress.

Pattie Norman of Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter was awarded "Outstanding State DAR Member Honoring and Thanking Vietnam Veterans." Bee Line Chapter received first place on 400th Anniversary of the Mayflower, Old Hickory Chapter received first place for largest number of Vietnam Veterans Honored, and Pack Horse Ford Chapter received Honorable Mention for 20th Anniversary of 9-11.

A total of 222 daughters celebrated the "stars and stripes" in 4th of July events. The number of Chapters participating in the following Events were; (12) on the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War., (3) on the 50th Anniversary of the NASA Space Shuttle Program, (1) on 125th Anniversary 1923 Dar Hospital Corps, (1) on 125th Anniversary Spanish & American War, (6) on 150th Anniversary Yellowstone National Park, (2) on 200 Anniversary Lafayette Farewell Tour, (1) on 200th Anniversary of the Santa Fe Trail (1) on Celebrate Bernardo de Galvez, (1) Grave Marking, (5) Anniversary Teas, and several other miscellaneous events. As State Committee chair, I selected reports from (9) small chapters and (8) large chapters to receive state awards.

Best reports from Pack Horse Ford Chapter, Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter, and Bee Line Chapter were submitted to the East Central Division. In addition, I completed the Members Course, Committee Course, and attended a committee leaders zoom meeting. I have submitted announcements to the SIP and DAR media pages.

Barbara Channell, Chair

Community Classroom

The committee chair has been learning during the first few months of her State Community Classroom term that she should have done so much more after seeing some postings on Facebook. A welcome letter was sent, and a phone call answered concerning chapter regents being able to claim activities on the CMR Community Classroom report.

Hopefully for the beginning of 2023 school year, chapters could become more involved in the Community Classroom Committee by possibly ordering books through Scholastic at school(s) to donate to libraries or Book Vending Machines, donate books to schools that have a Book Swap Program, get involved in book fairs and Read-Aloud Programs.

Colleen Stotler, Chair

Community Service Awards – No Report

Conservation

The WVDAR Conservation Committee is pleased to announce that the West Virginia Daughters are truly dedicated to doing their part for conservation and the environment. The over 60 projects submitted separately or listed as part of the CMR range from feeding the birds and planting flower gardens to saving the chestnut trees, planting a historical garden, and recycling anything they can. Each action, no matter how small or large, is vital to making our beautiful state and world sparkle.

The First Place Conservation Award winner goes to Bee Line Chapter. They combined conservation and historic preservation to design and plant an authentic colonial garden on the grounds of *Happy Retreat*, the former home of Revolutionary War Patriot Col. Charles Washington. The garden's 4 beds include culinary, medicinal, family and pollinator plants.

The Second Place Conservation Award goes to Zackquill Morgan Chapter. In honor of Earth Day 2022, their chapter members reconstructed a wooden trellis and replanted clematis on a 1930's stone structure which is now the main museum for Arthurdale Heritage, one of 99 communities built by the government during the depression.

The Third Place Conservation Award goes to Cheat River Chapter. Members cleaned the Maplewood Cemetery, removed the wreaths from Wreaths Across America and 10 bags of trash. They also cleaned the Tunnelton Rails to Trails and planted 100 trees along the trail.

The First Place Conservation Award for an Individual Project goes to Shenandoah Valley Chapter's Margie Ways. Her "Saving the Bees and Butterflies" pollinator project highlights her love of gardening. She is a member of the Pollinator Partnership and uses only environmentally methods for fertilizing and keeping pests out of her garden.

The Second Place Conservation Award for an Individual Project is Ohio Valley Chapter's Roberta Gellner. To make her yard more appealing to different species of birds, Roberta built a feeding stations using fallen tree branches, mulch, and a variety of different sized stones.

Thirty-two of the 40 chapters submitted reports this year. There were 60 projects with 21 chapters participating. Twenty-eight chapters had a total of 192 Conservation Minutes at their meetings. Two chapters even added a Conservation Minute to their written agenda or newsletter. Fourteen chapters participated in Arbor Day activities and 9 members visited a DAR Forest. Twenty-three chapters planted and maintained 192 pollinator gardens. Forty-two members participated in or organized community clean-ups throughout the state.

One chapter awarded the NSDAR Conservation Award: Woodburn Chapter successfully nominated Chris Lawrence, creator and host of the weekly "WV Outdoors" radio program, for the award. The Regent and Registrar presented the award to Mr. Lawrence at the Southern District Meeting in July of 2022.

Recycling activities were also noted in the 2022-chapter reports. Chapter regents made mention of their diligent members who recycle paper, cans, bottles, plastic, and cardboard whenever possible and are striving to reduce their use of plastic.

The West Virginia Daughters continue to care for the conservation and environment of our beautiful state.

Margaret Ashby, Chair

Constitution Week

The West Virginia Chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution had 100% reporting for this year. Everyone did an outstanding job in promoting Constitution Week throughout the state. Every corner of the state was shown the power of Constitution Week through over 275 displays set up in various cities, libraries, and schools. Downtown storefronts and streets were decorated, and banners were hung. Newspapers and radio stations were used for broadcasting with 30 spot announcements from one chapter. Print media and Facebook were also used.

The Morgantown Chapters couldn't celebrate their Constitution Week event on Sept. 17th due to a West Virginia University football game. Due to traffic and inability to schedule a meeting, the chapters improvised with media. They purchased a Constitution Week advertisement on the WVU Jumbotron , which was seen by over 50,000 attendees, for the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution celebrating the 235th birthday of the Constitution – "America's Greatest Document".

There were 201 Proclamations obtained. The 40 chapters passed out 9,154 kits, coloring pages and bookmarks. Bells were rung. Programs were given on the Preamble, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights. Chapters had floats in parades. One of our newest chapters had 10 Proclamations.

I thank each and every one of you for working hard to show the spirit of our Constitution. Our West Virginia Daughters have certainly Bloomed Through Service and Friendship.

Carolyn S. Kesterson, Chair

DAR Genealogy Commission

The DAR Genealogy Commission is new for the Wright Administration. The purpose of the commission is to coordinate the genealogy work of the society to improve the quality of submitted applications. The committees included in the DAR Genealogy Commission include Application Task Force (national only), DAR DNA Network (national only), DAR Genealogy Preservation, Genealogical Records, Lineage Research, Patriot Records Project, Specialty Research (national only), and Volunteer Genealogist.

The review dates for new member applications and supplemental applications have been added to the DAR Genealogy Commission page on the Members Only national website (members.dar.org). Previously, these dates were only available to those members with e-Membership access. Periodically, this chair has posted these dates on the WVDAR Facebook page.

Vickie Lynn Fulks Baker, Chair

DAR Genealogy Preservation

The DAR Genealogy Preservation Committee has essentially wrapped up the indexing of the Supporting Documentation Project and the Descendants Project. Volunteers for the Supporting Documentation Project have identified and indexed the lineage records submitted with applications and supplementals. These records are identified by their type: vital records, military

records, bible records, census, etc. Volunteers for the Descendants Project transcribed the information found on the lineage page of DAR applications and Supplementals. This project will still maintain a small group of volunteers to transcribe paper applications for this project.

Special Kudos to Delores (Geneal) Bailey from the Old Hickory Chapter who has done an outstanding job as a DAR Preservation Committee certifier over the last year.

Eight West Virginia DAR Members contributed to these projects during 2022; indexing 432 records to basically finish the two projects; therefore, volunteer participation was low. They are Grace Arthur and Joanna McKown from Old Hickory Chapter, Heidi Ware from Bee Line Chapter, April Wallace and Georgette Ward from Elizabeth Zane Chapter, Heather Harrison from Kanawha Chapter, Vickie Baker from Tanner's Cross Roads Chapter and Cynthia Harper from Woodburn Chapter.

We look forward to starting the newly approved Microfiche Project this year that will work on digitizing approximately three million early supporting documents submitted with applications from the 1950's through the mid 1980's. It is estimated that it will take from 6 months to a year before volunteers can begin categorizing the documents.

Deborah I. Popenoe, Chair

DAR Good Citizens

This year 18 chapters in West Virginia reported DAR Good Citizens activities. Forty-nine DAR Good Citizens were recognized. There were 9 entries in the scholarship essay contest. A total of 40 schools contacted the state and participated in the DAR Good Citizens Scholarship; two of the schools were new participants. A total of $3,155 cash and gifts in kind were awarded to the Good Citizens in West Virginia.

Darlene Frederick, Chair

DAR Leadership Training

I was appointed DAR Leadership Training State Coordinator on July 1, 2022. The following month in August, I attended the Eastern District Meeting and went to each table and introduced myself. It was a great opportunity, 58 members attended. At the One Hundred and Eighteen State Conference, May 5-7, 2023 I distributed 26 cords/certificates to members who completed the DAR Leadership Training Courses. Among those graduates I also distributed the Triad Award to members who completed all three of the courses, Triple Crown Winners! National also promoted the Chapter Member Training Awards which consist of Twinkling Stars, Shooting Stars, North Stars, Sparklers and Starburst Awards. I was proud to distribute two Twinkling Star Awards, to Old Hickory Chapter and Col. Morgan Morgan Chapter. I also distributed three Above and Beyond Awards to members/chapters who did an exceptional job on their course project and accomplishing the National Challenge. The recipients were Jane Larke, Georgette Ward and Barbara Channell. I also executed a DAR Leadership Training Workshop for the William Henshaw Chapter where 12 members attended and it was very successful, two members signed up for courses, completed the courses and graduated from the State Conference.

The members completing courses are as follows:

Members Course: Stacey Adams, Susan Armond, Grace Arthur, Delores Bailey, Vickie Baker, Cheryl Brown, Debbie Burge, Stephanie Burns, Tracy Burns, Kim Casdorph, Barbara Channell, Dorothy Cornell, Loretta Dawson, Andrea Duckworth, Heather Farley, Margaret Foley, Julia Gates, Roberta Gellner, Patricia Goodwin, Beth Niggemyer-Goodwin, Patricia Haught, Brenda Hess, Catherine Hinkle, Deborah Hoback, Barbara Holt, Sandra Isner-Johnson, Lisa Jackson, Mary Johnson, Mary Jones, Linda Keeling, Helene Kerns, Lois Kimble, Joanne Krishack, Jane Larke, Mary Lauderman, Teresa Lomasney, Judith Mathias, Joanna McKown,

Stella Moon, Bonnie Myers, Pattie Norman, R. Christine Painter, Tami Reeves, Mickie Richardson, Carolyn Scheydt, Karen Seguin-Barton, Teresa Smith, Mara Squires, Tammy Taylor, April Wallace, Georgette Ward, Patricia Ware, Linda Whitman, Heidi Wilkinson, Tracy Zang.

Committee Leaders Course: Grace Arthur Vickie Baker, Julie Boggess, Cheryl Brown, Debbie Burge, Barbara Channell, Malinda Davis, Andrea Duckworth, Heather Farley, Patricia Goodwin, Beth Goodwin-Niggemyer, Patricia Haught, Catherine Hinkle, Sandra Isner-Johnson, Lois Kimble, Jane Larke, Judith Mathias, Joanna McKown, Bonnie Myers, Pattie Norman, R. Christine Painter, Tami Reeves, Mickie Richardson, Carolyn Scheydt, Lucinda Seese, Karen Seguin-Barton, Teresa Smith, April Wallace, Georgette Ward.

New Horizons Course: Grace Arthur*, Vickie Baker*, Cheryl Brown*, Debbie Burge*, Stephanie Burns, Barbara Channell*, Andrea Duckworth*, Heather Farley*, Patricia Goodwin*, Heather Harrison, Patricia Haught*, Catherine Hinkle*, Sandra Isner-Johnson*, Mary Johnson, Lois Kimble*, Jane Larke*, Joanna McKown*, Bonnie Myers*, Pattie Norman*, R. Christine Painter*, Tami Reeves*, Mickie Richardson*, Carolyn Scheydt*, Karen Seguin-Barton*, Teresa Smith*, April Wallace* (* denotes Triad Award – completion of all three courses).

Above and Beyond Awards

Barbara Channell – for getting all of her Executive Committee to complete the courses, plus the team effect of helping an Executive Member who is disabled to complete the course. It was a team effort.

Jane Larke – for completion of all modules on the courses.

Georgett Ward – Out of this World Contest as her project. Design an experiment that can be used on the International Space Station. This was for 5th, 6th, and 7th grade students.

Twinkling Stars Awards

Old Hickory

Colonel Morgan Morgan

Carolyn Scheydt, Chair

DAR Library Outreach – No Report

DAR Magazine

This chair is pleased to report that we had 100% completion of the CMR Report for 2022. West Virginia has thirty-five (35) of the forty (40) chapter regents who subscribe to the American Spirit Magazine and of our 1,862 members we have 443 members who subscribe to the magazine. We had 298 meetings where the President General's Message was read from the Daughters Newsletter.

Our forty (40) chapters sponsored the DAR Co-Op pages for the Magazine. The state sponsored two pages honoring our State Regent and the activities of the state. Members enjoy reading the American Spirit and the Daughters Newsletter. Chapters donated articles to the Chapter Section of the newsletter.

Chapters use the American Spirit and Daughters Newsletter as a vital tool to support both the expansion of knowledge and an enhanced sense of community across the organization in that it provides them with the goals of the society. Chapters have started including the subscription to their annual dues sheet making it easier for members to purchase. Many members are using the online purchasing option of the magazine subscription as well. Some members even use the option of purchasing their subscription at Congress.

Several chapters and members gift local high schools, public libraries, Department of Veterans Affairs, and family members of the American Spirit magazine. One chapter reported that family members read the articles in the magazine and that it provides them with topics of discussion. Members share their magazines with those who are on a fixed income and are unable

to purchase a subscription. Many members love the patriot stories, recipes and the listing of the new patriots.

Awards:

- Articles published in the Daughters Newsletter
  - First Place - Bee Line Chapter, First Place - Peters Mountain Chapter, First Place - Ye Towne of Bath Chapter
- Donations of magazine subscriptions to other organizations.
  - First Place - James Wood Chapter, Second Place - Ohio Valley Chapter
- For Using Magazine Articles in a Unique Way.
  - First Place - Matthew French Chapter

Malinda Davis, Chair

DAR Museum Outreach – No Report

DAR Podcast – No Report

DAR Project Patriot

The West Virginia Daughters supported DAR Project Patriot Committee by participating in national and individual chapter projects, volunteer hours and monetary contributions. Twenty-six chapters reported activities. On the National level, chapters sent over 3340 cards supporting Operation Cards to the Military, 2150 coupons with a weight of 22 pounds for Coups for Troops, 30 baby blankets to the Overseas Baby Blanket Project and 5 boxes sent to the Chaplains Closet at Landstuhl Medical Center in Germany.

At the Chapter level $5980 monetary value was donated to various projects including sending packages to active military, stockings for soldiers, supporting children of active-duty military, and sending packages for the USO. Daughters also continue to wear red on Fridays to Remember Everyone Deployed.

First Place Award (small chapter) went to Anne Royal Chapter for their generous donations and contributions to Landstuhl Medical Center, Overseas Baby Blanket project, cards sent to active military and monetary donations to chapter Project Patriot activities.

First Place Award (large chapter) went to Bee Line Chapter for their generous support to children of active-duty military, sending 1600 cards to Military Mail Campaign, presentation of colors and the Pledge of Allegiance at the U.S. Capitol for the presentation of the Animals in War and Peace Medals, and packages routinely sent to active-duty military.

Second Place Award went to Pack Horse Chapter for their generous support of the Military Mail Campaign by sending 480 cards and packages that were Valentine’s Day and Memorial Day themes. The chapter gave generous monetary donations to continue this initiative.

Third Place Award went to Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans Chapter for their generous support of Landstuhl Medical Center, Stockings for Soldiers, wish list donations for Warrior Family Support and Camp Pendleton, CA, supporting the Holiday for Hero’s program and donating football tickets through WV Hero’s program so active-duty military could enjoy a football game.

Special Recognition went to Marilyn Bremilst, Bee Line Chapter for her Military Mail Campaign sending cards to active-duty military for 25 years. She sent 1600 signed cards for the Holiday Card Challenge this year. Over the years, she has sent well over 20,000 cards and has received many return letters and photographs. She remains in contact with several people. She begins writing cards in January and works through the year.

Madame State Reagent, I am honored to serve.

Stephanie Burns, Chair

DAR Scholarship

West Virginia Daughters can Celebrate Stars & Stripes Forever by sharing information about scholarships offered by the DAR Scholarship Committee. The National Society offers a variety of scholarships. Students applying for scholarships do so online utilizing the scholarship portal which is open for the upcoming academic year from November 1st through January 31st. The scholarships are awarded and judged without regard to gender, race, color, religion, national origin, or disability. The DAR Members website has links to the application and instructions as well as information on the multiple scholarships available to students many or which are offered for multiple years if the student qualifies.

The West Virginia State Society awards the Blanche Reymann Scholarship each year. For 2022 there was one recipient awarded $1,000.00. West Virginia DAR Chapters also sponsored and awarded eighteen scholarships totaling $17,500.00 to students. The scholarships reported by West Virginia Chapters range in amounts from $50.00 up to $1,500.00 each.

The West Virginia DAR Scholarship Committee is pleased to honor chapters with outstanding scholarship activity. First Place for 2022 is presented to James Wood Chapter based on six scholarships totaling $9,000.00, Regent Mary Jane Richards. Second Place for 2022 is presented to Bee Line Chapter based on three scholarships totaling $3,000.00, Regent Alice McCarthy. Two chapters are presented Third Place recognition for 2022, Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Col. John Evans Chapter based on two scholarships totaling $3,000.00 along with a $250 scholarship to the chapter's DAR Good Citizen winner, Regent Susan Arnold; and Pack Horse Ford Chapter based on two scholarships totaling $2,000.00, Regent Cynthia Nicewarner. The Committee also presents two 2022 Honorable Mention recognition to Westmoreland Chapter, Regent Marilyn Oppenheimer and the Ohio Valley Chapter, Regent Marilyn "Susie" Rogers both chapters presented scholarships to DAR Good Citizen recipients.

This Committee Chair is proud of West Virginia Daughters' commitment to education and encourages all chapters to share the national information with their local schools and community.

Christina Rumbach, Chair

DAR School

"Schools are the Jewels of DAR" - Who could have imagined the flooding of 2022? DAR Schools are Kate Duncan Smith (KDS) DAR School and DAR Approved Schools Berry College, Crossnore School and Children's Home, Hillside School and Hindman Settlement School. The West Virginia Chapters of DAR have donated over $450 to DAR Schools in 2022. Ohio Valley Chapter Daughter Sonya Billiter's family honored her compassion for DAR Schools by suggesting donations to Hindman Settlement School.

Kanawha Valley Chapter sent school supplies to Crossnore School and Children's Home. Bird House kits were sent to Hindman Settlement School for after school Art Club. Granola Bars were sent to Kate Duncan School for their Patriot Pantry. Beginning in August, 2022 the Chapter adopted a cottage of 9 boys at Crossnore School. The boys were sent Birthday Cards with gift cards and for Christmas, a popcorn tin and cornhole game. Peters Mountain Chapter sent 10 lbs. of seeds to Hindman Settlement School for their seed exchange and school use.

I was overwhelmed with the compassion, generosity and creativity of the West Virginia Daughters. Hindman Settlement school still needs our help. Thank you WVDAR.

Pamela Brush, Chair 2022-2025

DAR Service for Veterans

Service to Veterans is a high priority for West Virginia Daughters. Nearly every chapter, including our newest chapter, finds a way to provide support to veterans and to honor their

service. Veterans were supported in their communities, nursing homes, at Fisher House, and in Veteran's Affairs Medical Centers. Support came in the form of cards and letters of thanks, homemade items like slippers, afghans and quilts, activity items including books and puzzles, and personal hygiene items. 45 backpacks and duffle bags stuffed with supplies were donated to homeless veterans. Student veterans at WVU were treated each month to homemade baked goods. Veterans received gifts in remembrance of their service, Valentine Cards, and Christmas presents. Pack Horse Ford continued their tradition of gifting homemade Christmas stockings to the veterans at the CAT 5/Substance Abuse Services Residential Program. 90 stockings in 2022.

Twenty chapters found ways to support women veterans. Hygiene items specific to the needs of women and clothing were all donated. Matthew French Chapter presented a quiz about women's service during the Vietnam War. At least two chapters participated in baby showers. In the case of Bee Line Chapter, they are in their 6th year and provided support to 47 veteran mothers. In an effort to increase support for the women veterans and to build cooperative partnerships, Bee Line recruited another organization to participate resulting in additional bags filled with items specifically for the veteran mothers. Nineteen chapters reported volunteer hours related to veteran activities and six reported youth volunteers as well. A total of 4,804 volunteer hours were reported in support of our veterans.

Chapters honored our veterans through participation in Memorial Day and Veteran's Day events and parades. Several chapters invited veterans to meals in their honor. Of note were Pack Horse Ford's "Welcome Home Breakfast" for Vietnam Veterans where 34 Vietnam era veterans received lapel pins and certificates, Shenandoah Valley Chapter's dinner for 30 veterans, and Buford Chapter's Veteran's Day party for 42 resident veterans at a local retirement community.

Twenty-three chapters participated in Wreaths Across America. A total of 1,740 wreaths were purchased and placed. C.A.R. members, family and friends assisted. Community support was a key to success as highlighted by Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Col John Evans Chapter.

Four chapters supported Honor Flights. They raised money to make the flights possible, provided funds and volunteers, participated in ceremonies and worked with schools to provide cards for Welcome home bags.

Two West Virginia Daughters answered President General Van Buren's call to crochet poppies for the Stonehenge Memorial Never Forget Garden in Goldendale, Washington. Katherine Genung, Pack Horse Ford Chapter sent 13 poppies and Judy Mathias, South Branch Valley Chapter, sent 15.

West Virginia Daughters are recognized for their dedication, their service, and their selfless sharing of their time. They involved local youth – helping to instill gratitude for the veteran's service. They found many ways to involve their communities bringing additional support to the veterans while shining a light on DAR.

Heidi Ware

Genealogical Records

It has been a busy six months leaning about how to submit genealogical records and about the DAR GRC indexing system. A brochure was sent out to all state chapters encouraging members to prepare and copy Bible records and Cemeteries for the committee. The Ohio Valley Chapter is working on indexing records from a local funeral home. No submissions have been received to date. I plan to further encourage our WV Chapters to submit digital unpublished records to our WV GRC Committee during the next year.

Tracy Zang, Chair

Historic Preservation

The West Virginia Historic Preservation Committee wishes to present the following chapters and individuals who have participated in Historic Preservation within our beautiful state.

Cemetery Preservation: Kanawha Valley regularly visits the Donel C. Kinnard Veteran's Memorial Cemetery to place flags on graves for Memorial and for Veteran's Day and participates in Wreaths Across America, raising enough money to place 133 wreaths this past December. April Norris is the caretaker of a historic cemetery with over 500 graves. She has drawn and shared on Facebook an interactive map where clicking on the deceased's name pulls up Find-A-Grave ink which she updates with pictures and obituaries.

The Westmoreland Chapter participates in Wreaths Across America at Crescent Hill Cemetery in Ceredo, WV. The chapter made donations, sent press releases, set up a table and served hot drinks and cookies to the public and procured the JROTC drill team from Spring Valley High School to present colors. The students and Commander stayed to assist in placing the wreaths. They are conducting an ongoing project with the Crescent Hill Cemetery Board, assisting them in obtaining military markers for unmarked veterans graves. They are trying to locate the remaining 91veterans family members to obtain DD-214s and other discharge/military records necessary for getting stones and completing paperwork. There are from various wars without military markers.

Colonel Charles Lewis, along with a program, have two (2) ladies who regularly visit and clean stones. Pack Horse Ford's member Janet Younkin cleans and preserves tombstones at the African American Cemetery at Tolson's Chapel near Sharpsburg, Maryland.

Ye Town of Bath is currently planning the cleanup of a cemetery and have received a grant of $1000 to begin.

Historical Preservation: Matthew French Chapter has moved into the historic McNutt house in Princeton where remodeling has begun. Internet and donated items have been added. An open house was held in December, and plans are underway by the chapter to work on this and the historic area where the house sits in Princeton, WV.

Colonel Morgan Morgan's Barbara Chanell digitized over 1000 pages of member's applications and documented two quilts. Highlands of the Potomac donated $150 to two museums. The Ohio Valley Chapter honored History Heroes and rang bells at St. Mary's Museum for Constitution Week. Pack Horse Ford Chapter member Nicole Saunders-Meske serves as Shepherdstown and Landmarks. Commission and Kim Sencindiver toured Historic Poly Dorsey Graben Fault.

Shenandoah Valley had a program by Jack Gary on "Lost Colonial Garden" of John Custis who was the first father-in-law to Martha Washington. The Kanawha Valley Chapter's member April Norris serves as Vice President of the Raleigh County Historical Society and Director of the Cartography Club. The Westmoreland Chapter's member Marilyn Oppenheimer serves on the board of the Ceredo, WV's Wreaths Across America board.

Preservation Grants: Several chapters have expressed a desire to apply for a grant but were unable to meet the deadline.

April Gardner Norris, Chair

Insignia

This chair is pleased with the number of insignia pins purchased. Members know how to use the Insignia Store online. This chair wrote an article for the Fall West Virginia News pointing out new pins, especially the Lantern and Legacy pins. This Chair is always available for programs or to assist individuals or chapters with Insignia questions.

This Chair nominated Vickie Baker, Old Hickory Chapter, to be recognized for her service to the Insignia Committee. Vickie has worked the Insignia table at Congress. She has been trained

to verify members' eligibility to purchase pins and to complete their purchase. Vickie has attended all district meetings and displayed placement of her President General's pins on a separate right-hand ribbon. She had worn her insignia proudly at grave markings and other local events.

It is a pleasure to serve as West Virginia Insignia Chair.

Sally Ann Greenfield, Chair

Junior American Citizens – No Report

Junior Membership

The West Virginia Junior Membership has grown this year. We are at 67 Junior Members. Congratulations chapters! I want to encourage ALL Chapters to have an Outstanding Junior as we are wanting to make West Virginia Junior's shine! I am proud to say this is the first year in many years we have had a State Outstanding Junior. Congratulations Allison Kessinger from Anne Bailey Chapter. Let's make Junior Hears Sparkle in Service!

Katherine Brown, Chair

Lineage Research

Fifteen chapters appointed a Chapter Lineage Chair in their chapter. Thirty-three Daughters served on chapter Lineage Research Committees. Prospective Member lineage workshops were held, attended by at least 10 prospective members. Twelve Chapter registrars or chapter members conducted Supplemental Application Workshops. Forty-two Daughters attended Lineage workshops offed by other chapters or our state leaders. Twelve-chapter members serve on a State Application Team (SAT). We had 14 requests for research assistance from our State Registrar or State Lineage Research Committee chair. We had 7 requests for assistance forwarded on to the National Lineage Research Committee.

The WVDAR Registrar, Patsy Adkins, along with this Chair produced a pamphlet that was included in the WV Date Packet for Regents. This Chair requested members submit a list of genealogical research books that they may own so members can share information. At least one chapter has done this, that included many county marriage books from Virginia and West Virginia. As part of the virtual 117th WVDAR State Conference, Cindy Nicewarner, Susan Arnold and Mary Johnson presented a program entitled "Tips and Tricks for Finding Not So Obvious Records." Materials covered included accessing online records in WV County Courthouses, using Family Search to find deeds and using the WV State Archives to find county court records. WVDAR daughter Blye Grove assisted "Find-A-Grave" by driving and locating cemeteries and graves, sending photos to "Find-A-Grave." In August Captain James Allen Chapter participated in the world's largest Family Reunion (Lilley/Lilly Reunion), providing genealogy help and showing how descendants of Robert Lilly could become DAR members. Susan Arnold and Patsy Adkins present a Zoom session on Application Basics on Sept. 8, 2022, which was open to all WVDAR members, especially chapter registrars. Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Col. John Evans Chapter sponsored a Lineage Society Open House at the Aull Center Local History & Genealogy House that is connected with the Morgantown Public Library. The event was held October 15, 2022, from 10-1 as part of a celebration of Family History Month. Representatives from various lineage societies, including DAR, Daughters of American Colonists, Daughters of the War of 1812, the Mayflower Society, Daughters of Colonial Wars, and Dames of the Court of Honor were on hand to answer questions and provide information about membership. Several DAR prospective members attended.

The following WVDAR chapters and individuals are honored for Lineage Research:

- Large Chapters (50 or more members): 1st place: Pack Horse Ford; 2nd place: Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Col. John Evans; 3rd place: Captain James Allen; Honorable Mention: Anne Bailey

- Small Chapters (less than 50 members): 1st place: Highlands of the Potomac; 2nd place: Matthew French

Individuals to be honored: Cindy Nicewarner (Pack Horse Ford); Susan Arnold (Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Col. John Evans); Cheryl Brown (Pack Horse Ford); Mary Johnson (Ann Bailey); Bonnie Myers (South Branch Valley); Blye Grove (Ohio Valley)

Linda Link Whitman, Chair

Literacy Promotion

Eleven chapters tutored, assisted, or promoted literacy in both adults and children. The total number of chapter members participating in literacy programs was 184. The total number of hours tutoring, assisting, or promoting literacy in adults was 459. The total number of hours spent tutoring, assisting, or promoting literacy in children was 1705.

Chapter members donated a total of 2104 books to promote literacy. Monetary donations given directly to literacy projects from chapters and members was $1755. Two chapters nominated a member for the Literacy Promotion Contest. Two chapters nominated chapter projects for the Literacy Promotion Contest. The nominations were forwarded to the Literacy Promotion Committee East Central Division Vice Chair. One chapter created a Literacy Proclamation.

One of the ways a chapter and chapter members promoted literacy for children was the creation of "literacy bags" containing items to promote literacy skills. The bags were donated to local schools. Some chapters provided books for schools and day care centers. Members worked directly with children in schools, nurseries, and daycare centers to develop their reading skills. Members were also encouraged to read to their children and grandchildren and to volunteer for the Read Aloud program. One member has written more than six stories for children which she shares with schools. She wrote them for her grandchildren. Coloring books and bookmarks have been provided for pre-K classes.

Chapters and chapter members promoted literacy in adults by reading to residents in nursing homes and discussing the reading with them. A member serves as a tutor and is on the board for Literacy Volunteers of Randolph County. Chapters also donated books and magazines to hospitals, nursing homes, and libraries. Books were donated to Read Aloud and Monongalia/Preston County Literacy Volunteers fund raising events. Books and magazines were also donated to the Veterans Centers and to Operation Paperback. One member has written three books for adults – two of which have been published.

Barbara McCreary, Chair

Membership

Barboursville held a tea for new and prospective members in July 2022 and a genealogical workshop at the library in October 2022. Bee Line celebrated their centennial with a garden party for members and guests. They had a booth at the Jefferson County Fair. Marked the grave of a female Patriot. Blackwater regent locates genealogical information on Patriots who have not already been identified. Photograph the application signing and is placed on the chapter Facebook page. Blennerhassett held an orientation on May 2022 and distributed folders about the Chapter and NSDAR. They had a slide show and participated at the Candlelight at Blennerhassett Island. Captain James Allen had a booth at the Lilly Family Reunion, attended Genealogy Club and Constitutional Supper meetings. Cheat River built a float for local parades.

Colonel Charles Lewis participated in the 3-day Battle Days event and Wreaths across America. Colonel Zackquill Morgan placed flyers and brochures at Morgantown Public Library.

At the Flag Day Luncheon new members received a welcome packet and a recognition pin. Daniel Davisson set up a tent at the 4-day Salem Apple Butter Festival.

Highlands of the Potomac set up a booth at the Keyser's Downtown Strawberry Festival. Held a genealogical workshop. Matthew French gave a presentation on the chapter to recruit new members and sent invitations to join in activities at the Robert McNutt Open House. They advertise in the newspaper with the regent's name and telephone number. They have a Work Party to prepare Constitution Week student handouts. Ohio Valley assists in providing transportation to and from meetings.

Pack Horse Ford recruits the wives of SAR members and have a yard sale; the Annual picnic is held in where new members receive a flower and a group photo is sent to the newspaper. A Kentucky Derby Tea is held. They donated quilts to military overseas babies. Tanner's Cross Roads participates in local Historical Society's Genealogy Fair. Trans-Allegheny members are invited to write newsletter articles. Westmoreland new members are given a welcome gift and honored with a reception. Wheeling had a table at Fort Henry Days. William Henshaw does monthly newspaper articles, attend the Christ Church and Morgan Morgan Cabin events during their Chapter Day of Service. They celebrated the 250th anniversary of Berkley County's founding. Woodburn found prospectives by attending WVU events, the Civil Air Patrol dinner, and at a car show. Ye Towne of Bath has held a Tea Party that many residents and visitors attend; they hand out flags and copies of the constitution.

Joetta McCallister, Chair

National Defense

WV DAR chapters have done a good job promoting the National Defense Committee objectives. These objectives include preserving our American heritage of freedom, protecting the U.S. Constitution and ensuring our national sovereignty. Most chapter meetings include a 3-minute report that uses the National Defender. 62% of chapters have dedicated a program to National Defense. However, there are two areas that WV chapters can add that will be recognized as CAA credits. These include awarding DAR distinguished Citizen Awards and DAR Youth Citizenship Awards. The following chapters will be recognized for their outstanding work promoting National Defense objectives:

Chapters with fewer than 50 members: 1st Colonel Morgan Morgan; 2nd Matthew French; 3rd Anne Royall

Chapters with 50+ members: 1st Blennerhassett; 2nd Bee Line; 3rd Ohio Valley

Lois Tabler Kimble, Chair

Patriot Records Project

The Patriot Records Project began in 2015. The committee's purpose is to make finding and identifying Revolutionary War Patriots easier. Volunteers are indexing the names of men, women, and businesses who fought or helped during the War for Independence. The records encompass a 75-year time span. This index is available not only to DAR members but also to the public. Anyone can search the Patriot Records Index by going to dar.org/grs and clicking on the Rev War tab. After selecting the Patriot Records Project Index, enter the name you wish to search. Any member can volunteer for this committee by writing to patriotrecords@nsdar.org.

In 2022, twelve Daughters indexed a total of 41,182 names. This was achieved by members from 8 chapters. Two of our Daughters indexed over 10,000 names: Judith Mathias and Georgette Ward. The top five indexers for this state were: Judith Mathias, 22,091 names, South Branch Valley Chapter; Georgette Ward, 10,098 names, Elizabeth Zane Chapter; Cynthia Archer, 4,909 names, Wheeling Chapter; Teresa Silva, 1,737 names, Kanawha Valley Chapter; Brenda Hess, 1,369 names, Cheat River Chapter.

As state chair, I encouraged participation in this committee by including a letter and a printable flyer to all chapter regents in the WV State Information Packet, submitting an article in the WVDAR newsletter and posting on the WVDAR Facebook page.

Madame State Regent, it has been an honor to serve the state society.

Judith Mathias, Chair

President General's Project

Support of the President General's Project during the Pamela Edwards Rouse Wright Administration will help the National Society to: celebrate our nation's rich history and diversity of experience upon the threshold of America's 250th anniversary; promote belonging throughout our membership by acknowledging with gratitude and friendship each member and her dedicated service to God, Home and Country; propel membership growth by welcoming all descendants of American Patriots while retaining our treasured Daughters; encourage and support projects and service opportunities for every chapter to highlight historic preservation, education and patriotism in unique, local and impactful ways; maintain financial stability and maximize operational effectiveness; and recognize with appreciation our dedicated National Society staff.

Ways to Support the President General's Project: Chapters are strongly encouraged to support the mission of the Wright Administration by remitting the President General's Project contribution of $7.50 per member. This donation may be made as $2.50 per member per year of the administration or made in one payment of $7.50 per member for the three-year term of office.

The chapter's official membership as of January 1, 2023, less Life Members, will be used to determine the member count or participation regardless of any changes in membership after that date. The President General's Project Contribution for a Live Member is paid by the National Society. Each chapter completing the 100% Chapter participation donation of $7.50 per member during the President General's term of office will be recognized with the President General's Project 100% Chapter Participation Certificate.

A gift of $2,500 or more, in a one-time payment or total cumulative donations throughout the Wright Administration, merits a complimentary Patriot Donation Pin authorized to be worn on the official DAR ribbon, certificate and recognition during Continental Congress. A one-time gift of $1,200 distinguishes the donor as a Benefactor. The donor will receive a Benefactor pin, certificate, and recognition during Continental Congress, and on the Service and Friendship Donor Wall at our National Headquarters as well as on the digital donor wall.

Gifts of $300 or more to the current President General's Project will be recognized on the Service and Friendship Donor Wall at our National Headquarters as well as on the digital donor wall. A gift of $100 qualifies the donor to purchase the President General's Project donor pin, which may be worn on the official ribbon. Individual donations may be made online through the Sustaining Supporter monthly giving program, or by completing the Donations and Contributions Form (DEV 1003).

Shopping for *Stars & Stripes Forever!* Themed merchandise is another way to support the President General's Project. Please visit the DAR Store in person or online to make a purchase for yourself or as a gift. Promotional items, such as the DAR wall calendar and address labels, benefit the President General's Project and are delivered directly to your mailbox. Please consider making a donation for these items to support the mission of the Wright Administration as we rejoice in our DAR ties of service and friendship.

Dina Braniff, Chair

Protocol

This State Chair is always ready to assist the State Regent, State Officers and Chapters as needed. This State Chair was pleased to prepare and present a much-needed refresher course via

Zoom to all Chapter Regents on Protocol. The focus of the training was how to attend and enjoy a State Conference when the President General is the honored guest. Many general questions on how to set up meetings, use agendas, seating charts and proper use of The Flag of the United States of America were asked following the presentation/training held on September 27, 2022.

The State Chair was also contacted to answer questions for two District Directors prior to their annual meetings and helped adjust the seating for a third District meeting at the request of that Director prior to the meeting.

She has received 27 emails with questions concerning scripts, introductions and how to properly record minutes of meetings. This State Chair thanks the State Regent for this opportunity to, once again, serve the WV Daughters.

Charla Nutter-McNaboe, Chair

Public Relations and Media – No Report

Service to America – No Report

The Flag of the United States of America

West Virginia Daughters honored the Flag of the United States of America throughout 2022. West Virginia's 40 chapters, with 1,862 members participated in 82 flag events. We participated in parades and celebrations including Memorial Day observances, Independence Day events, and Veterans Day parades. One special example comes from the Bee Line chapter. They marked the grave of a female patriot with a flag ceremony and wreath laying, in conjunction with the Sons of the American Revolution.

Many chapters donated flags to fly in public spaces, distributed miniature flags during community celebrations, or participated in flag retirement ceremonies. In total, West Virginia daughters distributed 3,157 flags and flag certificates and 907 pieces of flag literature. The Captain James Allen chapter distributed flags at the largest Family Reunion in the USA, while the Anne Royall chapter provided 30 flags to line their Main Street. Other chapters, such as John Hart and Blackwater, presented flag pins and certificates to new citizens at their naturalization ceremony. The Blennerhassett chapter partnered with their local Habitat for Humanity to sponsor flag kits for new homeowners.

Education related to the flag was also popular. Several chapters featured the flag in public displays for patriotic holidays, held specific programs on the flag, or gave school presentations. The Old Hickory chapter sponsored a flag contest during the summer, encouraging members to photograph flags. More than 500 photos were submitted! The Westmoreland chapter gave a presentation on flag etiquette to a preschool class and distributed flags and patriotic bracelets to the students. Braille flags have been distributed to students throughout the state as well. The Ohio Valley chapter has an ongoing project to construct Braille flags to give to all blind students in northern WV.

Elizabeth Satterfield, Chair

Volunteer Genealogists

From the 2022 Chapter Master Reports, I am pleased to report that West Virginia currently has 45 NSDAR Trained Volunteer Genealogists. Members that completed GEP courses during the 2022 reporting year included ten for GEP 1, eleven for GEP 2, ten for GEP 3, eight for GEP 4, six for GEP 5, ten for GEP 6, and four for GEP 7. Two chapters reported that they could benefit from a trained VG being assigned to their chapter. Four chapters reported that they had sought assistance with applications from the American 250! Task Force during the past year. There were 6 genealogy or application workshops presented in WV during the reporting year, five of which were conducted by members trained in the National training programs. In addition, the state presented two workshops related to genealogy and applications. As part of the virtual

State Conference in spring 2022, “Tips and Tricks for Finding Not-So-Obvious Records” was presented; it was attended by 150+ viewers and has received 30+ views on YouTube. In the fall, this chair and the State Registrar presented an online application workshop for chapter Registrars and other interested members that was attended by more than 40 people. Twenty-two members reported attending a non-DAR genealogy workshop during the year. Nineteen members assisted another chapter in need of help in preparation of applications.

Other Volunteer Genealogist highlights from 2022 included the Lineage Society Open House at the Aull Center of the Morgantown Public Library sponsored by the Hagans-Evans Chapter as part of Family History Month in October. Volunteer genealogists were on hand to answer questions and assist people with identifying patriots and researching lineages. A few new prospective members were identified. The Pack Horse Ford Chapter included Genealogy Minutes in their chapter’s private Facebook group. The posts focused on training opportunities and service and lineage resources, both within and outside of DAR.

Volunteer Genealogists whose names were sent on to Vickie Baker, the East Central Division Chair, to be recognized with a certificate of appreciation for their work include: Cynthia Archer, Wheeling Chapter; Susan Arnold, Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans Chapter; Geneal Bailey, Old Hickory Chapter; Cheryl Brown, Pack Horse Ford Chapter; Brenda Hess, Cheat River Chapter; Bonnie Myers, South Branch Valley Chapter; Cynthia Nicewarner, Pack Horse Ford Chapter.

Susan Arnold, Chair

Volunteer Information Specialists State VIS works in four main areas to assist our State Regents Technology project including Email, Zoom, social media and webpage. These updates help us spread the sparkle more effectively about DAR to prospective members.

This State VIS started by updating the email system. We previously used and outgrew Gmail. We now use another email system that includes a monthly membership fee. This allows email announcements to be sent at the same time to the entire membership. This State VIS works with chapter regents ensuring the State email list matches e-membership.

This State VIS manages our State zoom account allowing meetings to be held via Zoom. This Zoom account includes a yearly membership fee and can be utilized by requesting meetings through this State VIS. Previous meetings held include but not limited to the Board of Management, Executive Committee, Chapter Master Report guidance, Officer Training, Bylaws Committee and Long-Range Planning.

This State VIS worked to approve our public Facebook page allowing State DAR members to share public posts. Anything posted to the public Facebook page is a wonderful way for Chapters to share activities accomplished by our members. We encourage members to share any of these public posts with your family, friends and other chapter Facebook pages. This is how we can utilize free public advertisements to prospective members encouraging membership growth.

This State VIS is currently working to revamp our webpage including a public page and members only page. This includes gathering information, details and pictures needed to increase the content. This State VIS will need members input for pictures, ideas and more information.

Erica Cheuvront, Chair

Women’s Issues

West Virginia has 40 chapters and 1,830 daughters. We had two daughters to participate in the essay contest. The Bee Line chapter was a hive of busy bees as they had multiple displays and programs promoting women’s issues. They honored nurses in the career category with a program by their own member, who is a manager for Acute Care facility. The program was on

protective gear during the pandemic. They also sewed easy to change clothes for the NICU. There was a baby shower for veteran moms.

Another very active chapter for Women's Issues was Ye Towne of Bath Chapter. They had multiple programs. The chapter heard about how to prepare a garden for spring, 1796 cooking, and apothecaries in the 1780's. One of their members submitted an essay about managing life's complexities during the pandemic as well as honored a valuable member's 100th birthday.

We had six chapters that had programs on careers, family, health, and women veterans and 18 chapters had a Women's Issues minute read at chapter meetings.

Mary Ellen Brown, Chair

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Awards – No report

Blanche L. Reymann State Scholarship

With the 117th WVDAR State Conference being held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Patty Young, chair from the Western District, created an on-line auction so that voices could be sold on a Fiesta dinnerware basket to raise funds for the Blanche L. Reymann State Scholarship Fund, among other items. Cheryl Haught from the Anne Royall Chapter was the winner.

On August 25, 2022, Kaitlyn Adkins, a student at Bethany College was presented with a scholarship check for $1,000 at the Bethany campus by State Regent, Jane Larke. Articles regarding the presentation were published in the Wheeling News Register, the Herald Star, WVNews.com, Bethan College Alumni news and American Spirit Magazine, as well as various social media sources.

In January Lora Bryant, Director of Financial Aid at Alderson Broadus College was contacted regarding evaluating potential recipients according to our eligibility requirements, i.e., a female student in need of funds to enter her senior year, and in the upper third of her class and will select a recipient to receive the scholarship this year. The scholarship will be awarded to the student at one of the district meetings this summer.

The scholarship is funded through the ongoing support of all the West Virginia chapters. Chapter contributions totaling $832.50 were received by the Blanche L. Reymann Scholarship Fund this year. Special thanks to all WV Daughters for your generous support. This year's contributions illustrate WVDAR's commitment to education and will allow the scholarship to be sustained at the $1000 level for the next year.

Lisa McNeil, Chair

Continental Congress Event

The Continental Congress Event Chair is responsible for the WV Breakfast that is provided by the West Virginia State Society of NSDAR. The Breakfast is typically held on Wednesday morning at the beginning of Congress. The Chair has secured the venue to be The Army and Navy Club on Seventeenth Street NW in Washington DC. Eventbrite has been set up to manage the payments for this event. The theme for the Breakfast coincides with the State Regent's Project of Early Childhood Literacy. Dr. Allison Denman Holland, the NSDAR National Chair for Literacy Promotion, will be the guest speaker. Looking forward to sharing WV Hospitality with the attendees. It been a pleasure to serve as the Chair for the Continental Congress Event during this Administration.

Sandra Isner-Johnson, Chair

Long Range Planning – No Report

Pages

The pages who served at State Conference were Johnna Nicewarner, Elizabeth Satterfield, Taylor Mulligan, Courtney Blank, Tracy Burns, Lily Moreno, Taylor Sams, and Grace Parsons Arthur. In addition, Mrs. Arthur was flag bearer to the State Regent at the 2023 Continental Congress event in Washington, D.C.

Johnna Nicewarner, Chair

West Virginia Room in Continental Hall

West Virginia is fortunate to sponsor one of the State Period rooms in Memorial Continental Hall at DAR Headquarters in Washington, DC. It is set up like a school room in the parlor of a house in 1820 where parents or a tutor could help children learn. In keeping with DAR Museum policy, the furnishings reflect American craftsmanship and decorative tastes prior to 1830. And while to our modern eyes the patterned carpet and the decorated wallpaper may seem busy and in conflict with each other, they are typical of pre-1830 tastes. Most of the furnishings were generously donated.

Among the furniture you will see in the room include a fold-top writing desk that belonged to Robert Rutherford, a Virginia delegate to Congress; a barrel organ; a Pembroke table; a needlework fire-screen; and an American piano. The piano was carried over the mountains by horse-drawn wagon and is said to be the most valuable item in the DAR Museum.

In addition to the items on display, many more items are stored in temperature-controlled areas. These items can be pulled out to replace items currently showcased in the room or put on temporary display. The West Virginia room serves as a wonderful reminder of our country's heritage. Although many of our ancestors, especially in the frontier of western Virginia, could not afford the beautiful fittings of this room, we must keep in mind our ancestors' important contributions. Because of their service and sacrifice they made it possible for more of us today to live the type of lifestyle that this room portrays.

So, the next time you are in Washington DC, our Nation's capital, be sure that you visit the West Virginia room for a delightful and informative look at our country's history! Daughters are encouraged to visit the room which is located on the balcony of the library during Continental Congress and pick up a brochure depicting its history and restoration.

Beverly Rollins, Chair

West Virginia 50-Year Club

It has been a pleasure assisting the State Regent in giving out 50/60-year certificates to members who have given faithful service to DAR. It has been a delight serving at the will & pleasure of this state regent.

Sylvia Rhodes, Chair

118th WVDAR State Conference

2022-2023 Chapter Reports

In an effort to save time during the chapter reports period at Conference, chapters were asked to submit a photograph and caption that best highlighted their works in historic preservation in the preceding year. The submissions were made into a slideshow. The images for each chapter are shown included with each chapter's annual report.

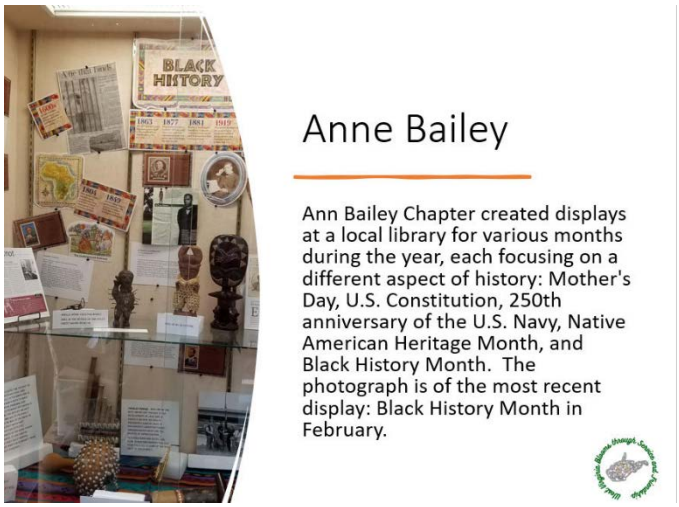
Anne Bailey Chapter

Anne Bailey Chapter's regent attended the open house at the refurbished Peters Cottage at Tamassee in May and assisted with preparations, including signing certificates for children who had learned to write in cursive. Also in the Spring of 2022, items were sent for the USO welcome bags for Marines at Camp Pendleton. Chapter members participated in the Armed Forces Day

Parade in South Charleston. Members continued to collect bottle caps, dividing the funds earned between Tamassee and Chemawa schools, and expired coupons for the military.

For its National Day of Service Project, the chapter collected non-perishable food in Putnam and Kanawha counties. Food items valued in excess of $600 and more than $250 in cash was delivered to two organizations. Soon after, the chapter collected 24 baskets of personal care items for women veterans at the VA Women's Clinic at Barboursville, which included cloth "baskets" made by Marsha Cobb that can be used for items such as eyeglasses. Members also prepared more than 300 cards for the military, in part as a Service in Seconds project. In December, the chapter awarded the JROTC medal to a cadet at George Washington High School. Anne Bailey Chapter completed the year 2022 with Service to America hours that were 35 percent higher than their assigned goal.

Through the efforts of member Nickie Evenson, month-long displays were set up at the Cross Lanes Library for Mother's Day, Constitution Week, the 250th anniversary of the U.S. Navy, Native American Heritage Month, and Black History Month.



The regent attended the naturalization ceremony in January 2023 at the federal courthouse in Charleston; the first one open to the public since the outbreak of COVID. For previous ceremonies, she dropped off U.S. Flags and patriotic literature for the new citizens.

Chapter programs included Mother's Day, Constitution Week, the experiences of a Vietnam veteran, Read Aloud West Virginia, The Stars and Stripes Forever, Anne Bailey, and the American Legion post at St. Albans. In September, the chapter had the pleasure of hosting State Regent Jane Larke, who explained her projects to members.

The chapter has been honored to be represented at the state level in the previous administration and the current one. The regent concluded her term as state historian in June 2022, although she has continued to work on the patriot burial project book, a project of former State Regent Cheryl Brown. The chapter is now represented by Patsy Adkins, who is the current state registrar.

Mary Johnson, Regent

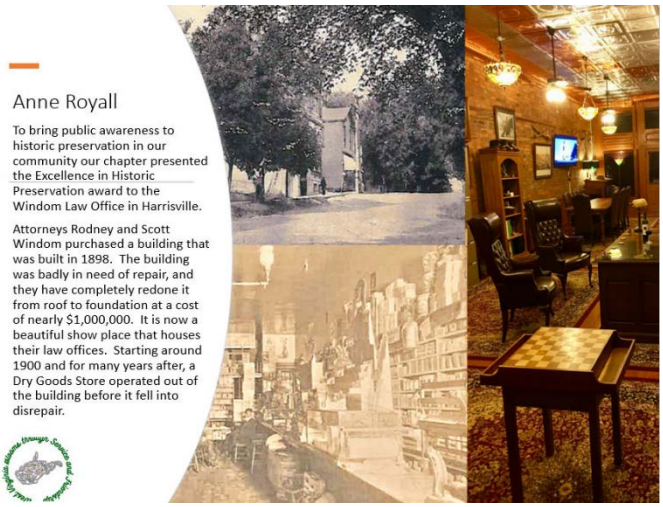
Anne Royall Chapter

In May Anne Royall installed new officers for the 2022-2025 term. Past Regent Patty Nutter conducted the installation and presented each officer with a red rose. We traveled to Parkersburg and spent the afternoon touring the beautifully restored Phelps-Tavenner House. Following the tour, we were treated to a lovely Tea arranged by the Blennerhassett Chapter NSDAR. Patty Nutter recognized all of the students who participated in the JAC contest this year and presented awards to the winners.

Anne Royall members attended the Northern District Meeting in August at Stout UMC in Parkersburg. Patty Nutter was given recognition for Outstanding Service as State Chair of the JAC Committee. In September we celebrated Constitution Week by placing a banner across

Main Street and Lora Ingram, committee chair, visited all of the elementary schools in the county and passed out flags and coloring sheets. Also, she had displays in the county libraries and post offices.

In October we started planning for several projects that would come to fruition in the next few months. Addresses were collected so that cards can be sent to active-duty military personnel on major holidays. Cards have been sent on Thanksgiving, Christmas, Valentines Day, and Easter. Materials were distributed to Ritchie County Schools and to one in Doddridge County School for this year JAC contest. In November two large boxes of T-shirts and sweatpants were shipped to Landsthuhl Regional Medical Hospital in Germany. Christmas Cards with stamps were taken to the VA Hospital in Clarksburg for



patient use. Anne Royall placed 250 wreaths in 5 cemeteries in Ritchie County with the help of CAR children, family, and friends. We sent 24 crocheted blankets and quilts to Landstuhl Hospital Germany for new mothers. Decorated a Colonial Christmas Tree in the Harrisville Library. Applied for and received $500 from the America 250 Grant. Grant money is to buy American Flags to line Main Street of Harrisville on National Holidays.

Anne Royall presented Attorneys Rodney and Scott Windom with an “Excellence in Historic Preservation Award” for restoring a 100+ year old building at the corner of Main Street and Court Street in Harrisville.

Following the March meeting the chapter took a tour of the law office of Attorney Windom, and he shared with many facts about the restoration. He also showed the group several historic collectables including a rifle from the Revolution War.

Patricia Casper, Regent

Barboursville Chapter

March: We had our traditional Chapter Planning for the upcoming year, planned for the 250 Committee, and have a Tea in June for New Members and the ROTC award winner. **April:** The Toll House Butterfly Garden; Lavender and Gerber Daisies were added again for this year. We encouraged members to plant gardens at home. **May:** Our Jr. ROTC medal was awarded to a Cabell Midland High School Senior, Miss Casey Cooper. **June:** The Chapter decorated the Toll House for the upcoming 4th of July with Buntings hung around the porch while inside was decorated with Flags all around with red and white flowers for the 4th of July celebrations in the town of Barboursville. Our Tea was held in the Barboursville Community Center. Each was given a teacup with flowers on the inside to take home. **August:** The Chapter had Open House for neighbors and families. Our program was given by our newest member: "If George Washington was King who would be the King now in the United States". Our Chapter Registrar made bookmarkers about our Chapter and Toll House and ask all new members to participate in our genealogical workshop at the newly opened Library in Barboursville. **September:** The game ‘Constitution Quest’ was given to Our Chapter. A Greeting about the Constitution week was

written on the outside on our chalk board for the passing public to read on the Toll House porch. **October/November:** Honored Veterans and Military. **December:** Christmas Dinner at Oscars' restaurant. A letter was sent from the State Historian with a copy of the State Report in the in 1930's from our Chapter. It was read by our Regent during our Christmas Dinner. Earlier that day we decorated the Toll House for Christmas. The tree ornaments were pictures of Revolutionary Soldiers, drums, bugles and miniature Barboursville Toll House cookies made with cinnamon. **March 2023:** This was exciting time! The children's library reading program came to visit the Toll House and Mrs. Bias was in costume for the occasion. The children were excited to see the Toll House and hear local, State and United States History. They were shown how to use a collar press iron on paper, how to use a log axe, and a candle mold in making candles along while experiencing hands on training. We recited the Pledge of Allegiance and sang the "Star Spangled Banner." They asked us a lot of questions. All were given a Flag to remember the Day, and we viewed them strolling in single file back through the Village of Barboursville as they sang "This land is my land this land is your land" while waving their flags as they went along the way. It was a beautiful sight to see!!!



Martha E. Miller, Honorary Regent

Bee Line Chapter

Bee Line Chapter celebrated our centennial in 2022. Our party included a play which underscored our chapter beginnings as well as the Revolutionary War event for which we were named when the General Adam Stephen SAR Color Guard “performed” a rendition of the “bee line” march. We also had a display in the Jefferson County Museum. Our goal of having 100 members by our 100th birthday was met: our roster includes 101 members and 4 associates. We gained 9 new members, reinstated 1 member, and transferred in 3 members, three of whom are junior members. We lost 2 members to death. We are honored to have members serving as state officers, a chair for a state committee, and serving as Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service representatives for the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Martinsburg.

A shining feature of our year was marking the grave of female Patriot Mary Howell Gardner. Mary and her husband, David Howell, offered food and shelter to wounded soldiers. After her husband’s death, Mary paid the Supply Tax and continued her support for independence. Two of the Patriot’s descendants attended and participated in the ceremony. Wreaths were laid by several DAR chapters from three states, SAR and the honorary state regent of Daughters of the American Colonists. Our chapter is privileged to have a VA Medical Center nearby. We supported the annual VA baby shower, and we maintain a wall tree as part of an ongoing service to provide seasonal cheer to both patients and staff. The tree was updated monthly; each tree had a separate theme but all honor the service of our veterans.

Bee Line created 40 “literacy bags” for first grade students at North Jefferson Elementary School. Each bag contained a range of items to promote literacy skills, as well as a few personal care items, all packaged in a Halloween-themed tote. This project married our chapter’s goal to

support children, State Regent Larke's literacy project and her goal to improve childhood literacy and NSDAR's overall commitment to service and education. Our monthly programs reflect our dedication to lifelong learning including a history of revolutionary war era music, a Yellowstone Park commemoration, West Virginia's Prickett's Fort and the importance of Pollinator Gardens. We supported education within the community by awarding three $1000 scholarships. We also provided cash prizes to two high school students for Good Citizen and JROTC recognition.

We hosted a booth at the Jefferson County Fair, sharing the space with the General Adam Stephen Chapter of the NSSAR. The booth included a craft center, complete with art supplies featuring patriotic colors and patterns. Children of all ages were invited to create individual masterpieces, which they could either keep or place on display. The display also included posters, a flag display, a Constitution Quiz, copies of the Constitution, and information on how DAR and SAR serve the community.



Bee Line

Bee Line celebrated historic preservation with many programs and events this year, including our own centennial, but we were especially honored to mark the grave of female patriot Mary Douglass Howell Gardner

We supported the community by attending Memorial Day and Veteran's Day ceremonies and participating in the Charles Town Christmas Parade.

Heidi Ware, Regent

Blackwater Chapter

JULY: Jane Larke was installed as WVDAR State Regent at the 2022 NSDAR Continental Congress;

New chapter officers were installed: Cathy Hebb Regent, Daryla Rapp Vice Regent, Kathy DiBacco Recording Secretary, Wanda Booth Corresponding Secretary, Sue Ann Silk Treasurer, Phyllis Garcia Registrar, and Mary Mullenax Historian.

AUGUST: Blackwater was one of the four sponsoring WVDAR chapters at the Naturalization Ceremony of the United States District Court for the Northern District of West Virginia.

Blackwater

Blackwater presented Women in American History Awards to five outstanding women from the community. WVDAR State Regent and chapter member, Jane Larke, graciously accepted the award for the late Mrs. Pearle Mott, who founded the chapter.



Regent Cathy Hebb had the privilege of presenting US flags and Pledge cards to each new citizen. SEPTEMBER Constitution Week was observed in all of Tucker County Schools. School Proclamations were signed by the principals and two students. Cynthia Kolsun was named "Celebrate Parsons: Person of the Year." An article in the Fall issue of "WV Living" Magazine showcased Mary Jane Smith's Camp Horseshoe Quilt Retreat, held each spring and fall in Tucker County. A second article in "WV Living" paid tribute to Cheryl Bennett by highlighting her ways of revitalizing her community of Petersburg. Cheryl opened her private practice, The Spectacle Family Eye Care, and later opened an event space and the Grove Café and Bakery. OCTOBER: Kim Pitzer, from the Centers Against Violence, gave a talk concerning

women who experience violence in their homes and potential ways to escape it. Members donated a large assortment of items to the Center. Another program, "Up Close and Personal: 9/11", was given by Phyllis Garcia who worked for the FBI in 2011 and was transferred to New York City to assist in identifying those who perished in the tragic event of 9/11. Cathy Hebb passed her GEP 3 Course. Members attended the 100th Anniversary Celebration of Trans-Allegheny and the 1st Year Celebration of Cheat River. NOVEMBER: Members donated over 350 items of children's winter clothing to the "Birth to Three" organization. Members celebrated Veteran's Day with a party for veterans at Cortland Acres Nursing Home. Each veteran received a goodie bag full of useful items including a black ball cap embroidered with "U.S. Veteran." Mary Mullenax led the singing of many favorite wartime songs. DECEMBER: Blackwater sponsored 88 wreaths for Wreaths Across America. Jane Larke, Cathy Hebb, and Terri Lawrence placed wreaths on veteran's graves at the WV National Cemetery. Blackwater's Christmas gathering was held at the home of Regent Cathy Hebb. JANUARY: TCHS Civics teacher, Elizabeth Gregory, presented "Could You Become a US Citizen?" followed by a sample Citizenship Test of 10 questions. Several ladies passed with 6 or more correct. Terri Lawrence has been verified and will become a member soon. FEBRUARY: Daryla Rapp led the celebration of the 125th Anniversary of the founding of the DAR Hospital Corps. Kathy DiBacco gave a second presentation about DAR pins and how to wear them. Blackwater welcomed new transfer member, Pam Lackland. MARCH: Members attended the 1st Anniversary Celebration of Highlands of the Potomac. Five local women were honored with "Women in American History" Awards, including Cynthia Kolsun.

Cathy Hebb, Regent

Blennerhassett Chapter

Blennerhassett Chapter has "Sparkled" in service. We welcomed 6 new members and we have just added 11 more. Blennerhassett daughters have been busy collecting items for the Family Crisis Center in Parkersburg, Project Patriot, Criss Elementary in Parkersburg, books for different locations, Clarksburg VA Center, the Hindman School and the Chemawa School.



Blennerhassett

Tammy Taylor, a member, gave a presentation to the chapter on historic or prehistoric archaeological surveys. She included who needs them; utility companies, rural developers, State or National parks, or projects utilizing Federal funding. These surveys are required under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. Consisting of three phases, she presented the specific steps that must be complete. Previously identified artifacts found in West Virginia were shared with the group.

Several of our members donated their service hours volunteering as docents for Island by Candlelight held in October at Blennerhassett Island. In November, we presented the DAR Distinguished Citizen Medal to Corrina Boggess, first female Commander of the WV VFW. In December we participated in Wreaths Across America. My chapter has so many members who are willing to jump in and help with anything. On March 26 we helped with the Flag Ceremony for the Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans event at the Parkersburg Armory. On March 29 we will be helping with Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day event at the Parkersburg Armory helping with their ceremony, meal and presenting lapel pins. Through the year I attended the 2022 Continental Congress, the Northern District Meeting and I am looking forward to the 2023 WV State Conference. I am, indeed, very proud of my Chapter in all they do!

Cathy Hinkle, Regent

Buford Chapter

Buford Chapter has had an exciting year as we focused on our DAR mission to promote historic preservation, education and patriotism.



In June 2022 we celebrated the 100h birthday of our cabin. We were very fortunate that a local writer for the Herald Dispatch wrote an excellent article for the magazine supplement of the newpaper. We meet in the cabin in good weather.

PRESERVATION: A highlight of 2022 was the celebration and rededication of our 100-year-old cabin on June 14th. The original one-room cabin was used for just a few years. With no kitchen and no facilities, the ladies soon decided to rebuild. Our new cabin, using the same dimensions, was dedicated on June 14, 1922. Through the years additions and improvements have been made to make it more functional. The cabin with our antique furnishings and new landscaping was impressive. The chapter sent invitations to other chapters in the area and to city officials to attend the rededication event. All members and guests were treated to a picnic dinner followed by a short talk on the history of the DAR cabin and information on our many antiques.

Another program on historic preservation included a presentation on the Special Collections at Marshall University by Lori Thompson, Chair of that department. In addition to the extensive research section is featured the Rosanna Blake Collection, a unique collection of materials relating to the Civil War and Reconstruction. Also, the Charles A. Hoffman collection of very old medical books and equipment. We were thrilled to have our State Regent, Jane Larke, with us for this meeting. Her brief remarks were quite inspiring. Our Regent and Vice Regent attended the memorial service at Tu Endie Wei park in Point Pleasant to commemorate the first battle of the Revolution. “Battle Days” honors the soldiers who fought that battle in 1774. The Regent placed a wreath at the Magazine in memory of their service.

EDUCATION: Buford Chapter supports Education by promoting the Constitution with proclamations, newspaper articles, public displays and school programs. Proclamations were made by Governor Jim Justice and Mayor Steve Williams. Displays were placed in City Hall, all four libraries and the Woodlands Retirement Community. The Constitution Chair visited all schools presenting the teachers with a Constitution poster, Constitution minutes and a complete lesson plan for Constitution week. Constitution bookmarks were given to every student.

PATRIOTISM: One of our favorite activities this year was a party we held for the 42 Veterans residing at The Woodlands. There was a large poster with a picture of each Veteran, many when they were young and in uniform. Following a short program of the Pledge of Allegiance, The Americans Creed, the Preamble to the Constitution, we asked the veterans present to stand and state their branch of service. I noticed that each one stood a little taller and were very proud as they stated their service to our country. Their families and friends were then invited to enjoy this special time and to thank them for their service. The party was a huge success and enjoyed by all. A Flag Certificate was presented to the CEO of The Woodlands in appreciation for always flying the flag in an appropriate manner.

Marsha Moses, Regent

Captain James Allen Chapter

Captain James Allen daughters have continued to serve our Veterans thru our relationship with the Beckley Veterans Hospital. We have continued to supply items needed to our Veterans in the Nursing Care Home Facility, donating to our Homeless Veterans relief fund. We also supported our pregnant veterans, or veterans' wives through donations to Operation Diaper Bag and a "the Drive thru Baby Shower."



Captain James Allen

Our chapter, along with the John Beckley Chapter NSSAR, participated in the World Record holding Lilly Reunion, held August 12-14, 2022 at Flat Top in Raleigh County. The reunion holds the Guinness World Book of Records for the largest family reunion. We spent a beautiful day under the trees giving out flags and information about becoming a member of DAR. Members assisted visitors with completing a genealogy worksheet and an application for membership; we met several new prospective members. People from 20 states may also seek chapters in their own communities.

In April, our Literacy Promotion Committee working with Beckley Area Foundation presented a donation on behalf of our daughters to purchase books for every child born in Raleigh County. After a program entitled "Finding my Ancestors Grave," we were very pleased to be able to place a Commemorative Grave marker for one of our daughters Patri, Col. Thomas Cunningham. Our Registrar has been presenting a program on each of our daughters' patriots at our monthly meetings. In May our daughters partnered with the Raleigh County Historical Society to celebrate Founders Day and assisted with serving box lunches for those in attendance. Last year, in August, our Chapter participated in the Guinness World Book of Records Largest Family Reunion. In order to recruit new members and bring awareness about our Chapter and the Daughters of the American Revolution National Society we spent a very successful day at the Lilly Family Reunion. Our registrars were on hand to help potential members find their patriots. September was the start of our monthly programs following our theme of" WV Blooms thru Service and Friendship" September our program found us preparing for election day by making sure we are registered and informed about voting and serving as elections officials. October, we logged in our Service to America hours participating in our National Day of Service by partnering with the Beckley Dream Center and packing 500 boxes of food staples for distribution. In November we were privileged to have a program from our local WV National Guard and their Soldier & Family Readiness Program and make a monetary donation for a luncheon to honor those volunteers. WV Blooms thru service to our Military Families. In December we held our annual Christmas Luncheon and Bazaar in Fellowship with the John Beckley Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Our meetings resumed in March where we continued with our program theme of WV Blooms thru Honoring Women in keeping with Women's month. We honored two ladies from our area that have instituted and have maintained a food distribution and emergency shelter ministry for 29 years, which has now evolved into disaster relief work across the United States.

The Capt. James Allen chapter is looking forward to growth as we currently have 4 prospective members and plan to reach out into our communities to see WV DAR Bloom.

Cecilia Chapman, Regent

Cheat River Chapter

The Cheat River Chapter, organized in August 2021, was busy from May 1, 2022 to April 1, 2023 building our chapter from our original 13 members to 32 members. In addition, the chapter:

Participated in two City of Kingwood Street Fairs, spreading the word about Daughters of the American Revolution, and providing activities for the children. Several prospective members were recruited.

Six Cheat River Chapter members participated in Continental Congress for the first time; two of these were Junior Members who served as pages.



The chapter designed a display for the Preston County Buckwheat Festival's Educational Exhibit County Communities History Project and won first place in our division. A tri-fold display was made showing where Revolutionary War Patriots lived or were buried in Preston County. We also put together a binder with information on each Patriot and their families. Thousands of people visit the Buckwheat Festival each year, and the exhibits are very popular, which provided a lot of exposure for our Chapter. Built a float for the chapter to participate in two of the parades during the Buckwheat Festival. We also used the float during the City of Kingwood Christmas Parade, held a workshop on how to properly clean headstones, celebrated the first anniversary of the Cheat River Chapter, participated in the Veterans Day ceremony at the Preston County Courthouse and hosted a lunch for those attending the ceremony, including veterans and their families. Presented a NSDAR American Indians Committee Proclamation to the Preston County Commission for signature and their announcement that November was National American Indian Heritage Month in Preston County. Participated in a National Day of Prayer at the Preston County Courthouse. Several members participated in Preston County History Days at Arthurdale Heritage and the Aurora Historical Museum. All ten municipalities in Preston County and the Preston County Commission were visited during Constitution Week and Proclamations were read and signed by all Mayors and the County Commission President. The proclamations were read at each meeting, and information was provided on the work of Daughters of the American Revolution. Because of our efforts, Cheat River Chapter was recognized in an editorial about Constitution Week in the Preston County News and Journal. Participated in Wreaths Across America at the Aurora Cemetery, placing 162 wreaths on all the graves of veterans located there.

In addition, a genealogy workshop was presented in January by our Chapter Registrar, with three new prospective members attending. The Chapter adopted a portion of the Preston County Rail Trail to maintain. Agreed to partner with Arthurdale Heritage on cleaning and identifying graves in the Fairfax Cemetery in Arthurdale. It is believed that 25-30 slaves are buried in the cemetery in unmarked graves.

Karen Kurilko, Regent

Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter

On June 14, 2022, the Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter participated in the Flag Retirement ceremony conducted by the Point Pleasant Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. The Fort Randolph Society of the Children of the American Revolution also assisted in this moving tribute to the American Flag and the proper way to disposed of weathered and worn flags. In July, August and November, the Chapter marched in the 4th of July, Fair and Veteran's Day

Parades. The daughters purchased and wore polo shirts identifying our chapter and passed out American flags to children along the parade route.

On October 9, the Chapter Regent attend the Battle Days Memorial Service at Tu-Endie-Wei State Park conducted by the Sons of the American Revolution. Regent Cromley led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. She then placed a wreath at The Magazine on behalf of the Chapter in honor of the colonists who fought and died at the Battle of Point Pleasant. Additionally, Brooke Price, CAR Committee Chair of the DAR, led the participants in singing of the National Anthem.

On December 14 Chapter members participated in Wreaths Across America for the 11th straight year. After a brief ceremony at which wreaths were placed for each branch of the Service, as well as POW/MIA and the Space Force, members placed 763 wreaths at four cemeteries, Pioneer, Lone Oak, Suncrest and Kirkland. Volunteers included the 4-H Teen Leaders, Sons of the American Revolution, Children of the American Revolution and community members, in addition to the Chapter members.

Colonel Charles Lewis

Our chapter participated in Battle Days at Tu-Endie-Wei State Park. The Memorial Service, conducted by the SAR, was attended by the Regent who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and placed a wreath at the Magazine on behalf of the chapter in honor of the colonists who fought and died at the Battle of Point Pleasant.

The CAR Committee Chair led the participants in singing the National Anthem. Other members, wearing colonial dress, participated in apple butter making with the CAR and SAR.



In January, 2023, the Chapter participated in a Twelfth Night Celebration in conjunction with the SAR and CAR. After a dinner, a short presentation was given about thoughts on the Battle of Point Pleasant. Those attending also participated in a game about dates significant in our nation's history. The Chapter has continued with month meetings and working toward goals of cleaning and repairing graves in the local Pioneer Cemetery, where several patriots are buried. Additionally, we are planning a grave marking in South Charleston to honor our founding daughter, Livia Simpson Poffenbarger.

Several new applicants are in the process of joining our chapter and we look forward to a productive year in continuing with our objectives.

Diana Cromley, Regent

Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter

Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter, NSDAR, celebrated their 100th Anniversary with a "1922 Tea" held at the historic Prickett's Fort State Park. Some guests included State and District Officers, Chapter Regents, SAR members, and the Mayor of Fairmont who presented us with a Proclamation. WBOYTV and Times WV covered the event. A memorial service was held honoring our charter members. State Regent Jane Larke installed chapter officers for the 22-25 term. They are Regent/Historian Barbara Channell, Vice Regent Mara Squires, Chaplin/Secretary Patricia Haught, Treasurer/ Registrar Patty Norman, and Librarian Sharon Huskins.

Wreaths were presented at various events during the year. We participated in the Julia Pierpont Days and were invited to place a wreath on Patriot Boaz Flemings' grave at the Woodlawn Cemetery. Our Chapter nominated Julia Pierpont for "Women in America History." Reenactor Mrs. Dodd accepted the certificate. We participated in the Sergeant Major John Champe SAR marker dedication at Prickett's Fort Cemetery and presented a wreath. We presented a wreath at Battle Days at Point Pleasant. A wreath was presented at the Vietnam Veterans Traveling Wall in Whitehall, WV. A wreath was laid at the Fairmont Veterans Square on

Veterans Day. Members placed three Wreaths on Patriot graves during Wreaths Across America at the Maple Wood Cemetery.



Constitution Day Bell Ringing was held in cooperation with the Marion County Museum in front of the Courthouse. We participated in the program, asked churches to ring bells, invited boy scouts, and set up a DAR information display. Twenty-five afghans and 20 handmade toboggans were donated to the Louis A Johnson VA Medical Center in Clarksburg. Members mailed 1000 greeting cards to veterans and military personnel. A WWII Certificate of Appreciation was sent to Hershel "Woody" Williams. The National Day of Service found us at the Maple Wood Cemetery hosting a stone cleaning event. Throughout the year we have continued locating and cleaning stones of Revolutionary War Patriots.

We shined brightly in social media, 4 articles in local newspapers, 2 articles in the State newsletter, 2 articles in the National newsletter, an article on a VA SAR website and coverage that include an interview on WBOY-TV. We can be found on WBOY website and Times WV website. This year our Chapter sparkled receiving 4 National awards, 4 East Central Division Awards, 25 State awards for work done in 2021. Shining star Patty Norman received the Certificate of Appreciation Award for the State of West Virginia from the Department of Defense Vietnam War Commemoration. By 2023, 100% of our executive committee graduated from the members course, 40% graduated from the Committee Course, and 20% from the Horizon Course. Regent Barbara Channell completed GEP courses by graduating DNA, E-app and Mid-Level Reviewer courses.

I sadly report the passing of Rita Marlene Jones (1937-2022) Past Regent and a member for 35 years; Hallie Mae Williams (1922-2022) a member for 2 years; Helen Pauline Ford Nuzum (1926-2023) Past Regent and a member for 68 years.

Barbara Channell, Regent

Colonel William Lowther Chapter

The Colonel William Lowther Chapter is pleased to report that the Chapter Regent and Chapter Treasurer were able to re-instate thirteen (13) Chapter members as of December 1, 2022. While the biggest challenge of the Chapter is that a majority of the members live at least 75 miles from Salem, the members are thrilled that the membership was able to be recovered, and the Chapter numbers are improving.

This Chapter supported Community Classroom through their continued volunteering in the Doddridge County Elementary and High Schools as needed. The members partnered with the United Way of Harrison and Doddridge Counties by working in local food pantries to sort donations and to hand out supplies each month. Members continued to report hours in Service to America through other means of volunteering in their churches and local non-profit agencies.

U.S. Flag codes were distributed to spectators at the Annual Salem Applebutter Festival Parade.

Chapter members raised money to purchase community signs for the 3 main entrances into Salem. The Chapter Regent is working with the CDR and the Membership Committee to plan genealogy workshops in 2023 to help attract potential members.

Charla Nutter-McNaboe, Regent

Colonel William Lowther



In October our chapter participated in the Grand Parade of the 35th Annual Salem Apple Butter Festival.

Colonel Zackquill Morgan Chapter

The Colonel Zackquill Morgan Chapter, WVDAR is small but mighty. With just 16 members, our chapter members wear many hats and stay busy serving in the DAR. Members served 553 hours in 2022, exceeding our annual goal. We participated in patriotic parades, memorial ceremonies, service projects, and much more. Chapter meetings focused on a variety of topics, from conservation to local history to women's issues to national defense.

In April 2022, the Col. Zackquill Morgan chapter partnered with local history museum, Arthurdale Heritage to complete a preservation and conservation project. An original trellis on one of their historic stone buildings needed to be rebuilt. We completed this project and planted clematis to climb the trellis, just as it had originally in the 1930s. We also provided a new flag for the Veterans Memorial in the Arthurdale community.



Colonel Zackquill Morgan

Our chapter rebuilt a trellis on a historic building in Arthurdale. Historically, clematis grew on that trellis; we replanted it. Left to Right: Kim Burnette, Elizabeth Satterfield, Frances Vanscoy, Rebecca Davis, and Gisele DeAngelis.

Honoring veterans is very important to the members of the Col. Zackquill Morgan chapter. Chapter members participated in Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and Pearl Harbor Day ceremonies as well as the Veterans Day parade in Morgantown where we handed out 216 flags and 60 flag pins to bystanders. We purchased 50 wreaths for Wreaths Across America to be placed on the WV National Cemetery. Every year, we also partner with a local nursing home to "adopt" their veterans at Christmas. Our members make blankets and purchase personal gifts for each veteran.

Increasing membership has been a long-term goal of our chapter. As many of our members grow elderly or pass away, we have worked to gain new members. We currently have three prospective members with applications in the works. Col. Zackquill Morgan is looking forward to growing and improving in 2023 and beyond!

Elizabeth Satterfield, Regent

Daniel Davisson Chapter

The chapter presented gifts bags from DAR to new citizens at the Naturalization Ceremony in Clarksburg, WV. We presented Quilts of Valor to veterans who completed a drug rehabilitation program. For Constitution Week in September, we created displays at two libraries, contacted elected officials, obtained proclamations from three mayors, presented a program at the WV Veterans Nursing Facility, obtained TV coverage while we rang the bells, and sponsored a coloring contest in conjunction with two schools and a library. Our DAR Day of Service project was placing mums and flags at veterans' memorials at four locations in our county. We passed out candy and bookmarks at two locations in our county for Trunk or Treat events to promote literacy.

Daniel Davisson

To honor our founders, Daniel Davisson Chapter created and installed a permanent display in the Clarksburg History Museum depicting the past, present, and future of our chapter. Doris Dean, our Recording Secretary, was instrumental for making this happen!



We designed and placed a permanent display to honor DAR and Daniel Davisson Chapter at the Clarksburg History Museum. We created displays for Native American Month at two libraries. We worked with Future Business Leaders of America students from a high school to lay landscape fabric and mulch on the pollinator garden at the Daniel Davisson DAR Cemetery and then presented them with certificates of appreciation from DAR. We sponsored wreaths for veterans at a cemetery for a Wreaths Across America Ceremony. We provided bedside Christmas angels for patients at our local VA hospital for Christmas Eve, sent veterans Valentine cards, and donated various items throughout 2022.

Laura Fullen, Regent

Elizabeth Ludington Hagans – Colonel John Evans Chapter

As the world emerged from the pandemic, members of the Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans Chapter performed 1,209 hours of community service in 2022. Chapter Daughters serving in State and National capacities include Vicky Shears, State Treasurer; Anna Chandler, State Chair of the American Heritage Committee; Stephanie Burns, State Chair of the DAR Project Patriot Committee, and Susan Arnold, State Chair of the Volunteer Genealogists Committee and Region III Lineage Research Specialist. In the spring, two Gold ROTC Awards were presented to outstanding cadets in the WVU Army and Air Force ROTC programs.

The chapter hosted a lovely Flag Day luncheon for the three Morgantown DAR chapters at Tropics Restaurant in an outdoor gazebo. State Regent Cheryl Brown was the guest speaker regarding her administration's accomplishments; she also installed the chapters' new officers. For Constitution Week, the chapter displayed 14 posters around town and attended a proclamation signing by the Monongalia County Commission. The home WVU football game on September 17 prevented our traditional Constitution Week luncheon and participation in Bells Across America. Instead, the chapter paid for an announcement celebrating Constitution Day to be displayed on the Jumbotron scoreboard at the stadium that was seen by the 50,703 fans attending the game. The wording of the announcement was as follows: "Please join the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution as we celebrate the 235th birthday of the U.S. Constitution, America's Greatest Document!"

For the DAR Day of Service Project, chapter members volunteered at Pantry Plus More and donated large quantities of snack and convenience foods for weekend distribution to children of underprivileged families. The chapter participated in the Veterans Day Parade, and Chapter Regent Susan Arnold participated in wreath-laying ceremonies both for Veterans Day and to mark the 81st Anniversary of the Attack on Pearl Harbor. The chapter donated fleece blankets and "Thank You for Your Service" cards to the 46 veterans in Monongalia County nursing homes for Veterans Day. They also received V valentines and gift bags filled with personal care items from the chapter in February.



Elizabeth Ludington Hagans – Colonel John Evans

The chapter celebrated several Commemorative Events in 2022, including Flag Day, Constitution Week, the 150th Anniversary of Yellowstone National Park, Veterans Day, and Pearl Harbor Day. This picture is from the Flag Day luncheon we hosted for 3 DAR chapters in Morgantown. This is an annual tradition to celebrate our Flag.

The 150th Anniversary of Yellowstone National Park was celebrated with an article about its history in the chapter newsletter as well as a meeting program featuring the park's beautiful scenery. The chapter supported active-duty military and veterans through Sundale Nursing Home's "Presents for Patients" program, the Jenkins Funeral Home's "Stockings for Soldiers" program, the West Virginia Heroes Program which provides WVU football tickets to veterans and active-duty military, and by mailing several care packages and providing dozens of books to Operation Paperback to support Project Patriot activities. The chapter's participation in Wreaths Across America raised enough funds to purchase 566 wreaths. Chapter members participated in the December ceremony and laid wreaths at Oak Grove/Lawnwood Cemeteries. The chapter continued to provide the $1500 Elizabeth L. Hagans DAR Scholarship at WVU and sponsored a Clay-Battelle High School Senior to attend Rhododendron Girls State. All in all, it was a successful year for the chapter.

Susan Arnold, Regent

Elizabeth Zane Chapter

I am happy to say I survived mt first year as Elizabeth Zane Regent. The Chapter Yearbook was delivered digitally as well as the monthly newsletter. Public and private Facebook pages are still in use and meeting minutes are distributed digitally for review. Chapter activities this year include baking and delivering cookies to First Responders on Patriots Day. We collected and donated "Teachers Essentials" to the Middle School for our DAR National Day of Service Project. We entered a float in the West Virginia Strawberry Festival Grand Parade (won 1st place in Division) and showed off the incoming State Regent in a red Corvette!



Elizabeth Zane

Our chapter entered a float in the West Virginia Strawberry Festival Grand Parade. We won 1st Place in Division. We also showed off the incoming State Regent in a red Corvette!

In July we placed a marker on the grave of patriot Nathan Gould in conjunction with French Creek Pioneers Day at the French Creek Presbyterian Cemetery. We sponsored city Proclamations for both Constitution Week and American Indian Heritage Month. The Chapter participated in Naturalization ceremonies in Elkins, WV. We attended the Central District meeting in Arthurdale. In May we placed Flags on the known Revolutionary Patriots in Upshur County. We welcomed 3 new members including one Junior. We gave 10 year and a 25-year Membership Certificates to members this year. EZ members continue to work on Project Patriot indexing. Although we only have 4 members under 60; we try to participate in all we can.

April Wilson Wallace, Regent

Elk River Chapter

DAR service, with a group of dedicated women from Braxton, Calhoun, Clay and Nicholas counties, made for an enjoyable year. New officers were installed in the spring of 2022. They include Ruth Mooney - Regent, Dorma Dawson - Vice Regent, Linda Racer - Chaplain, Amy Starcher - Registrar, Charlene Lewis - Recording Secretary, Elizabeth Stewart - Treasurer, Dabney Phillips - Corresponding Secretary and Meg Ashby - Historian & Librarian. In early 2023 Dorma Dawson moved to Texas and Patricia Moore was appointed to fill the office of Vice Regent for the remaining administrative term. In June Elk River Chapter held its 50th Anniversary celebration. We preserved our history with stories, gifts, dinner and historic music entertainment.



Elk River

The chapter preserves history by supporting the musicians of the musical group *Strum Along*, who play old tunes, such as Yankee Doodle, on lap dulcimer, guitar, bass, banjo, harmonica, psaltry, autoharp, & fiddle. They played at our 50th Anniversary Celebration, but also perform throughout a three-county area at fairs, schools, nursing homes, & more; preserving historic music by sharing with others.

We handed out Constitution booklets to new citizens at the Naturalization ceremony in Clarksburg. One member attended a Flag Day Ceremony presented by the Elks fraternal organization and a Boy Scout troop in the Clarksburg area. Several members attended the Central District meeting in Arthurdale, WV. Three large packages were sent to deployed female active-duty navy personnel. Throughout the year, the chapter sent requested items to the VA Medical Center in Clarksburg. Constitution Week brought Proclamations signed by three mayors, displays in four libraries, an informative program at our fall meeting, with all present receiving a copy of the Constitution.

Members searched for gravesites of Revolutionary War soldiers. Preliminary plans are to mark one or two graves each year. Cleaning gravestones was the Day of Service project. One middle school participated in the American History Essay contest. Chapter recognized four high school seniors as DAR Good Citizens. Chapter awarded the JROTC medal to a cadet from Nicholas County High School. Elk River Chapter was one of twenty West Virginia chapters participating in the Brown administration's Bed Buddy project for the residents at The West Virginia Veterans Home located in Barboursville, WV.

Throughout the year, members gave Service to America and recorded their information on the on-line tally. The chapter exceeded the goal set by National. A Colonial dining PowerPoint, with prepared food samples and a collection of recipes a booklet was given to each one in attendance. This was one of our favorite programs. One of our members, Meg Ashby, serves the State Society as Chair of the Conservation Committee. Ruth Mooney serves as Representative of

VAVS at the Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center in Clarksburg. The only living charter member met her 50-year membership milestone. Patricia “Trish” Hall Moore and her now deceased mother, Mary Janice Hall, helped organize the Elk River Chapter, NSDAR, June 9, 1972.

Ruth Mooney, Regent

General Andrew Lewis Chapter

Our chapter sends monthly mailings to all members either by email or regular mail. The mailing includes a monthly meeting agenda, minutes, financial statement, announcements and general information. Reports from WVDAR and the National Society are forwarded to members.



General Andrew Lewis

Our chapter participated in the Annual Alderson, West Virginia, Fourth of July Parade. Members handed out copies of the US Flag Code, US Constitution, and small American Flags to spectators. Shown are Regent Deborah Phillips, Honorary Regent Sandy Cowen, and Corresponding Secretary Karen McClung.

Our meetings held on ZOOM during the pandemic are now held in person at different venues in our community. Speakers have included retired veterans, an archeologist, a geologist, historians, and members.

Our members donated to keep a long-term member active after she was admitted to assisted living facility and are encouraging her to attend monthly meetings. We participated in the July 4th Parade handing out US Flags and information on the constitution and flag. Our members contribute over 2,700 volunteer hours to the community by volunteering at church, humane society, historical society, garden clubs and other non-profit organizations including in leadership positions.

Our members also contribute to environmental and conservation efforts. We collected over $1,100 worth clothing and personal hygiene items for men and women and delivered them to the VA Hospital in Beckley. We will hold a spring drive for similar items.

We started a new project to identify and mark Revolutionary patriot’s graves in the Historic Old Stone Cemetery. Only one person did not pay dues. We have three applications pending approval and additional research.

Deborah Phillips, Regent

Highlands of the Potomac Chapter

On March 5, 2022 Highlands of the Potomac [HOTP] Chapter NSDAR #4-066-WV was confirmed by the National Board of Management with thirty-five members! The chapter members went right to work compiling by-laws, policies, procedures, establishing committees and doing fundraising.

As the Organizing Regent, I was privileged to represent HOTP at the WV State Society Conference in April. It was exciting to lead the American’s Creed at the Saturday morning business session and to cast our chapters’ vote in the election of state officers.

Chapter members Darlene Frederick, Registrar and Shirley Pyles, Vice-Regent represented the chapter in May at the Keyser Combined Veterans Organization’s Memorial Day Program by delivering the main speech and teaching the American’s Creed.

The Chapter Regent, Registrar, Historian, other members including a junior participated in the local combined Veterans Day Services on November 11th, with a wreath laying and bell sounding. USAF Veteran & Bugler James Chaney HODAR of Regent Beverly Chaney sounded TAPS.



Chapter members toured local historical sites, donated to support their missions, participated in the Eastern District Meeting, Celebrated Constitution Week and the DAR Day of Service by planting endangered American Chestnut trees.

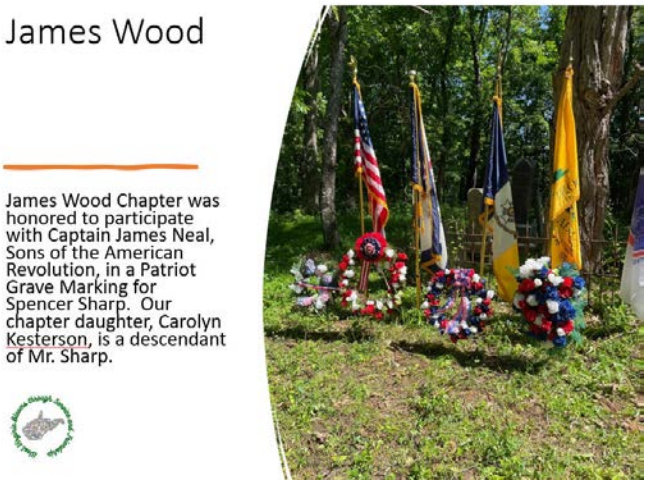
Chapter Programs included topics about historic preservation, local history and little-known Revolutionary patriots. The CMR/CAA was completed with 100% support of the President General's Project, credit for seventeen new members and one junior member by application for a total of thirty-nine members at year's end!

Beverly Wilson Chaney, Organizing Regent

James Wood Chapter

James Wood Chapter has remained very active in the Parkersburg/Wood County Community.

Currently, we have sixty-eight members. Sadly, we lost two of our very dear ladies. We had a transfer out and one resignation. We gained three new members through applications and one by transfer. We honored a member with her fifty-year membership pin.



We were honored to participate with Captain James Neal SAR Chapter in a Patriot Grave Marking for Spencer Sharp. James Wood Daughter Carolyn Kesterson is a descendent of Sharp. In addition, we joined with SAR in several Compatriot Grave Markings and dedicated a DAR insignia to one of our recently deceased Daughters. One of the highlights of our year was hosting the West Virginia Northern District Conference in August. Our committee worked for months planning the perfect meeting. A record $581was raised from the Gift Baskets which will go to the State Regent's Project.

We kicked off the new year with our Dues Tea and Constitution Week Celebration. 1,750 Preamble Bookmarks were distributed to high school juniors and seniors. Proclamations were obtained from area mayors and the County Commission. A display was placed in the Court House Annex. Our programs included a talk on Pearl Harbor and women's health issues. James Wood remains committed to supporting the youth in our area. We recognize the NJROTC Cadet of the Year with a medal and certificate. Seniors from three public high schools and three parochial schools participated in the Good Citizen Essay Contest. Each was given a certificate and a monetary award. We are fortunate to support college students through our Ellen Scott Stewart Memorial Fund. Seven $1,500 scholarships were awarded with the opportunity to renew as long as a 3.0 Grade Point Average is maintained.

Our military veterans are very dear to our hearts. We provide cookies and snacks monthly for the Veterans Counseling Center in Parkersburg. Over $800 in clothing, toiletries and snack items were donated to the Louis A. Jonson Veterans Hospital in Clarksburg. The National Day of Service project offered the opportunity to support the Murphytown Disabled American Veterans Chapter Food Pantry and their Thanksgiving Food Baskets. Daughters donated hundreds of dollars of food items to be given to families in need in the community. The annual Parkersburg Veterans Day Parade is always a memorable event for us. This year we prepared a float saluting the women's Military Groups. Unfortunately, the parade was canceled due to bad weather. The good news is, we are ready for the parade this year.

The monthly Surprise Gift Bag generated over $900 this year. The funds were used to support various projects in the community including Food Bags to Care Closets at local schools that were sent home with students to provide meals while students were on school breaks.

James Wood Daughters are very active in the community logging 2,968 volunteer hours. They serve in food pantries, soup kitchens, church activities, and driving seniors to appointments.

Jane Kesterson Richards, Regent

James Barbour Chapter



John Chapman Chapter



John Cooke Chapter

We did recognize two Seniors from our two County High Schools as Good Citizens. We were not able to meet with them personally but talked to them several times by phone. We sent the Certificate, etc. to their local schools to be delivered at the Senior Award Services.



John Cooke

Our chapter places a wreath at the grave of John Cooke, for whom our chapter is named, each Memorial Day. We want the community to remember him. His grave is located in the yard of the Delilah Methodist Church outside Oceana; close to where his cabin was located.

We are sad to say that we have had three members pass away in the last year. One in particular was very active in the research for new members. This would be Sylvia Ann Bragg. We will truly miss her and her knowledge of so many patriots.

I am pleased to report that we are working on several applications for our chapter. One lady is the daughter of one of our members who recently passed. We are very pleased that so many are interested in the DAR Membership. We placed a wreath at the grave of John Cooke. This is done every year as a tribute to his memory. Our chapter did deliver Christmas gifts to the VA Hospital in Beckley, WV. We also sent "Thank You" notes to the patients there as well. We did take part in the Service to America project.

We do seem to be a struggling chapter, but I feel that the next year will be a more active year for us.

Anita Lusk, Regent

John Hart Chapter

During the year of 2022 - 2023 John Hart Chapter entertained many great informational programs including the following: Women's Veterans Day observed on June 12th the anniversary of the Women's Armed Service Integration Act - since June 12, 1948 allowing women to serve in the armed forces. The Stars and Stripes - information given such as 27 different US flags and their histories, the country returning to the original 13 Star Flag in 1818, and in 1963 the field of Stars was increased to 50 and has flown under 12 Presidents.

The Constitution and Constitution Week - Teaching the US Constitution in American schools. Celebration of NSDAR and John Hart Chapter Birthdays in October. A Vietnam Veteran shared with Chapter members his experiences in Vietnam and information concerning veterans' benefits. A program entitled Five Remarkable Women of Early America presented for Women's History Month in March.



John Hart

After financially helping to establish it, some of our members actively serve on the Board of the Randolph County Historical Society and Museum.

Chapter activities included: A candlelight Memorial Service was held during the June meeting to remember our deceased chapter members that passed within the last three years. Chapter members attended the

Naturalization Ceremony at the United States District Court for the Northern District of WV at Elkins WV with 20 Naturalized Citizens of the United States of America.

Chapter members attended the WVDAR Central District Meeting in August. Constitution Week was celebrated by having a Proclamation signed by Jerry A. Marco, Mayor of Elkins, declaring the week of September 17-23 as Constitution Week in Elkins, WV.

National NSDAR Day of Service and giving back to the community day, Chapter members assisted the Randolph County Senior Center with an annual event.

In celebration of Veterans Day, chapter members supplied refreshments and "Thank you for your service cards" to veterans at a local health care facility. The chapter participated in Wreaths Across America by sponsoring two wreaths to be placed at the Grafton National Cemetery.

A Christmas luncheon was held at Davis and Elkins College. In February members met at Pizza Hut for a social gathering. A Nursing Scholarship in the amount of $500.00 was awarded to a local student in a Practical Nursing Program.

Carolyn Corley Channell, Regent

John Young Chapter

As I begin my second term as regent, I pause to contemplate the future of John Young Chapter going forward. Over the past years there have been positive memories. A deep dedication to DAR by members showing a willingness to be involved with an interest in national and state goals, as well as support for my agenda has been outstanding. The chapter is strong in issues such as Americanism, veteran support, Community support and volunteerism, schools, women's' issues, and constitutionalism.



Members continue to be active in activities that promote American freedom, patriotism, and love of country. While there are many positive memories, there are also ominous clouds that may hover over our society. Even though we are all individuals and personally have the interest of our country and society at heart, there are times when members tend to lose sight of the efforts of the Founders. Anger, personal competition, accusations, and other negative actions have no place in DAR. Faith, hope, and charity need to form a path to perpetuate the legacy of the Founders.

As we move to a new term, this chapter needs new members who are willing to be actively involved. Two thirds of dues paying members, while interested, have attained a level of health or energy, limiting participation. To remedy this, events continue to be scheduled to address this. Examples include meetings with teachers, girl scout leaders, and other civic volunteers.

A classroom lesson is being developed for elementary students where parents will be invited to attend. Meetings with ROTC Auxiliary members and National Guard family are scheduled to discuss DAR. I am confident that as COVID moves from a pandemic that interest will flourish.

Karen E. Taylor, John Young Chapter Regent

Kanawha Valley Chapter

Kanawha Valley Chapter members started off the new reporting period in April by participating, along with numerous members of other chapters, in the Virtual State Conference

with a Watch Party, organized by members of the KVC, at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Charleston. In June, KVC members attended a State Treasurer's ceremony at the WV Culture Center to return unclaimed military medals and memorabilia to veterans and their families. Two KVC members attended Continental Congress, and, in July, several KVC members attended the Western District meeting in Huntington.

Chapter programs included The Honorable Larry Rowe on the History of the Constitution; a "History Alive" performer, Rebecca Park, who portrayed Col. Ruby Bradley, a West Virginia-born Army nurse; Adam Greathouse from Disabled American Veterans; Jane Marks, an AARP Certified Dementia Specialist; and Cora Teel, who spoke about the DAR Archives at Marshall University. At chapter meetings, members presented 3 "Our Patriots' minutes for America 250!, 2 Conservation minutes and 2 Indian minutes. The Preamble to the Constitution, the Americans Creed the President General's message and National Defense message were presented at every meeting. In May, we conducted a Memorial Service for deceased members.



We celebrated Constitution Week with proclamations; bell ringing and displays at the State Capitol and the Charleston Federal building. KVC has also donated books to the DAR Library in memory of deceased members and their husbands.

KVC has a proud history of service to veterans. In February, in lieu of a chapter meeting, KVC sponsors a Bingo Party for the residents of the Barboursville Veterans' Home. Other services for veterans included placing flags on the graves in Donel C. Kinnard Memorial State Veterans' Cemetery on Memorial Day; participating in the Western District's project to build a sheltered picnic area at the Barboursville Veterans' home; laying wreaths at Donel C. Kinnard cemetery in association with Wreaths Across America; and donation of fidget lap blankets and virtual pets to Veterans Hospital residents with dementia

Other service projects include donations of gently used business attire to Dress for Success; collections for our Community Classroom project of supplementing teacher supplies; and collections every other month for DAR Schools and Indian Schools, respectively. In 2022, KVC "adopted" a residential cottage at Crossnore Communities for Children in North Carolina, and has donated snacks, birthday cards and gift cards to the boys in Beverly Cottage.

Connie Bowling, Regent

Matthew French Chapter

The Matthew French Chapter works tirelessly to fulfill the DAR's mission of historic preservation, education and patriotism. In April, seven members attended the virtual WV State Conference.

Bill Brewster and Jim Wood received the National Defense Award in May, and flags were placed on departed veterans and daughters' graves. In June, newly elected officers were installed. Outgoing regent Donna Brewster was presented with a Patriot silhouette designed by member Barbara McDowell. Five members attended the Southern District meeting in July. August was a busy month. After 100 years, our chapter has an office and a place to meet as tenants of the Dr.

Robert B. McNutt House, the only pre-Civil War era house in Princeton and listed on the National Historic Register. Matthew French and John Chapman Chapters held a work party to prepare packets for Constitution Week.

September was busier than August with a Constitution Week Proclamation presented by the City of Princeton. A poster board was displayed at the Princeton Public Library. Packets were given to 37 1st grade classrooms and 34 4th grade classrooms. A flag coloring page and a flag decal were given to 915 first graders and 946 fourth-grade students received a Constitution Week 8-page booklet and a flag decal. Each teacher received a DAR Constitution Week cowbell.



WVVA-TV reported on our Bells Across America event and our chapter's 100th Anniversary Celebration. Stephanie Bragg, Pikeview High School teacher, received the Women in American History Award. In October, the City of Princeton gave its first annual donation of $1,500 to assist the chapter with utilities, telephone, Wi-Fi and related office expenses. An NSDAR National Day of Prayer service was held. Donations were collected and given to the VA Clinic for our NSDAR Day of Service. In November, the daughters cleaned and decorated the McNutt House. Two anonymous members donated $3,200 to pay for the McNutt House – Matthew French Chapter NSDAR Christmas ornament which sells for $20. At December's Open House, the McNutt House was decorated for an 1840 Christmas. The DAR Sitting Room showcased our Patriot Tree, honoring our chapter's patriots. DAR daughters and SAR sons entertained their guests in period dress with stories of a bygone era from the American Revolution to the late 1850s when Giles County, Virginia, (now Mercer County, West Virginia) was being settled by our forefathers. Mary Lou Brown and Pat Mick were recognized for 40 and 50 years of service, respectively. Several daughters attended the SAR Luncheon. The chapter submitted its Chapter Master and State Reports in January and began amending its chapter bylaws in February.

March ushered in the first DAR Informational Hour, reviewing the chapter's CMR and State Reports. Samantha Shleser, and 5 guests were in attendance as April Norris proposed submitting an application for the Dr. Robert B. McNutt House to be listed on the NSDAR's Historic Sites and Properties. The chapter is designing a Walking Tour of the Old Town. The City of Princeton presented a Vietnam Veterans' Commemorative Proclamation. Three members completed the Members Course.

Stella Moon, Regent

Ohio Valley Chapter

Ohio Valley Chapter is pleased to report on activities during the year. With genealogy being an important issue, the ladies have initiated a project to identify Revolutionary War era women who can be officially considered "Patriots." The 65 Pioneer Women Patriots (PWP) from our locale that have been identified are "True Daughters" and many lived at Fort Henry and Fort

Wells. We are applying for the America 250! Grant, and plan to use these funds to further this project. Another project involves distributing Braille American Flags to students in Northern District Schools who are visually impaired. We are sewing the flags using fabrics with a variety of textures. Roberta Gellner has made "Flag Kits" to use so the flags will be uniform and easily identified. We participated in Constitution Week by placing displays in schools and libraries; and having Proclamations signed by the mayors of the towns. A local radio station made announcements using Constitution Week information provided by the Ohio Valley Chapter.



Throughout the year, members donated items to the Louis A. Johnson V.A. Medical Center. In the Fall, our ladies visited the Veteran's Park in downtown St. Mary's where they placed mums around the flagpole and cleaned the park. Frannie Weekley made 24 small duffle bags for homeless veterans and chapter members brought items to fill the bags. Gloves, scarves, instant soup, and hand lotion were placed in the bags. The Freedom Riders, a local veteran's group, collected the bags and delivered them on motorcycles to homeless veterans. Our January meeting was essential to the completion of the Chapter Master Report. The members added chapter and individual activities to aid in completing the CMR. An informative program on our chapter charter members was presented by Anna Carson in February which gave us time to reflect on our early beginnings.

The chapter invited a local Scout Troop to the March 2023 meeting to demonstrate "The 13 Folds of the American Flag". Neoma Spratt and Tina Seese organized the program, and we all enjoyed pizza with the scouts following the program. Recognition for outstanding community service in our towns is given to local citizens and veterans each year. Our student Essay Winner was the WV State winner, and his essay was sent to Eastern District for further competition. The April 2023 meeting will focus on citizens in our communities. Attending this meeting will be individuals representing outstanding service. With 2023 heralding the 70th Anniversary of the Ohio Valley Chapter, Ginger Nalley and all members have been busily making plans, organizing details, and inviting guests to a celebration on April 29, 2023. Follow-up information will be highlighted in next year's report.

The Ohio Valley Chapter has been involved in a variety of historic, educational, and patriotic activities throughout the year. It has been my honor to serve as Chapter Regent of this vital organization, and I am looking forward to more exciting adventures with the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Dr. Marilyn S. Rogers, Regent

Old Hickory Chapter

The Old Hickory Chapter has been extremely busy since our last state conference. All our members have been upholding our core values of historic preservation, education, and patriotism, while bettering our local community. We kicked off our year with our annual dues Tea in September and we also celebrated our 10th anniversary in October!

After our State Regent released that one of her projects would be promoting childhood literacy – we got to work! We sponsored our local library's 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program that encourages parents to read to their children. One of our members, Gloria Batten, worked tirelessly on our Library in Laundromats project! She placed free kid libraries in two local laundromats with books donated from our chapter and ones she found as well! Patriotism is something that our chapter excels at. Between participating in our local Veteran's Day Parade and 4th of July Parade; honoring our local vets at our Vietnam Veterans Memorial Event, our Korean Veterans Memorial Event and our Wreaths Across America Event; and participating in the dinner for the Veterans during the Hunting Heroes Event (where community members take veterans out hunting) – our members exemplify patriotism.

Members participated in Constitution Week by Ringing the Bells on our courthouse lawn and by donating Constitution Week packets to 3 elementary schools – over 900 students were impacted! During our meetings, we have started having Service in Seconds projects! Some of those include; WV Pollinating Wildflower Seed Packets that were given out at the BBQ Throwdown that benefitted Hunting Heroes; Infant Fleece Tie-Blankets donated to CAMC; and Cards to Veterans. Our chapter was the recipient of an over $60,000 donation of greeting cards from Fruth Pharmacy – which we have been slowly going through and sending in cards to the Barboursville Veterans Home, local nursing homes and donating the ones we cannot use to local schools for them to use.



Our chapter has been working on a cemetery cleanup of the oldest known cemetery in Ripley, which has one of our Revolutionary War patriots buried in it – Benjamin Wright. We have also been diligently working on another big historic preservation project – a bench on our courthouse square honoring the Jackson County Revolutionary War Patriots. We have just received national approval!! So be on the lookout for an invite to honor our 12 local patriots soon!

Finally, our chapter has been preparing for the America 250 Celebrations! Since Ripley is the largest small-town 4th of July Festival – we are kicking off our celebrations with a Boston Tea Party float for our parade! We will also be having a "Boston Tea Party" on December 16th at the Starcher Mansion in Ripley! We invite everyone to come have tea with us as well as throwing tea off our ship! It is an absolute honor to serve in your administration:

Grace Arthur, Regent

Pack Horse Ford Chapter

The chapter's American History Essay Contest Awards Ceremony and Reception was held in March. Sixty essays from 2 schools were submitted for grades 5 through 8. Ten awards for places 1 through 3 were awarded. Four of our students placed on the state level: two first place, one third place, and one honorable mention. Our chapter dedicated a grave marker for Revolutionary War Patriot Philp Sheetz in April at the Old Lutheran Graveyard in Shepherdstown. Members of General Adam Stephen Chapter, NSSAR and Henrietta Bedinger Lee Society, N.S.C.A.R. assisted. A reception hosted by our chapter followed the ceremony. Cheryl Brown and Dorrene Hale transcribed the first of two ledger books of Robert S.M. Hoffman, undertaker in Shepherdstown. The two ledger books cover 1897-1914 and will be published in four volumes—

the first two are now available. Both are in the DAR Library and copies were donated to several local libraries. Proceeds from the sale of the books will be used to mark the graves of Revolutionary War patriots buried in Shepherdstown.

For Constitution Week, members rang bells on Constitution Day at two local churches. Shepherdstown Mayor Auxer signed our chapter's Constitution Week Proclamation. 2,000 Constitution booklets and 23 Constitution Week posters were delivered to six local schools. A member and her husband presented a Power Point program explaining Constitution Day to several 5th grade classes at a local school and distributed Constitution pocket booklets to 225 students. The theme of our chapter's Constitution Week window display at Dickinson & Wait store in Shepherdstown was the election process. For the DAR National Day of Service Chapter members donated needed items to Bethany House, the shelter for homeless women and children in Martinsburg. Darlene Hayhurst, Manager of Bethany House, was the featured speaker at our October chapter meeting. Our chapter sponsored a "Welcome Home" Breakfast to honor Vietnam War era veterans and surviving spouses in November. The program included an explanation of the Missing Man Table; address by Major Philip Suydam, USAF, Retired, Senior Aerospace Science Instructor for Jefferson High School Air Force JROTC; presentation of pins and certificates to Vietnam Era Veterans and surviving spouses; and a medley of service songs.



Our chapter's Walk to End Alzheimer's team raised $520. We gave $1,000 scholarships to two students at Shepherd University in memory of Honorary Chapter Regent Ruth Power Thacher. We awarded a Good Citizen and JROTC medal to a cadet at Jefferson High School. For DAR Project Patriot, our chapter supported the USS West Virginia submarine crew by sending holiday-themed care packages and notes. We donated $2,000 in memory of past Chapter Regent Jean Ann Elliott to Shepherd University's Scarborough Library. Chapter members rode our chapter float in three parades: Sharpsburg, Maryland Memorial Day Parade and Shepherdstown's Independence Day and Christmas Parades. We hosted a Genealogy DNA workshop on Zoom. Members stuffed 90 Christmas Stockings for veterans at the VAMC in Martinsburg.

Cindy Jones Nicewarner, Regent

Peters Mountain Chapter

Despite 2022 still being Covid Challenged, Peters Mountain accomplished a lot with DAR projects and community service, exceeding the established hours goal by nearly 200% with probably many more unreported hours. Beneficiaries of our efforts included: Local food pantries-donated goods and man hours. The Peterstown unit of Rotary - two of their monthly dinner meetings each month are catered by the Chapter. Local long-term care facilities-programs provided by one of our members and her HODAR.

The Beckley VA hospital's "Wish List" was consulted and the Chapter donated a car full of items totaling approximately $700.00. Service to America's birthday card missions CARE package to a local deployed servicewoman Pill bottles to Matthew 25 Ministries for Doctors Without Borders Card fronts for a Service to America request and to St. Jude's Ranch for

Children Peterstown FD's kitchen and meeting room got a good cleaning.. financial and "in kind" donations to both Crossnore and Hindman.. o promote patriotic education a local fourth grade teacher was approached to have the students learn about and memorize the Preamble, the American's Creed as well as the Pledge of Allegiance which they did in American Sign Language as part of their History curriculum After completing this study, they invited the Chapter to attend a program for the children to demonstrate skills. At its conclusion, Peters Mountain provided certificates, a copy of the Constitution and an American Flag to each student along with ice cream sandwiches as a reward.

2022 had one PM complete the application process and join. Currently we have another four more ladies showing interest. While for many years the Chapter has decorated graves of military dead for Memorial Day Weekend, the project has since been expanded to include Veteran's Day Weekend. With assistance from Pike View High School's JROTC and the local American Legion, we placed approximately 500 flags for both Memorial Day and Veteran's Day Weekends in 6 six cemeteries in 2022. In remembrance of 9/11, flags were placed along the main street of Peterstown and then placed again for Constitution Week which included storefront and library displays and climaxing with a public Bells Across America event in Peterstown's Gazebo Park. A proclamation by the Mayor and a short talk about the history of the event was followed by the sound of the ringing of bells by all present and then light refreshments. Peters Mountain also had the honor of being selected to represent WV with its entry of a quilt square design for the American Heritage/America 250 project. 2022 was a good year for Peters Mountain Chapter, WVDAR



Virginia Buttel, Regent

Shenandoah Valley Chapter

Greetings from the Daughters of the Shenandoah Valley Chapter! We are pleased to report that our Chapter has been very productive this last year. In May, our Daughters attended the Wreath Laying at the Adam Stephens Monument. To Commemorate Memorial Day, we enjoyed a program at War Memorial Park presented by Steve Catlett. Good Citizen awards were presented to a male and female student at Four Berkeley County Schools. Officers were sworn in at our May meeting. In June, our chapter hosted a dinner "Honoring Our Veterans." Veterans and guests enjoyed a catered meal, entertainment by the Blue Grey Chorus, and homemade desserts baked by our Daughters. We also began reviewing and revising our Bylaws. Margie represented our Chapter in attendance of the Bee Line 100th Anniversary on June 15th.

In July, Margie, PennyKay, and Barby attended Continental Congress. We utilized technology to finalize our plans for the upcoming year and the changes to our bylaws. On August 27th members attended the Eastern District meeting held at Arden Event Center. Margie and Barby attended the Ye Town of Bath Chapter 90th Anniversary celebration. September is always our busiest month with celebrations for Constitution Week and Bells Across America! Barby and Margie decorated the windows at South Berkeley Library to commemorate

Constitution Week. Proclamations were signed by Musselman High and Middle Schools, Berkeley County Council, and Martinsburg City Council. Although our Chapter Picnic was moved indoors by torrential rain, we all enjoyed the sunshine of our friendship and the program "Old Iron Sides." We were pleased that the William Henshaw Chapter was able to join us this year to "Ring the Bells" on the Courthouse steps. It is a fun activity that our chapter always enjoys!



In October, our Daughters participated in a Day of Service by scrubbing the Arden Event Center. Tables, chairs, windows, and baseboards were all cleaned, and the pastor was thankful for our service. On November 11th members attended the Wreath Laying at War Memorial Park and the Dedication of the Doughboy Monument. Early in November Margie Ways and Barby Frankenberry met to decorate the window display at Musselman High School to commemorate Veterans Day. On Saturday November 12th Shenandoah Valley participated in the Martinsburg Veterans Day Parade and created their own float. Members handed out flags and patriotic sunglasses to children. In December, our Chapter meeting enjoyed festive food and atmosphere at the home of Jerell Wright who presented the program of "Westward Ho, Women." The Chapter also voted to create a new Book Club.

In January, our Board of Management met to finalize plans for the next Six months and evaluate some long-term planning that was necessary. In February, members were encouraged to send cards to our dear daughter Sara Townsend who had a very special birthday! In March, Shenandoah Valley honored one of our own women, Sally Ann Greenfield. Johanna Myers presented "The Spy Who Wore Red, White, and Blue."

Jerrel Wright, Regent

South Branch Valley Chapter

The Daughters of South Branch Valley Chapter are pleased to report that we have 43 members and 3 associate members. Our chapter has been very active with our Service to America activities. In both May and October, we made items for our Community Classroom ongoing projects. First, we made no-sew blankets to be delivered to the EACHS Head Start program in Hardy County. Then we packed boxes with personal care items for the girls in the Capon Bridge Middle School. For our National DAR Day of Service Project, we filled 10 boxes with food and personal items for active-



duty military personnel. These boxes were mailed along with a thank you card. Finally, our Service in Seconds project was completed in November by signing thank you cards for both active-duty service personnel and veterans at the Martinsburg VA Center.

We have had many enlightening programs this year from the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and DAR Schools to DAR Hospital Corp with Anita Newcomb McGee. At each meeting we have a show and tell time. Some of the items shared were knitted or tatted doilies. Other articles were a homemade basket, military items, old postcards and ration books. One of our chapter programs was Antiques Roadshow because we enjoy the show and tell part of our regular meetings. Each member shared family heirlooms or memorabilia of personal value. Items included a collection of cards and photos of Gorley's Lake Hotel in PA; Roseville Magnolia Jardiniere; WV Bishoff Glassware; family compact from Civil War era; early 1900s cards, photos, and toys; antique coverlet; embroidered flour sack bedspread; collection of military memorabilia; 1900s soup tureen; and examples of family crocheted handiwork.

Our chapter members have more than doubled our Service to America hours for 2022. One of our members has indexed more than 20,000 names for the Patriot Records Project. Our chapter registrar presented a Supplemental workshop for our chapter after our October meeting for anyone wishing to stay. She has also shared a workshop with our Lantern Chapter, Highlands of the Potomac. Our Constitution Week chair along with 2 other members made new posters to be displayed during Constitution Week. We were able to place 10 displays in local schools and libraries throughout our 4-county area. Three of our members participated in different activities for Veteran’s Day. They attended programs at local schools and at a local nursing home.

Another report at each of our meetings is the Patriot minute. We highlight the service of one of our patriots. We are in the process of working toward a Celebration Grant to share our patriots with those in our communities. Even though our chapter is spread across four counties we were active in our schools, churches, historical and service organizations as we bloom through service and friendship.

Judith A. Bowyer, Regent

Tanner’s Cross Roads Chapter

We started the year ordering t-shirts and hoodies with our chapter logo. We received them in time for our trip to Gnaudenhutton, Ohio. While there we toured the burial mound, museum, and Fort Laurens, in the present-day town of Bolivar, Ohio. During National Police Appreciation week, members of our chapter delivered pizza to the county Sheriff’s office, city police department and the State Police detachment for Roane County, In January, chapter members took in used Christmas cards to be sent off for reuse and recycling. The Chapter sent donations to USO Camp Pendleton and USS Indiana. During early June, we took rice crispy treats and a new flag to the local county 4-H group and Campgrounds during their county 4-H camp week. We also presented a local elementary school certificates for their involvement, at their school, in raising and lowering the flag at the beginning and end of school day. Our chapter members are proud of what these students do.

During the Roane County Heritage Days, we joined in with the county Historical Society to help those interested in history, or in finding a patriot. Several of our ladies attended different district meetings. At least one or more members were at all but one district meeting. Several from our group attend the weekend at Hackers Creek; there we helped each other or someone else in our group with the necessary paperwork for their genealogy lines. During football season, and practices, our chapter members donated items such as pudding, Jell-o cups, snack cakes, rice crispy treats and gummies for the team and staff to have as desserts after their meal for the day. We also delivered cases of water and Gatorade to the band to help with feeding them at

competitions. During Constitution Week, we visited the three 5th grade classes, presenting booklets, posters, flags and talking about the Constitution and war. We also added posters at several libraries in the county. Several ladies rang bells on the day of bell ringing.

We participated in the laying of the Wreath at Battle Days in Point Pleasant. We helped for the service to America Week, and the Historical society with moving books, and adding more to shelves. One of our ladies placed a wreath with the Bee Line Patriot Grave ceremony. On the Sunday of Veterans Day, veterans were presented flags for their service, in a church service. A table for the missing soldier was set up in one of our restaurants. We celebrated the birthday of Patriot and President George Washington with cherry cake and ice cream and those attending also wore red for National Heart month. At our March meeting, members collected over 100 packages of flower, vegetable and herb seeds for a school in Kentucky, along with Easter cards to present to our local nursing home and long-term health care residents. Naturally, our group went above and beyond our Service to America hours.



Tanner's Cross Roads

We visited Gaudenhutton, Ohio and toured the burial mount, the museum, and the adjoining cemetery. At the cemetery, we saw several interesting cylinder type stones.

We also visited Fort Laurens in Bolivar, Ohio. The fort no longer exists, however there is an outline of where the fort stood.

We watched a video of things and events that happened there. This fort was the only one in Ohio and farthest away from the actual fighting of the Revolutionary War. While there we discovered the National Tomb of the Unknown Revolutionary War Soldier.

Kathy Lynn Kidd, Regent

Trans-Allegheny Chapter

In May, the chapter attended a Lewis County High School Awards Ceremony to present Dylan Dever the 2022 WVDAR Good Citizens State Essay winner certificate, lapel pin, and award check of $250.00. In June State Regent-elect Jane Jacobs Larke installed the newly elected officers. It was a pleasure to have her visit Trans-Allegheny, and we look forward to working with her on her various state projects.

The Executive Committee met in July to plan and coordinate activities and special programs – the DAR Day of Service project and the 100-year Anniversary celebration of the chapter took priority. The Chapter Regent collected information for the chapter yearbook. The officers of Trans-Allegheny Chapter attended the Central District Meeting at historic Arthurdale on August 13. In September, we participated in Constitution Week by placing posters in local schools, libraries, and businesses.



Trans-Allegheny

Trans-Allegheny Chapter members celebrated its 100th Anniversary on October 16. The festivities opened with an invocation. The Regent welcomed all who attended; and showed a Power Point program celebrating the Chapter's first 100 years. She thanked the Daughters for celebrating the occasion. Daughters enjoyed visiting together while they partook of the refreshments provided.

October was a busy month. We held the 100th Anniversary celebration of our chapter. We are proud to have two (2) Past Chapter Regents over 90 years of age, whom we recognized and honored for their dedication, guidance, and service to the chapter. For the DAR Day of Service in October, the chapter presented a donation of over 1,000 diapers and wipes to the Family Resource Network in Lewis County.

In December, Chapter and Associate members joined Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans Chapter members for a Christmas luncheon at Adaland Mansion in Philippi. The State Regent Jane Jacobs Larke was an honored guest. At the February meeting, Chapter Registrar, Patricia Goodwin, presented a 20-year certificate of membership to the Chapter Regent, Theresa Scalise Blake. During this same meeting, members elected delegates for the 118th WVDAR State Conference and the 132nd Continental Congress. Members made future plans.

In order to keep our members informed and interested in the chapter's activities, our VIS Chair, Patricia Goodwin, places monthly Facebook announcements on our chapter site - America 250 Patriot Spotlight, Women's Issues, Protocol, and Insignia. Also, she highlights American History facts, local historic buildings for Historic Preservation Committee, DAR Schools, Membership, Project Patriot, pins in DAR Insignia Store, American Indians Committee, Service to America, and Commemorative Events. She provides sunshine reports, WVDAR State Conference and Continental Congress information, and the new Daughters Online Community. In addition to Facebook, the Chapter Regent, Theresa Blake, sends a newsletter monthly highlighting the President General's message and the National Defense report. The newsletter, Trans-Allegheny Tidbits, also contains a historical calendar, local announcements, upcoming events, and U. S. Flag, the DAR magazine American Spirit/Daughters Newsletter, Conservation, and Literacy minutes.

Our focus this year has been on historic preservation, and we have made monetary donations to Adaland and the Museum of American Glass. We are happy to announce that one C.A.R. member moved to Junior Member, and a dropped member is currently being reinstated. We are hoping to increase our membership.

Trans-Allegheny Chapter, NSDAR, members look forward to the next two years' accomplishments in service to God, Home, and Country!

Theresa Blake, Regent

Westmoreland Chapter

With the election of new officers, May began a new year for Westmoreland DAR. During May, members were honored with numerous awards presented at state conference. Our chapter also participated in a VA Women Veteran's Drive-Thru Baby Shower. On Memorial Day, veterans were honored when the chapter laid a wreath at the Arch in Huntington. In June, our chapter assisted with one of our favorite events, the annual Veterans' Picnic by helping feed hundreds of Veterans and their families. The start of July held a somber note, as chapter members traveled to the Rotunda in Charleston to lay a wreath in honor of deceased Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient Woody Williams and then other members attended his service the following day. At the end of the month, members assisted the Western District Director, Marilyn Oppenheimer, with the Western District Conference held by zoom.

September brought proclamations for Constitution Week and a presentation about the constitution by Attorney Charles Oppenheimer. In September, West Virginia Outstanding Teacher of the American History, Samuel Cochenour was recognized. During this month, members also helped with the creation of a shelter at the Barboursville Veteran's Home. In October, the chapter promoted the Constitution and the DAR at the Wayne Fall Festival as well as hosted a presentation about the NSDAR Library and the GRS. For our service project, items were donated to the Veteran's Homeless Shelter. November, we continued to focus on Veterans by teaching preschoolers at Wayne Elementary about Veteran's Day. Sergeant Major Thomas Francis gave a presentation on Veteran's Day and his time in service. In late November, members donated, organized, and packed shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child.



Westmoreland

Westmoreland Chapter members, Western District Director, and Vice-Regent Marilyn Oppenheimer, Regent Stephanie Smith, and Secretary Charlene Honaker dressed in Victorian Period clothing to recreate a traditional Christmas by caroling at Heritage Farm's Christmas Village.

In December members dressed in Victorian Period clothing and sang carols at Heritage Farm. Members also spoke at and sang the National Anthem at a Wreath's Across America Ceremony in Ceredo as well as provided coffee and cocoa to Veteran's and their families. Lastly, members enjoyed a concert by Wayne Elementary Choir and Drum Ensemble after enjoying a wonderful Christmas meal together. During January Navy Veteran Pam Doane gave a presentation on her time as a corpsman and discussed her work at the Huntington VA Medical Center. For Valentines Day, veterans received cards and treats from our chapter. During this month, our chapter also attended a combined meeting with Buford Chapter where a Quilts of Valor presentation was given. During this meeting our Regent Stephanie Smith, who is a veteran, was honored with a quilt. During March, the director of the Huntington VA Medical Center, Brian Nimmo, gave a presentation which discussed the medical center and its service to veterans. March also brought the first genealogy workshop presented by the Westmoreland DAR chapter and our treasurer Page Stevenson. This workshop was well-received.

For every month, members sent birthday cards to Veterans at the Veterans Home in Barboursville. Numerous members serve in religious organizations. Most importantly members of the Westmoreland Chapter serve throughout the community to make their communities a better place.

Stephanie Smith, Regent

Wheeling Chapter

It has been an exciting year for the Wheeling Chapter! We met in June at the beautiful Sandscrest Retreat Center. We welcomed new member, Donna DiCerio, and collected donations for the Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center in Clarksburg. Our annual auction raised over $100 for the Fort Van Metre monument restoration projection. Over the summer of 2022, Roseanna Keller, our Veterans Chair, delivered over $700 worth of supplies, books, games, quilts, and lap blankets to the VA Medical Center. Our new Registrar, Cynthia Archer, got right to work and had 3 applications verified, 2 transfers and 1 supplemental application completed before the end of August. And our Second Vice Regent, Debi Smith, secured a $1,500 grant for the Fort Van Metre project.

The Wheeling Chapter participated in Fort Henry Days in September. Followed by our first meeting on September 14th with Wheeling Vice Mayor, Chad Thalman, bringing us up to date on the City's historic preservation efforts and presenting a proclamation for Constitution Week by the City of Wheeling. Roseanna Keller and her writing partner, Gary Ryder, shared their new book about the history of the Benwood Steel Mill. Vietnam Veteran, Bob Blake, was our special guest speaker at our Veteran's Day meeting in November. The Wheeling Chapter ended 2022, with a joint meeting with the Fort Henry Chapter at the historic Stifel Fine Arts Center. We welcomed two new members, Patricia Timberlake, and Kristen Seamon, at the meeting and local historians, Judi Hendrickson, and Jeanne Finstein (Wheeling Chapter Librarian), shared Christmas traditions from around the world.

The December meeting also marked the end of our fall veteran's project. Just before Christmas we were able to deliver a car full of donations to the Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center in Clarksburg, including 20 quilts and 10 lap blankets made from material donated by the chapter. We also collected toys to donate to the House of the Carpenter in Wheeling. The new year began with more good news for our chapter. Debi Smith secured a $1000 grant from the Ohio County Commission toward the restoration project of the Fort Van Metre monument. The chapter also received a $1000 grant from Wheeling Heritage toward our programs.



Wheeling

Our chapter is fortunate to be the local chapter for the Madonna of the Trail monument. The Madonna is one of 12 monuments commissioned by the National Society that were installed in the states along the National Old Trails Road (Route 40), which extended from Bethesda, Maryland to Upland, California. It is part of the National Road Corridor Historic District. The Madonna has become a local landmark that is frequented by tourists and DAR members since her installation on July 7, 1928. Each year, the Wheeling Chapter has a workday to clean the monument. Not an easy task considering the monument is ten feet tall and sits on a six foot base. Like cleaning grave headstones, special care must be given to when cleaning the Madonna to remove all the mold, lichens, and algae from it without damaging the algonite. Additionally, the Wheeling Chapter places flowers on the Madonna during the summer months and mums in the fall and provides lighting to ensure that she shines as brightly at night as she does during the day.

Our Chaplin, Ginger Fato, was honored as a WV History Hero by the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History at the end of February for her work to restore the Foreman massacre monument in McMechen, West Virginia. At our February meeting, Barbara McFarland, shared her experiences of visiting former Presidents homes and the history associated with them. We also made plans for service days for restoration work on the Madonna of the Trail this spring. The Wheeling Chapter added 12 new members over the last year. We plan to complete the restoration of the Fort Van Metre monument and are looking forward to being more active in our community this year.

Lisa McNeil, Regent

William Henshaw Chapter

The William Henshaw Chapter NSDAR has had a busy year. During the month of April, 2022, the chapter attended the state conference via Zoom, and the officers completed all of the necessary votes via their home computers. The month of May brought one of the twice annual collections for the veterans of Berkeley County. Toiletry Items were collected for our veterans and delivered to the VA Hospital. We also completed final preparations for the month of June event where we partnered with the Morgan Cabin Association to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the founding of Berkeley County.

William Henshaw

As part of Morgan Cabin Days we were docents in the Morgan Chapel, guiding visitors to see, but not touch, the Civil War graffiti there; and we held a recruitment at the Morgan Cabin while wearing colonial dress.

We also participated in the rededication of the monument to General James Johnson Pettigrew that had been damaged by a vehicle accident.



The June 18th 250th anniversary event featured sisters from the chapter serving as docents at Christ Church, founded by first European settler, Morgan Morgan. Three brochures were prepared for the event and distributed to all attendees. On the same day, participants were able to tour the church, the Morgan Cabin site, and the Monument to Civil War soldier General James Johnston Pettigrew (CSA).

The sisters were honored for their work at the July picnic of the Morgan Cabin Association. Each member who had served as a docent was presented with a 250th anniversary pin and coin as a thank you for the service. In the month of August, the

chapter hosted the 74th annual Eastern District meeting on August 27th. Our busy year continued with the important planning and preparation responsibilities for the event which required multiple special meetings.

The month of September began a new cycle and the planning for the October Day of Service. The chapter again partnered with the Morgan Cabin Association to serve as docents at Christ Church and to have a table at the Morgan Cabin Fall Festival. Brochures were distributed at both locations and prospective members were provided with information on DAR and its many service opportunities. Constitution week was celebrated with proclamations from the City of Martinsburg and Berkeley County government, as well as the ceremonial bell ringing at the historic courthouse. During the month of November, the chapter honored both veterans and native Americans. The county celebrated the re-dedication of the Berkeley County Doughboy Monument honoring the sacrifices of veterans during the first World War. The ceremony was held in War Memorial Park on November 11th. Proclamations from both the City of Martinsburg and the Berkeley County government, recognized National American Indian Heritage Month.

December closed out the year with the second collection for veterans of Berkeley County by the chapter. The collection of hats, gloves, socks, and other winter items for female veterans brought an estimated value of $273 dollars. This work references the cornerstone values of recognition of our nation's veterans. The year 2023 brought new missions with the planning underway for the Heritage Faire scheduled for May 13th and 14th at the Martinsburg Roundhouse. Four DAR chapters will be in attendance along with heritage vendors, crafts, and demonstrations for attendees. The month of March brought our annual recognition of the essay winners for the yearly essay contest.

Julia Gates, Regent

Woodburn Chapter

Woodburn Chapter had a productive 2022-2023 year. Vice Regent, Anne Smittle, was proud to present her daughter, Margaret, with the ROTC Medal in April during a ceremony on the WVU Campus. The chapter's annual meeting, on May 19, was highlighted by the election and installation of new officers. We also signed the application for prospective member, Bernice Kincaid. She is the sister of Chaplain Edie Harper, aunt of Chapter Registrar Kim Kincaid, aunt of Honorary Chapter Regent Cindie Harper and great aunt to former Chapter Historian, Kyleigh Blanchard. She was approved on July 5. Woodburn Chapter became a recognized "Lantern Chapter" in 2022.

During the year, Woodburn Chapter provided snacks for The Bunker, a designated area in the WVU Mountainlair for veterans. Southern District Director, Samantha Shesler, invited Woodburn Chapter to present the NSDAR Conservation Award & Medal during the Southern District Meeting in July. Chapter Regent Joan Gibson and Registrar Kim Kincaid traveled to the Southern District Meeting in Beckley and presented it to Chris Lawrence; creator and host of WV Outdoors radio program. Chapter



Vice Regent and Treasurer, Anne Smittle, received a WV History Heros award for her genealogy work.

At the suggestion of WVDAR Historic Preservation Chair, April Norris, Woodburn Chapter began the nomination of Forest Jackson (Jack) Bowman for the NSDAR Historic Preservation Award & Medal. As WVU Student Body President in 1959, Jack learned of the dismantling and selling for scrap of the USS West Virginia. Although it sunk at Pearl Harbor, she was raised, patched, and sent to Washington State for refurbishing. She returned to battle, serving in the retaking of the Philippines, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa. She was the only survivor of Pearl Harbor to be in Tokyo Bay for the surrender. After that she made 3 trips across the Pacific bringing troops home. Not only did Jack get the Navy to offer the mast of the ship, but he worked with the B&O RR to ship it from Washington to Morgantown for free. The official presentation of the award/medal to Jack will be at WVU on West Virginia Day, June 20, 2023.

Dr. Joan R. Gibson, Regent

Ye Town of Bath Chapter

The past year of Ye Towne of Bath Chapter taught us so much about the DAR. Here is some of what we learned and participated in in our chapter. The Patriots of the American Revolution Essay contest was held at Berkeley Springs High School. Meghan Powell, chapter member and the American History teacher, encouraged students to participate. A member of Community Classroom, read to students in the Read Aloud Program. New books were donated to Morgan County Schools to be used in their book vending machines. Gently used books were contributed to a "Book Swap" program. Ye Towne of Bath Chapter will continue to collect books this year by using a school’s account to order books from Scholstic.com. Any bonuses earned will then be donated, too. School supplies were also offered to classes in need. The Good Citizen Award presented to Maria Rotella, a senior at Berkeley Spring High School occurred at the December dinner at Coolfont.



Ye Towne of Bath Chapter assembled at the gazebo in Berkeley Springs State Park to host their 3rd annual Tea Party in the Park which commemorated Flag Day, promoted the Constitution and the DAR. Chapters William Henshaw and Shenandoah visited in period clothing. SAR member Marty Keesecker from Adam Stevens Chapter came in colonial dress with a wonderful display of children's toys to share.

Our 90th Anniversary as a chapter of the DAR (1932-2022) was commemorated this year. The Chapter history was shared, and a copy of the *Morgan Messenger’s* original article was provided in program bulletins. The original charter was borrowed from the courthouse and displayed during the event. Past regents, the Eastern District Manager, Margie Ways, and State Regent, Jane Larke were recognized and presented with corsages.

A wreath was placed at the American Legion and “Star Cards” were given to attending veterans. The Service for Veterans chairperson continues to serve veterans at the Stone Rise facility in Berkeley Springs. Personal gifts and treats were presented for their birthdays and

Christmas. Chapter members sent Ed, a WWII veteran, birthday cards to celebrate his 98th birthday. Service to America had members working at Starting Points to prepare meals for the disadvantaged, while others volunteered at Greenwood Community Center to make apple butter for a benefit to help needy families.

Ye Towne of Bath Chapter held a charming program to emphasize the role women have played in our history. Melissa Shoud from "The School of Family Apothecary Store," shared home remedies from the 1780's in June and discussed her costume from that era. The 100th birthday of member, Helen Clark was celebrated in October. A signed poster, DAR scarf, and lap robe was delivered to her with over 50 cards from members and friends. The town's Chamber of Commerce awarded us a $1,000 grant from the Bath Hotel/Motel tax to begin the restoration of the Old English cemetery in town. We are feverishly working on hosting the Eastern District Meeting in August. We hope to see you there!

Gail Potter, Regent

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WVDAR Executive Committee Meeting
Monday, July 10, 2023
Virtual Zoom Meeting

The State Regent, Jane Larke, opened the Meeting of the State Executive Committee West Virginia State Society of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution on Monday, July 10, 2023, at 6:35 p.m. via the virtual Zoom platform. State Regent Larke welcomed and thanked officers for attending the meeting.

The invocation was given by State Chaplain, Brenda Holt, who was thanked by State Regent Larke.

The roll call was taken by State Recording Secretary, Katherine Genung. The following were present: State Regent Jane Larke; State Vice Regent Sandra Isner-Johnson; State Chaplain Barbara Holt; State Recording Secretary Katherine Genung; State Corresponding Secretary Cynthia Kolsun; State Organizing Secretary Vickie Baker; State Treasurer Vicky Shears; State Registrar Patsy Adkins; State Historian Darla Treat Courtney; State Librarian Gail Potter; and State Parliamentarian Brenda Cheuvront.

The State Regent appointed the following committee to approve the meeting minutes: Gail Potter (chair), Sandra Isner-Johnson, and Barbara Holt.

In officer reports, the State Regent Larke expressed her appreciation to the state officers for their work leading up to and during State Conference. She stated that it appeared that everyone had enjoyed it. She reported on changes made at Continental Congress affecting the Bylaws and that the proposed application fee increase had been dropped. She also noted that state district meetings are scheduled.

State Vice Regent Isner-Johnson reported that the West Virginia Breakfast was successful. Dr. Allison Holland, National Literacy Promotion Chair, was the guest speaker. There were 68

attendees, and she hopes to return to the Army Navy Club in 2024. She also reported the SIP will be issued as a complete edition and is working on confirming email addresses. She will inform everyone when the NIP is available and asked that officers send information to her for inclusion in the SIP.

State Chaplain Holt stated that she is working with the Chaplain of the General Andrew Lewis Chapter to plan the memorial service for the Southern District meeting.

State Recording Secretary reported that all the minutes from State Conference have been approved. She has begun working on the Proceedings Book for the administration.

State Corresponding Secretary Kolsun reported that she is updating addresses and emails for the directory supplement. The updates will be made to the membership digitally.

State Organizing Secretary Baker reported that she has been preparing the documentation for disbanding the John Chapman Chapter. She contacted Malinda "Mindy" Davis, Long Range Planning Chair, to discuss the affect that disbanding would have on the makeup of the districts.

State Treasurer Shears reported that she held treasurer's workshops and assembled the annual financial statement and audit letter samples to chapter treasurers. She plans to review the fiscal year documents and has contacted the Audit Committee to give them her schedule. The audit needs to be completed by October 15. Ms. Shears simplified the Chapter Treasurer's Report (Attachment 5) since National wants Development items to be submitted directly to them rather than through the state treasurers. DAR School donations will also go directly to schools. Other details of her report are included in Attachment 6.

State Registrar Adkins reported that while at Continental Congress she met with Sarah Sukol, head of genealogy and talked about the supplemental team she is working on. Sarah's reaction was positive. The committee has reviewed 24 supplementals. Ms. Adkins believes the additional overview will help decrease AIR letters. She also reported on the Peer Review requirement that national added to the preparation process.

State Historian Treat Courtney reported that she finalized the recognition awards to be distributed at district meetings. She is working on building relationships with SAR and the Women's Auxiliary for SAR. She reported that Martinsburg had recently held a Heritage Fair, which was a good opportunity for DAR exposure.

State Librarian Potter reported that chapters are still donating books to National.

State Parliamentarian Cheuvront reported on the Bylaws voted on at Continental Congress and has discussed with the Bylaws Chair, Pat Goodwin, about adding to the SIP so that members are aware of the changes.

In old business, Mrs. Larke reported that we received a letter from Tamassee acknowledging receipt of money and another about the Brown/Khare fund. Vicky Shears moved that subject to final amounts to be determined on the chapter's funds, based on their responses, all the money designated to Tamassee be sent to them to pay any prior utilities/repairs. Vickie Baker seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Mrs. Larke stated we had received a thank you acknowledgement from the President General's Office for our donation of $1250 given at State Conference to the President General's Project.

Mrs. Larke announced that Genealogical, Burial, & Service Data for Revolutionary War Patriots Buried in West Virginia is available on Amazon. Seventy-five copies have been ordered to sell at district meetings. The price at the meetings will be $25.

Barbara Channell, Regent of the Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter, submitted a quote for landscaping around the Fairmont Gold Star Mothers Monument, completed during the Davis Administration. She requested approval to proceed with the project. Vickie Baker moved that the State Society authorize the Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter to manage the landscaping project,

with costs not to exceed $6,500, to be contracted and funded by the State Society at the Fairmont Gold Star Mothers Marker. Cindy Kolsun seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

In new business State Regent Larke reported that national has requested that chapters acknowledge Vietnam Veterans groups by gifting them with the Vietnam 50th Anniversary Flag. She will assess what has been done throughout the state during district meetings to begin this project.

Mrs. Larke requested that all officers review their duties outlined in the Bylaws to identify any necessary updates, as the Bylaws Committee has begun its review process for potential revisions.

Mrs. Larke announced that the new state website, led by State VIS Ericka Cheuvront, is progressing well and will be unveiled at the district meetings. The site is highly informative and visually appealing, with Ericka currently developing the secure Members section.

Mrs. Larke reported that members from different districts approached her about district assignments. Following discussion, Organizing Secretary Vickie Baker will collaborate with the District Directors (or their designees) and Malinda "Mindy" H. Davis, Chair of the Long-Range Planning Committee (or her designee), to evaluate the request and propose a resolution.

After a discussion about the possibility of donating funds to Hindman Settlement School, the executive committee determined that we should contact a representative of the school for suggestions on how we might best help them after the flood that affected the school. A zoom will be set up.

State Regent Larke closed the meeting at 9:20pm

WVDAR Executive Committee Meeting

Monday, November 20, 2023

Virtual Zoom Meeting

The State Regent, Jane Larke, called to order the Meeting of the State Executive Committee West Virginia State Society of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution on Monday, November 20, 2023, at 6:58 p.m. via the virtual Zoom platform. State Regent Larke welcomed and thanked officers for attending the meeting.

The invocation was given by State Chaplain, Barbara Holt. State Vice Regent Sandra Isner-Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Holt and Ms. Isner-Johnson were thanked.

A committee of Cindy Kolsun (chair), Vickie Baker, and Vicky Shears were appointed to approve these minutes.

The Recording Secretary called the roll. Those present were State Regent Jane Larke, State Vice Regent Sandra Isner-Johnson, State Chaplain Barbara Holt, State Recording Secretary Katherine Genung, State Corresponding Secretary Cynthia Kolsun, State Organizing Secretary Vickie Baker, State Treasurer Vicky Shears, State Registrar Patsy Adkins, State Historian Darla Treat Courtney, State Librarian Gail Potter, and State Parliamentarian Brenda Cheuvront.

State Regent reported on her summer and fall activities representing the state.

State Vice Regent reported she had working on plans for the WV Breakfast 2024.

State Chaplain reported that she had sent one birthday card.

State Recording Secretary reported she continued to work on preparing the Proceedings.

State Corresponding Secretary reported the state directory information was updated and she had been receiving yearbooks from the chapters.

State Organizing Secretary reported she had overseen the disbandment of the John Chapman Chapter, was currently working on helping to establish the new chapter in Elizabeth, attended the Redistricting Zoom meeting with the State Regent and District Directors which would be discussed later.

State Treasurer reported she had held Treasurer workshops via Zoom, and was working on dues collection. She sent national invoices to chapters without e-membership access. She paid the deposit on the Army-Navy Club for the West Virginia State Breakfast, as well as the magazine ad; has worked on financials, and has worked with the Cheat River Chapter to receive their $5K grant, some of which was spent on Wreaths Across America.

State Registrar has reviewed 52 supplementals. She is working on applications. There are 50 applications pending at National; 8 have been approved and 2 have received letters.

State Historian received no notifications from chapters to nominate an outstanding teacher of American history. She will continue to encourage chapters to participate. She laid a wreath at the Charlestown Veterans Day event on behalf of WVDAR and is working with the local SAR on joint projects related to history.

State Librarian reported she had attended one district meeting.

State Parliamentarian reported that she is currently in week 20 of the Parliamentary Class sponsored by the national parliamentarian.

In old business, Vickie Baker moved that in the interest of time the Executive Committee review suggested changes to the bylaws and approve them by unanimous consent. Patsy Adkins second the motion. The motion carried and the suggestions would be forwarded to the Bylaws committee for further review.

Vickie Baker reported on the meeting with the District Directors regarding redistricting. The District Directors were tasked with polling their district chapters to see if there remained interest in redistricting. Information should be final by December. She also reported that in-person workshops on working with eMembership would be beneficial to specific chapters.

The State Regent received information from Will Anderson, Executive Director of Hindman Settlement School on projected costs of projects discussed in an informal meeting that he had with the executive committee.

Two projects most interested the Executive Committee. The first was the replacement of two air conditioning units that supply cooling to the most heavily used campus housing building, of an estimated cost to be $19,000. The second is “Uncle Sol’s Cabin” which is Hindman’s most important, and historic, building, which is used for educational purposes with visiting school field trips. The flood the school experienced had a major effect on the cabins timbers and chimney which is now pulling away from the structure. The estimated cost to repair is $8,000.

After discussion Vickie Baker moved to recommend both projects to the Board of Management for their approval. Katherine Genung seconded the motion. The motion carried.

In new business, State Regent Larke announced the following new committee chairs; Junior American Citizens (JAC), Pamela Stanley and Aneta Siers, Co-chairs; Service to America, Andrea Duckworth; and Literacy Promotion, Judy Kittle.

The meeting of the WVDAR Executive Committee was adjourned at 9:25 p.m. by State Regent Larke.

Email Vote Requested By The State Regent

December 5, 2023
Via Email

An email vote was taken for approval to pay an invoice to Hardesty Brothers for the Gold Star Mothers landscape project approved by the executive committee on July 10, 2023. Results of the votes returned were 9 yes votes. The expenditure was approved.

WVDAR Board Of Management Meeting

Tuesday, March 5, 2024
Virtual Zoom Meeting

At 7:08 p.m. the State Regent, Mrs. Jane Jacobs Larke, called the Board of Management meeting of the West Virginia State Society, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution to order. The Invocation was delivered by Mrs. Barbara Holt, State Chaplain. Ms. Sandra Isner-Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Distinguished West Virginia daughters in attendance were introduced as follows: Mrs. Barbara "Barby" M. Frankenberry, Past Curator General, Honorary State Regent; Dr. Jimelle Ferris Rumberg, Past Vice President General, Honorary State Regent; Mrs. Malinda "Mindy" H. Davis, Past Vice President General, Honorary State Regent; Mrs. Charla Louise Nutter-McNaboe, Honorary State Regent and Mrs. Cheryl Brown, Honorary State Regent.

State Officers were introduced by the State Regent as follows: State Vice Regent Ms. Sandra Isner-Johnson; State Chaplain Mrs. Barbara Holt; State Recording Secretary Mrs. Katherine Genung; State Corresponding Secretary Mrs. Cynthia Kolsun; State Organizing Secretary Ms. Vickie Baker; State Registrar Ms. Patsy Adkins; State Historian Mrs. Darla Treat Courtney and State Librarian Gail Potter. The State Regent also introduced the State Parliamentarian, Mrs. Brenda Cheuvront.

Mrs. Larke asked that if there was no objection she would appoint Ms. Darla Treat Courtney, Ms. Tina Seese, and Ms. Kathy Kidd as the committee to approve the minutes. There was no objection.

Recording Secretary Katherine Genung called the roll. In attendance were: National Officers 0, Past Vice President Generals 0, State Officers 10, Honorary State Regents 1, District Directors 3, Chapter Regents 20. A quorum was established.

Mrs. Larke asked the State Treasurer to update everyone on our financial status. Mrs. Larke then showed a brief slideshow of the needs at Hindman Settlement School. The Recording Secretary read Recommendation 1, "that WVDAR make a donation in the amount of $27,000 to the Hindman Settlement School for the purpose of helping replace two HVAC systems and make repairs to the historical cabin". She moved the adoption of recommendation 1. In further discussion it was explained that the amount to go to the HVAC system would be $19,000 and the repairs to the cabin are $8,000. There was no debate and the motion carried with a vote of 32 yes and 0 no votes.

Mrs. Larke announced that Mr. Will Anderson, Executive Director of Hindman Settlement School would be the keynote speaker on Friday night at the State Conference, April 5, 2024. The donation of $27,000.00 would be presented to him at that time.

The State Regent shared her screen again and showed another slide show of the Gold Star Mother's Memorial at Fairmont. She informed the group that the executive committee had approved up to $6,500.00 from the Davis Administration project for expenses for landscaping project at the project. Mrs. Barbara Channell, Regent of the Morgan Morgan Chapter stated that there was no date yet for a dedication.

The State Treasurer spoke to the meeting regarding the forms she has prepared for use at State Conference for cash sales.

Mrs. Larke stated that our next meeting would be at the State Conference on April 5, 2024. Mrs. Barbara Holt then delivered the Benediction, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Katherine M. Genung, WVDAR Recording Secretary

WVDAR Executive Committee Meeting

Friday, April 5, 2024

Blue Ridge Board Room, Holiday Inn, Martinsburg, West Virginia

The State Regent, Jane Larke, opened the WVDAR Executive Meeting on Thursday, April 4, 2024, at 8:30 p.m. State Regent Larke welcomed and thanked officers, for attending the meeting.

The invocation was given by State Chaplain, Barbara Holt. Mrs. Holt was thanked by State Regent Larke. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by State Vice-Regent Sandra Isner-Johnson.

State Regent Larke introduced the guests in attendance, Cathy Hebb, State Chair, Audit Committee, Karen Kurilko, State Chair, Finance Committee, Barbara "Barby" M. Frankenberry, and Margie Ways State Conference Chairs.

Mrs. Larke appointed Patsy Adkins (chair), Darla Treat Courtney, and Gail Potter to approve these minutes.

Recording Secretary Katherine Genung called the roll. Those in attendance were State Regent Jane Larke, State Vice Regent Sandra Isner-Johnson, State Chaplain Barbara Holt, State Recording Secretary Katherine Genung, State Corresponding Secretary Cynthia Kolsun, State Organizing Secretary Vickie Baker, State Treasurer Vicky Shears (excused), State Registrar Patsy Adkins, State Historian Darla Treat Courtney, State Librarian Gail Potter, and State Parliamentarian Brenda Cheuvront.

The Secretary's Report was given noting that the minutes from the prior Executive Committee meeting on November 20, 2023 were approved by a committee composed of Cindy Kolsun (chair), Vickie Baker, and Vicky Shears. They were distributed by email.

State Organizing Secretary reported on her findings on the topic of state redistricting. Mrs. Baker indicated that two meetings with district directors had been held. The district directors returned to their districts to finalize a decision with the end result that no one wanted to change districts. The matter was therefore closed for this Administration.

Mrs. Larke introduced new business. The Standing Rules of the 119th WVDAR State Conference were presented by Mrs. Cheuvront. A correction was made and Darla Treat Courtney moved that the Standing Rules be accepted as corrected. The motion was seconded by Vickie Baker. The motion carried.

The Conference Program was presented by Cindy Kolsun. There were corrections as follows:

- Page 6, Add Vickie Baker as a presenter of a Museum Docent talk
- Page 7, Replace Page Chair Johnna Nicewarner with Grace Parsons Arthur, Acting Page Chair. This was to be repeated on pages 10, and 16
- Page 7, Replace Andrea Duckworth with Patsy Adkins and Carolyn Scheydt. This was to be repeated on pages 8, 11, and 15.
- David Perks should be P. Douglas Perks; this also applies to page 11.
- Page 7, Delete Miss West Virginia as a presenter; this also applies to page 13.
- Page 16, Timekeepers will be Julia Hoffman and Jane Richards.

Vickie Baker moved to approve the Conference Program as corrected. It was seconded by Barbara Holt. There was no debate and the motion was adopted.

Cathy Hebb, Audit Committee Chair reported on the State Society's financial records for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022. (Attachment 8) There were no questions. Vickie Baker moved to accept the Audit Report as presented. Patsy Adkins seconded. The motion was adopted.

The Treasurer's report had been previously given at the Board of Management meeting on March 5, 2024 and distributed to all voters electronically. There were no questions.

Karen Kurilko chair of the Finance Committee presented the proposed budgets separately. Cindy Kolsun moved to accept the WVDAR 2024-2025 State Budget. It was seconded by Darla Treat Courtney. Motion carried. State Regent indicated that this would be presented to the Board of Management as Recommendation 1.

Mrs. Kurilko then presented the 119th State Conference Budget. Patsy Adkins moved to approve 119th WVDAR State Conference Budget as presented by the Finance Committee. It was seconded by Vickie Baker. The motion carried.

Mrs. Larke then presented a request from State Treasurer Vicky Shears that we reclassify the $455.80 of interest earned on the Tamassee Peters Cottage Utilities funds. After brief discussion it was decided that it should be reclassified as State Conference Projects funds to reimburse for expenses incurred in the Service in Seconds projects for this conference and, if any monies remained, for the 2025 conference. Vickie Baker moved that we take the interest and reclassify it as Conference Project Costs. The motion was seconded by Patsy Adkins. The motion carried.

State Regent Jane Larke announced that the Cameo Club Luncheon was to be held at noon the next day at the Purple Iris and that the Board of Management Meeting was to be held at 1:45 p.m. She also said that cards would be in the lobby for members to sign for members who were very ill.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:52 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Katherine Genung, WVDAR Recording Secretary

WVDAR Board Of Management Meeting

Friday, April 5, 2024

Salon D, Holiday Inn, Martinsburg, West Virginia

The State Regent, Jane Larke, opened the Board of Management Meeting of the 119th WVDAR State Conference on Friday, April 5, 2024, at 2:30 p.m. State Regent Larke welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

The invocation was given by State Chaplain, Barbara Holt. Mrs. Holt was thanked by State Regent Larke.

State Regent Larke introduced the West Virginia Distinguished Daughters in attendance: Barbara “Barby” M. Frankenberry, Past Curator General, Honorary State Regent; Dr. Jimelle Ferris Rumberg, Past Vice President General, Honorary State Regent; Malinda “Mindy” H. Davis, Past Vice President General, Honorary State Regent; and Charla Louise Nutter-McNaboe, Honorary State Regent.

State Regent Larke introduced the WVDAR State Officers, all of whom were present with the exception of WVDAR Treasurer Vicky Shears who was excused. She also introduced WVDAR State Parliamentarian, Brenda Cheuvront.

Mrs. Larke appointed the following committee to approve these minutes: Vickie Baker, WVDAR Organizing Secretary (Chair), Tina Seese, Northern District Director, and Samantha Shleser, Southern District Director.

State Recording Secretary Katherine Genung called the roll. In attendance were National Officers 0, Past Vice President Generals 1, State Officers 9, Honorary State Regents 2, District Directors 4, Chapter Regents 20, State Parliamentarian 1. A quorum was established.

State Recording Secretary Katherine Genung reported that minutes of the March 5, 2024 Board of Management meeting were approved by a committee consisting of Darla Treat Courtney, WVDAR State Historian (Chair), Tina Seese, Northern District Director, and Kathy Harper Kidd, Regent Tanner’s Cross Roads Chapter. They were distributed by email to Board members.

WVDAR State Parliamentarian Brenda Cheuvront presented the Standing Rules for the 119th State Conference. Grace Arthur, Regent Old Hickory Chapter made motion to approve the Standing Rules as presented and Patsy Adkins, State Registrar, seconded. There was no debate and the motion carried.

WVDAR State Corresponding Secretary Cindy Kolsun presented the Conference Program and noted corrections that were made in the April 5, 2024 executive committee meeting. Samantha Shleser noted an additional correction on Page 15 – that 2024 should be 2025 in the sentence beginning "Invitation to the 20". Mrs. Kolsun moved that the Conference Program for the 119th State Conference, subject to any further changes that may be necessary, be adopted. Charla Louise Nutter-McNaboe, Regent Col. William Lowther Chapter seconded the motion. There was no debate. The motion carried.

WVDAR Audit Committee Chair, Cathy Hebb, Regent, Blackwater Chapter made her report that the WVDAR financials had been found in good order and the contents reasonable. (Attachment 8)

Mrs. Larke reminded everyone that WVDAR Treasurer Vicky Shears had presented her report at the special Board of Management meeting and that she would be attending the conference the next day to give her report in person. She asked if anyone on the Board of Management had any questions on that report and if so, she would attempt to answer them. There were no questions.

WVDAR Finance Committee Chair, Karen Kurilko presented the 2024-2025 proposed State Budget. (Attachment 9) WVDAR State Recording Secretary, Katherine Genung, read Recommendation 1, "To approve and recommend to the 119th WVDAR State Conference the adoption of the 2024-2025 State Budget as presented by the Finance Committee". She moved the adoption of recommendation 1. No second was needed as it came from the WVDAR Executive Committee. There was no debate. The Recommendation was adopted.

WVDAR Finance Committee Chair, Karen Kurilko presented the 2024-2025 proposed State Conference Budget. WVDAR State Recording Secretary, Katherine Genung, read "Recommendation 2 "To approve and recommend to the 119th WVDAR State Conference the adoption of the 2024-2025 State Conference Budget as presented by the Finance Committee". She moved the adoption of recommendation 2. No second was needed as it came from the WVDAR Executive Committee. There was no debate. The Recommendation was adopted.

Charla Louise Nutter-McNaboe, Honorary State Regent and Regent Colonel William Lowther Chapter, and member of the WVDAR Bylaws Committee presented the report of Pat Goodwin, chair of that committee. (Attachment 10)

The State Regent reminded state committee chairs that they needed to sign their award certificates and that there were cards for members to sign that would be sent to several members who were experiencing significant illnesses and were unable to attend the state conference.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:14 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Katherine Genung, WVDAR Recording Secretary

“WVDAR 125” Welcome Dinner

April 5, 2024
Salons ABC

State Regent welcomed guests to the 119th State Conference to celebrate “WVDAR 125”, the 125th anniversary of the state organization. State Chaplain Barbara Holt delivered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Honorary State Regent Charla Nutter McNaboe.

The State Regent introduced guests at the head table: Organizing Secretary General Nancy Schirm Wright and Will Anderson, Executive Director of Hindman Settlement School, who was the evening’s speaker as well as our distinguished daughters; Barbara “Barby Frankenberry, Past Curator General, Honorary State Regent; Dr. Jimelle Ruberg, Past Vice President General, Honorary State Regent; Malinda “Mindy” Davis, Past Vice President General, Honorary State Regent; and Charla Nutter McNaboe, Honorary State Regent. She also introduced our conference guests; Morgan Elliott, Vice President General; Linda Conrad, Kentucky State Regent; Mernie Crane, Maryland State Regent; Kelly Van Wormer, Michigan State Regent; and Laurie Nesbitt, Virginia State Regent. State officers and the State Parliamentarian were recognized as well as Julia Gates, the William Henshaw chapter regent that served as the host chapter for this event.

Birthday cake was served for dessert, as the meal occurred on the exact date that the first chapter in West Virginia, the William Henshaw Chapter, was formed. After dinner, the WVDAR Chorus, led by Selma Humphreys, performed several selections. The William Henshaw Chapter was thanked for hosting, and attendees were reminded of the processional lineup at 8:15 p.m. involving the State Regent, National officers, Honorary State Regents, conference guests, state officers, Eastern District Director, and Eastern District Chapter Regents.

State Chaplain Barbara Holt concluded the evening dinner with a benediction. The banquet celebrated WVDAR’s legacy, fostered camaraderie and set the state for the state conference.

119th WVDAR State Conference Minutes

Opening Session

Friday, April 5, 2024
Salons A, B, C, Holiday Inn, Martinsburg, West Virginia

State Regent, Jane Larke, opened the WVDAR 119th State Conference Opening Session on Friday, April 5, 2024, at 8:30 p.m. State Regent Larke welcomed and thanked everyone, for attending the meeting.

The Color Guard of the General Adam Stephens Chapter, NSSAR presented the colors. The invocation was delivered by State Chaplain, Barbara Holt. WVDAR State Registrar led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America. The American’s Creed was led by Mrs. Vickie Baker, WVDAR Organizing Secretary, and the first stanza of the National Anthem was sung by all, led by Liz Ruffner, a member of the Bee Line Chapter. The colors were posted and Mr. Stephen Englebright introduced the members of the group. The State Regent offered thanks and presented them with a donation from the State Society.

Greetings from the President General, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, Pamela Wright was read by Malinda “Mindy” H. Davis, Past Vice President General, Honorary State Regent as follows:

> “Dear West Virginia Daughters,
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> On behalf of the National Society, my great pleasure is to congratulate you on the occasion of your State Conference. Through countless successful projects, the West

Virginia Daughters have honored the men and women who achieved American independence by fostering a spirit of patriotism that remains essential to our nation.

Our administration continues to unite Daughters by rejoicing in our DAR ties of service and friendship by celebrating Stars & Stripes Forever! As we commemorate our nation's founding through the work of our beloved Society, please remember to be thankful for blessings received and opportunities shared with others. Continue to uplift your chapter members and move forward with kindness.

Thank you for your dedication and passion in promoting our National Society's objectives of historic preservation, education, and patriotism through service to others. I hope that you will be invigorated by this meeting and know that you are valued as a member of our organization.

Warmest wishes for grand success now and in the future!

Together in DAR service and friendship,

Pamela Edwards Rouse Wright, President General"

Daryl Cowles, a representative for the Honorable Jim Justice, Governor of the State of West Virginia, brought greetings from the Governor:

"As the Governor of West Virginia, it is a tremendous honor to welcome you all to the 125th anniversary celebration and the 119th conference of the West Virginia Society Daughters of the American Revolution. This momentous occasion not only marks a significant milestone in the history of your esteemed organization, but also serves as a testament to the enduring spirit of service, dedication, and patriotism that define the Daughters of the American Revolution and has so for more than a century. Your commitment to the principals of historic preservation, education, and patriotism is truly commendable. Your lineage, tracking back to the Revolutionary War Patriots, stands as a testament to the deep-rooted connection you owe to the ideals that made the foundation of the great nation we proudly call home. As we join together in celebration, let us collectively reflect on the far-reaching impact that the Daughters of the American Revolution have had extending beyond the borders of West Virginia to touch the lives of countless communities across our great nation. Your motto God, Home, Country, encapsulates the core values that have guided your organization's unwavering service to dedication. May the bonds of camaraderie and the shared commitment to these principles that define the Daughters of the American Revolution strengthen our collective resolve. Here's to the next 125 years of continued service, devotion, and pursuit of a brighter future for us all.

Sincerely,

Governor Jim Justice, State of West Virginia"

Mr. Matt DeHaven, representative of the Holiday Inn brought greetings and thanks from the establishment.

The State regent presented the General Conference Chairs, Barbara "Barby" M. Frankenberry, Margaret "Margie" Ways, and Heidi Ware. Mrs. Frankenberry brought greetings from the chairs. Mrs. Ways, Eastern District Director, introduced the Eastern District Regents, hostesses for the conference. WVDAR Vice-Regent, Sandra Isner-Johnson responded to the Welcome.

The State Regent presented Grace Arthur, Senior State President of the West Virginia State Society Children of the American Revolution, who brought greetings from the society and introduced attending members Mary Katherine and Karsen Wright. Dr. Arthur also noted that the incoming Senior State President, Karen Barton, was present. Mr. Rudy Vincent, DAR Liaison for

the West Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution brought greetings from their president.

Distinguished West Virginia daughters were presented as follows: Barbara "Barby" M. Frankenberry, Past Curator General, Honorary State Regent; Dr. Jimelle Ferris Rumberg, Past Vice President General, Honorary State Regent; Malinda "Mindy" H. Davis, Past Vice President General, Honorary State Regent; and Charla Louise Nutter-McNaboe, Honorary State Regent. Mrs. Davis delivered greetings from the Honorary State Regents.

Presley M. Wagoner, Honorary President General, Honorary State Regent sent regrets. Mrs. Larke asked that a copy of the Program of the 119th State Conference be mailed to Mrs. Wagoner as well as the other Honoraries who could not attend.

Mrs. Larke introduced Organizing Secretary General Nancy Schirm Wright and Mr. Will Anderson, Executive Director of the Hindman Settlement School, a DAR School. Mrs. Larke then presented out-of-state conference guests: Morgan Elliott, Vice President General (Arizona); Linda Conrad, Kentucky State Regent; Mernie Crane, Maryland State Regent; Kelly Van Wormer, Michigan State Regent; and Laurie Nesbitt, Virginia State Regent; all of whom brought greetings. Mrs. Larke also introduced Mr. Will Anderson, Executive Director of the Hindman Settlement School who was the evening's Keynote Speaker.

The following members of other hereditary organizations were introduced by the State Regent: Mrs. Vickie Baker, Dames of Court of Honor and New England Women; Mrs. Susan Arnold, Daughters of the American Colonists; and Mrs. Patricia Goodwin – Daughters of Colonial Wars.

Mrs. Larke presented her own WVDAR State Officers: Sandra Isner-Johnson, State Vice-Regent; Barbara Holt, State Chaplain; Katherine Genung, State Recording Secretary; Cindy Kolsun, State Corresponding Secretary; Vickie Baker, State Organizing Secretary; Vicky Shears, State Treasurer, excused; Patsy Adkins, State Registrar; Darla Treat Courtney, State Historian; and Gail Potter, State Librarian. Brenda Cheuvront, State Parliamentarian was also introduced.

The State Regent presented WVDAR members who had been appointed as National Vice Chairmen and East Central Division Vice Chairs as follows: Mrs. Malinda "Mindy" H. Davis, National Vice Chair America 250 Committee; Mrs. Barbara "Barby" M. Frankenberry, National Vice Chair Insignia Committee; Mrs. Charla Louise Nutter-McNaboe, National Vice Chair East Central Div. Conservation Committee; Mrs. Mary Ellen Brown, National Vice Chair, East Central Div. DAR Project Patriot Committee; Mrs. Suzanne Cronquist, National Vice Chair, East Central Div. Franco-American Memorial; Mrs. Vickie Baker, National Vice Chair, East Central Div. Volunteer Genealogists; Mrs. Brenda Cheuvront, National Committee Member/Volunteer Application Task Force; Mrs. Pat Goodwin, National Committee Member/Volunteer Bylaws Committee; Mrs. Susan Arnold, National Committee Member/Volunteer Lineage Research; and Mrs. Vickie Baker, National Committee Member/Volunteer Genealogists & Insignia Committee.

The State Regent requested that all who serve as representatives at Veteran Medical Facilities in West Virginia, working as VAVS, stand to be recognized and thanked them for all they did for our hospitalized veterans.

Mr. Will Anderson, Executive Director of the Hindman Settlement School was then presented by the State Regent. Mr. Anderson spoke about how many Americans are hindered by dyslexia and what employees and volunteers of Hindman do to help them. He briefly touched on the damage to the school during the April Fool's 2022 flood. Mrs. Larke told Mr. Anderson how much WVDAR appreciates all that Hindman Settlement School does for education as a DAR School and that the West Virginia Daughters wanted to help them with their mission. She presented him with a check for $27,000.00 to help them replace the two HVAC systems that

were damaged during the storm as well as to repair the chimney on Uncle Sol's cabin. Mr. Anderson was completely surprised by our gift.

Mrs. Larke stated that the work of the entire State Society could never be accomplished without the hard work and dedication of the State Chairs and asked all chairs present to rise and be recognized. She then recognized those members who were attending State Conference for the first time. She recognized the WVDAR Pages and Dr. Grace Parsons Arthur who was the Acting Page Chair for the conference. Mrs. Selma Humphries, the West Virginia State Chorus Director and her assistant, Mrs. Kathy Kidd were introduced as well as WVDAR VIS Chair, Ms. Ericka Cheuvront were introduced and thanked for their efforts.

Before the retirement of the Colors, several announcements were made. The Colors were retired by WVDAR Pages and the 119th State Conference was recessed at 10:12 p.m. until 9 a.m. the next day. A receiving line was formed by the State Regent, Conference guests, and State Officers for those wanting to individually welcome them.

Respectfully Submitted, Katherine Genung, WVDAR Recording Secretary

119th WVDAR State Conference

Business Meeting

Saturday, April 6, 2024

Salon A B C, Holiday Inn, Martinsburg, West Virginia

The State Regent, Jane Larke, reconvened the WVDAR 119th State Conference Business Meeting on Saturday, April 6, 2024, by calling it to order at 9:10 a.m. State Regent Larke welcomed and thanked everyone, for attending the meeting.

The invocation was given by State Chaplain Barbara Holt. Lois Kimble, State Chair National Defense led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America. The American's Creed was led by Mary Ellen Brown, East Central Division Vice Chair Project Patriot. WVDAR VIS Erika Cheuvront played accompanying music while the colors were posted by the WVDAR Pages.

Introductions had been made the previous night, and the State Regent reminded all that during this business meeting, voting would be in order that delegates must be wearing their voter ribbon and to must sit in the designated Delegate seating.

Honorary State Regents in attendance were Barbara "Barby" M. Frankenberry, Past Curator General, Honorary State Regent; Dr. Jimelle Ferris Rumburg, Past Vice President General, Honorary State Regent; Malinda "Mindy" H. Davis, Past Vice President General and Honorary State Regent; and Charla Louise Nutter-McNaboe, Honorary State Regent.

Mrs. Larke noted that our Conference Guests were taking tours of Washington family homes, Harewood and Happy Retreat. The State Historian was excused to accompany those guests.

Rebecca Davis, Chair, Credentials Committee gave her report. (Attachment 11). The official voting strength was 122. She moved that the submitted report be adopted. Motion carried.

Brenda Cheuvront, WVDAR Parliamentarian read the Standing Rules of the 119th State Conference at the WVDAR Board of Management meeting on Friday, April 5, 2024. They were approved as printed on page 21-22 of the Conference Program. The State Regent asked if there was no objection, the Standing Rules would not be read. There was no objection. The WVDAR Recording Secretary moved that the Standing Rules of the conference as printed on page 21-22 of the program be adopted. There was no debate. The motion was adopted.

Cynthia Kolsun, Chair of the Conference Program Committee reported on the corrections to be made to the Conference Program were as reported in the April 5, 2024 Board of Management meeting. Mrs. Kolsun moved the adoption of the program as corrected and subject to any further changes that may be necessary, as the order of business for the 199th State Conference. Charla

Louise Nutter-McNaboe seconded. The motion was adopted. Mrs. Larke stated that the 119th State Conference was officially open for business.

Mrs. Larke asked that if there were no objection that the committee to approve the minutes for the duration of the Conference were Mary Johnson, Anne Bailey Chapter; Carolyn Scheydt, William Henshaw Chapter, and Susan Tucker, Tanner's Cross Roads Chapter. There were no objections.

The State Regent appointed Julia Hoffman, (Treasurer, James Wood Chapter) and Jane Richards, Regent James Wood Chapter, as timekeepers for the Conference.

Reports were given by all WVDAR Officers, which are found in the Larke Administration Proceedings Book.

The State Regent asked Audit Committee Chair, Cathy Hebb, to present the Audit Report of the State Society's financial records for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023. (Attachment 8). The Chair reported that the WVDAR financials had been found in good order and the contents reasonable. Joanna McKown, Audit Committee member, moved the adoption of the Audit Committee Report. It was seconded by Mary Johnson, Regent Anne Bailey Chapter. There was no debate and the motion was adopted.

Vicky Shears, WVDAR Treasurer, made her report. (Attachment 7). Mrs. Shears noted that chapters are doing a better job of auditing themselves and sending financial reports to her. She also reported that District Treasurers will have to send 2023-24 financial reports to her, because she has to now include that information with the state report. She reported an update on the Tamassee School issue, and that the remaining Brown Administration Projects money has been reassigned to America 250.

Susan Garrett reported for the Finance Committee. (Attachment 9). The WVDAR Recording Secretary read Recommendation 1, "to approve the adoption of the 2024-2025 State Budget as presented by the Finance Committee" and moved the adoption of recommendation 1. There was no debate. The 2024-2025 State Budget was adopted.

Mrs. Garrett continued and presented the 2024-25 State Conference Budget. Mrs. Genung read Recommendation 2, "to approve the adoption of the 2024-2025 State Conference Budget as presented by the Finance Committee," and moved the adoption of recommendation 2. There was no debate. The 2024-2025 State Conference Budget was adopted.

New Business was presented with the nominations of members for the 2024-25 Nominating Committee. The State Regent appointed the following Tellers for the election of Nominating Committee members: Eastern District, Judy Bowyer (Chair); Central District, Tami Reeves; Northern District, Lisa McNeil; Southern District, Linda Whitman; and Western District, Linda Keeling.

Nominations were then sought. Sally Greenfield, Shenandoah Valley Chapter, nominated Babara "Barby" M. Frankenberry also of Shenandoah Valley Chapter as the Eastern District committee member. Susan Arnold, Elizabeth Luddington Hagens – Col. John Evans Chapter, nominated Kathy Harper Kidd of Tanner's Cross Roads Chapter as the Central District committee member. Mary Ellen Brown, Blennerhassett Chapter, nominated Lucinda "Tina" Seese of Ohio Valley Chapter as the Northern District committee member. Margaret Rusnick, Capt. James Allen Chapter, nominated Samantha Shleser of the Captain James Allen Chapter as the Southern District committee member, and Grace Parsons Arthur, Old Hickory Chapter, nominated Joanna McKown of the Old Hickory Chapter as the Western District committee member. There were no further nominations and nominations were closed. The State Regent stated that elections would be held that afternoon between 2 and 2:30 p.m. Members would be emailed a link to access their personal, secure ballot.

Barbara “Barby” M. Frankenberry requested to be recognized. Mrs. Frankenberry, Shenandoah Valley Chapter, nominated Mrs. Larke as a candidate for Vice President General, for the 134th Continental Congress. State Vice-Regent, Sandra Isner-Johnson asked for a second and State Registrar, Patsy Adkins, seconded the motion. Ms. Isner-Johnson informed the membership that Mrs. Larke’s endorsement would be added to the ballot.

New business continued with presentation of the Bylaws Amendments by the Bylaws Committee, Patricia Goodwin, chair; Charla Louise Nutter-McNaboe, Colonel William Lowther Chapter and Catherine Hinkle, Blennerhassett Chapter assisted her. Mrs. Goodwin requested that she be allowed to read only the portion of each Bylaws change that would reflect how the proposed amendment would read. The State Regent asked the membership if there was any objection and there was none. Mrs. Goodwin and Ms. Nutter-McNaboe presented. Each amendment was read and each passed as proposed. Amendments #1-14 (Attachment 12) were covered before the meeting was recessed until Sunday morning after the memorial session.

“Celebrating Achievement” Awards Luncheon

Saturday, April 6, 2024

Salon A B C, Holiday Inn, Martinsburg, West Virginia

American History Committee Chair, Darla Treat Courtney welcomed all to the luncheon at noon. The Invocation was delivered by WVDAR Chaplain, Barbara Holt. The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America was led by Pam Brush, State Chair DAR Schools. The American’s Creed was led by Colleen Stotler, State Chair, Community Classroom Committee. The National Anthem was sung by those assembled.

The State Historian presented the State Regent, Jane Jacobs Larke as well as Organizing Secretary General, Mrs. Nancy Schirm Wright; Past Curator General, Honorary State Regent Barbara “Barby” M. Frankenberry, Past Vice President General, Honorary State Regent Malinda “Mindy” H. Davis, and Honorary State Regent, Charla Louise Nutter-McNaboe. Conference Guests Vice President General Morgan Elliott, State Regent Kentucky Linda Conrad, State Regent Maryland Mernie Crane, State Regent Michigan Kelly VanWormer, and State Regent Virginia Laurie Nesbitt were welcomed.

State Officers and State Committee Chairs were asked to rise and be recognized. The hostess chapter, Ye Towne of Bath and their regent, Gail Potter, were also recognized.

Award presentations were made as follows:

Randi Gray, Chair American History noted the first place WVDAR American History Essay Contest winners as follows: Kylie Hall, 5th Grade, sponsored by Ohio Valley Chapter (not present); Michael Pahno, 6th Grade, sponsored by Buford Chapter (not present); Macie White, 7th Grade, sponsored by Pack Horse Ford Chapter (not present), and Riley Gerlach, 8th Grade, sponsored by Ohio Valley Chapter (not present).

Mrs. Gray continued presenting awards to the Patriots of the American Revolution DAR Essay contest first place winner, Camden Warren James Spade, sponsored by Ye Towne of Bath Chapter.

Mrs. Darlene Frederick, Regent Highlands of the Potomac Chapter presented Ronald Greer, III, sponsored by Old Hickory Chapter, with the WVDAR Good Citizen Award.

The Hannah White Arnett Medal was presented by Pattie Norman, DAR/SAR/S.R. Relations State Chair to Mr. Rudy Vincent. Cindy Kolsun, Chair of the State Regent’s Literacy Project recognized four West Virginia Daughters who had published books in the last year, presenting them with gifts.

Carolyn Scheydt, Chair DAR Leadership Training presented Leadership Training Awards to recipients. The following awards were given: The Shooting Star Award to Dr. Grace Parsons Arthur, Regent, Old Hickory Chapter; the Twinkling Stars Award to Dr. Grace Parsons Arthur, Regent Old Hickory Chapter, Barbara Williams Channell, Regent Col. Morgan Morgan Chapter, and Catherine Hinkle, Regent, Blennerhassett Chapter. Above and Beyond Awards for outstanding course projects were awarded to: Mickie Richardson, Blennerhassett Chapter; Susan Arnold, Elizabeth Ludington Hagans – Colonel John Evans Chapter; Cheryl Brown, Pack Horse Ford Chapter; Patricia Goodwin, Trans-Allegheny Chapter; and Tami Reeves, Daniel Davisson Chapter.

Triple Crown Winners, those who had completed all three courses, were recognized. They were: Cheryl Brown, Pack Horse Ford Chapter; Stephanie Burns, Elizabeth Ludington Hagans – Colonel John Evans Chapter; Heather Farley, Matthew French Chapter; Patricia Goodwin, Trans-Allegheny Chapter; Patricia Haught, Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter; Lois Kimble, Pack Horse Ford Chapter; Joanna McKown, Old Hickory Chapter; Bonnie Myers, South Branch Valley Chapter; Tami Reeves, Daniel Davisson Chapter; Mickie Richardson, Blennerhassett Chapter; and Teresa Smith, Elizabeth Zane Chapter.

The following members received certificates for completion of the New Horizons Course: Heather Farley, Matthew French Chapter; Stephanie Burns, Elizabeth Ludington Hagans – Colonel John Evans Chapter; Patricia Goodwin, Trans-Allegheny Chapter; Bonnie Myers, South Branch Valley Chapter; Tami Reeves, Daniel Davisson Chapter; Mickie Richardson, Blennerhassett Chapter; and Teresa Smith, Elizabeth Zane Chapter.

The following members received certificates for completion of the Committee Leaders Course: Cheryl Brown, Pack Horse Ford Chapter; Stephanie Burns, Elizabeth Ludington Hagans – Colonel John Evans Chapter; Beth Goodwin-Niggemyer, Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter; Patricia Haught, Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter; Helene Kerns, Ye Towne of Bath Chapter; Lois Kimbele, Pack Horse Ford Chapter; Joanna McKown, Old Hickory Chapter; Tami Reeves, Daniel Davisson Chapter; Mickie Richardson, Blennerhassett Chapter; Teresa Smith, Elizabeth Zane Chapter; and Mary Jo Ann Jones, Old Hickory Chapter.

The following members received certificates for completing the Members Course: Stacey Adams, Blennerhassett Chapter; Susan Arnold, Elizabeth Ludington Hagans – Colonel John Evans Chapter; Stephanie Burns, Elizabeth Ludington Hagans – Colonel John Evans Chapter; Brenda Fisher, Elizabeth Ludington Hagans – Colonel John Evans Chapter; Margaret Foley, Blennerhassett Chapter; Helene Kerns, Ye Towne of Bath Chapter; Tami Reeves, Daniel Davisson Chapter; Mickie Richardson, Blennerhassett Chapter; Teresa Smith, Elizabeth Zane Chapter; Heidi Wilkinson, William Henshaw Chapter; Mary Jo Ann Jones, Old Hickory Chapter; and Jerell Wright, Shenandoah Valley Chapter.

Announcements about the workshops that afternoon were made as well as that conference photography would begin at 5:00 p.m. Malinda “Mindy” H. Davis urged anyone with issues with signing in to vote to please report to Ericka Cheuvront in the Blue Ridge Board Room for assistance.

WVDAR Chaplain, Barbara Holt, delivered the Benediction.

Respectfully Submitted, Katherine Genung, WVDAR Recording Secretary

119th State Conference Workshops and Events

The following activities were held during the 118th State Conference.

- "Clear Day Thunder," private movie screening by the American Chestnut Foundation
- Colonel Morgan Morgan Memorial Service
- "Dining in Early America," Museum Docent Presentation by Joanna McKown and Vickie Baker
- "Breakfast with a Book." With author P. Douglas Perks
- "Scots, Irish, or Scotch-Irish," a presentation by Morgan Elliott
- Registrar's Roundtable, presenters: Patsy Adkins and Susan Arnold
- "Writing Winning Reports," presenters Darla Treat Courtney and Heidi Ware
- Service in Seconds Literacy Project presented by Carolyn Scheydt, Patsy Adkins, and Kathy Kidd
- Service in Seconds Patriotism Project presented by Carolyn Scheydt, Patsy Adkins, and Kathy Kidd

"Friendship Blooms In WVDAR" Banquet

Saturday, April 6, 2024

Salon A B C Holiday Inn, Martinsburg, West Virginia

A processional with the State Regent, National Officers, Honorary State Regents, Visiting Guests, State Officers, Chapter Regents, Pages, and Flag Bearers occurred prior to the beginning of the final banquet.

The Invocation was delivered by WVDAR Chaplain, Barbara Holt. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Christina Rumbach, DAR Scholarship State Chair. The American's Creed was led by Gail Potter, State Librarian. The National Anthem was sung by the assembly. After the posting of the colors, the State Regent introduced Nancy Schirm Wright, Organizing Secretary General, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution.

The State Regent presented the following distinguished WVDAR daughters: Barbara "Barby" M. Frankenberry, Past Curator General, Honorary State Regent; Dr. Jimelle Ferris Rumburg, Past Vice President General, Honorary State Regent; Malinda "Mindy" H. Davis, Past Vice President General, Honorary State Regent; and Charla Louise Nutter-McNaboe, Honorary State Regent.

Visiting Conference Guests were presented by the State Regent: Morgan Elliott, Vice President General; Linda Conrad, State Regent Kentucky; Mernie Crane, State Regent Maryland; Kelly VanWormer, State Regent Michigan; Laurie Nesbitt, State Regent Virginia. Mrs. Larke presented them with certificates that officially recognized them as a "Friend of West Virginia" from West Virginia Governor Jim Justice.

Mrs. Larke then recognized WVDAR members who conducted workshops and events during the conference; Samantha Shleser, Joanna McKown, Darla Treat Courtney, Heidi Ware, Patsy Adkins, and Andrea Duckworth. The State Officers were presented, National Chairs and East Central Division Vice Chairs were asked to stand and be recognized as well as VAVS members, National and State Committee Chairs, District Chairs, Military Veterans, and HODARS.

Mrs. Wright gave a presentation on DAR's involvement in education. She began by paraphrasing George Washington's farewell address in which he admonished our nation to promote a public education system, institutions for the general diffusion of knowledge. Mrs. Wright noted the many opportunities for chapters to support education projects throughout its

committees as well as the history of DAR involvement in education since its inception, including DAR Schools. Mrs. Wright highlighted the efforts of a West Virginia chapter assisting active-duty military children in education through a months-long project.

Sylvia Rhodes recognized 50-year Members as well as those who had been members for far longer. Mrs. Rhodes requested that the State Regent sign a certificate that the Club wished to present to Jean Bell Boltz Hott, William Henshaw Chapter, in commemoration of her 75 years in DAR. New members of the 50-year club, who had joined DAR in 1974, were announced. They were Mary Ward, Bee Line Chapter; Frances Adams, Blackwater Chapter; Linda Seabolt, Blennerhassett Chapter; Karen Bonifacio, Captain James Allen Chapter; Linda Racer, Elk River Chapter; Peggy Talley, Pack Horse Ford Chapter; Alice Cogle, Shenandoah Valley Chapter; Beth Mitchell, Wheeling Chapter; Tenna Tabb, William Henshaw Chapter; Bonnie Morrison, Ye Towne of Bath Chapter; and Sylvia Thomas, Ye Town of Bath Chapter.

Pressbook winners were announced. Small Chapter winners were: first place, Anne Royall Chapter; second place, William Henshaw Chapter; and third place, Ye Towne of Bath Chapter. Large Chapter winners were: first place, Pack Horse Ford Chapter; second place, Bee Line Chapter; and third place, Old Hickory Chapter.

A new category was introduced this year, digital photobooks. Matthew French Chapter placed 1st in this category.

Scrapbook winners were announced. Small Chapter winners were: first place, Shenandoah Valley Chapter; second place, William Henshaw Chapter; and third place Highlands of the Potomac Chapter. Large Chapter winners were first place, Old Hickory Chapter; and second place, Pack Horse Ford Chapter.

The State Regent noted the two Service Projects that were new this year. Andrea Duckworth, Service to America Chair organized them. Patsy Adkins reported that the book project had brought in $871. After the banquet, members would fold pocket flags for active-duty military.

Lisa McNeil, Chair Blanche Reymann Scholarship reported that $370 was made selling voices and $55 were received in donations to the fund. The Chapter Regents Club had donated $293 for a total of $718.

DAR-lings Voices were managed by the Highlands of the Potomac Chapter whose Regent, Mrs. Darlene Frederick, announced 76 items were contributed and the income was $2,040. Winners were announced and items delivered.

It was announced that the breakfast buffet would begin at 8 a.m. in the morning followed by the Memorial Service at 9 a.m. in Salon A B. The Closing Session would begin immediately following the Memorial Service and chapter regents needed to pick up their award packets before leaving the conference. District Directors were asked to make sure all chapter packets were taken.

The State Regent thanked Jerell Wright, Regent Shenandoah Valley Chapter and her chapter members for hosting the “Friendship Blooms in WVDAR” banquet. All members were asked to rise to be recognized. Pages were also recognized for helping things run so smoothly.

WVDAR Chaplain, Barbara Holt delivered the Benediction. The State Regent recessed the State Conference until Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. and the Colors were retired.

Respectfully Submitted, Katherine Genung, WVDAR Recording Secretary

Memorial Service

Sunday, May 7, 2023
Holiday Inn, Martinsburg, West Virginia

The Call to Remembrance was opened by WVDAR Chaplain, Barbara Holt. The State Regent read the poem, "In Remembrance." The WVDAR Chorus, led by Director Selma Humphreys sang *Be Thou My Vision.* Chaplain Holt led those gathered in prayer. and delivered the Scripture Isaiah 41:10. The Chorus sang *It Is Well With My Soul.*

The following Members were memorialized:

Eastern District

Bee Line Chapter: Joyce Jackson
Highlands of the Potomac Chapter: Lois Matko
Shenandoah Valley Chapter: Sara Townsend; Kathleen Merceruio
South Branch Valley Chapter: Mary Rowe: Barbara Lester
Ye Towne of Bath Chapter: Mery Herald; Helen Clark

Central District

Blackwater Chapter: Juanita Leese; Karen Peterson
Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter: Sharon Huskin; Ernestine Nigh
Elk River Chapter: Karen Vyborny
James Barbour Chapter: Mary Wagner; Diana Davide; Betty Marsh
John Hart Chapter: Frances Von Schiling

Northern District

Anne Royall Chapter: Bonnie Graham; Beverly Robinson; Jean Moore
Blennerhassett Chapter: Flora Lockhart; Dorothy Cornell
Wheeling Chapter: Phylis Slater

Southern District

Captain James Allen Chapter: Betty Boolsby

Western District

Anne Bailey Chapter: Carolyn Chambers; Phyllis Fulton; Lora Kessinger; Wanda Hagley
Buford Chapter: Barbara Price; Barbara Rutledge
Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter: Margaret Waldie
John Young Chapter: Lucie Mellert; Nancy Doak; Carmen Culpepper; Harriet Beury
Kanawha Valley Chapter; Dorothy Shea

Closing Session

Sunday, April 7, 2024
Salon A B C, Holiday Inn, Martinsburg, West Virginia

The State Regent reconvened the conference, calling it to order at 9:50 a.m. The Invocation was delivered by WVDAR Chaplain, Barbara Holt. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Cindy Kolsun, State Corresponding Secretary. The American's Creed was led by Margaret Rusnak, Captain James Allen Chapter. The membership joined together to sing, *West Virginia, My Home.* The Colors were posted.

Rebecca Davis, Chair Credential Committee delivered the final report of the committee. She moved that the Credentials Report be accepted. As the motion came from the committee, there was no need for a second. There was no discussion and the motion carried. (Attachment 13)

Charla Nutter McNaboe and Cathy Hinkle continued the presentation of the proposed bylaws from yesterday, beginning with amendment #15. Each amendment was read and each was passed as proposed. (Attachment 14).

The State Regent thanked the Bylaws committee: Chair Pat Goodwin, Trans-Allegheny Chapter; Honorary State Regent Charla Louise Nutter-McNaboe, Colonel William Lowther Chapter; and Catherine "Cathy" Hinkle, Blennerhassett Chapter, for the hard work they put in to the project.

Head Teller, Judith Bowyer, South Branch Valley Chapter reported on the results of the election. There were 121 votes cast. The results were as follows.

Candidate	District	Chapter	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Barbara M. Frankenberry	Eastern	Shenandoah Valley	107	0	14
Kathy Harper Kidd	Central	Tanner's Cross Roads	92	0	29
Lucinda Seese	Northern	Ohio Valley	107	0	14
Samantha Shleser	Southern	Capt. James Allen	89	0	32
Joanna McKown	Western	Old Hickory	95	0	25
Linda Keeling	Western	Kanawha Valley	1	0	0

Without a candidate receiving a plurality, Ruth Mooney, Elk River Chapter, moved that the committee be allowed to determine the Chair of the committee. Grace Parsons Arthur, Old Hickory Chapter, seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion carried.

The results of the election to endorse Jane Jacobs Larke as a Candidate for Vice President General at the 134th Continental Congress were Aye 114, Nay 2, with 5 abstentions. The motion to endorse the State Regent, Jane Jacobs Larke, for Vice President General was carried.

Bonnie Myers, South Branch Valley Chapter, moved that the results of the election be destroyed and Patsy Adkins, Anne Bailey Chapter seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion carried.

Lucinda "Tina" Seese, Northern District Director, invited all members to attend the 120th State Conference to be held in Bridgeport, West Virginia from April 4 through 6, 2025. The State Regent thanked Ms. Seese. Patsy Adkins, State Registrar, announced that over 150 pocket flags had been folded at the Service in Seconds project the previous evening. The Conference Chairs requested that name tags be left in the box in the hallway. Chapter Regents or their designees were asked to pick up awards packets. The group gathered in a circle and held hands to sing Blest Be the Tie That Binds. State Chaplain Barbara Holt delivered the Benediction and the Colors were retired.

The State Regent thanked all the members for attending this State Conference and wished them all safe travels home. The meeting adjourned and the State Conference closed at 11:07 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Katherine M. Genung, WVDAR Recording Secretary

119TH WVDAR STATE CONFERENCE
2023-2024 State Officer Reports

WVDAR State Regent Jane Jacobs Larke

What a whirlwind of a year! State Conference was such a highlight last year, with the attendance of the President General. Kelly Goodwin was a fantastic General Conference Chair. Thank you to the Central District Chapters for hosting a wonderful and successful conference.

I took the Parliamentary Procedure Class offered by our National Parliamentarian, Beverly Przybylski, this past year, and the day after our 2023 State Conference, I was back in school, where I was joined by

State Vice Regent, Sandra Isner-Johnson and State Parliamentarian Brenda Cheuvront. We just finished that 36-week course, which covered major topics of procedure that deal with the governing of our society. And before the week was over, I attended one of the Literacy Promotion zooms. I really believe in being a life-long learner and these courses offered by national are well-worth the time. Please consider taking advantage of courses that DAR offers.

May also brought a trip to the Eastern District. The Heritage Fair took place at the roundhouse in Martinsburg so I drove over to attend it and visit with several chapters that participated. It was a rainy day, but it was nice to see members of the Shenandoah Valley and William Henshaw chapters representing DAR in the community.

And you may not believe it, but by the following week, your Bylaws committee began work organizing their work for the year. They zoomed into a productive, work-filled year. Thank you to Pat Goodwin and her committee members, Charla Louise Nutter-McNaboe and Cathy Hinkle. You will have an opportunity to make decisions on their work later this morning.

I also started preparing for Continental Congress, with a zoom training for our WV Room open house, and soon afterward a zoom training as a Balcony Volunteer team leader. But, before Continental Congress, I had the opportunity to represent WV Daughters in Indianapolis at the Indiana State Conference, with State Regent Cherie Baxter. The grave of Caroline Scott Harrison is there, and we participated in a ceremony to lay flowers at the grave of the first President General of DAR.

Memorial Day was spent in Morgantown, where I represented the state at the VFW ceremony in laying a wreath, along with the Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans, the Colonel Zackquill Morgan and the Woodburn Chapters.

A project that we tied up this year beginning with several team meetings was the Genealogical, Burial, & Service Data for Revolutionary Patriots Buried in West Virgina book. Through a series of meetings, we developed a plan to self-publish that book through Amazon. This plan saved the society $11,000 of initial expenses and we now offer the book for sale through Amazon. We actually have a few copies here, so if you are interested please pick one up. They are slightly discounted from Amazon's price. A big thank you to all those who worked and gave advice on that committee, especially the editor, Mary Johnson, who did an amazing job of formatting and reformatting the edition.

I won't talk a lot about finances, but last spring your treasurer and I met a few times to open up new accounts for our society, which would bear a better rate of interest. Thank you to Vicky Shears for her stewardship of our finances.

And then summer was upon us. I absolutely love observing some of the summertime activities that includes the Naturalization ceremonies. It is so inspiring to see and meet the individuals who have worked so hard to become American citizens. I attended two naturalizations ceremonies this summer. The first one was in June in Clarksburg with members of the Elk River, Daniel Davisson, and Ohio Valley Chapters, the other one in August in Elkins with the Blackwater , Elizabeth Zane, James Barbour, and John Hart Chapters.

I zoomed into a meeting with Matthew French Chapter, and the next day was off to Continental Congress. In Washington I represented you at the National Board of Management meeting, the National Officers Club meeting, and the State Regents Club meeting. I served as a Balcony Volunteer team leader and of course, attended the WV Breakfast. Special thanks go to both Sandra Isner-Johnson for all her work on the WV Breakfast and to Margie Turley for making it possible to host this event at the beautiful and historic Army and Navy Club.

I attended all business and evening sessions at Continental Congress and was extremely proud of the work of April Norris and Joan Gibson who worked on the nomination of Mr. Forest "Jack" Bowman, who received the Historic Preservation Medal.

Upon return from Congress, I did squeeze a few days in with my grandchildren, but while they visited we drove to Kingwood to see the Wreaths Across America Mobile Education Unit that Cheat River

Chapter had arranged. The kids enjoyed the displays and movie, especially since the mobile unit was air conditioned, because it was really hot that day! I also visited with the Cheat River Chapter later in August to install their new officers.

You would think that things would slow down after Congress, but we then started our series of district meetings. Western District was the first meeting. It was held in Wayne at the Locust Grove Baptist Church and was hosted by Westmoreland Chapter. Central District was next at the First Presbyterian Church in Clarksburg, which was hosted by Daniel Davisson Chapter. A state presentation occurred at that meeting when Lisa McNeil, State Chair of the Blanche Reymann Scholarship presented our scholarship winner, Jessica Rexroade, to the members at this meeting, where Jessica received her award. Northern District was held in St. Marys at the Dewey Avenue Church of Christ, with Ohio Valley Chapter hosting. This meeting also served as an opportunity to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Ohio Valley Chapter. Eastern District was held at Cacapon State Park and was hosted by Ye Towne of Bath Chapter, and finally Southern District was held in Lewisburg at the Clinging Conference Center and was hosted by the General Andrew Lewis Chapter. Thank you to all the District Director's for their planning on these very important meetings. The purpose of these meetings is to provide an avenue for communication of information coming from the state and national to our members. So, the opportunity to speak directly to the membership is much appreciated by this officer.

We had a major state regent project completed in August that we've already announced. Thank you to Ericka Cheuvront for creating the newly approved WVDAR state Webpage. This followed the WVDAR Public social media Facebook approval. Completion of the chapter pages is largely in your hands. A couple chapter pages have already been submitted for approval, and we are waiting to hear back about edits that may need to be made. We ask you to get your information returned so that work can be done on your chapter page. Remember they are being done on a first come/first serve basis and time will run out eventually. Please allow for the time that national takes for the approval process. We want to provide chapter pages for as many chapters as possible. An internet presence is so vitally important in today's world.

Fall came and I hope you enjoyed the beautiful cover of the American Spirit Magazine. When Nancy Jackson, a writer for the magazine, contacted me, she asked why would a DAR member want to visit WV? I sent her back tons of reasons and was so happy with the results of that article.

We always have a spring conference, but Michigan's state conference is in the fall. I went to the "Motor City" in September to represent you at the Michigan State Conference as a guest of State Regent, Kelly VanWormer. I am so glad we can reciprocate, and she is visiting us this weekend.

In October, I returned to Washington DC, to again represent you at the National Board of Management meeting. This was a wonderful trip, except for the cancellation of my return flight, which will be off the record, because the next day I needed to be in Point Pleasant to deliver remarks and lay the WVDAR wreath at Battle Days to honor those Patriots of the Battle of Point Pleasant at Tu-Endie-Wei State Park. And even though it was difficult to get there this year, I so appreciate the opportunity extended by SAR and the courtesy of the Colonel Charles Lewis chapter.

Another October event was to attend the Colonel Zackquill Morgan Anniversary. Thank you, Regent Elizabeth Satterfield for the kind invitation to celebrate the chapter's 60th Anniversary at the James Clark McGrew house in Kingwood. I also attended the Genealogy Workshop that Pat Goodwin organized at Hacker's Creek. It was a great success and a wonderful culmination of her New Horizon's course. Thank you, Pat.

An issue that we looked at, because of a request from several members, was looking at distribution of members in our districts. I appointed Vickie Baker, our Organizing Secretary to work on this issue and we met with the district directors who were tasked with surveying the chapters in their districts to determine if they were happy with their placement. I am pleased to announce that the process is complete and that there will be no changes. Thank you to Vickie Baker and the District Directors for seeing this process through. We want you to know that this administration will listen to you and work to solve any problems that arise.

November was full of end of the year activities. Old Hickory dedicated their Patriot bench in a ceremony on a sunny afternoon in Ripley. Congratulations to Regent, Grace Arthur. And on the other end of the state, I thoroughly enjoyed my visit to South Branch Valley where they collected over 300 books to support my early childhood literacy project. Thank you to Regent Judy Bowyer.

I did get to participate in my own chapter activities this year. Several of them are very special. We spent an afternoon near Veteran's Day with veterans at Cortland Acres Nursing Home. And, in December, we placed wreaths at the West Virginia National Cemetery in Grafton, where we also saw members of Colonel Zackquill Morgan Chapter. Thank you ladies for being there to support our veterans. That evening, I streamed the Boston Tea Party event in Boston, watching them ceremoniously throw the tea that the state society sent into Boston Harbor.

My third trip to Washington DC this administrative year was with Malinda "Mindy" H. Davis, to attend the Holiday Open House at DAR Headquarters. We passed the National Christmas tree, which was from WV this year on our walk from the hotel. It was beautiful to see as the sun was setting on the city. Also attending was Mary Ellen Brown, and I think we can tell you that the building is absolutely beautiful when decorated for the holiday season. Another December event I attended was the Tea Party that Pack Horse Ford hosted. Thank you, Cindy Nicewarner, for that invitation. The entire meeting was wonderful. And, later in January, I attended their Genealogy Workshop by zoom, which was excellent.

Now you would think that during the winter things would slow down. I know chapter regents are busy organizing the chapter CMR reports around the first of the year. What you might not be aware of is that now there is a state version of that report, and it is up to me to fill it out. The reason for this is that states have data that may not be captured by the chapter CMR. For example, there is no way to identify the amount of money that we offer students through the Blanche L. Reymann scholarship on the chapter reports. This newly implemented state report gives a more thorough view of the impact we have on our community.

My latest trip to Washington DC was for the February Board of Management meeting. This time there was no travel issue. And we held a zoom for the WVDAR Board of Management early in March to vote on and organize finances for last night's donation to Hindman Settlement School.

Two weeks ago, I was back in the air to travel to Las Vegas, to attend the Nevada State Conference where I again represented the WV Daughters as a guest of Nevada State Regent Cindy Bell.

So, we have all this busyness, but we are never too busy to stop and honor those women who have done so much for our society. I was honored to represented the state at the funerals of Colonel Morgan Morgan Past Chapter Regent, Ernestine Nigh and also at James Barbour Past Chapter Regent, Diana Davide. Their commitment to our organization left an indelible mark on our hearts. We will miss them dearly.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your State Regent.

WVDAR Vice Regent Sandra Isner-Johnson

During the second year as State Vice Regent at the 118th WV State Conference this Officer attended meetings for the Chapter Regent's Club, the Cameo Club, the State Officers Club, the Executive Committee and Board of Management Meetings. During the 132nd Continental Congress in Washington DC, this Officer attended the Units Overseas Luncheon, Business Sessions, the evening events, the Congress Reception, served as a Balcony Volunteer, a House Committee Volunteer, participated in the Jr Membership's 5K Run and participated in the Service to America Committee's Smoke Detector Installation Service Project through the American Red Cross, installing checking smoke detectors around the local DC area. This Officer also coordinated the WV Breakfast during the National Convention which was held at the historic Army and Navy Club with 67 attendees.

The Vice Regent responsibilities continued with updates to the State Information Packets. The State Committee Chairs and State Officers provided updated information about their committee or office that was included (for the first time) on the State Information Page of the

newly completed WV DAR webpage. Also new to the SIP this year was a section on the WVDAR Chapter Pressbook and Scrapbook Requirements.

All five of the district meetings were attended by this Officer, where she assisted the State Regent again with the presentation of certificates to the respective members and chapters. All State Officer Meetings, Executive Committee Meetings, and Board of Management Meetings were attended by this Officer.

On the chapter level, this State Vice Regent assisted with installation of new members to Old Hickory Chapter and substituted for their Chapter Chaplain as needed.

This Officer completed the GEP3 and GEP4 courses, along with the 26-week Parliamentary Procedure course offered as part of the National DAR Leadership Training.

Also, this Officer served as the Church Historian for her local church where she attended Church Council Meetings, maintained the church history, the Memorial Notices on the church website, and continued to keep current information in the Church's Veteran's History book, that she compiled.

It been a pleasure to serve as the WV State Vice Regent during the second year of this Administration.

WVDAR Chaplain Barbara Holt

From January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023, WVDAR experienced 45 losses of our members with each person's family receiving a sympathy card. We also celebrated 3 birthdays of our 90+ birthdays daughters. I attended 2 of the 5 district meetings. When appropriate, I gave opening and closing pray, scripture and benediction.

The West Virginia chapters completed 257 Sunshine Reports; sent 68 birthday cards to those of ages 90+; conducted 30 memorial services; held 6-chapter patriot memorial services; and placed 5 grave markers.

Eight of thirty-nine-chapter reports show participation in the NSDAR Day of Prayer on October 8, 2023. Ten of thirty-nine chapter reports show participation in the National Day of Prayer on May 4, 2023.

Old Hickory sent out monthly birthday cards to chapter members as well as holiday and seasonal cards. They also sent out cards for Valentine, Easter, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas cards to individuals in the Jackson County local care centers and to the Barboursville Veterans home. They also sent get-well cards making her total distribution of cards over 800 during the 2023 calendar year. They also posted 304 times on the member's Facebook group with scriptures, quotes, and well wishes.

WVDAR Recording Secretary Katherine M. Genung

Madam State Regent, in this past year I attended the Southern and Eastern District Meetings. Inspired by your Literacy Project, I was trained by West Virginia Read Aloud and now read weekly to a third- grade classroom in Bunker Hill, West Virginia. Amazingly, they like me! I have attended and taken the minutes of the Executive Committee and Board of Management meetings. Lastly, I began the draft of the Proceedings Book; the first year of your administration being completed. I look forward to great things in my final year of service to you.

WVDAR Corresponding Secretary Cynthia P. Kolsun -No report

WVDAR Organizing Secretary Vickie Baker

Serving as West Virginia State Organizing Secretary in the Larke Administration has allowed this officer to Bloom through Service and Friendship. This officer also continued servings the National Society Daughters of American Revolution as National Vice Chair Eastern Central Division Volunteer Genealogists, member of Volunteer Genealogists Committee Supplemental AIRs team, and member of the Insignia Committee as an Insignia Volunteer. During the fall of 2023, this officer was accepted to serve as a Corresponding Docent.

This officer has attended all executive committee meetings, all 5 district meetings, the called virtual State Board of Management meeting. This officer also posted the application review dates for new members and supplemental applications.

This officer chaired a committee to explore the possibility to redistrict the chapters in the state. The committee reviewed various factors involved with redistricting. After discussions with chapter regents, the committee determined redistricting of the state is not needed. Individual chapters may request a change in district.

This officer also had the privilege to attend several chapter activities: Old Hickory's Boston Tea Party celebration; Trans-Allegheny genealogy workshop for Central District members; Blennerhassett's National Defense Luncheon.

After state conference, this officer mailed letters to each member of the John Chapman Chapter to finalize the disbandment of the chapter. Each member indicated a chapter for transfer. This officer prepared transfer paperwork and emailed them to officers of each chapter. This officer answered questions from the receiving chapters to make a smooth transition.

This officer assisted the organizing regent for chapter being formed in Elizabeth, WV by working a booth during Pioneer Days in October. The organizing regent for the proposed chapter in Newell, WV determined that there were not enough interest in DAR membership. The members-at-large members from this proposed chapter were encouraged to join other chapters in the area.

As an Insignia Volunteer, I had the opportunity to attend the Maryland State Conference and assist the Insignia staff to sell pins. Additionally, this officer served as Insignia Volunteer during Continental Congress.

This officer assisted Daughters with research attempting to resolve AIR letters on supplemental applications. In addition, this officer served as East Central Division Vice Chair sharing information about the changes to the supplemental application review process.

Rejoicing and Blooming Blooms Through Service and Friendship

Addendum:

John Chapman Chapter (4027WV) was disbanded in August 2023.

WVDAR Treasurer Vicky L. Shears

See Financials Reported (Attachment 7 Treasurer's Report).

WVDAR Registrar Patsy Lynn Adkins

As the WVDAR State Registrar, this State Officer had the privilege of attending three District Meetings in the Summer of 2023, where she met the Chapter Registrars and informed them to contact me if they had problems or concerns. This Officer has helped Chapter Registrars regarding applications, supplementals, or frequent questions. Specifically, this officer along with Susan Arnold, Anna Carson, Bonnie Myers and Michelle Sparks started the Supplemental

Support Team. We have reviewed 75 Supplementals for mistakes and send them to National cleaner to get verify quicker.

To assist Chapters with Supplementals and Applications Support Team attended a workshop held by Pat Goodwin this past fall in Buckhanon, WV. Chapter Registrars and member assisted with their applications.

Since the second year of my term from Jan 2023 to Dec 2023 we gained 10 to 12 new members in the state. Bringing in the total number of new members at the end of year to 172.

There are currently 39 active chapters in West Virginia. Sadly, we lose one chapter from Southern District John Chapman. National dropped 56 members for non-payment of dues. In 2023, 44 members resigned. On the positive side, 26 members reinstated their membership. Two, Chapters Blennerhassett gained 28 new members, and Wheeling gained 22 new members. We had three Chapters with 8 new members Blackwater, Highlands of the Potomac, Kanawha Valley. We had other chapters gained new members too. We need to work on getting all chapters involved in helping their chapters grow this year.

Furthermore, in 2023 WVDAR changes occurred in the following categories: deceased – 39; Transfers Out-20 (15 left West Virginia), and Transfers In -21 (16 New to West Virginia).

In addition, this Officer is proud to announce that four Chapter Registrars took the free Registrar Course.

In 2023, this Officer and other WVDAR genealogist specialists resolved issues with several Air Letters that they returned to National for approval. The review team noticed a significant improvement since there were fewer Pre-Letters compared to previous years.

In 2023, this Officer helped Chapter Registrar's with the Spread the Sparkle Challenge. You could bring in four new members and reinstating members. We had 18 chapters get 8 or more new members. We had 14 chapters get 4 or 6 more new members. We had 7 chapters that didn't get any new members with the Challenge.

This Officer looks forward to continuing to assist our West Virginia Chapter Registrars and serving in the Larke Administration.

WVDAR Historian Darla Treat Courtney

During 2023, 100% of West Virginia's` chapters reported activities through responses provided in the Chapter Master Report, with 2 chapters (Bee Line and Matthew French) providing detailed submissions to the State Historian. One chapter (Colonel Morgan Morgan) reported submitting an application to place a "Revolutionary America 1775-1783" marker in association with grants funded by the William Pomeroy Foundation.

A total of 15 chapters reported special activities honoring the men and women who helped achieve American Independence. These included special programs and displays in public areas (Bee Line, Matthew French, Pack Horse Ford, Shenandoah Valley, William Henshaw); Patriot Minutes or Patriot trees at chapter meetings and events (Anne Royall, Highlands of the Potomac, Kanawha Valley, Matthew French, Old Hickory); and media features (Bee Line, Old Hickory, Pack Horse Ford).

Old Hickory Chapter dedicated a memorial bench honoring 12 Jackson County Patriots, generating multiple media accounts. Ohio Valley Chapter began a special project to recognize the roles and importance of women in the Revolution and to have more women acknowledged as Patriots. Wheeling Chapter conducted a restoration and rededication of the Fort VanMetre Monument, honoring the Patriots who served in that area. Bee Line and Pack Horse Ford Chapters supported ongoing programs and special events at historic homes of leading local Patriots.

Further, several chapters participated in cemetery cleanup, Patriot gravesite rededications, or wreath layings to honor those who supported the American cause (Anne Royall, Bee Line, Blennerhassett, Colonel Morgan Morgan, John Young, Shenandoah Valley, Tanner's Cross Roads, Westmoreland, Wheeling, William Henshaw). In addition, Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter began work to create a flowerbed to enhance the WVDAR Gold Star Mother's Monument at Vietnam Memorial Park in Marion County. This monument crosses all generations of America's wars.

Finally, two chapters (Bee Line and Westmoreland) nominated history/social studies teachers for recognition at the chapter and state levels.

At the state level, State Regent Jane Larke continues to make progress toward expanding the WVDAR digital archive at Marshall University. Former State Historian Mary Johnson finalized publication of the statewide directory on Patriot burials, which was a project introduced by former State Regent Cheryl Brown, and copies have been distributed to libraries throughout the state.

Awards given were: Outstanding Chapter Reports: Bee Line (large chapter), Matthew French (small chapter); Outstanding Patriot Recognitions: Anne Royall (Pioneer Cemetery maintenance), Bee Line (Charles Washington and Happy Retreat), Old Hickory (Patriot memorial bench), Ohio Valley (recognizing women Patriots), Wheeling (Fort VanMetre Monument rededication), Malinda "Mindy" H. Davis (women Patriot biographies), Heidi Ware (Wysong Patriots) Outstanding Service Project: Colonel Morgan Morgan (Gold Star Mothers Monument beautification) Certificates of Commendation (large chapters): Blennerhassett (Patriot wreath layings), Kanawha Valley (Patriot biographies), Pack Horse Ford (Boston Tea Party) Certificates of Commendation (small chapters): Highlands of the Potomac ("My Patriot" features), John Young (Patriot grave refurbishment), Matthew French (teacher aids on Patriots), Shenandoah Valley ("Our Patriots" displays), Tanner's Cross Roads (preservation of Patriot grave site), William Henshaw (Patriot marker rededication)

WVDAR Librarian Gail Tress Potter

As the WVDAR State Librarian, I had the privilege of attending the State Conference at Canaan Valley Resort in May and the East District Meeting at Cacapon State Park. Our chapters have donated books and collections to NSDAR, Universities and local libraries.

Back in 2019, the then State Regent, Cheryl A. Brown had as her state project the compilation and future publication of Revolutionary War patriots that are buried in West Virginia. A special form was developed to record the information on each patriot that was found. Over the next 3 years, West Virginia daughters identified 1030 patriots by visiting cemeteries in their local counties. In the book that followed after the surname is the given name, birthdate and place if known, and date of death if known. Many entries also contain spousal information, a bio of the patriot, and the place of burial (some with GPS locations) and the rank of service. Names are listed in alphabetical order and also by burial county. At the time of the Revolution, West Virginia was still part of Virginia. When the SAR (Sons of the American Revolution) did a book on Virginia, West Virginia patriots were not included.

In 2023 the West Virginia book was published titled Genealogical, Burial, & Service Data for Revolutionary War Patriots Buried in West Virginia. Past State Historian, Mary Johnson served as editor. Katherine Genung designed the cover and Dr. Stealey of Shepherd University wrote the introduction. The late Doreen Hale was the chair and submitted over 60 entries

Ms. Brown, a member of Pack Horse Ford Chapter, proudly donated her book to the NSDAR Library with money for binding. Copies of this book can be purchased and donated to local

libraries or historical societies. The Eastern District bought enough books so that each public library in the district gets a free copy.

Pack Horse Ford also donated “Records of Robert Samuel McClay Hoffman, undertaker in Shepherdstown and the corresponding Obituaries Volume I Part II, January 1, 1901- August 30, 1906 to the Family Search Library. Salt Lake City, and the SAR Genealogical Research Library, Louisville, KY. $200 was also contributed to the DAR Library Member Fund.

To NSDAR Library South Branch Valley donated “The Rome’s Garden: A Journey in Time” and Kanawha Valley donated “Metis Families Vol. 3 Champagne_Desjarlais” in memory of Dorothy Bush Shea.

Col Morgan Morgan chapter donated a book to the Pleasant Valley School Library in the name of Barbara Cannell and another book to the Hackers Creek Museum from the estate of Sharon Huskins. William French chapter presented a program on the 125th Anniversary of the DAR Library.

Thank you to all chapters for your efforts to support the NSDAR Library and our local libraries.

119TH WV STATE CONFERENCE

2023-2024 District Director Reports

Central District, Georgette Kesler Ward, District Director

The Central District of the West Virginia State Society of Daughters of the American Revolution held its 76th annual meeting on Saturday, July 29, 2023 at the First Presbyterian Church, Clarksburg, WV hosted by the Daniel Davisson Chapter.

Central District Director, Georgette Ward, called the meeting to order and the Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, American’s Creed and singing of the National Anthem was led by Central District daughters.

Host Chapter Regent, Laura Fullen, Daniel Davisson Chapter, provided the greeting, and Teresa Blake, Regent, Trans-Allegheny Chapter, delivered the response.

State Regent, Jane Larke, and seven distinguished WV daughters were introduced along with four WV daughters that were appointed to serve on committees for the National Society. Chairs of State and National committees were also introduced. New DAR members and guest were introduced.

The registration report indicated there was in attendance 1 State Regent; 7 State Officers; 2 National and East Central Division Vice Chairs; 3 District Directors; 11 Chapter Regents; 10 State Chairs; 13 National Chairs; 56 Central District Daughters; 15 Other District Daughters; and 6 Guests for a total 77 in attendance.

During the business meeting the District Secretary presented the secretary’s report from the 75th Central District meeting. A committee was appointed to review and approve the minutes for the 76th Central District meeting. The treasurers report was read.

Proposed bylaw changes were presented by Kelly Goodwin. All proposed changes were voted on and passed.

A Nominating Committee for the next administration was selected. The committee was made up of Kelly Goodwin, Karen Kurilko, and Rebecca Davis, chair.

State Regent Jane Larke delivered her State Regent’s Message and reported on the 2023 State Conference and Continental Congress. She reminded Daughters to subscribe to the American Spirit magazine and the availability of the new WVDAR book, Genealogical, Burial & service Data for Revolutionary War Patriots in West Virginia. She welcomed new committee chairs and

reminded Daughters of upcoming dates and deadlines relevant to the WVDAR. State Regent Larke presented both national and state awards.

Following lunch, Lisa McNeil, presented the 2023 Blanch Reymann Scholarship to Jessica Rexrode, from Alderson-Broaddus University.

Mike Spatafore, President of the Clarksburg History Museum, gave a presentation on the activities available at the museum.

Updates were given by Pat Goodwin, State Bylaw changes; Vicky Shears, State Finances; and Erick Cheuvront on the new WVDAR website.

A motion passed that the Central District place an America 250 Patriot Plaque at a highly visible location common to the Central District chapters.

The voices drawing was held, and it was voted that the fund would be donated to the State Regents project.

A memorial service was conducted for deceased members. Courtesy resolutions were given by Loretta Dawson, Elizabeth Zane Chapter. Susan Arnold, Regent, Elizabeth Luddington Hagans-Colonel John Evans Chapter, invited members to the 77th Central District Meeting to be held in Morgantown, August 24, 2024.

The meeting closed with the benediction and “Blest Be the Tie That Binds.”

The meeting was adjourned.

Eastern District Margaret Ways, District Director

Greetings from the Eastern District! This Director presided at the Seventy-Sixth Eastern District meeting of the West Virginia Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, at the Cacapon Lodge, Cacapon State Park, Berkeley Springs, WV on August 19, 2023. The Ye Towne of Bath Chapter served as the hostess chapter. Representatives of six of the seven chapters in the Eastern District were in attendance as well as WVDAR State Regent Jane Larke, eight State officers, fifteen State Committee Chairs and Barbara “Barby” M. Frankenberry, Past Curator General and WVDAR Honorary State Regent.

Business addressed during this meeting included electing an Eastern District Bylaws Committee and a Nominating Committee for 2025-2028 Eastern District Officers. The district voted to receive a reimbursement of the Peters Cottage Excess Refurbishment Funds. This director presented a district project idea of purchasing WVDAR book, Genealogical, Burial, & Service Data for Revolutionary War Patriots Buried in West Virginia by the West Virginia State Society Daughters of the American Revolution and donating the book to each public library in the Eastern District to honor Cheryl Brown, WVDAR Honorary State Regent. This book was her State Project during 2019-2022 administration. A motion to purchase the book and discussion led the Eastern District Chapters to vote and approve the purchase. Jane Larke, WVDAR State Regent volunteered to order the books and the District would pay WVDAR Treasurer for the cost. This director, with the help of the district chapters, researched the number of libraries and determined there would be twenty-two books ordered. The assigned district chapters are currently working to present the books to their county public libraries. This Director attended the Shenandoah Valley and William Henshaw Chapter presentation of the book to the Martinsburg-Berkeley County Library on February 23, 2024. The library was pleased to receive the book and is looking forward to the public viewing the book.

This Director had pleasure of visiting with three of the Eastern District Chapters during this past year. On November 19, 2023, she presented information to the South Branch Valley Chapter on the 2024 State Conference and how they could provide support. This chapter had on display the 312 books collected for their Service in Seconds project as a donation to the Head Start programs in Hampshire, Hardy and Grant Counties. On January 4, 2024, she attended the

Shenandoah Valley Chapter meeting. Two highlights of this meeting included election of delegates for the 2024 WVDAR State Conference and the Delivery of the book, ABC America, Land that I Love, purchased from the 2023-chapter yard sale proceeds. The chapter was successful in purchasing sixty-six books to deliver to the Kindergarten teachers in Berkeley County. Members received an assigned school to distribute the books. On March 2, 2024, she attended the William Henshaw Chapter meeting. Highlights from this meeting included installing two new members and introduction of three perspective members. The chapter also presented awards to the American History Essay Chapter winners. All three meetings were well attended, planned and executed.

Northern District Lucinda (Tina) Seese, District Director

First and foremost, I want to state how honored I am to be the Director for such wonderful Chapters who are all hard-working and committed to making better communities, support to our Veteran's plus support to our local schools with honoring students with presentation of awards and recognizing them in front of their peers.

Most of the chapters have applied for money from the 250 grant, Anne Royall Chapter grant money was used for the community, the chapter purchased American Flags and are flown on Main Street in Harrisville.

Most chapters participated in Wreaths Across America; by placing wreaths on patriot's graves in local cemeteries, one chapter laid 200 plus wreath in five cemeteries.

Most chapters participated in The Boston Tea party, from participating in parades and throw out tea, along with candy, one chapter sent tea to support the reenactment of the Tea Party, to another having a tea party during their meeting by drinking teas thrown overboard.

Chapters cleaned monuments in various cemeteries of patriots. All Chapters in the northern district support the Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center in Clarksburg, chapters send in needed supplies, along with cards, socks, underwear, along with deodorants, soaps, cross word puzzles. One chapter sent items to veterans for Valentine's Day.

Most chapters had addition of new members and regretfully we also lost members from death. The Wheeling Chapter had an addition of 12 members. Chapters support our students by presenting certificates to JAC winners as well as DAR Good Citizen. James Wood Chapter awarded eight high school seniors and college students each receiving a $1500.00 scholarship.

This director attended four of the five district meetings, visited chapters and attended special events.

Southern District, Samantha Shleser, District Director

This Director would like to report that the members of the Southern District have had an active year with all chapters working within their communities and promoting their chapters with an emphasis on prospective members. The District held their yearly meeting on August 26, 2023 at the Clingman Conference Center in Lewisburg hosted by the General Andrew Lewis Chapter, Mrs. Suzanne Cronquist, Regent. The total number of ladies attending were 50 of which 29 were Southern District members.

The minutes were read and approved. The treasurer's report was approved and filed for audit. A nominating committee for new district officers was opened to the floor, to include Pat Mick, Suzanne Cronquist, and Linda Whitman. The slate was voted upon and approved by all members. And a By-Laws Committee was appointed to address the need for any changes in the current by-laws. The committee consists of Chair, Margaret Rusnak, Karen Bonifacio, Sally Chapman and ex-officio Samantha Shleser as District Director.

Sandy Cowan, Treasurer made a motion to increase our annual district dues from $.25 to $1.00. The motion was seconded and approved. The Dar-ling Auction raised a total of $622 which was voted upon and passed to donate this amount to the organization “Friends of the Blue” whose goal is to save the Blue Sulphur Springs Pavilion in Greenbrier County. The speaker for the meeting was Margaret Hambrick, who is a member of this committee.

The Memorial Service was conducted by the WVDAR State Chaplain, Barbara Holt who is a member of the General Andrew Lewis Chapter and included this year and the previous year with the loss of 10 members. The John Cooke Chapter invited all to the 79th annual Southern District meeting to be held at the Guyandotte Baptist Church, in Jesse, on August 17, 2024.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 pm.

Western District, April W. Norris, District Director

Chapter Regent Stephanie Smith and the Westmoreland Chapter hosted the 2023 Western District meeting at the Locust Grove Baptist Church in Wayne, WV on July 22, 2023. A nominating committee was elected for the 2024 election of a officers. District Director Marilyn Oppenheimer requested that the nominating Committee accept her resignation due to personal issues in November of 2023 and find a replacement for the remainder of her term. In the interest of simplicity, and as a past District Director, I was asked to serve the last year of her position. State Regent Jane Larke discussed with the State Directors concerning the possibility of rezoning, which was met with differing views. As the majority wished to stay in their current district, the subject was tabled, with only one change. The Old Hickory Chapter of our Western District requested a change to either the Northern or Central District. Northern District extended an invitation, and we currently await the final decision.

The Western District voted in the 2021 meeting to build a shelter at the Barboursville Veteran’s Home. Due to covid issues, the project did not begin until the following year and was finished January 2024 when a large concrete pad was poured to allow veterans with disabilities to more easily access the shelter. With donations from different chapters and members in the district and from the Northern District, Home Depot, Proctorville, Ohio VFW and Southern Ohio Memorial Post, all expenses have been paid. I wish to extend my sincere gratitude to Dave and Heather Harrison; Tony and Patty Young; Army veteran Adam Greathouse, 2020 Outstanding Disabled Veteran of the Year and his wife; volunteers from Home Depot; members of the Kanawha Valley and Westmoreland Chapters, whose unwavering support saw that this beautiful project was completed.

I look forward to serving as Western District Director this last year during WVDAR State Regent Jane Larke’s administration.

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2023-2024 Chairs Of National Committees Reports

America 250

In 2023 the America 250! Committee had 17 chapters report on the Chapter Master Report. There were no America 250! Patriot Markers placed this year or blue Patriot stakes. April Norris, Kanawha Valley Chapter, was the WVDAR representative for the West Virginia State 250 Commission. There were seven (7) Celebration Grants submitted and approved in 2023. The chapters awarded with grants were Blennerhassett Chapter, Col. Morgan Morgan Chapter, Elizabeth Zane Chapter, Matthew French Chapter, Old Hickory Chapter, Tanner’s Cross Roads Chapter, and the William Henshaw Chapter.

Many chapters reported hosting community events. Activities promoting the America 250! initiative included: participating in the placing of American flags along Main Street of Harrisville; hosting a hands-on learning event for children at Barboursville library; several chapters set up DAR booths at the Jefferson County Mountain Heritage Arts and Crafts Fair; hosting a tea party for local women to educate them about the DAR; participating in Bell Across America to honor local patriots; two chapters placed and dedicated benches to honor Revolutionary War Patriots, one at the Jackson County Courthouse and another at the Morgan Cabin in Berkeley County; chapters honored the 250th Anniversary of the Boston Tea Party in different ways including tea parties, educational displays, and riding in the Shepherdstown Christmas parade on a custom made float that was a replica of the ship "Eleanor" which was even outfitted with a mast and rigging.

The America 250! Committee recommended the following chapters for National awards: Pack Horse Ford Chapter, 1st Place; Old Hickory Chapter, 2nd place; Shenandoah Valley Chapter, 3rd Place; Matthew French Chapter, 4th Place, and William Henshaw Chapter, 5th Place.

WVDAR America 250! Awards were divided into two categories, Small Chapters and Large Chapters. Small Chapter Awards went to Shenandoah Valley Chapter, 1st place; Matthew French Chapter, 2nd place; and William Henshaw Chapter, 3rd place. Large Chapter Awards went to Pack Horse Ford Chapter, 1st Place; Old Hickory Chapter, 2nd place; and Bee Line Chapter, 3rd place.

Georgette Ward, Chair

American Heritage

Madam State Regent and Distinguished guests, it is an honor to present you with this report that contains information about the outstanding work our state daughters have been doing for and with the American Heritage Committee arts and crafts.

West Virginia had a total of 12 entries in the National American Heritage contest this year that showed a glimpse of our WV Sparkle. We anxiously await announcements from Regional and National levels.

Our chapters have been very diligent in preserving, sharing, and teaching American Heritage throughout the year. Members presented programs by authors showing how to take family lore, mix it with research and publish the finished product. They read historical books to school children, teaching them the importance of our history, and facilitating the school children's participation in Bells Across America. We learned how even tiny scraps of paper were precious in years gone by as we learned how to make homemade Christmas ornaments from paper. Many members participated as attendees, entrants, and volunteers at fairs and festivals that showcase much of our heritage across the state. One chapter learned about the history of glassmaking in West Virginia and found that many had family members who had worked in that industry. Another had a 'Show and Tell' event, which I think is a really neat idea, where members brought a treasured family heirloom to a meeting and discussed it's importance to that family. Local Veterans Centers, Hospitals, and Retirement homes were always in our thoughts as we worked to show our appreciation for those living there by providing homemade blankets, hats, and other items to make life a bit easier or more comfortable. Historic dress was the subject of more than one program where women's clothing in the seventeen and eighteen hundreds was discussed, some teaching how some women would dress in disguise in order to be able to participate in battles and stay in encampments. Several daughters participate in ongoing Quilt Documentation projects across the state lead by Roberta Gellner. Helping to support our Native American

families and their heritage has been championed by multiple chapters. Several chapters have learned about fiber arts by visiting local historical centers.

Our theme for 2025 has not yet been announced but I'm certain it will be enjoyable and educational! It has again been my pleasure to serve as your American Heritage State Chair, and I look forward to what joys this new year will bring!

Anna Chandler, Chair

American History

As usual WV Daughters have been busy celebrating and preserving our American History with essay contests, spot announcements, displays and celebrating women in history. The American History committee sponsors two essay contests, one for middle school and one for high school. The theme for the middle school students this year was about John Phillip Sousa's debut of "Stars and Stripes Forever." Twelve schools participated (public/parochial/homeschool) with 804 essays read by judges on the chapter level. The high school students wrote essays about a patriot of their choosing. Four schools (public/parochial/homeschool) participated and 28 students. Chapter winners were selected and sent to this chair who handed them over to the state level judges and anxiously awaited their return. Winners have been selected and sent to the East Central Division Chair.

Many chapters made spot announcements during Constitution Week totaling 2001 announcements. One chapter reached out to several local radio stations and had a Constitution Week minute run once an hour for the entire week.

Displays were set up at libraries, county fairs, historical sites, and retirement homes. We celebrated the Boston Tea Party by having many teas, tossing tea bags in the water, and even tossing tea from a ship as it sailed down the parade route. One chapter not only invited school children to their tea party but prepared a PowerPoint and worksheet for the grade school teachers of the county.

We had a book club discussion about Founding Mothers and had a visit by Pearl S Buck at one chapter event and a visit by Betsy Ross at another. WV Daughters learned about the roll the women took on during the Civil War in Wheeling. We honored a total of 27 Women in American History in their chapters and local areas with special celebrations. In 2023 we entered 10 Women in American History into the DAR database. We are already on a roll to add more outstanding women in 2024!

We learned what life was like for the First Ladies and some fun facts about each one. We started preserving our own more recent heritage by interviewing our veteran family members and doing research on their service. We preserve history by working in historic buildings and on heritage trails, hosting open houses and acting as docents.

We've honored our veterans in parades and with special recognition days. We had programs on military history. We participated in Wreaths Across America, even getting them to make a stop with one of the local chapters. One member went to Normandy and shared her photos and information about D-Day with her chapter.

WV Daughters had articles published in local papers, not just about the events of the chapter, but about the history of the area, and the history of the chapter. An article was published in the National Defender written by a member of one chapter about first responders.

The list of outstanding work by WV Daughters could go on and on as proudly serve our community and enjoy the work we do.

Randi J Gray, Chair

American Indians

Awards given: Outstanding Chapters: James Wood, Blennerhassett, and William Henshaw; Outstanding Individuals: Tammy Taylor, Blennerhassett Chapter, Kathy Eckert, Ohio Valley Chapter; Paige Cruz, Buford Chapter. American Indian Minutes - Outstanding Chapters and Counts: Tanners Cross Roads, 12; Peters Mountain, 11; Cheat River, 11; Blackwater, 11; Colonel Zackquill Morgan, 10; Outstanding Individual: Linda LeMaster, Westmoreland Chapter, donated Coke codes to Chemawa Indian School.

Patricia J. Bills, Chair

Americanism

The Bee Line Chapter has demonstrated an exemplary commitment to promoting Americanism through a diverse array of programs and activities, both within the chapter and in the broader community, earning them the prestigious First Place Americanism Award for their year-long efforts. Their initiatives reflect creativity, dedication, and a deep-rooted passion for patriotism, historic preservation, and education. Within the chapter, Americanism is a cornerstone of every meeting. Members recite the Pledge of Allegiance and the Preamble to the Constitution at each gathering, with copies of both incorporated into the chapter's yearbook and distributed to members. The April meeting featured engaging lessons on Americanism, focusing on colonial spirit, while the November meeting celebrated American gratitude with a colonial-themed menu, reinforcing the chapter's commitment to honoring the nation's heritage. The chapter's outreach to the public has been equally impactful, with initiatives designed to inspire patriotism across diverse audiences. They created displays at high-traffic venues, including the county fair, local libraries, and the Veterans Affairs Medical Center, reaching an estimated 4,000 adults and over 400 children. These displays highlighted patriotism, historic preservation, and education. At the county fair, the chapter's booth offered handouts on the 75th anniversary of the Space Shuttle, the Boston Tea Party, and the history of Independence Day celebrations. During Constitution Week, they installed displays at a county library to educate the public on the significance of the U.S. Constitution. The chapter also engaged in unique community-focused projects. They presented at the Wysong family reunion, honoring descendants of five brothers who supported American independence, connecting personal histories to the nation's founding. Additionally, their ongoing service at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center included decorating a wall tree with symbols of Americanism. In July, the tree featured various versions of the U.S. flag and flags of the Armed Forces, while the November tree, commemorating Veterans Day, showcased medals awarded to veterans for their service. The chapter further demonstrated support for the military through participation in the Military Mail Campaign, delivering personalized messages of respect and gratitude to U.S. troops, veterans, and their families. They also developed a Military Ancestors Book, chronicling members' military ancestors from the Revolutionary War through the Vietnam War, preserving these legacies for future generations. The Bee Line Chapter's consistent and creative efforts throughout the year distinguished them as the First-Place recipient of the Americanism Award. Their work stood out for its breadth, spanning chapter meetings, public events, and media coverage, and for its innovative approach to fostering patriotism.

The Ye Towne of Bath Chapter and the Westmorland Chapter earned a shared Second Place. Ye Towne of Bath Chapter celebrated a Pearl Harbor survivor with media coverage and wrote and performed a play about the Boston Tea Party, which was shared with the Old Hickory Chapter. Westmorland Chapter contributed through a genealogy presentation and a program honoring first responders. Additionally, the Highlands of the Potomac Chapter and Col. Morgan

Chapter received Honorable Mention Certificates for their individual efforts to promote Americanism.

Karen Taylor, Chair

Children of the American Revolution

WV DAR sparkled and shined with CAR for 2023.We have 5 Chapters that support local CAR societies. Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter supports the Fort Randolph CAR society; Kanawha Valley Chapter supports the Kanawha Salines CAR society; Old Hickory Chapter supports the West Augusta CAR Society; Pack Horse Ford Chapter supports the Henrietta Bedinger Lee CAR Society and Shenandoah Valley Chapter supports the John Augustine Washington CAR Society.

Eleven chapters went on to the CAR committee webpage on the DAR members website.

The Kanawha Valley Chapter paid the dues of their 9 Kanawha Salines Chapter Members and their Senior Society President Dues totaling $215. The Blennerhassett Chapter contributed the most financially to the WV CAR State Society at $184.11. The chapter passes around a jar every meeting to donate to the state society. The Colonel Zackquill Morgan, Daniel Davisson, and James Wood Chapters all assisted financially with their local CAR societies and State Society.

West Virginia has 41 children within our DAR society that are eligible for membership within our CAR chapters. Colonel Charles Lewis had a program presented by their CAR society in which 8 CAR members attended. Colonel Zackquill Morgan Chapter has a member that serves as WV State Senior Society Treasurer, while the Old Hickory Chapter Regent served as WV Senior State Society President until the end of this year.

The Old Hickory chapter invited CAR members to every chapter meeting they had (9). As well as included information about joining CAR in their chapter newsletter. The Trans-Allegheny Chapter has information about CAR in their chapter newsletter as well.

These Chapter’s participated in either the 2023 C.A.R. Day of Service or made plans to participate with C.A.R. in the 2024 C.A.R. Day of Service, on or around April 5, C.A.R. Founder`s Day: Old Hickory Chapter, Trans-Allegheny, and Shenandoah Valley Chapter.

The Shenandoah Valley Chapter’s DAR/CAR group was the most active and I am attaching the write-up that the Shenandoah Valley Chapter sent to me to explain all the work that they did together!

While we had no chapter that said yes to all the prompts; Shenandoah Valley Chapter and the Old Hickory Chapter were the closest with 7 responses and 6 responses, respectively.

Grace Arthur, Chair

Commemorative Events

Lots of Sparkling this year with members taking part in Tea Parties, sending tea to Boston, posting their favorite tea cups on social media, and educating their communities. Every Chapter Report I received was the best in its own way. Blennerhassett Chapter and Pack Horse Ford Chapter each made elaborate wooden ship parade floats that had a huge impact on their communities. Members dressed in colonial costumes participated in parades, dispersing items to the crowds. Many chapters placed displays in local libraries, schools, and windows. Children were educated on Commemorative Events by Daughters reading and donating books. WV was recognized in news outlets and social media throughout the state.

181 members participated in July 4th parades and celebrations.

18 chapters are registered as a Commemorative Partner with the United States of America

Vietnam War Commemoration. Daughters continue giving pins and flags to Vietnam Veterans.

The number of chapters having programs reported and awards received for events are listed.

- 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War -10 chapters reported. Large chapter awards – Blennerhassett 1st, Wheeling 2nd, Anne Bailey 3rd, Small chapter awards- Westmoreland 1st place, Matthew French 2nd place.
- 100th Anniversary of the NASA Space Shuttle Program- 7 chapters reported.
- 125th Anniversary DAR Hospital Corps - 8 chapters reported. Large chapter awards - Park Horse Ford 1st place, Anne Bailey 2nd place.
- Outstanding Written Article Award to Mary Johnson.
- 100th Anniversary of the signing of the American Indian Citizenship Act - 6 chapters reported. Large Chapter awards-Bee Line 1st place. Small chapter award- William Henshaw 1st place
- 125th Anniversary Spanish America War-12 chapters reported. Large Chapter awards - Bee Line 1st place, Ohio Valley 2nd Place.
- 125th Anniversary of John Philip Sousa's March - 5 chapters reported. Small Chapter awards - William Henshaw 1st place, Blackwater 2nd place.
- 125th Anniversary of DAR Participation in the Paris Expo – 1 chapter reported
- 150th Anniversary of Yellowstone National Park- 6 chapters reported.
- 200th Anniversary of Lafayette Farewell tour - 4 chapters reported.
- 250th Anniversary of the Boston Tea Party - 23 chapters reported. Large Chapter awards - Blennerhassett 1st place, Pack Horse Ford 2nd place, Old Hickory 3rd place and Bee Line Honorable Mention, Small Chapter awards - Ye Towne of Bath 1st place, Shenandoah 2nd place.
- 250th Birthday of the US Navy - 3 chapters reported.
- Pearl Harbor - 2 chapter reported. Small Chapter awards - Ye Towne of Bath 1st place; 4th of July Celebration Large chapter award - Buford 1st place, Small Chapter award - Highlands of the Potomac 1st place

Barbara Channell, Chair

Community Classroom

Chapters took Community Classroom Committee seriously and rose to the challenge of State Regent Jane Larke. We serviced over 2400 students according to reports on the CMR while donating supplies, books, and servicing programs for the committee.

A new non-traditional program, "Horses with Hearts" began this year. A member from Pack Horse Ford Chapter, helps with a therapeutic equestrian program that involves special needs children and adults. Pack Horse Ford also worked with Purple Star Schools. Three members set up and dedicated reading sections in the schools, donated books, and engraved plaques with "The Dandelion Poem" for the Military child. Read Aloud during Spirit Week in the Month of the Military Child saw sixteen classrooms kindergarten to fifth grade enjoying stories.

Bee Line Chapter takes part in "Circles," a poverty program in which volunteers engaged in directed play and contributed to the Read Aloud program with children while parents attended self-help workshops.

Chapters throughout the state are engaged in Read Aloud Programs and tutoring. Old Hickory has a member who volunteers as a nurse in a private school affecting 100 students. Daycares and libraries are the recipients of our volunteer's hard work. Boys and Girls Club, and summer reading programs were also programs Community Classrooms were involved in.

South Branch has a sewing club in an intermediate school, grades three to five. Active wear was collected and donated to Middle and High students by South Branch, along with books and supplies. John Young Chapter is working on developing cursive writing for third graders. Ye Towne of Bath continues its Read Aloud Schools, Book Swaps, Book Vending Machines. Involving the chapter in the PASS Program, which teams an adult with a student to help with specific needs. It is like a big brother/big sister for the child. Reading to children during the annual Tea Party in the Park was added this year. Stories read were Flag Day themed. Highlands of the Potomac has taken on athletics by donating monies for the program. Supplies, clothing, and shoes were also donated by this chapter.

Betsy Ross was immensely popular in schools this year talking about our wonderful "Old Glory." Members dressed as the famous flag maker to visit schools. A craft a month program was implemented in a high school special needs class. Matthew French Chapter sponsors a "Happy Hello Mail" program for a high school class to write to a local retirement/nursing home and made "Seat Sacks" for students' chairs. William Henshaw has "The Annual Little Black Dress Event" sponsored by the United Way of the Eastern Panhandle in which to collect books and "The Born Learning Program" bookmobile. Peters Mountain began "Ninja Math" where students receive karate belts as their incentive for learning.

West Virginia's chapters realize the importance of education and create innovative ways to achieve the needs our schools have currently. Thank goodness for WVDAR Daughters volunteering to make the difference in a child's life.

The following awards were given: Chapters 50 Members or More: First Place Community Classroom - Bee Line; Best Submitted Report – Bee Line; Most Active Members Involved in Community Classroom Committee – James Wood; Most Children Impacted – Old Hickory; Most Lesson Plans Submitted to Schools – Buford; Lesson Plans Submitted to NVC Curriculum Resources- Colonial James Allen; Most Schools Served – Bee Line; Most Libraries Served – Bee Line; Most Books Donated (1023) – Bee Line; Home Schooling Program - Bee Line, Andrea Ware; Circles Program Serving the Impoverished – Bee Line, Mary Pat Courtney; 2nd Place Purple Star Schools – Bee Line; Infant Read Aloud Program – Bee Line; Constitution Week Teacher Training – Bee Line Amy Stottlemyer; Summer School Quilt Making 101 – Bee Line Mary Pat Courtney; Horses with Hearts Equestrian Program for Special Needs – Pack Horse Ford, Joyce Englebright; 1st Place Purple Star Schools – Pack Horse Ford; Most Fundraising Events – Ohio Valley; Participation Winter Coat Drive – Colonel Charles Lewis, Darlene Haer; Chapters 49 Members or Less; Best Submitted Report – 1st Place – Ye Towne of Bath, 2nd Place – Matthew French, 3rd Place – Westmoreland; Most Active Members Involved in Community Classroom Committee – Tanner's Cross Roads; Most Children Impacted – 1st Place – Blackwater, 2nd Place – South Branch Valley, 3rd Place – Ye Towne of Bath; Most Lesson Plans Submitted to Schools – 1st Place - Matthew French; Most Lesson Plans Submitted to Schools – 2nd Place – Blackwater; Most Schools Served – 1st Place - Matthew French, 2nd Place – Ye Towne of Bath, 3rd Place – Westmoreland; Most Libraries Served – Ye Towne of Bath; Most Books Donated (312) – South Branch Valley; Little Black Dress Event – William Henshaw, Deborah Hammond; The Born Learning Mobile Vehicle – Willaim Henshaw Deborah Hammond; Support of Athletic Programs – Highlands of the Potomac; Participation Ninja Math Karate Belts – Peters Mountain; Participation Patriotic Education – Peters Mountain; Sewing Club – South Branch Valley Susan Garrett; Most Books Donated (312) – South Branch Valley; Betsy Ross Program – Westmoreland Marilyn Oppenheimer; Craft A Month Program – Westmoreland Judy Workman.

Colleen Stotler, Chair

Community Service Awards – No Report

Conservation

The WVDAR Conservation committee is pleased to report that the West Virginia Daughters continue to be dedicated to conserving and preserving the beauty and environment of our beautiful state.

Environmental awareness for our world's need for pollinators has inspired at least 100 members to plant gardens specifically for pollinators this year, and more efforts for organic gardening were mentioned, as well.

The First Place Conservation Award winner for large chapters is Old Hickory Chapter for Dedicating a Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Never Forget Garden on the Jackson County Courthouse Lawn on September 17, 2023. Flowers known for historical significance and remembrance were featured.

The Second Place Award winner for large chapters is Bee Line Chapter for their expanded gardening and education work at Happy Retreat, the former home of Revolutionary Patriot Col. Charles Washington. Several members now act as docents on the property's herb garden to educate the public about colonial-era plant uses.

The Third Place Award winner for large chapters is Pack Horse Ford for working together to gather soda pop tops for recycling to raise funds for the Ronald McDonald House at West Virginia University Hospital in Morgantown, for recycling the fronts of greeting cards for St. Jude's Ranch for Children, and recycling and saving used postage stamps for the Philatelic Society.

The First Place Award winner for small chapters is Highlands of the Potomac Chapter. The members have taken on conservation projects at Carskadon Mansion in Keyser which included planting 9 trees: American Chestnut, Eastern Redbud, Eastern Red Cedar, Dogwood, adding a Pollinator Garden, mowing, and watering.

The Second Place Award winner for small chapters is Blackwater Chapter. Their members cooperated with the American Chestnut Foundation to obtain 12 seedlings to establish a chestnut grove. This project entailed getting the seedlings, hardening them off, preparing the soil, establishing weed control and fencing the seedlings with a barrier to protect them from deer.

The Third Place Award winner for small chapters is Daniel Davisson Chapter by displaying their Chapter's attention to the overuse of plastic, dedication to conserving resources, and recycling at the WDAR Central District Meeting in Clarksburg in July.

The tally for the 10 questions on the CMR is as follows: We have 1816 members and 34 four of our state's 39 chapters reported on their conservation efforts. Together, 25 chapters completed 43 projects. Twenty-four chapters had a total of 169 Conservation minutes (several chapters had a conservation minute at every meeting). Eighteen members from 9 chapters participated in Arbor Day activities. One hundred members from 22 chapters planted a pollinator garden. Six members from 4 chapters planted a Never Forget Garden. Four members from two chapters visited a DAR forest. Twenty-eight members from 11 chapters participated in a community clean-up. There were no Conservation Medals awarded this year. Five chapters forwarded additional information to the committee chair.

WV DAR members are definitely committed to preserving the beauty and healthy living conditions of West Virginia.

Margaret Ashby, Chair

Constitution Week

The West Virginia State Daughters of the American Revolution have been very busy this year during Constitution Week. We have 39 Chapters, and all participated in Constitution Week activities.

We had 19 Chapters participate in Bells Across America. A lot of chapters had members participate individually while others joined with other chapters. A couple of our smaller chapters had weeklong activities. We had 28 Chapters who had a Constitution Week minute or recited the Preamble at each meeting. We had 29 chapters who contacted Mayors, County Commissioners, and our Governor for Proclamations for a total of 58 Proclamations issued. First place for Proclamations – Ohio Valley; Second place – Cheat River; Third place – James Wood. We had one poster entrant and that was Cheryl Haught, Anne Royall Chapter.

West Virginia Daughters contacted 79 schools with Bee Line Chapter contacting the most schools. 48 classrooms were contacted in the state. A total of 6,284 CW kits and bookmarks were distributed to schools with Pack Horse Ford distributing 2,000, followed by James Wood with over 1,700 and Matthew French with 1,616. We had 181 displays in libraries, schools, windows, and public buildings with Bee Line Chapter, having the most.

Pack Horse Ford Chapter led West Virginia with the most Constitution Week Posters. Blennerhassett Chapter led with the billboard/marques. Blackwater Chapter and Matthew French Chapter shared a tie with Garden Flags. Morgan Morgan Chapter contacted the most local churches and scout troops.

Matthew French Chapter had 44 radio spots. Sharing Constitution Week facts Highlands of the Potomac had 290 radio minutes. 10 chapters participated in the Daughters Online Community. Two members used social media outside the DAR to share about Constitution Week. Thirteen members used ideas/resources on CW webpage. There was a tie between Matthew French Chapter and Shenandoah Valley Chapter for the Best Chapter report in the small chapter category. Both chapters had weeklong activities and reported on these. Best chapter report in large category was Bee Line. Buford Chapter gave $1000 to the Woody Williams Gold Star Memorial in Huntington for a new flagpole.

Contacting the most churches or scout troops was the Morgan Morgan Chapter. There was a three-way tie between William Henshaw Chapter, Blackwater Chapter and Matthew French Chapter for displaying the most Garden Flags for Constitution Week. First place for Newspaper Articles goes to Matthew French Chapter and second place goes to Pack Horse Ford Chapter. First place for the Most Posters was Pack Horse Ford Chapter. Second place was a tie between Daniel Davisson Chapter and Elizabeth Ludington Hagans- Colonel John Evans Chapter.

The West Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution should be very proud of their hard work. So many chapters did so many different things to show dedication to the Constitution and West Virginia. As your State Chair I will give you updates from East Central Division during the summer months.

Carolyn Kesterson, Chair

DAR Genealogy Commission:

The DAR Genealogy Commission is new for the Wright Administration. The purpose of the commission is to coordinate the genealogy work of the society to improve the quality of submitted applications. The committees included in the DAR Genealogy Commission include Application Taks Force, DAR DNA Network, DAR Genealogy Preservation, Genealogical Records, Lineage Research, Patriot Records Project, Specialty Research, and Volunteer Genealogist. West Virginia Daughters serving the DAR Genealogy Commission follow:

Application Task Force: Brenda Cheuvront, member, DAR Genealogy Preservation: Deborah Popenoe, state chair; Genealogical Records: Tracy Zang, state chair; Lineage Research: Susan Arnold, Region III member; Cheryl Brown, Lineage Support-Applications member; Linda Whitman, state chair; Patriot Records Project: Judith Mathias, state chair; Specialty Research: Patsy Adkins, state chair; Volunteer Genealogist: Vickie Baker, Division Vice Chair East Central; Vickie Baker, Supplemental AIRs team member; Susan Arnold, state chair; Registrar: Patsy Adkins.

The review dates for new member applications and supplemental applications have been added to the DAR Genealogy Commission page on the Members Only national website (members.dar.org). Previously, these dates were only available to those members with e-Membership access. Periodically, this chair has posted these dates on the WVDAR Facebook page.

Rejoicing and Blooming Blooms Through Service and Friendship

Vickie Lynn Fulks Baker, Chair

DAR Genealogy Preservation

The focus of the DAR Genealogy Preservation Committee is still wrapped up the indexing of the Supporting Documentation Project and the Descendants Project. Volunteers for the Supporting Documentation Project have identified and indexed the lineage records submitted with applications and supplementals. These records are identified by their type: vital records, military records, bible records, census, etc. Volunteers for the Descendants Project transcribed the information found on the lineage page of DAR applications and Supplementals. This project will still maintain a small group of volunteers to transcribe paper applications for this project.

Special Kudos to Delores (Geneal) Bailey from the Old Hickory Chapter who has done an outstanding job serving as a certifier for the Supporting Documentation Project.

We look forward to starting the newly approved Microfiche Project this year that will work on digitizing approximately three million early supporting documents submitted with application from the 1950's through the mid 1980's. It is estimated that it will take from 6 months to a year before volunteers can begin categorizing the documents.

Deborah I. Popenoe, Chair

DAR Good Citizen

It is my honor to report on the efforts of West Virginia Daughters who worked to promote and acknowledge Good Citizens in their local schools. These high school seniors have displayed the qualities of good citizenship, dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism and have been recognized by their teachers and counselors.

Seventeen chapters recognized 42 students with entries from 5 students in scholarship or essay contests. A sparkling total of $2675 was the amount of cash gifts awarded to DAR Good Citizen students. The James Wood Chapter awarded $1000 to the winner with each of the five runners-up receiving awards of $100.

Chapters acknowledged their DAR Good Citizen participants at meetings while others presented awards at the school's Senior night or at Chapter dinners. The John Cooke Chapter held a reception jointly with the SAR Chapter and recognized 8th graders. High school students were given certificates and winners were recognized at Senior Awards Ceremonies. The William Henshaw Chapter had 645 essays from students at Hedgesville Middle School, and each received a participation certificate. Nine students were awarded Good Citizen certificates commemorated by a newspaper article and social media. Pack Horse Ford and Westmoreland chapters each

awarded monetary recognition. The Ye Towne of Bath invited their Good Citizen chapter essay winner and parents to the Christmas dinner, a $100 award and the essay went on to state level.

What a sparkling idea!

The essay part of the DAR Good Citizen program is not mandatory, but a big part of the awards. Essays were turned in by five chapters to the WV State Good Citizen Program. The State Essay Winner sponsored by the Old Hickory Chapter, chaired by Dr Grace Parsons, was the first year for Old Hickory to send an essay to state level. This essay won, written by Ronald "Trey" Greer III from Ripley High School and is on its way to National judging. The judges agreed that Trey's essay was exceptionally written.

The DAR Good Citizen Program is a good program that rewards students for their overall qualities of good citizenship. I have been honored to be a minor part in the recognition of such fine West Virginia high school students.

Darlene Frederick, Chair

DAR Leadership Training

This year started off with a bang! The members completed fantastic projects.

Shooting Star Award - Old Hickory Chapter – Regent, Arthur, Grace

Twinkling Stars Awards: (Executive Committee Members Completing Courses), Old Hickory Chapter – Regent, Arthur, Grace; Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter – Regent, Barbara Williams; Blennerhassett Chapter – Regent, Catherine Hinkle

Above and Beyond Awards (outstanding course projects): Mickie Richardson – Blennerhassett Chapter – WVDAR Leadership Training Course Reviewer; Susan Arnold – Elizabeth Ludington Hagans – Col John Evans Chapter - Formation of WVDAR Supplemental Support Team; Cheryl Brown – Pack Horse Ford Chapter - Stockings for Veterans, valued at $4,800.00; Patricia Goodwin – Trans-Allegheny Chapter - Formation of WVDAR Supplemental Support Team; Tami Reeves – Daniel Davisson Chapter - History Alive – Women in History, performed live plays throughout the year.

Triple Crown Winners (all three courses completed); Cheryl Brown – Pack Horse Ford Chapter; Stephanie Burns – Elizabeth Ludington Hagans Chapter; Heather Farley – Matthew French Chapter; Patricia Goodwin – Trans-Allegheny Chapter; Patricia Haught – Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter; Lois Kimble – Pack Horse Ford Chapter; Joanna McKown – Old Hickory Chapter; Bonnie Myers – South Branch Chapter; Tami Reeves – Daniel Davisson Chapter; Mickie Richardson – Blennerhassett Chapter; Teresa Smith – Elizabeth Zane Chapter; Stephanie Burns - Elizabeth Ludington Hagans Chapter

Course Completions; Stacey Adams – Blennerhassett Chapter – Members; Susan Arnold - Elizabeth Ludington Hagans – Col John Evans Chapter – Members; Cheryl Brown - Pack Horse Ford Chapter – Committee leaders; Stephanie Burns - Elizabeth Ludington Hagans – Col John Evans Chapter – Members, Committee Leaders & New Horizon; Heather Farley – Matthew French Chapter – New Horizon; Brenda Fisher - Elizabeth Ludington Hagans – Col John Evans Chapter – Members; Margaret Foley – Blennerhassett Chapter – Members; Patricia Goodwin – Trans-Allegheny Chapter – New Horizon; Beth Goodwin -Niggemyer – Blennerhassett Chapter – Committee Leaders; Patricia Haught – Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter – Committee Leaders; Helene Kerns – Ye Towne of Bath Chapter – Members and Committee Leaders; Lois Kimbele – Pack Horse Ford Chapter – Committee Leaders; Joanna McKown – Old Hickory Chapter – Committee Leaders; Bonnie Myers – South Branch Chapter – New Horizon; Tami Reeves – Daniel Davisson Chapter – Members, Committee Leaders & New Horizon; Mickie Richardson – Blennerhassett Chapter – Members, Committee Leaders & New Horizon; Teresa Smith – Elizabeth Zane Chapter – Members, Committee Leaders & New Horizon; Heidi Wilkinson –

William Henshaw Chapter – Members; Mary Jo Ann Jones – Old Hickory Chapter – Members Course and New Leaders; Jerell Wright – Shenandoah Valley Chapter – Members.

Thank you from the DAR Leadership Training Committee

Carolyn Scheydt, Chair

DAR Library Outreach – No report

DAR Magazine

This chair is pleased to report that we had 100% completion of the CMR Report for 2023. West Virginia has thirty-four of the thirty-nine-chapter regents who subscribe to the American Spirit Magazine. I am pleased to report that three chapters submitted an article to "With the Chapter" section in the Daughters newsletter. Those chapters are Anne Royall, Colonel Morgan Morgan and Old Hickory.

Our thirty-nine chapters sponsored the DAR Co-Op pages for the Magazine in the amount of $1,596.80. The state sponsored two pages in the January issue. One interesting article published was about Barbara "Barby" M. Frankenberry's "Frankenbrittle." We were also pleased to have West Virginia on the cover of one of the Autumn issues.

In response to the questions on the Chapter Master Report thirty of our chapters continue with the reading of the American Spirit magazine since it was redesigned to focus on DAR membership instead of on American Revolution based topics. When asked how often you read the Daughters newsletter twenty chapters answered always, twelve chapters stated frequently with seven chapters not replying.

Many chapters encourage their membership to subscribe to the magazine when they pay their dues. In addition, information is shared with new members on how to purchase the magazine with their welcome packets. The Bee Line Chapter regent Heidi Ware uses the Magazine and the Daughters Newsletter as a resource to develop programs and "minutes" to present to the chapter. This allows for the focus on those themes emphasized by the National Society. The Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans provides copies of the magazine to the Morgantown Public Library and the Village at Heritage Point, a retirement community, where they have members as residence.

The James Wood Chapter provides subscriptions to local high school libraries, the Parkersburg Library and its three branches, the Veterans clinic, and a local college library.

The Ohio Valley Chapter gives the magazine to two local libraries and uses the articles as a resource for meetings. Members in addition share their magazines with those members who are on a limited income and unable to purchase the magazine.

The Shenandoah Valley Chapter used the magazine articles at every meeting where they discuss one article, they found especially interesting. Barbara "Barby" M. Frankenberry was pleased to share her beloved recipe for her Frankenbrittle with the magazine.

Awards were as follows: <u>Articles published in the Daughters Newsletter</u>; First Place – Anne Royall Chapter, First Place – Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter, First Place – Old Hickory Chapter , First Place – Shenandoah Valley Chapter; <u>Donations of magazine subscriptions to other organizations</u>: First Place - James Wood Chapter, Second Place - Ohio Valley Chapter, Third Place – Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans Chapter; <u>For Using Magazine Articles in a Unique Way</u>: First Place – Bee Line Chapter

Malinda Davis, Chair

DAR Museum Outreach – No report

DAR Podcast – No report

DAR Project Patriot

Madame State Reagent, the West Virginia Daughters supported DAR Project Patriot Committee by participating in national and chapter projects, volunteer hours and monetary contributions. Twenty chapters reported On the National level; chapters sent 2993 cards to active military and 20923 coupons for Coups for Troops. Packages and wish list were sent to the closet at Landstuhl Medical Center in Germany, Camp Pendleton , Walter Reed Medical Center, and Ft. Belvoir. At the Chapter level $5980 monetary value was donated to various projects including sending packages to active military, stockings for soldiers, supporting children of active-duty military, Purple Star Schools and sending packages for the USO. Daughters also continue to wear red on Fridays to Remember Everyone Deployed.

First Place Award (large chapter) Pack Horse Ford Chapter, Kim Sencindiver Chapter Chair worked with two Purple Star School representatives to establish military reading sections in the schools. These sections were dedicated in ceremonies with chapter members present, one member wearing a traditional colonial era ballgown. Eighteen books and two engraved plaques were donated. Three members working with a Purple School in the community performed read aloud during spirit week including special dressing. Sixteen classrooms ranging from kindergarten to 5th grade were read books relating to the military.

Second Place Award (large chapter) Kanawha Valley Chapter volunteered at the local armory in April for the Purple Ball for Military kids. The chapter decorated, welcomed, hosted, and helped clean up after the nice event. Third Place Award (large chapter) Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans Chapter. The chapter participated in the most national projects donating packages and wish list items to the Chaplain’s Closet at Landstuhl Medical Center in Germany, Camp Pendleton CA, Walter Reed Medical Center and Ft. Belvoir. The most unique of these was providing blenders to Walter Reed Medical Center to aid in providing nutrition to recovering military. The Chapter also participated in West Viginia Tickets for Heros, providing WVU home football game tickets to the military. The Chapter donated 324 children’s books to military families and facilities meeting the President General, our State Reagent and the literacy committee’s goals.

First Place Award (small chapter) Anne Royal. The chapter sent packages to Landstuhl Medical Center in Germany and 24 handmade quilts to mothers in military hospitals. The Chapter donated new Christmas cards for patients in the hospital to send to their family and friends as well as sending cards to military stationed around the world on all holidays.

Second Place Award (small chapter) Elk River Chapter. The Chapter participated in Operation Stocking Stuffer in North Carolina and mailed packages to women and men serving in the military. Third Place Award (small chapter) Colonel Morgan Morgan. The Chapter is small and excited to participate in Project Patriot for the first time. The Chapter donated 278 Thank you and We Appreciate You cards through the Support Our Troops Group in North Carolina.

Madam State Reagent, I am honored to serve as the State Chair for Project Patriot.

Stephanie Burns, Chair

DAR Scholarship – No report

DAR School

“Schools are the Jewels of DAR” DAR Schools are Kate Duncan Smith (KDS) DAR School and DAR Approved Schools Berry College, Crossnore School and Children's Home,

Hillside School and Hindman Settlement School. The West Virginia Chapters of DAR have donated over $776 to DAR Schools in 2023.

The Old Hickory, Blennerhassett and Peters Mountain Chapters donated seeds to Hindman Settlement School Community Grows Program. Anne Bailey Chapter sent 26 books to Hindman Settlement School.

The following were recognized for Outstanding Chapter Chair and Chapters recognized for special projects for National consideration: Outstanding Chapter Chair Debbie Burge Chapter: Old Hickory; besides encouraging members to go to Online Community , view webpage and donated seed packets to Hindman Settlement School, Debbie visited the DAR Schools with Ohio DAR. In November, she shared the experience with chapter members.

Chapter projects that would be notable for the further National Recognition or the DAR School Sparkler. Would be Peters Mountain, Chapter Chair: Nancy Kornegay. This chapter made a $100 donation to Hindman Settlement in memory of Patricia Bills. Kanawha Valley, Chapter Chair: Julie A. Bogges, encouraged the chapter to make a 12-month sponsorship of Beverly Cottage at Crossnore in July. Between January and July, the Chapter provided 2 $26 Walmart gift cards as Birthday gifts, a $60 Pizza Hut gift card and sent a large box of Valentine's Rice Crispy Treats. The chapter also donated $120 to Hindman Settlement School for their Saving the Past Campaign. Additionally, a large American Flag was bought for 1 of the 8 flag poles at Kate Duncan Smith School which cost $108.08.

As State Chair, I would like to give recognition by certificate to the other Chapter DAR School Chairs; Cheryl Nichols, Captain James Allen; Teresa Smith, Elizabeth Zane; Julie Boggess, Kanawha Valley; Linda Poynter, Ohio Valley; Nancy Kornegay, Peters Mountain; Susan Garrett , South Branch Valley ; Charlene Honaker, Westmoreland; Laura Shifflett, William Hanshaw

I am encouraged that chapters are using more of the resources provided by the NSDAR Website to help the schools as they learn more about the schools.

Pamela Brush, Chair

DAR Service to Veterans

Service to veterans is a high priority for West Virginia Daughters. Nearly every chapter finds a way to provide support to veterans and to honor their service.

Half of the chapters found ways to support women veterans. Two chapters had programs about women veterans. Pack Horse Ford Chapter's program was on the DAR Hospital Corps and Dr. Anita Newcomb McGee and Anne Royall Chapter's program was about West Virginia veteran, Colonel Ruby Bradley. Many chapters donated clothing and hygiene items specific to the needs of women. Five chapters participated in baby showers.

Two chapters had programs that delved into the mental health issues of veterans. Anne Royall Chapter presented a program on homeless women veterans and Blennerhassett Chapter invited a Mission 22 Ambassador to present a program to bring awareness of veteran suicide.

Chapters honored veterans through participation in Memorial Day and Veterans Day events and parades. Floats honored veterans, the U.S.S. Maine, women's military groups and the Boston Tea Party. Several chapters invited veterans to meals in their honor. Shenandoah Valley Chapter is in their 20th year of providing a dinner for 30 veterans. And, in conjunction with Pennsboro Women's Club, Ohio Valley member Malinda "Mindy" H. Davis prepared dinner for over 60 veterans on Veteran's Day. Two chapters honored veteran volunteers – Blennerhassett Chapter and Ohio Valley Chapter.

Veterans were supported in their communities, nursing homes, a Fisher House, and in Veteran's Affairs Medical Centers. Support came in the form of cards and letters of thanks,

homemade items like afghans and quilts, activity items including books and puzzles, and many chapters donated personal hygiene items. Veterans received gifts in remembrance of their service, Valentine's Cards, and Christmas presents. Examples include Pack Horse Ford gifting 90 homemade Christmas stockings to the veterans at the CAT 5/Substance Abuse Services Residential Program, Captain James Allen Chapter adopting a chapter service project, led by Margaret Rusnak, to make Quilts of Valor for veterans who are in hospice care at the Beckley VA Hospital and Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter making and donating 52 dignity bibs.

Anne Royall Chapter sent 44,000 stamps to "Stamps for the Wounded" and Pack Horse Ford member Katherine Genung participated in "Stories Behind the Stars".

Bee Line Chapter continued their monthly decorating of a wall tree at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Martinsburg. The tree provides seasonal cheer to patients and staff. A local women's club asked member Heidi Ware to come and talk about the tree with the hope of emulating the process for other service organizations.

Multiple chapters were able to get press coverage for their activities in support of veterans, thereby shining a light on DAR as well as the needs of veterans. In the case of General Andrew Lewis Chapter, they received front page coverage in the West Virginia Daily News in the Greenbrier Valley for their donations to the local VA Hospital and Anne Royall Chapter's article in the Ritche Gazette helped to highlight the plight of homeless veterans.

Heidi Ware

Genealogical Records

A brochure was sent out to all state chapters encouraging members to prepare and copy Bible records and Cemeteries for the committee. No submissions have been received to date. I plan to further encourage our WV Chapters to submit digital unpublished records to our WV GRC Committee during the next year.

Several awards have been recommended based on the WV State Chapter Regent Reports. They are Terri Lawrence, Blackwater Chapter for transcribing journals and manuscripts at Central WV Genealogy & History Library in Horner, WV; Sheila Stevenson, Westmoreland Chapter, for providing a Beginning Genealogy Workshop at the Ceredo Kenova Memorial Public Library. Participants were taught how to use Family Search, Ancestry.com, and Find-a-Relative; Laura Fullen and Tami Reeves of Daniel Davisson Chapter. They gave a presentation on Genealogy and the DAR to the Genealogy Round Table at Bridgeport Public Library in Clarksburg, WV.

Tracy Zang, Chair

Historic Preservation – No report

Insignia – No Report

Jr. American Citizens

"Sparkling in the Stars with the 50th Anniversary of the NASA Space Shuttle Program"

Thank you to State Regent, Jane Larke, for our appointment as co-chairs of the JAC. It has been a great experience. Without a packet for guidance, it has been a bit of a challenge. We hope we have done things as they should have been for the sake of the children who participated.

We had 4 DAR chapters submit entries: Anne Royall, Blennerhassett, Ohio Valley and Old Hickory. We had 11 Schools represented: Creed Collins, Ritchie County Middle School, Ritchie County High School, Smithville Elementary School, Doddridge County Middle School,

Harrisville Elementary School, Ripley Elementary School, Belmont Elementary School, Wood County Christian School, Williamstown Elementary School and Williamstown High School.

We had 42 published articles/pictures. One Thatcher Award was reported to us by Anne Royall Chapter JAC Chair, Patricia Nutter. 72 Eighth graders participated in honoring veterans for Community Services. We had 165 students participate for a total of 73 entries. Participant breakdown is as follows: Art Contest - 84 Creative Expression - 11 Community Service - 70

Anne Royall had 54 first place winners and 6 second place winners for a total of 60 entries.

Blennerhassett had 4 first place winners and 5 second place winners for a total of 9 entries.

Old Hickory had 3 first place winners for a total of 3 entries. Ohio Valley had 1 third place winner.

Pamela Stanley and Annetta Siers, Co-chairs

Junior Membership – No Report

Lineage Research

Five chapters appointed a Chapter Lineage Chair in their chapter. 17 daughters served on chapter Lineage Research Committees. 7 Lineage Research workshops were conducted in our state, with 95 in attendance. 22 chapter members attended Lineage Workshops offered by other chapters or by our state leaders. 9 WVDAR members serve on a State Application Team (SAT). We had a total of 38 requests for assistance with applications.

We had 8 requests for assistance forwarded on to the National Lineage Research Committee, with one having received an AIR letter. 7 were applications that had not yet been submitted to NSDAR. 3 chapters utilized the Lineage Research Request function to make a referral to the LRC. We had two applications submitted by using the Electronic Application. 7 chapters sent additional information about projects they had had during the 2023 year:

Sheila Stevenson of Westmoreland Chapter organized a “Beginning Genealogy Workshop” in March at the Kenova Public Library, which was open to the public. The library publicized it on its Facebook page and website, with 10 people attending.

In September members of the Daniel Davisson Chapter were guest presenters at a Genealogy Workshop held at the Bridgeport Public Library. Susan Arnold of the Elizabeth Ludington-Hagans-Col. John Evans Chapter conducted lineage research of 6-chapter applications; conducted extensive lineage research to establish a new patriot, got a “FAMPCS” code removed from a formerly verified patriot, and did a service study to correct the service assigned to a third patriot. She also worked closely with the WVDAR State Registrar to help with lineage research needed for supplemental applications and resolutions of AIR letters. Susan has also done courthouse and library research for Monongalia County questions from out-of-state registrars.

Ohio Valley daughter Anna Carson assisted with a family in Kansas in correcting an AIR letter and has reviewed 52 supplementals.

Old Hickory Chapter hosted a prospective member workshop in September, spearheaded by Geneal Bailey, at the Ripley Branch of the Jackson County Public Library. Five members attended, along with four prospective members. All four prospectives have applications pending for approval at National.

Pack Horse Ford Chapter sponsored two genealogy workshops: “Use of DNA for DAR Applications” in January 2023 and “Supplemental Applications and How to Prepare Them” in April 2023. Regent Cindy Nicewarner presented two presentations on Service Studies at the NSDAR Genealogy Research Institute in Washington, DC. During the chapter’s National Grandparents Day event in September, Lauren Turco, chapter registrar, worked on family trees

with children and their families. Cheryl Brown, as a member of the WVDAR Application Team, researched lines and completed applications for the Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter, as well as the Pack Horse Ford Chapter. She also completed five difficult applications for NSDAR as a member of the Lineage Research/Lineage Support Applications Team. Eight daughters of the Captain James Allen Chapter helped interested people with their lineages at the annual Lilly-Lilley Reunion in Flat Top, WV, in July.

The following WVDAR Chapters and Individuals are honored for Lineage Research: Large Chapters: 1st place: Pack Horse Ford, 2nd place: Old Hickory, 3rd place: Captain James Allen; Honorable Mention: Elizabeth Ludington-Hagans-Col. John Evans Chapter, Ohio Valley; Small Chapters: 1st place: Westmoreland, 2nd place: Daniel Davisson

The following individuals are honored: Cindy Nicewarner (Pack Horse Ford); Cheryl Brown (Pack Horse Ford, Anna Carson (Ohio Valley); Geneal Bailey (Old Hickory); Lauren Turco (Pack Horse Ford); Sheila Stevenson (Westmoreland); Teresa Noland (Capt. James Allen); Margaret Rusnak (Capt. James Allen); and Susan Arnold (Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Col. John Evans).

Literacy Promotion

Madame Regent, thanks for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Literacy Promotion Chair. While I took on this duty early in January, I was able to get my feet wet as I got to judge the outstanding projects done by WVDAR. Daughters.

Our members donated $4768 towards books, and 3145 books throughout the state. 3,746 hours were spent promoting literacy in the state. Chapters worked with Read Aloud and other partners. It was a productive year for literacy for WVDAR.

Judy Kittle, Chair

Membership

Highlands of the Potomac Chapter attends fairs. They use the newspaper for donation opportunities and advertise their events. They encourage prospective members to attend meetings and activities. Wheeling Chapter attends the Fort Henry Days which is a re-enactment of the Battle of Fort Henry. Blennerhassett Chapter encourages members to join as a family. The prospective members are recruited by members. Frequent meetings of members, outside of the chapter meetings are encouraged. The chapter attends parades, and has a booth at the Parkersburg Homecoming and County Fair.

Blackwater Chapter places photos in the local newspaper and meetings are announced in the same way. Veteran’s Day is celebrated at the local nursing home. The chapter participates in Wreaths Across America. The members bring their friends to the meetings. At the December meeting, a special Christmas dinner was held. Members brought clothing for birth to three years of age children to be distributed locally. The Ohio Valley Chapter encourages members and prospective members to attend both the District and State meetings. Information for new members is distributed. The chapter attends local programs and assists in honoring an Outstanding Community Volunteer, Veteran, or Historic Preservation Program. Pack Horse Ford Chapter hosted the September Grandparents Day at the Shepherdstown Public Library. The chapter has an annual picnic in the summer. They also have a Kentucky Derby tea party.

The Chapters are eager to find membership. They attend fairs, parades, and work with the local libraries to get out the news that the NSDAR exists; is looking for members, and lets the community know how we can help them with their events and work.

The Chapters wish to retain membership by encouraging each member to participate in activities. They try to get rides for older members who have trouble driving themselves to a chapter meeting or an activity. The Chapters also reach out to their older and/or ill members to check on their health.

Joetta McCallister, Chair

National Defense

The objectives of the National Defense Committee include preserving our American heritage of freedom, protecting the United States Constitution, and ensuring our national sovereignty. Most West Virginia DAR Chapters had interesting and informative programs and three-minute reports that used the National Defender. Some of these programs included border protection, cyber security, protocol for using the flag when a Navy vessel is at sea, Quilts of Valor, and a commemoration of the 82nd Anniversary of the Attack on Pearl Harbor. Westmoreland Chapter had a program on Female First Responders that was featured in the January/February 2024 National Defender.

There are two areas that chapters can add which will be recognized as CAA credits. These include DAR Distinguished Citizen Award and DAR Youth Citizenship Award.

The following chapters will be recognized for their outstanding work promoting National Defense objectives: Chapters with fewer than 50 members:1st Westmoreland, Chapters with 50+ members: 1st Ohio Valley, 2nd Bee Line

Thanks for your hard work promoting the National Defense objectives.

Lois Kimble, Chair

Patriot Records Project

The Patriot Records Project Committee was formed in 2015 with the goal to make finding and identifying Revolutionary War Patriots easier by indexing over 75 years' worth of records. This resulting index is available to any member of the DAR as well as the public. It is accessible by simply logging on to dar.org/grs and clicking on the Rev War tab. Select the Patriot Records Project Index and enter a name to access the records. Any member can volunteer for this committee by writing to patriotrecords@nsdar.org.

The year 2023 was challenging for the volunteers of this committee as we indexed pension applications, bible records, and other documents. Many of these documents were handwritten, and while interesting, were difficult to decipher. Eight dedicated WVDAR volunteers logged 317 hours for Service to America while indexing over 24,000 names. One of our Daughters indexed over 10,000 names: Judith Mathias of the South Branch Valley Chapter. The top indexers this year are Judith Mathias, 15,391 names, South Branch Valley Chapter; Carolyn Scheydt, 6,437 names, William Henshaw Chapter; Georgette Ward, 941 names, Elizabeth Zane Chapter.

As state chair for this committee, I encouraged participation by including a letter and a printable flyer to all chapter regents in the WV State Information Packet, submitting articles in the WVDAR newsletter and posting on the WVDAR Facebook page.

Madame State Regent, it has been an honor to serve as State Chair of the Patriot Records Project Committee.

Judith Mathias, Chair

President General's Project – No Report

Protocol – No report

Public Relations & Media – No report

Service to America

Sparkling with energy and enthusiasm, West Virginia Daughters have been shining in the hills and hollers of West Virginia as they serve America in a variety of ways. Their chapters have been exploding with creative ways to serve, recognize and celebrate their friends and neighbors. Tallying over 76,785 hours of service, West Virginia Daughters exceeded their national goal by over 72%! They donated 3,639 books and read to 6,760 people to combat illiteracy. Almost all chapters performed a Day of Service in unique and interesting ways. 14 of our chapters participated in the NSDAR Annual Service to America Project by either cleaning headstones or reading books and some even did both! A few chapters participated in "Service in Seconds." In fulfilling the goals and mission of DAR, our daughters have served their communities and churches in a variety of ways: docents in museums, teaching Sunday School, volunteering at VA hospitals, helping veteran families, garden clubs, food banks, teacher appreciation, encouraging deployed troops, celebrating their local police, fire, EMT, and nurses, soup kitchens, prayer teams, schools, and many other ways. West Virginia daughters shine brighter and brighter every year in Service to America!

Andrea Duckworth

Volunteer Genealogists

West Virginia currently has 56 NSDAR Trained Volunteer Genealogists, an increase of 11 from 2022. Members that completed GEP courses during 2023 included thirteen for GEP 1, twelve for GEP 2, ten for GEP 3, eleven for GEP 4, and four each for GEP 5, 6, and 7. Barboursville Chapter reported that they could benefit from a trained VG being assigned to their chapter. There were 11 genealogy or application workshops presented in WV during the reporting year, all of which were conducted by members trained in the National training programs. These were attended by a total of 122 participants. Twenty-two members reported attending a non-DAR genealogy workshop during the year. Sixteen members assisted another chapter in need of help in preparation of applications.

Volunteer Genealogist highlights in 2023 included the formation of a State Supplemental Support Team to review supplementals before they are sent to National for proper formatting and documentation. Members of the team are Patsy Adkins, State Registrar; Susan Arnold, State Chair, Volunteer Genealogists; Anna Carson, Ohio Valley Chapter Registrar; Bonnie Myers, South Branch Valley Chapter Registrar; and Michelle Sparks, Matthew French Chapter Registrar. 52 applications were reviewed between May and December. Pat Goodwin and the Trans-Allegheny Chapter hosted a successful Supplemental Application workshop led by the team for 32 members of the Central District at the Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants Library on October 14, 2023. Participants received individual help with supplementals, had an opportunity to ask questions, and went on a tour of the library. The Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter held two paper parties, and Westmoreland Chapter held a genealogy workshop at a local library.

Volunteer Genealogists whose names were sent on to Vickie Baker, the East Central Division Chair, to be recognized with a certificate of appreciation for their work include: Susan Arnold, Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans, Patsy Adkins, Anne Bailey; Geneal Bailey, Old Hickory; Cheryl Brown, Pack Horse Ford; Anna Carson, Ohio Valley; Barbara Channell, Colonel Morgan Morgan; Bonnie Myers, South Branch Valley; Teresa Noland, Captain James Allen; Michelle Sparks, Matthew French; and Sheila Stevenson, Westmoreland.

Susan Arnold, Chair

Volunteer Information Specialists (VIS) – No Report

Women's Issues

The Westmoreland daughters honored women by honoring female first responders with a luncheon, and community service awards. We had first place winners in the Career essay contest, Old Hickory chapter, Grace Parsons Arthur, and first place in the Mental Health essay contest, Blennerhassett Chapter, Shannon Sams-Harper. Congratulations Ladies! WV daughters have not only donated, but have also helped different organizations. Daughters have promoted women's health, family, and career by reading minutes, and hosting programs pertaining to women.

Thank you.

Mary Ellen Brown, Chair

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Awards – No Report

Blanche L. Reymann Scholarship

On July 29, 2023, Jessica Rexrode, a student at Alderson Broaddus University was presented with a scholarship check for $1,000 at the Central District Meeting at First Presbyterian Church in Clarksburg, West Virginia by State Regent, Jane Larke. Shortly after the presentation, Alderson Broaddus announced its closure and Ms. Rexrode transferred to Davis and Elkins College. Articles regarding the presentation were published in the Wheeling News Register, The Pocahontas Times, WVNews.com, as well as various social media sources.

In January, the financial aid offices at Wheeling University and the University of Charleston were contacted regarding evaluating potential recipients according to our eligibility requirements, i.e., a female student in need of funds to enter her senior year, and in the upper third of her class and will select a recipient to receive the scholarship this year. The scholarships will be awarded to the students at one of the district meetings this summer.

The scholarship is funded through the ongoing support of all the West Virginia chapters. Chapter contributions totaling $1,601.00 were received by the Blanche L. Reymann Scholarship Fund this year. Special thanks to all WV Daughters for your generous support. This year's contributions illustrate WVDAR's commitment to education. To honor the 60th anniversary of Mrs. Reymann's death in 2024, we will be presenting two $1,000.00 scholarships in her name this summer.

Lisa McNeil, Chair

Continental Congress Event

The WV Breakfast was held during the 132nd Continental Congress again at the historic Army and Navy Club in Washington, DC. The 67 members and guests enjoyed a lovely breakfast while promoting the State Regent's Project of Early Childhood Literacy. Dr. Allison Denman Holland, the NSDAR National Chair for Literacy Promotion, was a delightful speaker who was well received. The State Society presented her with the children's book "ABC America, Land That I Love" written by WV Author Theresa Gordon and a corresponding Patriot Plushie doll.

The 33 books, which were part of the table decorations, were donated to the National Literacy Promotion Committee and used during the Committee Showcase on Friday evening.

The WV Breakfast for the 133rd Continental Congress will also be held at the Army and Navy Club. As you make your Congress plans, The State Society hopes that you include the WV Breakfast.

It has been a pleasure to serve as the Chair for the Continental Congress Event during the second year of this Administration.

Sandra Isner-Johnson, Chair

Long Range Planning – No Report

Pages – No report

West Virginia Room at Continental Hall

West Virginia is fortunate to sponsor one of the State Period rooms in Memorial Continental Hall at DAR Headquarters in Washington, DC. It is set up like a school room in the parlor of a house in 1820 where parents or a tutor could help children learn. In keeping with DAR Museum policy, the furnishings reflect American craftsmanship and decorative tastes prior to 1830. And while to our modern eyes the patterned carpet and the decorated wallpaper may seem busy and in conflict with each other, they are typical of pre-1830 tastes. Most of the furnishings were generously donated.

Among the furniture you will see in the room include a fold-top writing desk that belonged to Robert Rutherford, a Virginia delegate to Congress; a barrel organ; a Pembroke table; a needlework fire-screen; and an American piano. The piano was carried over the mountains by horse-drawn wagon and is said to be one of the most valuable items in the DAR Museum.

In addition to the items on display, many more items are stored in temperature-controlled areas. These items can be pulled out to replace items currently showcased in the room or put on temporary display.

The West Virginia room serves as a wonderful reminder of our country's heritage. Although many of our ancestors, especially in the frontier of western Virginia, could not afford the beautiful fittings of this room, we must keep in mind our ancestors' important contributions. Because of their service and sacrifice they made it possible for more of us today to live the type of lifestyle that this room portrays.

So, the next time you are in Washington DC, our Nation's capital, be sure that you visit the West Virginia room for a delightful and informative look at our country's history! Daughters are encouraged to visit the room which is located on the balcony of the library during Continental Congress and pick up a brochure depicting its history and restoration.

Beverly Rollins, Chair

West Virginia 50-Year Club

It has been a pleasure to serve the State Society. It has been enjoyable meeting so many 50-year members who have given valuable service to this organization over these many years.

Sylvia J. Rhodes, Chair

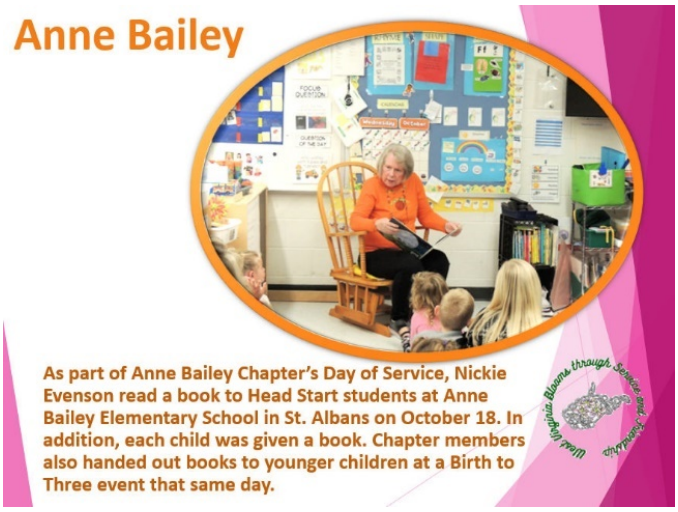
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Anne Bailey

Ceremony in Charleston in May and another ceremony in September, providing handouts for new citizens. Handouts were provided for the January 2024 ceremony. Chapter members participated in the Armed Forces Day Parade in South Charleston in May and the Veterans Day Parade in Charleston in November. Two members completed several GEP courses in the Spring,

and five members attended the Western District meeting in July. Shortly after the district meeting, the regent presented a copy of the WVDAR Genealogical, Burial, & Service Data for Revolutionary War Patriots Buried in West Virginia to West Virginia Archives and History.

Chapter members held a bake sale fundraiser during the Dunbar Fall Festival in September.



In October, Regent Mary Johnson and Vice Regent Stephanie Shahbandy made an honorary partner presentation to Chapter 37, Vietnam Veterans of America, on behalf of the U.S. Vietnam War Commemoration. Anne Bailey Chapter focused on literacy for its October Day of Service Project. Nickie Evenson read to Head Start students at Anne Bailey Elementary, while the regent presented each child with a book. Members also attended a Birth to Three event and had books for those children. More books were dropped off at Kanawha County Head Start offices for distribution to other children. All told, 125 books were provided for children that day. Soon after, the chapter collected 15 baskets of personal care items for women veterans at the VA Women's Clinic at Barboursville. The chapter also sent 250 cards to the military. In December, the chapter awarded the JROTC medal to a cadet at George Washington High School. January brought member Linda Hall's submission of a cross stitch for the American Heritage competition.

Through the efforts of member Nickie Evenson, month-long displays were set up at the Cross Lanes Library for Constitution Week, Native American Heritage Month, and Black History Month. In February 2024, Mary Johnson created a display on the DAR Hospital Corps for History Day at the West Virginia Capitol.

Taking advantage of technology at the Dunbar Public Library, Power Point and video were used in chapter programs on Constitution Week, the DAR Hospital Corps and the West Virginia connection, Tracy Lawson on her historical novel on an ancestor during the American Revolution, the Boston Tea Party, Joan Parker on her trip to Easter Island, and Vietnam War nurses. In December, several chapter members joined the Daniel Boone Chapter, SAR, for a luncheon at Berry Hills.

Mary Johnson, Regent

Anne Royall

Returning from Annual Conference at Canaan Valley we again got back to work on chapter projects. At the May meeting the group constructed a banner to be displayed when the American Flags, bought with the money received from the American 250 Grant, are flown on Main Street in Harrisville. Anne Royall presented a Thatcher Award to Lisa Stemple for her outstanding work with her students and the JAC.

In August, the executive committee met to plan for the coming year. Several members attended the Northern District meeting in St. Marys at the Drewery Ave. Church of Christ hosted by the Ohio Valley Chapter. Several awards were received by the chapter which were presented by WV State Regent Jane Larke. In September we celebrated Constitution Week by placing a large banner across Main Street. Lora Ingram committee chair visited all of the elementary schools in the county passing out flags and coloring sheets to all of the children. She also talked

to the children about the Constitution. Displays were set up in the county libraries and post offices.

JAC Contest was announced and work began on supplying the schools with needed information to participate. Patty Nutter, JAC chair spent many long hours working to make this a great success again this year. Several members and community people helped with the judging both at the local and state level, as the co-chairs are members of Anne Royall, Pamela Stanley, and Annetta Siers. Again, this year as apart Project Patriot cards were mailed to military personnel from the local area on Thanksgiving, Christmas and other holidays.



In November we sent a box of T-shirts, sweat shirts, and sweat pants to Landsthuhl Regional Hospital in Germany. We sent an equal box to the VA Hospital in Clarksburg, WV. We sent additional personal items to the VA in Clarksburg including; cards for the patients to send to family, hygiene products, and snacks. We held our November meeting at the Ayers House Hotel an Historic Ritchie County Landmark. Following the meeting we had a tour of the house.

Anne Royall decorated the Christmas Tree at the library in Harrisville with a Colonial theme (took down tree in January). We presented the library with six Patriotic themed children's books.

Again, this year we placed 200+ wreaths in five cemeteries in Ritchie County as a part of Wreath Across America. Anne Royall summited Doris Earnshaw Williams as A Woman in American History for her work making models for NASA. Some of work is displayed in the NASA Space Museum. We collected tea which was sent to Boston to be used in the "Tea Party" reenactment on December 16th.

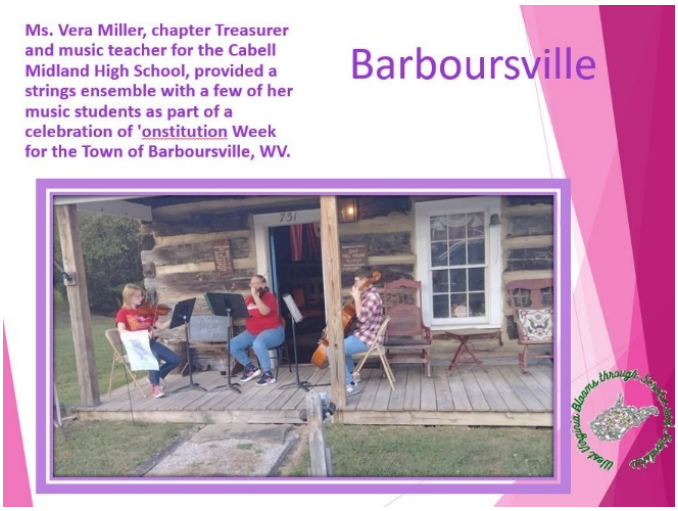
Anne Royall gained one new member this year, Rachel Farley. We had many interesting and informative programs, but the most interesting was presented by Dylan Skidmore on his trip to Camden, SC where he attended ceremonies to honor twelve American and two British soldier who were kill in the Revolutionary War. The bodies were only recently discovered and were reburied with the participation from both American and British Military.

Patricia Hedge Casper, Regent

Barboursville Chapter

As we "Celebrate Stars & Stripes Forever-Rejoice in Our Ties of Service & Friendship", chapter activities included continuing to give tours and give Historical information about the Village of Barboursville, WV State, and American Way of life living in Colonial times. The groups were from Children's Library Reading program in the Village of Barboursville. Mrs. Rebecca Bias dress in period costume for the occasion. They all said the pledge of Allegiance and sang "Star Spangled Banner". They all were given American Flags. In total there were three different groups about 25 in each session of children.

We planted three apple trees on our property along with Barboursville Woman's Club. There was a press report put published in the Hearld-Dispatch newspaper. The Chapter joined in Celebration of Mr. Gene Caldwell's 100th Birthday. He is a WWII Navy Veteran. A Special Hand-made card was given to him. The Toll House was decorated for Memorial Day. Flowers and an American Flag were put on a local Revolutionary Soldier's Grave. We encouraged all to "Fly your Flag" on the 14th of June. In September, for Constitution Week, we gave out tote bags pictures of the signers and "We the People" printed on the front. A special Garden Flag was made for the outside. We also conducted Open House tours. Our Newsletter was mailed to members of the Chapter. In Honor of Armed Forces and Military Veterans, flags representing all the services were hung up around the front porch. The Revolutionary Flags were hung up inside.



The Toll House was decorated with bells and red trucks for visitors during Christmas.

The Chapter participated in Wreaths Across America. We always have a Christmas Lunch together.

Mrs. Martha Miller, Regent

Bee Line Chapter

Bee Line Chapter began its second century shining a light on the values of DAR and supporting a variety of community organizations and projects.

Our roster includes 102 members and 7 associates. We gained 2 new members and lost 1 member to death. We are honored to have members serving as a state officer, a chair for a state committee, and serving as Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service representatives for the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Martinsburg. Our chapter is privileged to have a VA Medical Center nearby and we were honored to receive the Department of Veterans Affairs Outstanding Service Award "In recognition of your exceptional contribution to the Nation's Veterans through the Voluntary Service Program." We supported the annual VA baby shower, the Women's boutique, we donated food, and we assisted the General Adam Stephen SAR with Bingo. We maintain a wall tree as part of an ongoing service to provide seasonal cheer to both patients and staff. The tree was updated monthly; each tree had a separate theme but all honor the service of our veterans.



Bee Line's literacy related service project was to assist a library with "shelf reading." We were helping to create an environment which promotes literacy by ensuring that books are shelved correctly. This project again married our chapter's goal to support children, State Regent Larke's literacy project and her goal to improve childhood literacy and NSDAR's overall commitment to service and education.

Many of our monthly programs are educational and entertaining. Our program on "American Spirits: History Distilled" was held at a local distillery and a program on pumpkins was held at a pumpkin farm. We learned about tea at a Boston Tea Party. A quilt program provided the history of quilting and allowed members to bring examples of quilts – a great way to learn more about each other. On a more serious note, we had programs on the American Indian Citizenship Act, the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Agency and on Pollinator Gardens. We supported education within the community by awarding two $1000 scholarships. We also provided cash prizes to two high school students for Good Citizen and JROTC recognitions.

We hosted a booth at the Jefferson County Fair, sharing the space with the General Adam Stephen Chapter of the NSSAR. The booth 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. The display also included posters, a flag display, a 4th of July Quiz, copies of the Constitution, and information on how DAR and SAR serve the community.

We supported the community by attending Memorial Day and Veteran's Day ceremonies, creating Constitution Week displays at a local library, assisting with historic preservation and education at Happy Retreat and participating in the Charles Town Christmas Parade. Our public website has generated interest in the chapter and our monthly newsletter keeps our members informed.

Heidi Ware, Regent

Blackwater Chapter

JUNE: Members welcomed Central District Director, Georgette Ward, to our meeting. Photos and awards from the recent WVDAR State Conference were displayed, including a First Place Award in "American Heritage." Daryla Rapp gave an interesting program entitled "The History of the American Flag." Linda Sherman and Debbie Stevens were guest speakers at 4H Camp and told the campers some interesting facts about the American flag.



JULY: Daryla Rapp, Phyllis Garcia, and Debbie Stevens presented a chronicle entitled "History of West Virginia Vintage Glass." Each brought pieces of glassware from their collections. members attended the WVDAR Central District Meeting in Clarksburg.

AUGUST: Blackwater members welcomed 27 new citizens during the Naturalization Ceremony of the United States District Court for the Northern District of West Virginia in Elkins. Fourteen members donated over 100 children's books which were given to local children and credited to State Regent Jane Larke's "Early Childhood Literacy

Project". "Milestone Years of Membership" certificates were presented to Joanne Corey (60) and Wanda Booth. (30).

SEPTEMBER: Constitution Week was observed in all three Tucker County Schools. A Proclamation was signed by each principal and two students and by the Mayor of Parsons. Patriotic bookmarks and pencils on which the Preamble is printed were presented to 213 American History and Civics students in the three schools. Cathy Hebb's informative program celebrating the 125th Anniversary of the Premiere of John Phillips Sousa's "The Stars and Stripes Forever" concluded with a rousing YouTube performance of the March by The President's Own Marine Band which was skillfully accompanied by Cathy on her piccolo.

October: Cathy participated in the National DAR Day of Service by reading stories to 126 elementary students in two schools throughout the day. Cynthia Kolsun viewed Former First Lady, Mamie Eisenhower's NSDAR membership certificate and grave marker at her gravesite in Abilene, Kansas. Barbara Alford gave a presentation entitled "Early American Religious Music in Appalachia" at the Parsons Railroad Depot during which she sang old hymns beautifully.

November: Members celebrated Veteran's Day with a party for Veterans at Cortland Acres Nursing Home. Each Veteran received a goodie bag containing items from his personal "wish list" including patriotic caps and t-shirts. Mary Mullenax led the singing of many favorite wartime songs. Patriotic refreshments were served.

December: Blackwater sponsored 105 wreaths for "Wreaths Across America". Eight members placed wreaths on Veteran's graves at the WV National Cemetery. At the Christmas gathering held at Cathy Hebb's home, fifteen members brought over 90 articles of winter clothing for Birth to 3 children which were later donated to the Family Resource Network for distribution. Terri Lawrence completed her GEP I Course. Eight new members were welcomed throughout 2023.

January: PA Amanda Hile led an informative discussion on Women's Health Issues at our meeting. Plans to apply for an America 250! Celebration Grant in the near future were discussed.

February: Registrar Phyllis Garcia's program about supplementals was very informative. She printed "starter supplementals" for several of the members, much to their delight.

Cathy Hebb, Regent

Blennerhassett Chapter

The ladies of the Blennerhassett Chapter have been very busy. These are just some of our highlights. In May of 2023 we participated in the Williamstown, WV Memorial Day activities, by placing a wreath during the wreath laying ceremony at the Riverview Cemetery followed by a flag retiring ceremony they had at their local American Legion. Regent, Cathy Hinkle, retired the flag that was replaced at the Blennerhassett Museum. In May we also awarded the Williamstown High School JAC contest winner.



Throughout the summer Blennerhassett daughters spent many hours cleaning headstones at various cemeteries around Parkersburg. The ladies also have been

sending Thank You cards, donations and more to the VA Center in Clarksburg. In August, the Blennerhassett daughters floated through the Parkersburg Homecoming parade in our "boat" during the Boston Tea Party, while tossing tea and candy overboard. In September, the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall visited the Parkersburg City Park. The Blennerhassett Chapter participated by manning a booth where we handed out Constitution booklets, flags, flag pins, flag codes and various other items. Several members attended the Northern District Meeting in St. Mary's.

In September we celebrated Constitution Week with two library displays and Williamstown displayed Constitution Week messages on their electronic billboard. Our chapter voted to participate in the Adopt-A-Native-Elder program. This program serves to help reduce extreme poverty and hardships facing traditional Elders living on the Navajo Reservation. We had several members volunteer for Island by Candlelight in October at Blennerhassett Island. This is a yearly event our chapter looks forward to doing our service hours there. In November we held our National Defense Luncheon at the Parkersburg Country Club. Our guest speaker was Adam Truex, who presented the Outstanding Service for Veterans Award.

We also presented Scott Britton with the Historic Preservation Recognition Award. Items were also gathered for Project Patriot at our luncheon. In December, for Wreaths Across America, some of our ladies held a wreath laying ceremony for 3 patriots at the Burnt Hill Cemetery. We attended and had a good time at the Ohio Valley Christmas Luncheon and at the SAR/DAR Christmas Luncheon. Snowy weather kept us apart for the month of January. In February Valentines and candy were sent to the VA Center in Clarksburg. We also collected school supplies for Chriss School in Parkersburg and collected seed packs that were mailed to the Hindman School. There is so much more the Blennerhassett ladies have done. We have dedicated ladies who are always there to help the community and our veterans. We have also welcomed many new members this past year. I am so deeply proud of my chapter.

Cathy Hinkle, Regent

Buford Chapter

This past year was a good year for our Buford Chapter of the WVDAR. We celebrated Patriotism and Veterans with joint programs with the Westmoreland Chapter of the DAR during which 13 Veterans, most of whom reside at Woodlands retirement Community, were presented with Quilts of Valor. This is an ongoing project headed up by Wylma Skean. In addition, Jason Wyatt from the Fisher House at our local Huntington Veteran's Administration Hospital spoke to us about this wonderful facility that is available to the families of Veteran's being treated at the Veteran's Hospital as they accompany their loved ones for medical treatment. And our member, Doris Staton, spoke to us about a trip that she and her husband took this past fall to see the beaches and battle areas in Normandy, France.



In October, our member, Page Cruz, presented a program on Sacagawea. This young Indian woman accompanied Lewis and Clark for two years as they explored

the new Louisiana Purchase and the land in the far west of our country. This expedition was commissioned by President Thomas Jefferson. Sacagawea added a great deal to the expedition's success.

Also, in October our regent represented our chapter by attending the memorial service at Tu Endie Wei park in Point Pleasant to commemorate the 1774 battle in which so many of our Patriots participated. The Regent placed a wreath at the Magazine in Memory of their service.

Constitution Month was celebrated by displays in several schools and libraries as well as at the Woodlands Retirement Community. Our vice regent wrote an article for the newspaper and also presented a program to our membership. Book marks featuring the Constitution were handed out to library patrons of all ages.

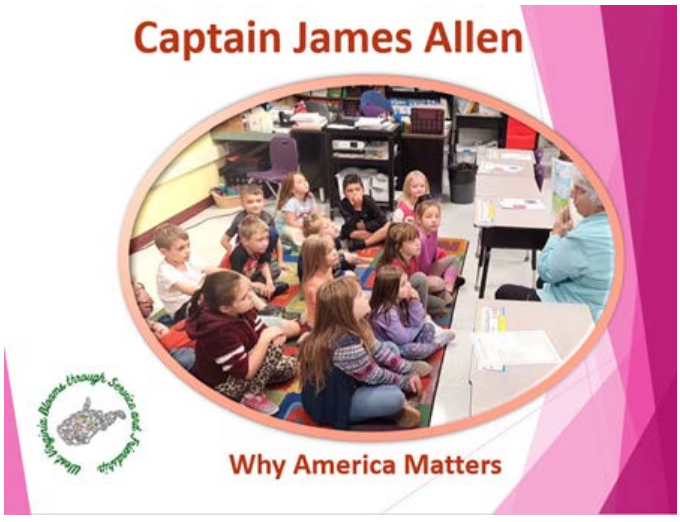
Our chapter took part in the National Day of Service in October to celebrate the founding of the National DAR by collecting items for donation for the Hoops Children's Hospital. We were able to present a very nice collection of crayons, art supplies, games, and books for the children being cared for in the facility.

And last but not least, in February of 2024 we heard Dr. Terry Fenger speak about Forensics at Marshall University. It was fascinating to hear about how this graduate program in conjunction with the Nationally accredited DNA laboratory provides forensic analysis to solve criminal cases on a National level using DNA testing and genealogical methodology.

Marsha Mason, Regent

Captain James Allen Chapter

The Captain James Allen Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Chapter actively served veterans through partnerships with the Beckley Veterans Hospital, providing supplies and monetary contributions to the Nursing Care Home Facility. The chapter supported pregnant veterans and their families with donations to Operation Diaper Bag and a "Drive Thru Baby Shower." They honored two local women for their 29 years of service at the Beckley Dream Center/Fishes and Loaves Ministry, which provides food, essentials, and disaster relief through mobile kitchens and showers.



The chapter hosted educational programs, including a presentation by Environmental Specialist Luke Stevens on water pollution control and the Beckley Sanitary Board's leadership in the state. Monthly meetings featured programs on patriot history, enhancing members' knowledge. Collaborating with the Raleigh County Historical Society and the John Beckley Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), the chapter celebrated Founders Day with a wreath-laying ceremony at the Alfred Beckley monument.

At a Veterans Resource Fair at the Glen Jean Armory, the chapter engaged prospective members, distributed patriotic materials, and provided a gift basket for a drawing. They plan to make this an annual event. Members participated in the Civil Air Patrol and JROTC awards programs, presenting chapter awards. At the Lilly Family Reunion, the chapter and SAR distributed flags, flag code brochures, and patriotic items, sparking interest in the DAR with a display of Lilly family patriots.

To promote literacy, the chapter partnered with the Beckley Dream Center to provide books with summer lunches for Raleigh County students. They ensured voter readiness for Election Day and logged service hours, packing 500 food boxes with the Dream Center for the National Day of Service. A program by the WV National Guard's Soldier & Family Readiness Program led to a donation for a volunteer luncheon.

The chapter's annual Christmas Luncheon and Bazaar, held with the John Beckley SAR, fostered fellowship. During Constitution Week, members created a library display, donated a book, and secured a city proclamation. They read Why America Matters by Dr. Ben Carson to over 200 first graders, donating the books to school libraries. Judge H.L. Kirkpatrick, III, presented a public program on the U.S. Constitution.

For the National Day of Service, the chapter provided snacks and appreciation letters to local law enforcement. A proclamation declared November 1, 2023, as National Family Literacy Day, and a Literacy Champion Award was presented to a teacher for her parent-child reading program. To commemorate the Boston Tea Party, the chapter and SAR hosted a luncheon featuring teas and a display of Liberty Blue China, depicting Revolutionary War scenes.

The chapter welcomed four new members and anticipates further growth, with plans to expand community outreach and strengthen the West Virginia DAR.

Cecilia Chapman, Regent

Cheat River Chapter

The Cheat River Chapter was busy from May 8, 2023 to March 5, 2024 with various activities and projects, including Participation in a City of Kingwood Street Fair, spreading the word about DAR, and providing activities for the children. Designed and entered a display for the Preston County Buckwheat Festival's Educational Projects and won second place in our division. The festival theme was "Born among the WV Hills" and our tri-fold display project tied into that, providing a spotlight on seven different patriots who had ties to Preston County. We also showed which of our members are related to them.

Updated our float for the chapter to participate in two of the parades during the Buckwheat Festival. We won first place in our category. We also participated in the Kingwood Christmas parade.

Participated in the Veterans Day ceremony at the Preston County Courthouse and provided donuts and hot drinks to those attending the ceremony, including veterans and their families. The local Honor Guard allowed us to place a wreath during the ceremony.



All ten municipalities in Preston County and the Preston County Commission were visited during Constitution Week and Proclamations were read and signed by all Mayors and the County Commission President. The proclamations were read at each meeting and information was provided on the work of Daughters of the American Revolution. Participated in Wreaths Across America at Aurora Cemetery, placing 164 wreaths, and at Maplewood Cemetery in Kingwood, placing 336 wreaths. Because of our chapter efforts, every veteran in both of those cemeteries received a wreath.

A member of our chapter was interviewed by Wreaths Across America Radio regarding Aurora Cemetery.

The Chapter had adopted a portion of the Preston County Rail Trail to maintain, and a group picked up trash to keep the trail clean. A member traveled to the WV State Capitol during Preston County Day at the Legislature to show an educational display about DAR and the work our Chapter does. We sent over 800 coupons to troops overseas. Brenda Hess, our Chapter Registrar was recognized as an outstanding Registrar in WV by the WV State Society.

Three members completed the DAR Members Course.

We arranged for the Wreaths Across America Mobile Education Exhibit to set up in Kingwood, WV to promote the mission of Wreaths Across America. Four members attended a Preston County Chamber of Commerce membership meeting to network and discuss our projects.

We posted Constitution Week facts on our Facebook page every day during that week.

Four members attended the Colonel Zackquill Morgan Chapter 60th anniversary celebration.

We planned a local historical and geological field trip, led by a member of the chapter. We learned about Muddy Creek Falls and the iron furnace also on that site. We also visited a Native American petroglyph site. During the month of October, members collected children's books. 305 books were collected and then distributed among little free libraries in Preston County.

Sent Valentine cards to veterans in a nursing home.

Karen Kurilko, Regent

Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter

On June 14, 2023 at 6i1-4 p.m., the Colonel Charles Lewls Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution participated in the Flag Retirement ceremony conducted by the Point Pleasant Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. The Fort Randolph Society of the Children of the American Revolution also assisted in this moving tribute to the American Flag and the proper way to dispose of weathered and worn flags. Many members of the public were also in attendance. ln July, August and November, the Chapter marched in the 4th of July, Fair and Veteran's Day Parades. The daughters wore our DAR logo polo shirts identifying our chapter and passed out over 600 America n flags to children along the parade route. On October 8, the Chapter Regent attended the Battle Days Memorial Service at Tu-Endie-Wei State Park conducted by the Sons of the American Revolution. Regent Cromley led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.



She then placed a wreath at The Magazine on behalf of the Chapter in honor of the colonists who fought and died at the Battle of Point Pleasant. Additionally, Brooke Price, CAR Committee Chair of the DAR, led the participants in singing of the National Anthem. On December 16, Chapter members participated in Wreaths Across America for the 12th straight year. After a brief ceremony at which wreaths were placed for each branch of the Service, as well as POWMIA and the Space Force, members placed over 800 wreaths at four cemeteries, Pioneer, Lone Oak, Suncrest and Kirkland. Volunteers

included the 4-H Teen Leaders, Sons of the American Revolution, Children of the American Revolution and community members, in addition to the Chapter members. On January 5,2024, the Chapter participated in a Twelfth Night Celebration in conjunction with the SAR and CAR. After dinner, a presentation was given by the Fort Randolph Children of the Revolution performing various characters in story books. Those attending also participated in board games at their particular table. The Chapter has continued with monthly meetings and working toward goals of cleaning and repairing graves in the local Pioneer Cemetery, where several patriots are buried.

Additionally, we are planning a grave marking on May 18, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. in South Charleston to honor our founding daughter, Livia Simpson Poffenbarger. lnvited to attend the ceremony are the great great granddaughters of Ms. Poffenbarger and other family members. After the grave marking, attendees will be honored at a reception at the General Federation of Women's Club's building in Dunbar in First Regent Poffenbarger's memory.

The Chapter has been in ongoing meetings and discussions surrounding the upcoming 250th Anniversary of the Battle of Point Pleasant, to be held October 5-13,2024. The Memorial Service will be held at Tu-Endie-Wei State Park on October 10,2024 at 10 a.m., with dignitaries invited including the Governors of West Virginia, Virginia and Kentucky. Various plans are being laid and the DAR is involved in participating in many parts of the weeklong celebration. We have added new members this past year and several new applicants are in the process of joining our chapter. The Colonel Lewis Chapter DAR looks forward to a productive year in continuing with our objectives.

Diana Cromley, Regent

Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter

Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter, Level I, continued education. Since April, Patty Haught completed the New Horizon Course and Beth Niggemyer completed the Committee Leaders Course. Two paper parties held at Marion County Library resulted in completion of applications. New member, Ava Carpenter, joined our Chapter 12-29-2023. Historic Preservation Chair Pattie Norman presented Jim Rote with a framed Excellence in Preservation Certificate and Companion Medal for his 13-year preservation of the Historical David Morgan House. Regent Barbara Channell presented Dora Grubb the Women in American History Award and Outstanding Constitution Work Award. Sandra Kisner, Beth Niggemyer, and Resa Smith received Chapter Outstanding New Member Awards. Mark Niggemyer was awarded the Excellence in Display of Citizenship Certificate.



Members attended Memorial Day Caravan in Fairmont WV and layed wreaths at Grand View Gardens, Woody Williams VFW, West Side VFW, Veterans Square, Vietnam Veteran Memorial Park, Maple Grove Cemetery, and cast flowers into the river in memorial to the US Navy and

Coast Guard. For Veterans Day we layed a wreath at Veterans Square. On Julia Pierpont Day a wreath was laid on Boaz Fleming and the Pierpont Graves at Woodlawn Cemetery in Fairmont.

Pattie Norman laid a chapter wreath at Battle Days at Point Pleasant. During Wreaths Across America, we laid wreaths at the Maple Grove Cemetery.

Combined SAR/ DAR events were a picnic/Sar flag retirement, Veterans Day Parade entry, and Christmas Dinner/Awards Meeting. State Sar/Dar/SR Committee Chair Pattie Norman presented SAR Chapter President Rudy Vincent with the DAR Hannah White Arnett Medal of Distinction Bronze Chapter Award. Vincent presented Norman with the SAR Daughters Liberty Medal and the Medal of Appreciation. For Project Patriot we sent 278 cards to active military and 623 cards to Veterans. Items valuing $1200 were donated to Louis A Johnson VA Medical Center in Clarksburg WV. They consisted of 52 dignity bibs made by Sandra Kisner, books from Hallie Williams estate and items from Sharon Huskins estate.

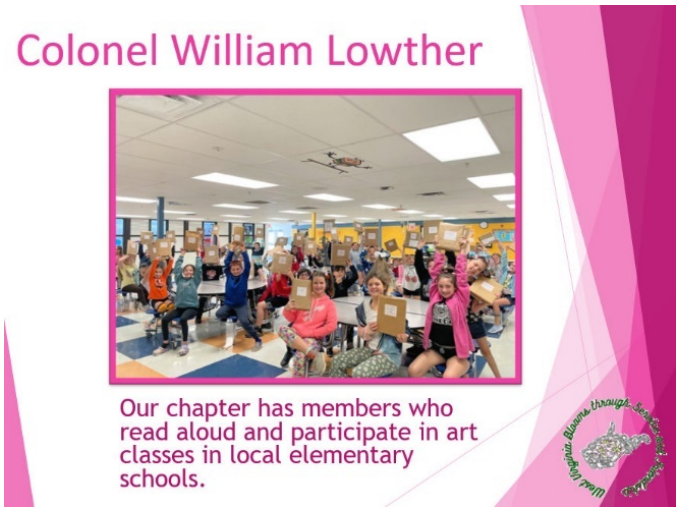
Members supported the State Regent Literacy Project by reading 145 hours to students and children at home. Literary Committee Chair Mara Squires donated 20 books to little libraries. We donated “Norman Family History” book to Hackers Creek Museum, the book “Falling Waters” to Pleasant Valley Elementary School, and the WVDAR genealogical book to Marion County Library. We coordinated with Marion County Historical Museum for a Constitution Day program and held a Bell Ringing at the end of the event. Proclamations were received from Marion County Commission, City of Fairmont, and the State Governor. DAR displays could be seen at the Museum and County Library. Constitution Committee Chair Resa Smith dressed in Rev. War attire.

Our America 250 Committee continued plans for the installation of a 250 plaque in 2024 at the Prickett Fort State Park and construction of a flower bed for State Gold Star Mothers Monument in Marion County Vietnam Veterans Park. Sadly, we report the passing of Past Regent Ernestine Nigh (39-year member) and Librarian Sharon Huskins (4-year member).

Barbara Channell, Regent

Colonel William Lowther Chapter

The members of the Col. William Lowther Chapter are still involved despite the dwindling numbers of our active members. We continue to support our Community Classrooms at the Doddridge County School system and our volunteers made significant monetary contributions to many teachers and projects for the students.



The members continue to support our Veterans at the Louis A. Johnson Medical Center and provide comfort care products. One member and her husband also provide transportation to many patients from Doddridge County.

The Chapter also sponsored one student at Doddridge County High School for the DAR Good Citizen recognition. Appreciation was given to the teachers and administrators of DCHS for their continued support of this project.

Charla Louise Nutter-McNaboe, Regent

The Colonel Zackquill Morgan Chapter

The Colonel Zackquill Morgan Chapter, WVDAR is small but mighty. With just 16 members, our chapter members wear many hats and stay busy serving in the DAR. We celebrated our 60th anniversary as a chapter in 2023. Members served 460 hours in 2023l. We participated in patriotic parades, memorial ceremonies, service projects, and much more. Chapter meetings focused on a variety of topics, from conservation to local history to women's issues to national defense.

Our chapter visited several local historic sites in 2023 including Prickett's Fort in Marion County where we learned about colonial life and the French & Indian War in our region. We also took a private tour of a historic textile and weaving exhibition in Arthurdale in Preston County. Through both of these visits, we learned about American History and American Heritage, especially focused on traditional Appalachian crafts and skills.



Honoring veterans is very important to the members of the Col. Zackquill Morgan chapter. Chapter members participated in Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and Pearl Harbor Day ceremonies. We purchased dozens of wreaths for Wreaths Across America to be placed on the WV National Cemetery. Every year, we also partner with a local nursing home to "adopt" their veterans at Christmas. Our members make blankets and purchase personal gifts for each veteran.

Increasing membership has been a long-term goal of our chapter. As many of our members grow elderly or pass away, we have worked to gain new members. We currently have two prospective members with applications in the works. Col. Zackquill Morgan is looking forward to growing and improving in 2024 and beyond!

Elizabeth Satterfield, Regent

Daniel Davisson Chapter

Daniel Davisson Chapter began September by celebrating the Constitution. We rang the bells on September 17th in the Center Court at Meadowbrook Mall, put up a bulletin board at the Bridgeport Public Library including a proclamation from the Mayor of Bridgeport, provided children's handouts at the Clarksburg-Harrison Public Library, and provided five elementary classrooms (94 students) with Constitution activity folders.

On September 23, our chapter hosted a History Alive event organized by Vice Regent Tami Reeves in conjunction with the West Virginia Humanities Council and the Town of Lost Creek. The presentation featured Pearl S. Buck who was portrayed by Karen Vuranch. The Clarksburg Exponent Telegram published our submitted article.

Born in West Virginia, Buck grew up in China with her missionary parents, but never forgot her West Virginia roots. She received the Pulitzer Prize for her 1931 novel The Good Earth and became the first American woman ever to be awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature. She was also a humanitarian and social activist who was deeply concerned about the welfare of children worldwide.

To further promote literacy, Regent Laura Fullen and Tami Reeves gave out candy and bookmarks at Trunk or Treat events at the Bridgeport and Southern Area Public Libraries during October. Hundreds of children attended both events.

On October 21, we installed a Little Free Library at the Lost Creek Park as our Day of Service project. Chapter members packed the library with children's books. Tami Reeves donated the library. The Clarksburg Exponent Telegram published our story.



To celebrate November's Native American Heritage Recognition month, Laura Fullen put up a bulletin board display at the Bridgeport Public Library including a proclamation from the Mayor of Bridgeport. Doris Dean provided the Clarksburg-Harrison Public Library with bookmarks and children's handouts. Kathy Eckert from the Ohio Valley Chapter presented a wonderful program on Native Americans at our November 11th meeting.

For Veterans Day, chapter members wrote greeting cards for over 100 patients at the Louis A. Johnson VA Hospital, and donated fidget blankets/kits, sweatpants, and shorts.

Recording Secretary Doris Dean secured two non-DAR grants totaling $10,700.00 to pay for the tree trimming/removal at the Daniel Davisson DAR Cemetery in Clarksburg, and the work was completed on December 15. Donations were also made by DAR members and a local resident. WBOY-TV and the Clarksburg Exponent Telegram ran features on the cemetery improvements. Further beautification projects will be done in 2024.

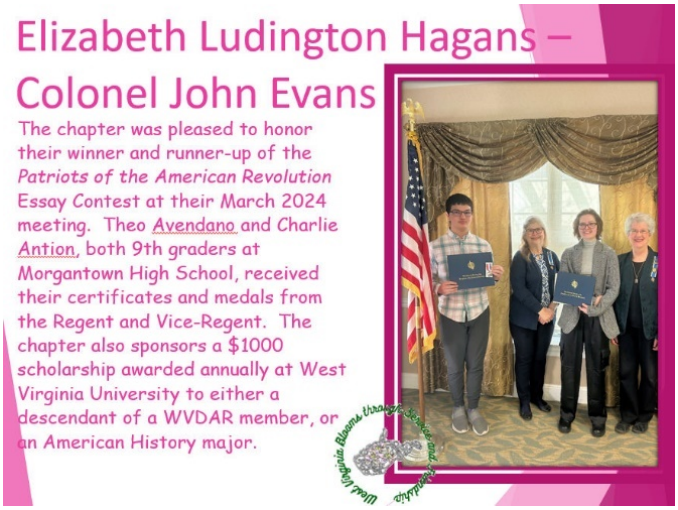
In December, we presented a copy of Genealogical, Burial, and Service Data for Revolutionary War Patriots Buried in West Virginia to the Clarksburg-Harrison Public Library, donated five wreaths from Wreaths Across America to the West Virginia National Cemetery near Grafton, delivered 200 Christmas cards to the Louis A. Johnson VA Hospital, and celebrated the holidays together with a meal at Minard's Restaurant in Clarksburg. Tami Reeves has completed her three online DAR courses, and we are so proud of her. She can now wear her tiara proudly at formal DAR events.

Laura Fullen, Regent

Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans Chapter

The Chapter was pleased to have two members graduate in 2023 from DAR Leadership Training Courses: Susan Arnold and Stephanie Burns both completed the Members Course. Several others are working on various courses and hope to complete them in 2024. In addition, the chapter met the Registrar's Sparkle Challenge by adding 5 new members in 2023. For Constitution Week, the chapter displayed 10 posters around town and had a proclamation signed by members of the Monongalia County Commission. We hosted the tri-chapter Constitution Week Luncheon on September 17, 2023 and played a Constitution trivia game for the program. Afterwards, attendees gathered on the Courthouse Square to participate in Bells Across America with the courthouse tower bell at 4:00 PM.

We focused our Day of Service project on meeting the goals of the literacy committee, the President General, our State Regent, and Veterans and Project Patriot committees by collecting, sorting and sending 324 children's books to military and veteran families and facilities. Nine boxes of books were shipped out fulfilling special requests made by these families and facilities through Operation Paperback. The chapter donated the following books in 2023: a copy of Genealogical, Burial, and Service Data for Revolutionary War Patriots Buried in West Virginia to the West Virginia & Regional History Center at West Virginia University, 5 volumes of the DAR Patriot Index to the Aull Center for Genealogy & Local History at the Morgantown Public Library, and Map Guide to Swiss Parish Registers, Canton of Ticino, Volume 13 to the DAR Library. Our book club discussion meeting in February 2024 reviewed Symbols of Patriotism: First Ladies and Daughters of the American Revolution.



The chapter participated in the Veterans Day Parade, and Chapter Regent Susan Arnold participated in a wreath-laying ceremony to mark the 82nd Anniversary of the Attack on Pearl Harbor. The chapter donated gift bags filled with personal care items, calendars, and Valentines to 38 local veterans in nursing homes, Unity Manor, and the Clarksburg VA Hospital for Valentine's Day 2024. We were pleased to have entries this year from Morgantown High School in the Patriots of the American Revolution Essay Contest. The winner and contestants were recognized at a chapter meeting.

The chapter supported active-duty military and veterans through the Jenkins Funeral Home's "Stockings for Soldiers" program, the West Virginia Heroes Program which provides WVU football tickets to veterans and active-duty military, and by mailing several care packages and providing dozens of books to Operation Paperback to support Project Patriot activities.

The chapter's participation in Wreaths Across America raised enough funds to purchase over 400 wreaths. Chapter members participated in the December ceremony and laid wreaths at Oak Grove/Lawnwood Cemeteries. The chapter continued to provide the $1500 Elizabeth L. Hagans DAR Scholarship at WVU and again sponsored a Clay-Battelle High School Senior to attend Rhododendron Girls State. All in all, the chapter had a successful year.

Susan Arnold, Regent

Elizabeth Zane Chapter

The Elizabeth Zane Chapter has continued to grow by adding 4 new members since last year. We had some minor challenges by the resignation of first our secretary and then our regent but the chapter members rose to the occasion and the chapter is now being led by some amazing ladies. In the spring the members decorated and cleaned up all of the Patriot graves located in Upshur County for Memorial Day. They removed any old flags and replaced them with new flags. The chapter had a float in the annual Strawberry Festival parade and won first place in their division. Ladies dressed in period attire and the float proudly displayed the Elizabeth Zane DAR banner.

Summer began with our annual Flag Day picnic which was held at the American Legion building. In July, the chapter set up a recruitment booth during one of Buckhannon's Festival

Fridays. Members gave away goodie bags and bottles of water to prospective members as part of our Celebration Grant. In August members attended the Naturalization Ceremony in Elkins, WV where Flag Pins and Flag Codes were given out.



Fall is always a busy time for the chapter. Members attended a city council meeting to witness and receive Constitution Week Proclamations and National American Indian Heritage Proclamations. The Constitution Committee visited the Buckhannon-Upshur High School and presented Constitution Booklets to the Senior Class. In October, the chapter donated a box of books and a member read to children at a local day care/after school center. A program on the Boston Tea Party was presented during our October meeting and members brought in loose leaf tea to send in for the Boston Tea Party reenactment. In November, the members rode a float in the local Veterans Day Parade dressed again in their period clothing. Afterwards they mingled with the public in their historic dresses even taking an opportunity for a photo shot with the mayor. A wreath was placed at the Buckhannon Veteran's Memorial at Heavenor Cemetery in honor of Veteran's Day.

The winter months did not slow down chapter activity. The chapter members enjoyed a program entitled "What's On the Menu" during the November meeting. Our past regent educated the chapter on the foods that would have actually been available during the first Thanksgiving. December was a time for chapter members to visit the Louis B Johnson Veteran's Nursing Home. Cards, clothing, and Christmas decorations were delivered to the veterans at the facility. The year ended with our annual Christmas luncheon where it was discovered that we had our own "Rosie the Riveter," Marjorie Miles, in our chapter. In January we honored two local women with "Women In American History" awards. Our February program, taken from the archives of the American Spirit Magazine, was on the topic of Presidents prior to George Washington. This reporting period ended with a March presentation on the book "Falling Water" given by our recording secretary.

Christine Mundy, Regent

Elk River Chapter

The Chapter had a year of interesting activities and programs. We contributed to a multi-chapter welcome gift bag for new citizens at the Clarksburg Naturalization Ceremony. We donated many items to Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center. One of our members is the DAR Representative on the VAVS board of the Medical Center. She attends quarterly meetings and reports to the chapters in Northern and Central districts. For our Project Patriot activity we sent collected items to the Johnson AFB in North Carolina for service persons holiday stockings. Chapter members Meg Ashby, Ruth Mooney, Amy Starcher, and Ronda White attended the State Conference at Canaan Valley Resort in Davis, WV.



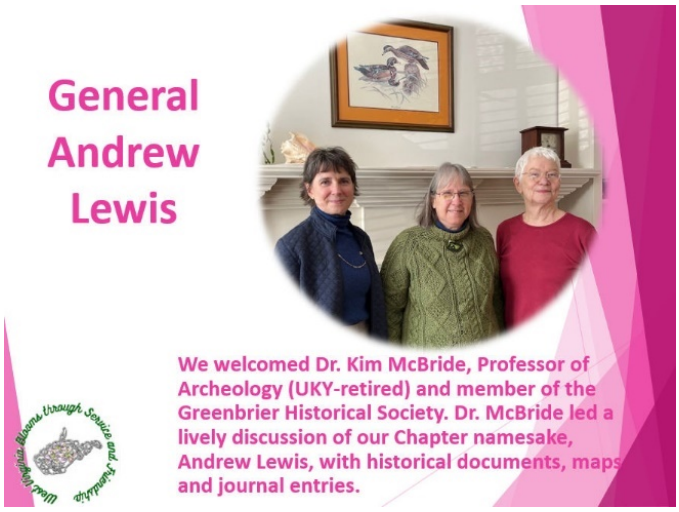
Our chapter presented copies of the new "Genealogical" book, edited by Mary Johnson to three libraries. Two members consistently volunteer at the Braxton County Family Research Library, helping the public do research., as well as helping with DAR applications. Gave the DAR Good Citizen Award to a senior at Nicholas County High School and Braxton County High School. Helped decorate the Christmas tree display at the historic Brown Oaks house. Elk River's tree displayed the names of each member's patriot ancestor. Several members read to classrooms in the two counties. Our Day of Service centered around Christmas cards sent to veterans at the Medical Center and other nursing homes. Chapter members, with the help of the 5th grade class at Frametown Elementary School, added notes of encouragement and appreciation in the Christmas cards. Constitution Week activities included proclamations, displays at two libraries and a program presented by Judge Richard A. Facemire on the Constitution. Elizabeth Stewart gave an interesting program on Native Americans.

In celebration of the Boston Tea Party, the chapter members compiled a package of loose tea and it was mailed to the Boston Museum for a reenactment of the Tea Party in December. In December, our chapter enjoyed a program and a special Tea Party to celebrate the event. Elk River Chapter welcomed six new members and one reinstated member. We celebrated the birthdays of Lillie Robinson (age 95), Bonita Bell (age 95) and Wanita Mollohan (age 90). Ruth Mooney and Patrica Hall Moore were recognized at the State Conference for each having been in DAR for 50 years! The Elk River Chapter is growing! As with every chapter, more willing workers will help us achieve our goals and help our State Regent, Jane Larke, complete her worthwhile projects!

Ruth Mooney, Regent

General Andrew Lewis Chapter

Our Chapter was organized in 1954. In 2023, we had 42 total members including three new members. We will miss Sandy Cowan, a past Chapter, District and State Officer who is returning to California to be closer to family. Our Chapter demonstrated the theme "West Virginia Blooms Through Service and Friendship" when we hosted the Southern District meeting in Lewisburg in August. We welcomed more than 50 attendees and officers from across the State. Our Chapter provided attendees with a Walking Tour Map of Historic Lewisburg to follow on their



own after the meeting. Our speaker was Margaret Hambrick of the Greenbrier Historical Society. Our DAR-ling Auction raised more than $600 as a contribution to the GHS “Friends of Blue Sulphur Springs” restoration projects.

As a Chapter, we exceeded our Service to America Goals more than three-fold for 2023. Members participated in a number of local non-profits including Rotary, Humane Society, Gwen’s Meals, Churches, Historical Societies, Old Stone Cemetery, Carnegie Hall, Conservation and Artistic Societies. Our Chapter Service goals included honoring our Veterans by contributing and delivering more than $1,100 in clothing and personal items to the Beckley V.A. Hospital for the December holiday period. For Constitution Week, we received a Proclamation from the Greenbrier County Commissioners and distributed Constitution bookmarks to the White Sulphur Springs Library. We honored a Literacy Hero at our October Meeting and received a Literacy Promotion Proclamation on November 1 from the City of White Sulphur Springs. We also collected and distributed children’s books and “Book Buddies.” A number of members have participated in Read-Alouds. We contributed copies of the book Genealogical, Burial and Service Data for Revolutionary War Patriots Buried in West Virginia to three Greenbrier County libraries. We recognized Junior ROTC programs at two of the local high schools with awards and certificates. Vice-Regent Judy Deegans planned many of our monthly Chapter Programs which included notable guest speakers for our goals of Historic Preservation, Conservation, Service to Veterans and Patriotism. We are developing our Chapter proposal for an America 250! Grant. We ended 2023 by “dumping” British Tea obtained from London at our Boston Tea Party Celebration Luncheon. We also sent loose tea to Boston for participation in the National Event. General Andrew Lewis Chapter loves to sparkle in service and friendship!

Suzanne Cronquist, Regent

Highlands of the Potomac

On March 5, 2023, Highlands of the Potomac (HOTP) Chapter NSDAR $4-066-WV held its first Anniversary Open House at the historic Presbyterian Heritage House in Keyser, WV. This beautiful spring event hosted Daughters from all over the state, including Madame State Regent Jane Larke who installed the newly elected HOTP Officers. As the newly elected Regent, my first meeting was held at another Mineral County historic location, Travelers Rest Stone House in Burlington, WV.



HOTP Daughters quickly began supporting charities such as the Women’s’ Crisis Center, Helping Hands and the Homeless Coalition, which was given a very generous donation to support a new warming shelter. A Historic Preservation opportunity presented itself to the chapter when the Mineral County Court Clerk requested help in cleaning, reorganizing and reboxing original vital records and documents in which nine members assisted.

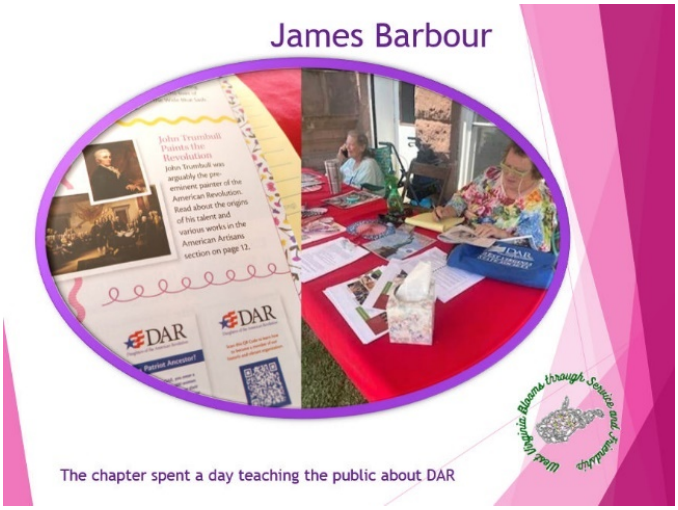
The Regent, accompanied by two other officers, attended July 4th Cumberland Historic Cemetery Organization Ceremony honoring all Revolutionary War Veterans. The Regent was one of the key speakers at the

ceremony. The grave of Capt. David Lynn, Rose Hill Cemetery was visited where a wreath was laid in his honor.

Chapter programs included presentations about preservation techniques in historic buildings by HODAR Frank Roleff and artifacts of the Keyser Fort Piano, Civil War site by HODAR and certified Archaeology Technician, David Frederick. The CMR/CAA was a team effort and completed with 100% support of the President General's Project, received 705 points on the CAA, and quadrupled the chapter's Service to America goal for the year, and then ended the year with forty-five members, an increase of 6 members! I am very proud to report that HOTP meeting attendance averages around forty percent at each meeting!

Darlene Frederick, Regent

James Barbour Chapter



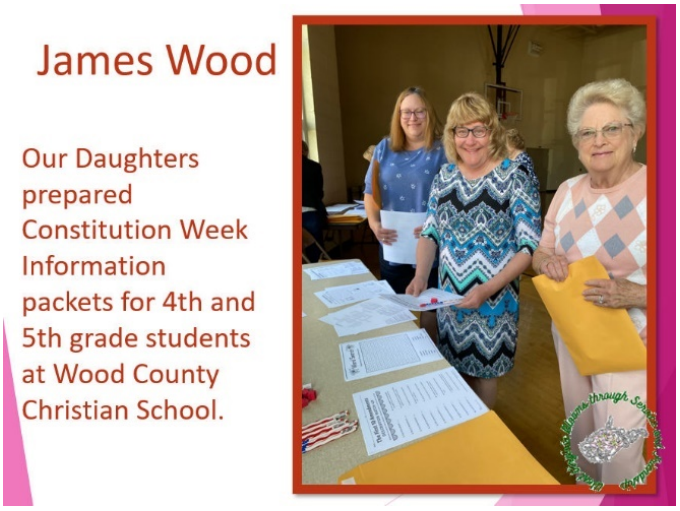
James Wood Chapter

James Wood Chapter is very proud of our contributions to the Parkersburg and Wood County community. Currently, we have seventy members and two Associates. We gained five new members by application. Unfortunately, we had three resignations due to relocation. We honored a member with her fifty-year membership pin. Our chapter holds a Memorial Service on Memorial Day for Patriots buried in Wood County. We were pleased to have Captain James Neal Sons of the American Revolution join us for the service. The service concluded with a twenty-one-gun salute.

We kicked off the new year with our annual Dues Tea and Constitution Week Celebration. We distributed 1,700 bookmarks to high school juniors and seniors. Proclamations were obtained from area mayors and the County Commission. A display was placed in the Wood County Court House Annex. We prepared Constitution Awareness packets for fourth and fifth grade students at a local parochial school.

James Wood remains committed to the youth in our area. We were pleased to award eight $1,500 scholarships to graduating high school seniors and college students. The scholarship is eligible for renewal for four years as long as a 3.0 Grade Point Average is maintained. We recognize the NJROTC Cadet of the Year with a medal and certificate. The NJROTC also presents Colors for our Guest Day meeting. Seniors from three public and three parochial

schools participated in the Good Citizen Essay Contest. Each was given a certificate and monetary award.



Veterans hold a special place in the hearts of James Wood Daughters. We always participate in the annual Veterans Day Parade. Our float saluted women's military groups. Over $500 in clothing, toiletries and snack items were delivered to the Louis A. Johnson Veterans Hospital in Clarksburg. In addition, we provide snacks monthly for the Veterans Counseling Center in Parkersburg.

The National Day of Service Project evolved after learning about how children are removed from their homes by Child Protective Services. They leave with nothing or very little that belongs to them. We prepared "Hug Bags" consisting of handmade prayer quilts, books and Care Bears that are given to children through CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates). We felt the quilts and bears would give them something to hold on to and would comfort them. We always encourage reading by including the books. Daughters were very generous with donations of books and bears. Prayers were said over the quilts as Daughters tied knots in them. This is an on-going project by James Wood. We will continue to provide additional "Hug Bags."

The monthly Surprise Gift Bag generated over $550 this year. The funds were used to support special projects in the community for Veterans, schools, and Food Banks. James Wood Daughters remain very active in the community logging 2,077 volunteer hours. They serve local food pantries, soup kitchens, church activities, crocheting scarves and hats for patients receiving cancer treatments, preparing meals for Habitat for Humanity workers, and driving seniors to appointments.

Jane Kesterson Richards, Regent

John Cooke Chapter

We did recognize two Seniors from our two county high schools as Good Citizens. We held a reception, along with the local SAR chapter, and recognized our winners and also winners of the SAR Good Citizen for eighth graders. We sent certificates, etc. to the high schools to be presented at the Annual Senior Awards Assembly.

Sadly, we lost two members this past year; Miriam Watkins and Peggy McGraw. Miriam's daughter has been contacted and would like to become a member of our chapter. We were pleased about that.



A wreath was placed on the grave of John Cooke, for whom our chapter was named.

We received a Certificate of Participation in the Boston Tea Party 250th Anniversary celebration.

We delivered Christmas gifts to our local VA Hospital and also took part in the Service to America project.

We are a struggling chapter, but hopefully we will have a better year in 2024.

Anita Lusk, Regent

John Hart Chapter



During the year of 2023 - 2024 the John Hart Chapter presented interesting and informational programs and events including the following: Women in History - Women then and now –Abigail Adams later in life was known for advocating an education in the public schools for girls that was equal to that given to boys and Col. Nicole Mann was the first female member of the Marine Corps to command a NASA space flight. Women's History Month – An article from "American Spirit Magazine" title of the article was Intrepid & Ingenious – Five remarkable women of Early America. April 26, 1776 as war with Britain rages on - Congressional Delegate John Adams writes "Posterity you will ever know how much it cost the present generation to preserve your freedom and I hope you will make good use of. History of the Mayflower Society - The Elders Prayer and The Pilgrims Pledge. War Gardens – During WWl the American people grew gardens to support the war, Victory Gardens were grown from 1942 –1945 to aid the war effort. A timeline of Colonial Gardening, 1706 Engraving of Garden Tools, list of herbs and what they were used for. Folding of the American Flag – The folding was demonstrated with the meaning of each fold. The bombing of Pearl Harbor in Hawaii on December 7, 1941, Japanese Floatplane firebombing Mount Emily State Forest in Oregon on September 9, 1942. Chapter members attended Naturalization Ceremony at the United States District Court for the Northern District of WV at Elkins, WV with Naturalized Citizens of the United States of America. The 125th anniversary of the premiere of John Philp Sousa's March, "The Stars and Stripes Forever". A proclamation sign by the Jerry A. Marco a virtue of authority vested as Mayor of the City of Elkins in the State of WV proclaim the week of September 17 through 23 as Constitution Week. John Hart Chapter Nursing Scholarship in the amount of $500.00 - taking applications from local students for the awarded in 2024.

Friend's Fort Monument was built in 1772, on a hill near Crystal Springs, Elkins, WV. The monument has been cleaned and decorated with an American flag and flowers. A book written by Dr. Col. John McCrae titled In Flanders Fields addressed the following subjects: Flanders, Belgium, Detail of soil after Wars, Poppies symbol of Remembrance: meaning Rest or Sleep as in Death, (during WWI a land where the poppies grow). Use of Horses: War Horses (conditions of fields - Wet, Muddy, and Gas). Christmas: The singing of "Silent Night." World War Troops sixteen and one half million – casualties 407,000. The War Ended on the Eleventh Month, Day, and Hour – 1918. Armistice Signed - In Versailles, France on June 28,1919. Additional Information: Unknown Soldiers - Dedicated November 11, 1921, World War II, Korea, and

Vietnam Veterans were added later. A Vietnam Veteran was identified as First Lt. Michael Blassie, USAF by DNA testing. Named Veterans Day 1954 to honors all who have served. Veterans Day - Officially passed by Congress in 1968 to Honor all Veterans.

Carolyn Corley Channell, Regent

John Young Chapter

As I look back at 2023, the chapter began to come out of the COVID years with renewed energy and anticipation for the 250 Celebration. The chapter continues to be strong in issues such as Americanism, veteran support, Community support and volunteerism, schools, women's' issues, and constitutionalism. Members continue to be active in activities that promote American freedom, patriotism, and love of country.

This is a small close-knit chapter with members who offer a variety of special skills, talents, and interests. Because of the attributes, we can be involved in many of the goals of DAR.

It is not unusual to find members working in a flag pin making workshop as well as decorating cars in preparation for the Veterans Day Parade. Great emphasis is placed on support for children and schools.



The chapter annually adopts two schools from Clay County. This started with the tragic Flood of 2016 and has continued. Members not only gather items to donate bit also visit the schools but also spend time with the students. Just this past year we wrote and presented a program to both schools on the use, care, and history of the Flag. At the conclusion of the program all students, staff, service personnel and even bus drivers were presented with one of our handmade Flag pins.

John Young Chapter is small in numbers but mighty in strength and American Spirit.

Karen Taylor, Regent

Kanawha Valley Chapter – No report

Matthew French Chapter

Margie Sentelle assisted the Princeton VVA Chapter in serving refreshments to travelers at the I-77, Exit 9 rest area. A ceremony honoring living and deceased veterans was held. In June, the eight members who attended the WV State Conference provided an overview of the event.

Twenty-three Straley Elementary students celebrated Flag Day. The students learned about the flag, created a flag wind spinner craft and participated in a Kahoot's Quiz to show what they learned. Collaborating with the SAR, stations were set up at the McNutt House depicting colonial era living, games and activities in observance of WV's Birthday (June Trolley Tour) and Bells Across America (September).

Eight members enjoyed engaging with fellow daughters at the Southern District meeting. The chapter received an America 250! Celebration Grant. Two American Patriots were remembered during Constitution Week. Many of our chapter's daughters and local citizens are descendants of Matthew French (DAR). Princeton and Mercer County, WV are named after General Hugh Mercer (SAR). A permanent display honoring them is at the McNutt House. A Constitution Week

proclamation was presented by the City of Princeton and a poster was displayed at the Princeton Public Library. Constitution Week packets were delivered to 825 1st graders and 791 4th graders in Mercer County Schools. The teachers received digital information sheets honoring our patriots. On September 17 at 4:00 p.m., bells were rung to commemorate the signing of the U.S. Constitution.



The NSDAR National Day of Prayer service was observed. Day of Service donations were collected for the VA Clinic. Three members purchased a curio cabinet to display a set of Franklin heirloom Dolls Little Maids of the 13 Colonies that were donated to our chapter. McNutt House tours were held for the Trolley Tour and Bells Across America. In December, the McNutt House was decorated for an 1840 Christmas with DAR daughters entertaining their guests in period dress. The DAR Sitting Room showcased our Patriot Tree, honoring our chapter's patriots.

David Simmons, VVA State President, was a guest speaker, sharing his experiences in Vietnam and talking about today's Vietnam veterans. Outstanding American Women's programs were "A Woman's View of the American Revolution" and "Mrs. Robert B. (Elizabeth) McNutt." A Southern Style Tea Party and program was held in support of the Boston Tea Party. The chapter received a certificate for sending loose tea to be dumped into the Boston Harbor for the 250th Anniversary reenactment.

A Flag Certificate was awarded to JoAnna Fredeking for celebrating American Independence every day. Her home proudly displays the flag and other patriotic memorabilia throughout the year. Heather Farley completed her Committee Leaders and New Horizons Courses. Michelle Sparks and Donna Brewster were recognized as Women in American History for their contributions to historical preservation. Barbara McDowell was honored for her 25 Years of Service.

Our chapter has 4 new members, 6 transfers, 1 reinstatement, and 1 member transferred out. Our chapter works tirelessly to support the Larke's administration in fulfilling the DAR's mission of historic preservation, education, and patriotism.

Stella Moon, Regent

Ohio Valley Chapter

The Ohio Valley Chapter is pleased to report the chapter activities for the past year. We have continued our genealogical research project to locate "Pioneer Women Patriots" in our area. This year we have also become actively engaged in a research project associated with the Long Reach Community and Church located between St. Marys and Sistersville/Friendly. We have information ranging from the Adena Indian settlement to 2024. Our ladies are preparing a narrative, collecting photographs and are presently interviewing local residents about the history of the area. We are preparing a grant request to assist with the cost of this project and printing a book of the findings.

During the summer of 2023, the chapter celebrated the 70th Anniversary of the Ohio Valley Chapter. Since it was the opportunity of the chapter to host the Northern District meeting, we combined both events and met in St. Marys. The Memorial Service for the District and a ten-year Memorial for members of the chapter provided a solemn occasion while the portrayal of Bess Truman by Debi Smith provided an educational interlude.



The members participated in Constitution Week by placing displays in area libraries and schools. Proclamations were signed by the Mayors of towns in St. Marys, Sistersville, Belmont, Friendly and other towns in Pleasants, Tyler and Wetzel Counties.

In October, the chapter celebrated the 130th Anniversary of the Sistersville Fire Department and First Responders. The gala event was held at the Sistersville Fire Department with firemen and EMT members in attendance. We presented the Fire Chief with a wall hanging made by Frannie Weekley, certificates, a Proclamation from the Mayor of Sistersville acknowledging the work of the brave men and women in the department and the Ohio Valley Chapter presented the Chief with a $100 Gift card to purchase needed items.

Other special events throughout the year included our participation in Community Service Day, donating many items to the Louis A. Johnson Veterans Medical Center in Clarksburg, honoring the Essay Contest Winners with certificates and a reception. We also had a reception and honored our Community Service Outstanding citizen, Historic Preservation Citizen, Proper Display of the Flag, and to an Outstanding Veteran. We do this each year to let them know we appreciate their contributions to our communities.

It has been my honor to serve as Chapter Regent and work with the dedicated and talented ladies in the Ohio Valley Chapter.

Dr. Marilyn S. Rogers, Regent

Old Hickory Chapter

Madam State Regent, the Old Hickory Chapter has had an amazing year impacting our local community! By the end of 2023, our chapter had amassed over 4100 community service hours and has worked diligently in Historic Preservation, Education and Patriotism.

In June, members waved the US Flag on Flag Day including member Mayor Rader. Our Flag Chair, Debbie Burge, held a summer Flag challenge to post a photo on Fridays with a flag while wearing red to support our troops! State Vice Regent Sandy Isner-Johnson, State Parliamentarian Brenda Cheuvront and Chapter Regent Grace Arthur represented the chapter at Continental Congress at our House Beautiful in Washington, D.C.

In July, the chapter participated in the Ripley's Largest Small-Town 4th of July festivities and held our annual Korean Veterans Memorial event. Mary Pistelli, Veterans Chair, coordinates all our veterans' events.

In August, our chapter selected a new teacher for our community classroom and Mrs. Haley Martin received over 300 dollars' worth of new items for her classroom! The chapter purchased noise cancelling headphones so her 1st graders could do their iPad work in peace.

In September, we impacted over 600 students with our constitution week packets at Kenna and Cottageville Elementary schools as well as Ripley Christian Academy. Grace Arthur was invited to Ripley Elementary to present her Constitution Week program to their 3rd-5th grade classes. We dedicated our Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Never Forget Garden while honoring our POW/MIA veterans at our first ever memorial event. This was held on Sept. 17th, 2023, and afterwards we rang the bells for Constitution Day!

In October, we had a wonderful program given by our member Mrs. Adena Barnette-Miller on the First Ladies! Afterwards we read books at the Ripley Library for DAR Day Of Service and had a craft for the children.



In November, we had our Jackson County Revolutionary War Patriot Bench Dedication. We identified 12 patriots that lived in Jackson County around the time of the Revolution and placed their names on a permanent bench at Veterans Point.

In December, we held the Boston Tea Party event in coordination with the City of Ripley's Christmas Parade. We had a photo booth, Table displays for History of the Boston Tea Party, History of the US Flag, History of Sewing, Conservation: American Chestnut Tree, Patriotism and a Tea Party with tea samples from the ship! Over 150 people attended, and we distributed a PowerPoint Presentation and a worksheet to all elementary students in Jackson County. Over 2000 students learned about the Boston Tea Party due to our efforts. We also held our annual Wreaths Across America event where we laid 12 wreaths for patriots at Veterans Point in Ripley.

We have spent most of Jan and February planning out the remainder of the year for all the projects on the horizon that will have a lasting impact on our community for years to come. Madam State Regent, it is an honor to serve in your administration.

Geneal Bailey, Regent

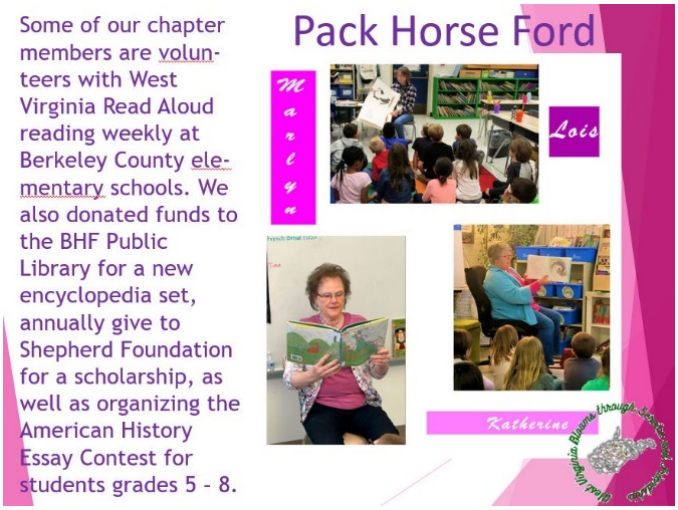
Pack Horse Ford Chapter

Seventy essays for grades 5-8 from 3 schools were collected for the American History Essay Contest. Awards were presented to nine students who placed 1-3. Three of our students placed first on the state level. We had one first place and two second place winners for the division.

In April we hosted the Naturalization Ceremony reception for 40 new American citizens at the Martinsburg Federal Court House and presented the Good Citizen Award and the JROTC Medal Award students at the USAF JROTC Awards Ceremony at Jefferson High School. Both recipients received a $100 scholarship.

For April, the Month of the Military Child, the Project Patriot Committee supported two local Purple Star Program Schools: Gerrardstown Elementary School and Mountain Ridge Intermediate School. Lois Kimble and Katherine Genung read to classrooms at both schools.

The Committee led by chair, Kim Sencindiver, sponsored a “military section” in each of the two school libraries. Nine military related books were presented to each library. Military children in both schools were given certificates of appreciation. Kim made wooden plaques for each school library. Kim and chapter members attended the official grand opening of both library military sections.



Our chapter partnered with the Shepherdstown Public Library to celebrate Grandparents Day in September. Eighty adults with children attended the event. Activities included a photo booth, craft tables to make greeting cards and a simple family tree, and story time. This project was the brainchild of Women’s Issues Chair Ruth McQuade, daughter of Marian McQuade, founder of Grandparents Day.

Service for Veterans Committee coordinated the collection of gift items and stuffed 90 Christmas stockings for patients at VA Medical Center in Martinsburg. The committee also provided the 125th Anniversary of the DAR Hospital Corps commemoration program for our November luncheon.

The Boston Tea Party 250th anniversary was celebrated in December. This was the theme of our chapter’s float for the Shepherdstown Christmas Parade. Kim Sencindiver transformed our float into a tea ship! Over twenty members and guests including Jane Larke, State Regent, attended a traditional tea party at the home of Rosalind Grenfell. Attendees were treated to a lesson on traditional tea service with historic teas and a Boston Tea Party history lesson.

For the DAR National Day of Service Chapter members collected 217 pounds of goods for Jefferson County Community Ministries. The chapter donated $900 towards a set of the World Book Encyclopedia for the Bolivar-Harpers Ferry Library. We presented our 2023-2024 Ruth Power Thacher academic scholarship at Shepherd University to Marygrace Pavlik, Elementary Education and Psychology major. Lt Col Donald Carpenter, Commander of the 167th Communications Squadron, West Virginia Air National Guard, our special guest for the chapter picnic in June, provided a program on cyber security.

In February, we celebrated our 108th anniversary at a Bavarian Inn luncheon and were entertained by a program provided by Historian Kathy Klein: “1774: The Road to Revolution” which featured members dressed in period clothing.

Cindy Nicewarner, Regent

Peters Mountain Chapter

At our monthly meetings we continued to stress Service to America, Community Classroom, and posting our volunteer hours. The collection and processing empty pill bottles for use in overseas medical missions continues. Greeting card fronts went to St. Jude’s Ranch for Children. We sent seeds to Hindman for their continued project as well as a monetary donation. Requests for birthday cards made known to us on the old Facebook page were honored. Our members have embraced Operation Paperback and have sent books to our active military.

Our yearly service to the Veteran's Hospital in Beckley included the purchase of several hundreds of dollars of underwear (shorts, tee shirts and socks) along with toiletries. We are fortunate to have a local elementary school teacher who embraces patriotic education. In 2023 we saw approximately 40 children in the 4th grade present a program on the Preamble, Pledge to the Flag and the American's Creed for which each child was awarded a certificate, pocket Constitution, a small flag, and an ice cream sandwich by the Chapter.



Our teacher moved to 2nd Grade last August and encountered a classroom storage problem. Our Chapter stepped in and purchased Chair Sack Pockets that fit over the back of student desk chairs for each student. The Chapter also provided arts and crafts materials for the children to create Valentine cards for the local nursing home.

Another project for our Community Classroom was creation of karate-like belts in different colors for 2nd grade class. The Ninja Math curricula our teacher uses involves several stages and the belts were going to be used as awards for mastery of each step. The teacher provided the fabric and the children were excited about learning math with this incentive she came up with. Kudos to the Daughter who did all the sewing.

In 2023 approximately 600 flags were set at 7 cemeteries honoring veterans for Memorial Day Weekend. We were assisted by the Pike View HS JROTC and our local American Legion Post, which has provided us additional flags as many of ours were no longer serviceable. Two members placed flags along the main street in Peterstown. This activity was repeated for Veteran's Day.

The Chapter invited the public to attend a Bell Ringing Ceremony on September 17th in the town's Gazebo Park. An informative program preceded the ringing which was followed by refreshments. We used patriotic artwork by the 4th graders to decorate the Gazebo for the public's enjoyment. Souvenirs for the public included little bells, pocket Constitutions, patriotic bookmarks, and small flags. A local storefront in Peterstown allowed us to create a "window" for Constitution Week and one member created a table display for the library.

The Chapter has continued cooking and serving supper for the local Rotary Club twice a month. The Chapter nearly tripled its Service hour goal.

We have 3 active Prospective Members working on their documentation. Unfortunately, we lost four members since last spring. We continue to encourage new membership.

Virginia Buttel, Regent

Shenandoah Valley Chapter

In May, members attended State Conference. They celebrated teacher appreciation Day by distributing York Peppermint Patties with a specially designed sticker. Members recognized General Adam Stephens at a service in Martinsburg by laying a wreath. A display was arranged at the Martinsburg Heritage Faire from May 13th-14th which presented the upcoming America 250 Celebration. At our meeting we welcomed three new members and honored two members with fifty years of service and one with sixty years of service. Over the Memorial Day weekend

members organized and worked a rummage sale where contributions supported the purchase of a patriotic book for every Kindergarten classroom in Berkeley County.

In June, the Chapter held its annual Veterans Dinner at the Arden U.M. Family Life Center. We are happy to report over eighty guests in attendance and everyone enjoyed a wonderful meal, dessert, and the entertainment of the Blue/Gray Chorus. In July, four members attended Continental Congress with one serving as a Page. All thoroughly enjoyed the West Virginia Breakfast. In August, members displayed a booth at the week-long Berkeley County Youth Fair to provide Chapter brochures and educate the public of our Patriots and on the upcoming America 250 Celebrations! We were joined by the John Augustine Washington Society, C.A.R. who provided face painting.



In September, we obtained Constitution Proclamations from the City Council of Martinsburg, Berkeley County Council, our own Chapter, and the Student Council of Musselman High School. Our members celebrated September 17th in our usual manner by ringing bells at the Historic Martinsburg Courthouse, with some in colonial dress. The proceeds from the rummage sale were used to purchase 67 copies of the book "ABC America, Land That I Love" written by West Virginia resident, Theresa Gordon.

In October, members celebrated a Day of Service by organizing and staffing a blood drive with the American Red Cross. Our drive exceeded their goal. Ladies also attended a meeting of our Book Club which enjoyed stimulating discussion of the book, "The Jamestown Brides: The Bartered Wives of the New World."

In November, Veterans were honored with a wreath laying at War Memorial Park in Martinsburg. In December, speaker Don Silvius, a member of the Berkeley County Historical Society, presented "Colonial Berkeley" to members in attendance. We also celebrated the news of two new members. A "Gift Wrap for Honor Flight" event was held at Darkesville U.M. Church, with members in attendance to wrap gifts from 1-5 pm. To commemorate the 250th Anniversary of the Boston Tea Party Shenandoah Valley displayed a 40" by 40" lighted Tea Pot in front of Musselman High School with a banner facing Route 11, The Great Indian (And Wagon) Road.

In January, our Chapter honored member Barbara Ann Frankenberry for her community service. We held our semi-annual Board of Management meeting to plan for events.

In March, three American History Essay winners were honored at Arden U.M. Life Center with a cookie and punch reception. Chapter winners received a certificate and a metal flag pin.

Jerell Wright, Regent

South Branch Valley Chapter

The Daughters of South Branch Valley Chapter are pleased to report that we have 46 members and 3 associate members. We received 4 new members this year and 1 reinstatement. The highlight of our November meeting was a visit from State Regent, Jane Larke and Eastern District Director, Margie Ways. Both ladies shared information about our upcoming state conference and the ongoing state projects. Our chapter has been very active with our Service to

America activities. We donated money and baby items to babies born in Okinawa. In keeping with promoting literacy, we collected 312 books for our Service in Seconds project and presented them to the Head Start programs in Hampshire, Hardy and Grant Counties. We made two deliveries of clothing and toiletries to the Martinsburg VA Center.



For our National DAR Day of Service Project, we had a program presented by Ed Cole, Sons of the American Revolution, gave a detailed program about his ancestry and relationship to Hardy County Patriot John Redmon and an overview of what he is currently working on in Oak Hill Cemetery in Moorefield. There is much work to be done in the cemetery as there have been 325 unmarked graves identified as well as 125 graves that are marked only with a stone or metal plate and others that have neither. His goal is to make the cemetery a memorial garden and to map the gravesites in the cemetery. Our service project was to clean the headstones in the cemetery. At each meeting we have a show and tell time. During the program on the Boston Tea Party, members brought tea pots, tea cups, mugs, an antique spoon glass and tea tiles. At another meeting we were shown a safe house flag used in the Civil War. In November, we viewed antique Christmas decorations.

Our chapter donated the book, *Spies, Soldiers, Couriers and Saboteurs (ages 8-12)*, to the county library in our four area counties. We also presented the book, *Memorial Address on the Life and Character of John Edward Kenna*, to the WV Achieves. A book by the son of a former member, *The Rowe's Garden: A Journey Through Time*, was accepted by the DAR Library at National Headquarters.

Our members almost tripled our Service to America goal for 2023. Our Constitution Week chair along with two other members made new posters to be displayed during Constitution Week. We were able to place 10 displays in local schools and libraries throughout our 4-county area. Three of our members participated in different activities for Veteran's Day. They attended programs at local schools and also at a local nursing home.

Even though our chapter is spread across four counties we were active in our schools, churches, historical and service organizations as we bloom through service and friendship.

Judith A. Bowyer, Regent

Tanner's Cross Roads Chapter

Constitution Week we visited a couple of our 5th grade classes, presenting flags, code books, and talked about the Constitution. Then, one school had the Sojourner's there to talk about building a flag.

Our ladies provided fifteen dozen cookies and a project of beads, string, and words on the Boston Tea Party to help Old Hickory Chapter with their celebration on the 250th Anniversary of the Boston Tea Party. Left-over cookies were given to the Jackson County, ETM, fire and police departments. Our Chapter celebrated by taking pictures with a ship backdrop as we each threw tea boxes overboard.



We met the meet the gold of Spread the Sparkle Challenge this year with four new members. In time for Valentine's Day, we collected and sent off sixty signed cards and individually wrapped candy to our active-duty service members. Presently we are collecting vegetable, herb, and flower seeds for Hindman Settlement School.

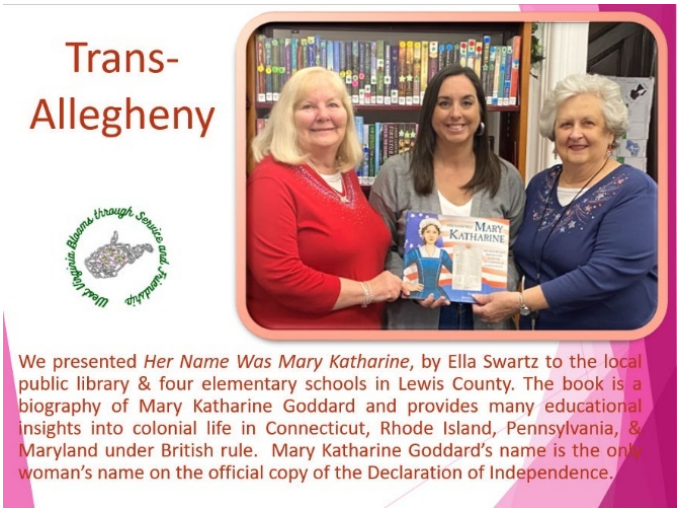
Again, this year our chapter went above and beyond our service to America hours.

Kathy L. Harper Kidd, Regent

Trans Allegheny Chapter

Madam State Regent, this Chapter Regent of the Trans-Allegheny Chapter reports that the Chapter members chose the DAR themes of Historic Preservation and Education and Literacy as its focus beginning January and continuing through December 2023.

Our members learned about historic preservation at the Museum of American Glass in West Virginia in Weston and the 115-year-old Berdine's Five and Dime Store in Harrisville. In June, the Chapter transitioned to the theme of Education. In September, the Chapter provided Education to the community during Constitution Week by creating displays at the Hackers Creek Pioneer Descendants' Library (HCPD) and the Louis Bennett Public Library (LBPL). It received the Constitution Week Proclamation from the state, which Governor Jim Justice signed.



As its DAR Day of Service, the Chapter chose a project that combined the President General's and WVDAR State Regent's focus on literacy. It donated the DAR award-winning children's book by Ella Swartz, *Her Name Was Mary Catharine*, to the LBPL in Weston and four local elementary schools. A member presented a program about the character in the book, a real Revolutionary War Era heroine. This service project involved American history, heritage, Education, and Literacy.

Educating District members about Application/Supplementals, the Chapter sponsored a members' New Horizon's Capstone Project consisting of a Genealogy Workshop guided by the WVDAR State Supplemental Application Team and a guided tour of the HCPD. Thirty-two Daughters and a SAR member throughout Central District attended the all-day workshop led by State Registrar Patsy Adkins and the SAT members.

During the December meeting, the Chapter visited the historic Adaland Mansion in Philippi and celebrated the 250th Anniversary of the Boston Tea Party. Members learned about the DAR Patriot, Sarah Bradley Fulton, who was the leader of the Daughters of Liberty and named the

“Mother of the Boston Tea Party.” The Chapter agreed to recognize America 250! by purchasing book collections based on the Story of the Founding Fathers and donating to the LBPL and the four elementary schools’ libraries.

The Chapter gained two new members. It had three resignations due to illness and other reasons. Our Registrar is assisting a prospective member with her application. Members stayed active in volunteer services by tutoring, reading to children, helping the elderly, working on DAR, and participating in community and faith activities, earning 1117 volunteer hours.

Continuing to provide genealogical educational opportunities to the community, the Chapter donated the WVDAR-published book *Genealogical, Burial and Service Data for Revolutionary Patriots Buried in West Virginia* to the HCPD library. A member submitted Patriot ancestors’ information for this book.

This officer and the VIS Chair provided Facebook announcements and a monthly newsletter to educate members about DAR, the President General’s Message, the National Defense Report, and other committee-related information.

Always striving to learn more about DAR, a member completed GEP I, II, III, and New Horizons courses. This Chapter Regent is proud of the accomplishments of the Chapter and its interest in supporting historic preservation, education, and literacy as it combines the past with future endeavors.

Theresa Blake, Regent

Westmoreland Chapter

During March, Westmoreland DAR chapter hosted Hershel Woody Williams VA Medical Center’s Director Brian Nimmo. Nimmo spoke on the services and care provided to Veterans. Page Stevenson held a genealogy workshop in March. Participants learned how to search for data and documents using sites such as Ancestry.com and Family Search. In April, our members learned about beekeeping and presented beekeeper, Ermel Cook, with a conservation award. Members also attended the WV State DAR Conference in April. May saw new members being inducted during a fabulous tea party held at The Ramsdell House in Ceredo. Members donated items for and helped with a baby shower for female veterans held at the VA Medical Center in Huntington. Many awards were also presented during May to JROTC Cadets and Good Citizens.

In June members served as volunteers at the Veteran’s Picnic. Members also worked and planned to host the Western District Meeting which was held in July and was a great success. In August executive board members met to plan the upcoming year. In September, Ceredo Mayor Paul Billups spoke to the group on the Constitution and presented the city of Ceredo’s Constitution Week Proclamation. In October, our ladies held a luncheon and award ceremony for Wayne County Female First Responders. Daughter Stephanie Smith submitted an article for this event which was later published in the National Defender. In October, members participated in a Service to America project by collecting goods for the Fisher House near the VA Medical Center.

In November, members participated in the Ceredo Veterans Day Parade. Members also researched and created presentations about Veteran family members and gave these presentations to the Daughters during their November meeting. In December, members helped organize and execute Wreaths Across America at Crescent Hill Cemetery in Ceredo, WV. Members distributed coffee, cocoa, and cookies and sung the National Anthem. Members held their annual Christmas meeting, which was held at the Fisher House and where members also donated their Service to America items.



In January members worked diligently to prepare the Chapter Master Report. February members donated numerous baked goods to the Veterans Home in Barboursville. Our ladies met to create beautiful hand-made Valentine Cards as well as birthday Cards. During February, Daughter Page Stevenson visited a Wayne Elementary preschool classroom where she discussed gravity and performed experiments with students. In March, the daughters met with Heritage Farm Director Audy Perry to learn about this Wayne County treasure's history and the future vision for the farm.

Throughout the year, Daughters Ann Grimes and Wylma Skean worked to help create Quilts of Valor for Veterans at Woodlands Retirement Center. Daughter Judith Workman also worked with students monthly to create a craft. Many ladies volunteered their time as church leaders and members of choirs. Daughters mailed birthday cards monthly to veterans at the Veterans Home in Barboursville.

Overall, 2023 was a great year for Westmoreland Chapter, and we hope to see great growth in the next year.

Stephanie Smith, Regent

Wheeling Chapter

Following State Conference, the Wheeling Chapter welcomed Christine Schlesser from McKinley Engineering for a presentation about the $8 million-dollar, 10-year renovation of the historic Fort Henry Club. In June, the chapter met at beautiful Sandscrest Retreat Center. We welcomed new members, Maureen Barte, Kathleen Rohrig, Marla Crabtree, Patricia Weinschenker, Janice Swain, and Denise Dunfee. We also collected donations for the Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center in Clarksburg and held our annual auction with proceeds going to the Fort Van Metre restoration project. Roseanna Keller, our Veterans Chair, delivered over $1000 worth of supplies, books, games, quilts, and lap blankets to the VA Medical Center over the summer.

In September, the Wheeling Chapter participated in Fort Henry Days to commemorate on of the last battles of the American Revolution. Followed by our September meeting with Jay Frey, President of the Fort Henry Chapter SAR, and Honorary Regent, Debi Smith, bringing us up to date on the McColloch's Leap and Fort Van Metre projects. Also, that month, Regent, Lisa McNeil, attended the Wheeling City Council meeting to receive the proclamation for Constitution Week by the City of Wheeling.

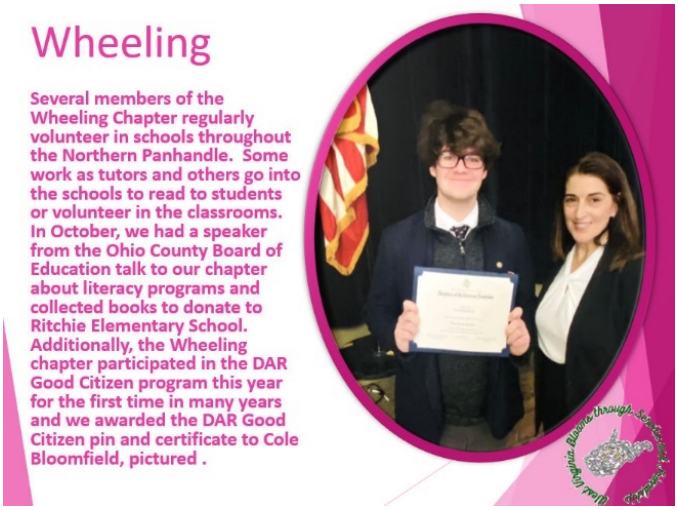
The Wheeling Chapter ended the year with the culmination of a long-term project – the restoration and rededication of the Fort VanMetre monument. The marker was placed by the Wheeling Chapter in 1935 on a site near the original Fort to honor those Patriots who served to help gain the independence of America. Fort Van Metre was under the leadership of Major Samuel McColloch, a local hero who was an instrumental commander in the Revolutionary War.

The dedication ceremony took place over the weekend following the dedication of the "bookend" project – the McColloch's Leap Monument by the Fort Henry Chapter of the SAR.

Two Wheeling Chapter members, Debi Smith, and Jeanne Finstein were on the planning committee for that project, as well. The total cost for both projects was over $100,000.

Also in November, for our Veterans Day luncheon, Dave Schoerian, spoke about his experiences in Vietnam. Attending were members of the Fort Henry Chapter SAR and guests of our members.

In December, the Wheeling Chapter DAR and Fort Henry Chapter held a joint Christmas luncheon meeting. We collected toys for the House of the Carpenter and donations for the Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center in Clarksburg. We received an update from Jim Ambrose, President of Tipping Point Development regarding the Gateway Center Project in downtown Wheeling.



At our February meeting, Barbara McFarland shared her experiences of visiting over one hundred lighthouses around the country and the history associated with them. We also had a Chapter “show and tell” where members shared their family heirlooms and stories about their Patriots.

The Wheeling Chapter added twelve new members over the last year and exceeded our Service to America hours. We are looking forward to dedicating a plaque in honor of Lafayette later this spring and hosting the Northern District Meeting later this summer.

Lisa McNeil, Regent

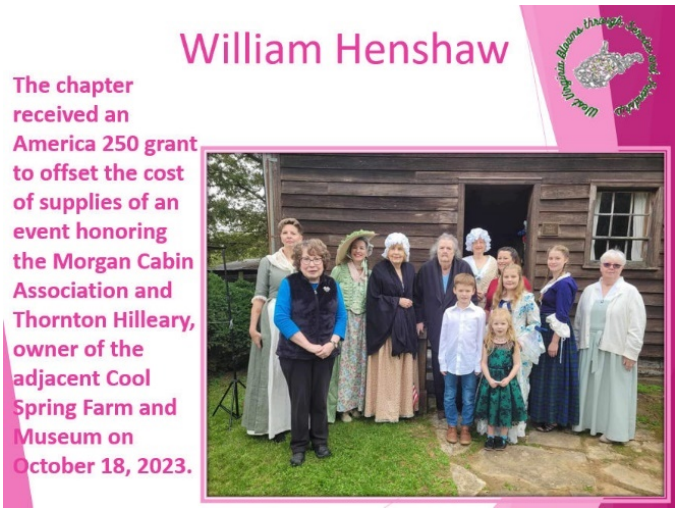
William Henshaw Chapter

The William Henshaw Chapter, NSDAR, completed an active and historic year in 2023. On the cusp of the chapter’s 125th year of existence, as the oldest NSDAR chapter in the State of WV, the William Henshaw chapter has made strides to move into a technological future. The January meeting began with a planning session that started our work for the year. Planning began in earnest for the Heritage Faire, scheduled for May 13th and 14th, 2023 at the Martinsburg Roundhouse. Local NSDAR chapters were invited to attend and share information with prospective members. A fundraiser was planned with a gift basket raffle sale as well as chapter chocolate bars. The essay contest held each year, resulted in six hundred and forty-five essay responses from Hedgesville Middle School. Records for the chapter were moved into the new county building, previously the county jail.

The arrival of March featured additional planning for the Heritage Faire event, with a report of fifty-nine vendors responding thus far. Members of the chapter provided skits on both days of the event and planning began on those activities. A Veteran’s collection was planned for a special meeting at the end of April. The March meeting concluded with the honoring of the sixth and seventh grade first place winners of the annual essay contest. Invitees received a pin, certificate, ribbon and check for their participation and winning entries.

The month of April brought additional planning for the Heritage Faire and a program on the History of Earth day in celebration of the April Earth Day event. May brought the WV DAR conference at Canaan Valley and attendance by six members of the chapter as voting members. The Heritage Faire, months in the planning, occurred on May 13th and 14th. The chapter

contributed tables with information on DAR membership, as well as a skit on patriotic music on May 13th and a play entitled *A Day with Martha Washington*, performed on May 14th. Participating members of the chapter wore period dress to further enlighten patrons on the music and mores of the 18th century. Four DAR chapters participated in the event overall.



The month of June brought the close out of the chapter year with a social meeting that included momentous news and actions as well. The chapter voted to participate in the Heritage Faire for 2024. The members were made aware of the awards received at the May state conference, including a Certificate of Award for the American History Essay Contest Participation and Certificate of Award for Outstanding Job by Registrar obtaining 1-3 new members.

July featured two special meetings by the chapter. Although not scheduled meetings during the summer months, the two special meetings provided training to the members and discussion of the incorporation of the chapter, as recommended by both the state and national NSDAR. In the month of August, five members of the chapter attended the Eastern District meeting in Berkeley Springs. September brought the new year for DAR activities. The chapter approved the incorporation of the chapter and the planning for the year's events began in earnest. The chapter approved the concept of an America's 250th grant application. September 9th was the annual Morgan Cabin Days, with members of the chapter attending to provide information on DAR membership and membership in the William Henshaw chapter particularly. Constitution week was honored with the ringing of the bells on September 17th.

October brought the Day of Service at the Historic Morgan Cabin. The chapter received news that the America's 250 grant was approved for the chapter's use and funds purchased certificates that were distributed on October 18th at the Morgan Morgan Cabin to honor the owner of the adjacent Morgan Morgan property and officers of the Morgan Cabin association. The chapter served as hosts for the October 27th Naturalization Ceremony.

The month of November saw the honoring of the nation's veterans at a ceremony at War Memorial Park on November 11th. Seven members of the chapter attended the laying of the wreath by the chapter. Member Heidi Wilkinson spearheaded a collection program for toiletry items and personal health care items which began during the month of November. The meeting in November featured decisions on the use of the remaining America's 250 grant proceeds. A bench was purchased for dedication at the Morgan Cabin location on November 19th, along with grave markers for the chapter namesake, William Henshaw at nearby Christ Church graveyard.

The month of December concluded the activities of the year with a social event and commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the Boston Tea Party. Carolyn Scheydt created ornaments to commemorate to the date and provided them to members as Christmas keepsakes. Co-chairs Carolyn Scheydt and Deborah E. Hammond successfully completed the CMR for the chapter before the end of 2023.

Julia Gates, Regent

Woodburn Chapter

Woodburn Chapter completed one large project in 2023. We successfully nominated Forest Jackson (Jack) Bowman for the NSDAR Historic Preservation Medal. We learned he was a winner in mid-March 2023 and immediately had the certificate and medal framed. As WVU Student Body President in 1959, Mr. Bowman learned of the intended scrapping of the USS West Virginia, a survivor of Pearl Harbor. When contacted, the Navy agreed to give the ship's mast to WVU, providing we could get it from Bremerton, WA to Morgantown, WV. With much work, the B&O RR agreed to ship it for free. It arrived in Morgantown, March 17, 1961 and stands sentinel on WVU's Downtown Campus. WVDAR Historic Preservation Chair, April Norris, and I gave a presentation on the USS West Virginia and the award to Jack Bowman at the WVDAR State Conference. Upon hearing it, President General Pamela Rouse Wright asked that the award be presented to Jack on opening night of the 132nd Continental Congress on the stage of Constitution Hall. What a night it was, to see Jack on stage. NSDAR Historic Preservation Chair, Liz Hotchkiss arranged for Jack's wife, Myla, WVDAR Historic Preservation Chair, April Norris and sponsoring Woodburn Chapter Regent, Joan Gibson, to sit in the President Generals Reserve Section….in the center, 4 rows back from the stage. Liz asked the 3 of us to stand and be recognized. The next day we were recognized at the Historic Preservation Luncheon where pictures of the USS West Virginia were being projected. Woodburn Chapter was delighted to obtain this award for Jack Bowman, who had never been recognized for procuring the mast of the USS West Virginia. There was unfinished business…at the Mason-Dixon Civil War Roundtable Picnic (Jack founded this group) in July, Regent Gibson was able to officially present Jack Bowman with the first award, scheduled to be presented on June 20 at the WVU Library. It had to be changed to a "celebration" due to the official "presentation" at Congress the next week.



Dr. Joan R. Gibson, Regent

Ye Towne of Bath Chapter

The chapter has enrolled in Word Press and Zoom so that our distant and infirmed members can join our monthly meetings. New, updated brochures have been designed and printed to interest potential members to our chapter.

In June, we hosted the 4th annual "Tea Party in the Park" at the Berkeley Springs State Park to commemorate Flag Day. Members wore period clothing while serving tea and scones. Visitors learned about the history of the flag and Betsy Ross. Everyone who attended made a 3 cornered hat to wear home. A free marigold, an American flag and a Flag code booklet was given to each family. Four days later, on Flag Day, the chapter attended the flag retiring ceremony at the local American Legion. Our Vice-Regent, Helen Kerns, gave information about how DAR was instrumental in adopting the flag code. Local Boy Scout Troop 20 led the ceremony.

During 2023 our chapter adopted four schools to donate 150 new books for their book vending machines and 250 gently used books to the schools lending library. August had our

chapter hosting the annual Eastern District meeting at the newly renovated Cacapon State Park Lodge. Sixty-two daughters from all over West Virginia attended. Melissa Shod of the Family Apothecary Store presented a program about the clothing worn in the late 1700's.

Our DAR outreach to the community included displays in two local libraries (Hancock, MD and Morgan County.) Month long topics including Women Suffrage, the Whiskey Rebellion, the Constitution and a Salute to All Veterans. The chapter also donated 2 subscriptions of the DAR magazine to the local high school to use as reference materials. In May member Helene Kerns, presented a program on "Women in the Military." She was a civilian attached to a joint task force in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Helene modeled the clothing worn by Saudi women. The outfit is called an "abeya" and it covers most of the body.



We are continuing to work on restoring the Olde English Cemetery that was annexed to the town of Berkeley Springs this past year. Using videos and the internet we are educating ourselves to the correct way to move forward. Over $2000 has been granted to us from the Bath Hotel/Motel Tax Fund to cover expenses.

We look forward to the coming year to continue the many activities that we do for DAR and our community.

Gail Potter, Regent

2024-2025
Including the
120th STATE CONFERENCE
April 11-13, 2025
Bridgeport Conference Center at Charles Pointe

Email Vote Requested By The State Regent
November 2, 2024
Via Email

To comply with our Financial Policies and Procedures, an email vote was taken for approval of a request to apply for the DAR America 250 Celebration grant. The grant would pay for 50 copies of the book "Our Patriots Coloring Book" sold by the DAR Store to supply to children visiting the West Virginia Cultural Center during the holiday season. Expenses are book cost, $547.50, 15% bulk discount, -82.13; shipping, $35.00; tax, $30.02; for a total expense of $539.39. The grant request is for $500, leaving the balance to be paid by the State Regents Project. Results of the votes returned were 6 yes votes. The expenditure was approved, and the grant was submitted.

Email Vote Requested By The State Regent

December 13, 2024
Via Email

To comply with our Financial Policies and Procedures, an email vote was taken for approval to pay Classic Bronze Resources, LLC, for the America 250 Patriot Marker, sponsored by WVDAR. The marker was previously approved and will be placed in Shepherdstown at Morgan's Grove Park. The cost of the marker is $5,722.00. Funds for the project will come from the money transferred to the America 250 line from the Cheryl Brown State Regent Project. Results of the votes returned were 7 yes votes. The expenditure was approved.

Email Vote Requested By The State Regent

February 4, 2025
Via Email

To comply with our Financial Policies and Procedures, an email vote was taken to send a check to Tamassee DAR School for $5,851.58, the final amount left in the Tamassee line item that was due to them. This would close out the account, action which was approved at our last state conference. Results of the votes returned were 6 yes votes. The expenditure was approved.

WVDAR Executive Committee Meeting

Thursday, April 10, 2025
Wingate Board Room, Wyndham Hotel, Bridgeport, West Virginia

State Regent Jane Larke, opened the WVDAR Executive Committee meeting on Thursday, April 10, 2025, at 8:29 p.m. State Regent Larke welcomed and thanked officers, for attending the meeting which preceded the 120th State Conference.

The invocation was given by State Chaplain, Barbara Holt. Mrs. Holt was thanked by State Regent Larke.

State Regent Larke introduced the guests in attendance: Karen Kurilko, State Chair, Finance Committee; Cathy Hebb, State Chair, Audit Committee; and Ericka Cheuvront, State VIS Chair.

Mrs. Larke appointed the following to approve the minutes: Sandra Isner-Johnson (chair), Barbara Holt, and Vickie Baker.

Recording Secretary called the roll and the following were present: State Regent Jane Larke; State Vice Regent Sandra Isner-Johnson; State Chaplain Barbara Holt; State Recording Secretary Katherine Genung; State Corresponding Secretary Cynthia Kolsun, excused; State Organizing Secretary Vickie Baker; State Treasurer Vicky Shears, present via ZOOM; State Registrar Patsy Adkins; State Historian Darla Treat Courtney; State Librarian Gail Potter; and State Parliamentarian Brenda Cheuvront.

The Secretary's Report was given noting that the minutes from the prior Executive Meeting on April 4, 2024 were approved by a committee composed of Patsy Adkins (chair), Darla Treat Courtney, and Gail Potter. They were distributed by email.

The State Regent reminded attendees that three votes had been taken by the Executive Committee in the past year, which all needed to be ratified. Mrs. Genung moved to ratify the vote taken to approve $535.39 for the purchase of 50 Patriot Coloring Books to be used to

comply with the goals set forth in WVDAR's Celebrate America Grant request. The motion was seconded by State Registrar Patsy Adkins. The motion carried.

Mrs. Genung then moved to ratify the vote taken for the expenditure of $5,722.00 for the purchase of an America 250 marker to commemorate the Bee Line March. The motion was seconded by State Historian, Darla Treat Courtney. The motion carried.

Mrs. Genung then moved to ratify the vote taken to approve the expenditure of $5,851.58 to Tamassee DAR School to close the Tamassee account. The motion was seconded by State Organizing Secretary Vickie Baker. The motion carried.

The State Regent asked if any officer wished to report. The State Regent, State Vice Regent, State Chaplain, State Recording Secretary and State Organizing Secretary all deferred until Saturday. State Regent Larke noted that the State Corresponding Secretary's report was filed.

The State Regent requested that Mrs. Cathy Hebb, State Chair of the Audit Committee present the Audit Report of the State Society's financial records for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. Mrs. Hebb reported that the Committee reviewed financial information which Mrs. Shears had provided. The committee agreed that the records were in good order and that their contents appeared reasonable. The statements appeared to fairly represent the financial position and the revenues and expenses of the organization. State Organizing Secretary Vickie Baker moved that the Audit Committee Report for the period 2023-24 be accepted as presented. State Registrar Patsy Adkins seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Attachment 15).

The State Regent thanked Mrs. Hebb and the members of the Audit Committee for a job well done. Officer reports continued with the State Registrar and State Historian deferring until Saturday. The State Librarian reported that only two books had been donated to National this year. It is getting harder to find acceptable books. The State Treasurer, Vicky Shears presented her Treasurer's Report via ZOOM. (Attachment 16).

Mrs. Shears made special note to congratulate the State Regent on achieving the goal she had set at the beginning of her administration to raise $20,000 to support her three State Regent projects. Lastly, Mrs. Shears recommended that since some of the investment accounts had reached $100,000 in value, that it might be wise for the next Administration to appoint an Investment Committee that will meet on a regular basis with the financial advisor and assure investments are getting the most return for WVDAR.

State Parliamentarian, Brenda Cheuvront read the proposed Standing Rules for the 120th State Conference.

1. Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall be the parliamentary authority of this State Conference as stated in the Bylaws of the West Virgini a State Society of the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution.
2. The work of the State Conference shall function under Standing Rules.
3. The report of the Corresponding Secretary, who presents the State Conference Program, shall become the order of business for the State Conference.
4. The State Conference shall be one session, recessing from meeting to meeting within the session. If the Program is unfinished at the hour set for recess, it shall be resumed at the point where the recess was taken.
5. Delegates are requested to be in their seats at the opening of each meeting.
6. An alternate registered before the official closing of registration, upon compliance with announced requirements of the Credentials committee, may be transferred from alternate to eligible voting member at any time during the business meeting of the Conference.
7. Only registered delegates and other voting members of the conference shall be entitled to make motions, debate, and vote. Any member desiring the floor shall give her name and the name of her chapter upon recognition by the presiding officer.

8. The State Regent will appoint timekeepers. During business or discussion periods, each speaker shall be limited to two (2) minutes. Time may be extended only with consent of the Assembly, granted by a two-thirds vote without debate.

9. Delegates are entitled to speak once on a question, limited to (2) minutes. The delegates of the state conference may extend or limit debate, granted by a 2/3 vote.

10. Motions, upon request of the Chair, shall be written, signed by the mover, and sent to the Recording Secretary immediately upon presentation.

11. All State Officers shall give a report limited to two (2) minutes. All other reports and material for the Proceedings of the Conference shall be filed with the Recording Secretary.

12. Nominations for the nominating committee members will occur on Saturday morning immediately after the officers' reports. There shall be no nomination speeches. During nominations from the floor, the delegate shall ONLY announce the nomination as follows: "(Name of delegate making the nomination), (name of her chapter); I nominate (name of nominee) of (name of nominee's chapter) for the position of (nomination committee member) to represent (name of district)"

13. Complete minutes of the State Conference shall be approved by a committee consisting of not less than three (3) State Board members appointed by the State Regent.

14. Cell phones and other electronic devices shall be silenced during any session or related event of the State Conference. If a phone or device rings or otherwise interrupts the conference, the member shall donate $25 to the State Regent's Project.

15. Announcements will be read at the close of each meeting by the Conference Chairs(s).

It was noted by several members of the Executive Committee that there was an error in the wording of Section 12 of the Standing Rules. They were corrected to read as follows:

12. Nominations for the executive committee members will occur on Saturday morning immediately after the officers' reports. There shall be no nomination speeches. During nominations from the floor, the delegate shall ONLY announce the nomination as follows: "(Name of delegate making the nomination), (name of her chapter); I nominate (name of nominee) of (name of nominee's chapter) for the position of (executive committee member)."

Katherine Genung, State Recording Secretary moved that the Standing Rules for the 120th State Conference as corrected by the State Parliamentarian be adopted. It was seconded by State Chaplain, Barbara Holt. The motion carried and the State Regent noted they would advance to the Board of Management as Recommendation 1. The State Regent thanked Mrs. Cheuvront for presenting the Standing Rules.

State Vice Regent Sandra Isner-Johnson presented the Conference Program. A correction noted was Page 3, change Ginny to Ginnie There being no further errors noted, Mrs. Isner-Johnson moved the adoption of the program, as corrected and subject to any further changes that may be necessary, as the order of business for the 120th WVDAR State Conference.. State Organizing Secretary Vickie Baker seconded the motion.. he motion carried and the State Regent noted it would be advanced to the Board of Management as Recommendation 2. She thanked Mrs. Isner-Johnson for presenting the program.

State Finance Committee Chair Karen Kurilko presented the budgets. The first budget presented was the 2025 State Conference Budget. There were no questions. State Librarian Gail Potter moved that the State Conference Budget be accepted. State Historian Darla Treat Courtney seconded the motion. The motion carried. State Finance Committee Chair Karen Kurilko then presented the 2025-2026 WVDAR State Budget. There being no questions State Chaplain Barbara Holt moved that the State Budget be accepted as presented. State Historian Darla Treat Courtney seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Attachment 17).

The State Treasurer, Vicky Shears presented proposed Financial Policy changes. Attachment 18). State Corresponding Secretary Vickie Baker moved that the Executive Committee accept all six recommendations. It was seconded by State Historian Darla Treat Courney. There was no debate and the motion carried.

State Regent Jane Larke presented a proposed expense for $500 as a donation to West Virginia Quilts of Valor, as an honorarium to the Friday night banquet speaker. State Corresponding Secretary Vickie Baker moved that WVDAR donate $500 to the West Virginia Quilts of Valor. It was seconded by State Registrar Patsy Adkins. The motion carried.

State Regent Larke then presented a proposed expense for $500 as a donation to the musical group Vets With Guitars from the Louis Johnson VA Clinic as an honorarium for the Friday night dinner entertainment. State Organizing Secretary Vickie Baker moved that WVDAR donate $500 to Vets With Guitars. The motion was seconded by State Historian Darla Treat Courtney. The motion carried.

The State Regent asked if there were any announcements and State Vice Regent Sandra Isner-Johnson requested that the Executive Committee members not accept an additional Conference Program when registering since there was a slight shortage of Conference Programs.

State Chaplain Barbara Holt delivered the benediction. Mrs. Larke said she had enjoyed working with all her administration's officers and encouraged everyone to enjoy this conference. The final executive committee meeting of the Larke administration was adjourned at 9:51 p.m.

WVDAR Board of Management Meeting

April 11, 2025
Conference Suite 3&4, Bridgeport Conference Center, Bridgeport, WV

State Regent Jane Larke called the Board of Management Meeting preceding the 120th WVDAR State Conference to order. She welcomed attendees and expressed enthusiasm for a successful conference.

State Chaplain Barbara Holt delivered the invocation, and Jane Richards, James Wood Chapter Regent, led the Pledge of Allegiance. Both were thanked by the state regent.

The following Distinguished West Virginia Daughters were introduced: Barbara "Barby" Frankenberry, Past Curator General, Honorary State Regent; Dr. Jimelle Rumberg, Past Vice President General, Honorary State Regent; Malinda "Mindy" Davis, Past Vice President General, Honorary State Regent and Charla Louise Nutter McNaboe, Honorary State Regent.

The state regent then introduced the following State Officers: State Vice Regent Sandra Isner-Johnson; State Chaplain Barbara Holt; State Recording Secretary Katherine Genung; State Corresponding Secretary Cynthia Kolsun (absent); State Organizing Secretary Vickie Baker; State Treasurer Vicky Shears; State Registrar Patsy Adkins; State Historian Darla Treat Courtney; State Librarian Gail Potter; as well as State Parliamentarian Brenda Cheuvront.

Also introduced were Committee Chairs; Cathy Hebb, State Audit Committee Chair; and Karen Kurilko, State Finance Committee Chair.

Regent Larke asked if there were no objections the following would be appointed to approve the minutes; Patsy Adkins (Chair), Suzanne Cronquist, and Jerell Wright. There were no objections.

State Recording Secretary Katherine Genung conducted the roll call. Present were: National Officers 0, Past Vice Present Generals 2, State Officers 9, Honorary State Regents 4, District Directors 5, Chapter Regents 22, and State Parliamentarian 1, for a total of 40 members. A quorum was verified.

Katherine Genung reported that the minutes of the April 5, 2024, meeting were approved by a committee of Vickie Baker, Tina Seese, and Samantha Shleser. They were distributed via email.

Regent Larke noted that with no objections, the officer reports would be presented during the business session, with only the Treasurer's and Finance Committee's reports given at this meeting. No objections were raised.

The State Parliamentarian Brenda Cheuvront presented the Standing Rules for the 1200th WVDAR State Conference which are reported in the Executive Committee meeting, April 10, 2024. Recording Secretary Katherine Genung moved to approve Recommendation 1: to approve the Standing Rules as presented. There was a question raised and discussion followed. The motion passed with over a 2/3 vote and was forwarded to the conference voting body as recommendation 1.

State Vice Regent Sandra Isner-Johnson presented the Conference Program, noting corrections from the executive committee meeting on April 10, 2024. State Recording Secretary Katherine Genung moved to adopt Recommendation 2: to approve the Conference Program as corrected as the order of business, subject to any necessary changes that need to be made. The motion carried and was forwarded to the conference delegates as recommendation 2.

State Audit Chair, Cathy Hebb presented the audit report of the State Society for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. (Attachment 15). No questions were raised and the State Regent thanked Mrs. Hebb, and committee members, Dale McGill and Joanna McKown for their work.

State Treasurer presented the financial report, Attachment 16, which was filed. There were no questions. After the Treasurer's report, Vickie Baker, Tanner's Cross Roads Chapter, made a motion to pay $107 to Kate Duncan Smith DAR School as a replacement for the $107 donation made to them by Vicky Shears. The motion was seconded by April Wallace, Elizabeth Zane Chapter. The motion carried.

Karen Kurilko, State Finance Committee Chair reported on the budgets (Attachment 17) which were considered separately. The first to be presented was the 2025 State Conference Budget. State Recording Secretary Katherine Genung moved to approve recommendation 3: to adopt the 2025 WVDAR State Conference Budget. The motion carried.

Mrs. Kurilko then presented the 2025-2026 WVDAR State Budget. State Recording Secretary Katherine Genung moved to approve recommendation 4: to approve the 2025-2026 WVDAR State Budget. The motion carried.

State Chairs were reminded to sign and return certificates to the registration table by Saturday afternoon.

The benediction was delivered by State Chaplain and the meeting was adjourned.

R.E.D. A Sparkling Celebration of America's Spirit" Welcome Dinner

Friday April 11, 2025

Bridgeport Conference Center Ballroom

The 2025 Welcome Banquet marked the lead-in to the 120th WVDAR State Conference with the theme "R.E.D. A Sparkling Celebration of America's Spirit." State Regent Jane Jacobs Larke welcomed attendees.

The evening began with an invocation by State Chaplain Barbara Holt, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by State Recording Secretary Katherine Genung.

Regent Jane Larke introduced distinguished guests at the head table, including First Vice President General Virginia "Ginnie" Storage and Maribeth Shreve, WV State Coordinator of Quilts of Valor, who was the evening's speaker. Other introductions included West Virginia Distinguished Daughters: Barbara "Barby" Frankenberry, Past Curator General, Honorary State

Regent; Dr. Jimelle Rumberg, Past Vice President General, Honorary State Regent; Malinda "Mindy" Davis, Past Vice President General, Honorary State Regent; and Charla Nutter McNaboe, Honorary State Regents. State Regent Larke also introduced our out-of-state conference guests, Yvonne Liser (District of Columbia), Christina Bannon (Illinois), and Honorary State Regent Cindy Bell (Nevada).

The Larke Administration officers were introduced: State Vice Regent Sandra Isner-Johnson, State Chaplain, Barbara Holt, State Recording Secretary, State Corresponding Secretary (absent) State Treasurer Vicky Shears (absent), State Registrar Patsy Adkins, State Historian Darla Treat Courtney, and State Librarian Gail Potter, as well as State Parliamentarian Brenda Cheuvront. Shannon Sams-Harper, Chapter Vice Regent of the Blennerhassett Chapter was also introduced and the chapter was recognized for their work.

Dinner was accompanied by entertainment from "Vets with Guitars," introduced by Suzie Rogers and Ruth Ellen Mooney. A donation was presented to the group led by Johnny Raven, as a token of appreciation for their performance.

The State Regent announced a processional to be held prior to the opening session involving the State Regent, First Vice President General, Honorary State Regents, Conference Guests, State Officers, Northern District Director, and Regents of the Northern District. The event concluded with a benediction by Barbara Holt.

The banquet celebrated the contributions of WVDAR members, fostered camaraderie, and set the stage for the state conference.

Opening Session

April 11, 2025

Conference Ballroom, Bridgeport Conference Center, Bridgeport, WV

The 120th WVDAR State Conference opened with a formal processional, featuring the State Regent, National Officers, Honorary State Regents, Visiting State Regents, State Officers, Northern District Director, Chapter Regents, Pages, and Color Guard accompanied by marches of John Philips Souza.

The State Regent called the meeting to order, marking the official start of the conference. The session began with an invocation by State Chaplain Barbara Holt, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by State Registrar Patsy Adkins, the American's Creed led by State Organizing Secretary Vickie Baker, and the first stanza of the National Anthem was sung by the assembly.

The Robert C. Byrd Flying Eagle Junior ROTC, directed by Lt. Col. Kevin C. Iaconis, posted the colors, receiving a donation and appreciation for their patriotic display. The President General's message, delivered by Past Vice President General Jimelle Rumberg, highlighted the National Society's achievements, including a membership increase of over 12,000 in 2023, the highest reinstatement rate since 2013, and a 4-star Charity Navigator rating. The message emphasized the WVDAR's contributions to historic preservation, education, and patriotism, with members logging over 7.1 million service hours.

Greetings were extended by Mayor Andy Lang of Bridgeport, and Leslea Morrow of the Bridgeport Conference Center. Conference Chairs Malinda "Mindy" Davis and Charla Nutter McNaboe welcomed attendees, with State Vice Regent Sandra Isner-Johnson responding.

Harold "Ted" Cox, President of the WVSSAR, also brought greetings, noting a collaborative grave dedication event on May 17. Special guests introduced included: First Vice President General Virginia "Ginnie" Storage, and West Virginia Quilts of Valor Coordinator Maribeth Shreve.

Our West Virginia Distinguished Daughters were introduced: Barbara “Barby” Frankenberry, Past Curator General, Honorary State Regent: Dr. Jimelle Rumberg, Past Vice President General, Honorary State Regent; Malinda “Mindy” Davis, Past Vice President General, Honorary State Regent, and Charla Nutter McNaboe, Honorary State Regent. Mrs. Frankenberry brought greetings from the honoraries. State Regent Larke announced that she had received regrets from Honorary President General, Honorary State Regent Presley Wagoner. She asked that we send a copy of the conference program to all honoraries unable to attend this year.

Introductions continued with our conference guests: District of Columbia State Regent Yvonne Liser, and Illinois State Regent Christina Bannon who then brought greetings to the assembly.

Officers from other hereditary organizations, were acknowledged. Those organizations and officers were Daughters of American Colonists, Susan Arnold; Daughters of 1812, Patricia Goodwin; and Daughters of Colonial Wars, Becky Davis.

The WVDAR State Executive Committee was introduced: State Vice Regent, Sandra Isner-Johnson; State Chaplain, Barbara Holt; State Recording Secretary, Katherine Genung; State Corresponding Secretary Cindy Kolsun (excused); State Organizing Secretary, Vickie Baker; State Treasurer, Vicky Shears (excused); State Registrar, Patsy Adkins, State Historian, Darla Treat Courtney; and State Librarian, Gail Potter; as well as State Parliamentarian, Brenda Cheuvront. The members appointed by national which included: National Vice Chairs, National East Central Division Vice Chairs, and National Committee members and volunteers were recognized as well as VAVS representatives and deputies.

District Directors, State Chairs, and first-time attendees were recognized, along with the State Conference Page Chair Grace Arthur and all the other pages. The State Chorus Director Selma Humphries, assistant Kathy Kidd, and VIS Chair Ericka Cheuvront were thanked for their contributions.

The keynote speaker, Maribeth Shreve, discussed her work with the West Virginia Quilts of Valor Foundation. State Regent presented her with a donation from WVDAR for appreciation of the work her organization does. In concluding her remarks, Ms. Shreve asked that veterans in attendance who had indicated they would like to receive a quilt come forward. She presented each of them with a handmade quilt and, with the assistance of the pages, wrapped them each in a quilt to provide them with a warm thanks for their service. Those veterans were: Ronald Bowyer, Don Brown, Joseph Burge, Rickard Clarkson, Terri Lawrence, Jason Mazza, Mark Niggemyer, James Pinkard, Lloyd Smith, Cherokee Wilkey, and Melody Zimmerman.

The session concluded with special recognitions: Gloria Batten was honored as the organizing regent of the new Jonathan Sheppard Chapter. She was presented with a Chapter Regent pin for the chapter by Regent Larke. And Grace Arthur received the Outstanding Junior Award, an official pin and beautiful sash, which were also presented by the State Regent. The benediction was given by Barbara Holt, followed by the retiring of the colors and announcements about the next day’s schedule, including breakfast at 7:30 a.m. and the morning business session at 9:00 a.m. The meeting recessed until April 12.

Business Meeting

Saturday, April 12, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.
Bridgeport Conference Center, Bridgeport, West Virginia

State Regent Jane Jacobs Larke welcomed attendees and reconvened the 120th WVDAR State Conference.

The Invocation was given by State Chaplain, Barbara Holt. The Colors were advanced. The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America was led by State Historian Darla Treat Courtney. The American's Creed was led by State Librarian, Gail Potter. The colors were posted.

Mrs. Larke reintroduced the following Conference Guests: Mrs. Virginia "Ginnie" Storage, First Vice President General, NSDAR; Ms. Yvonne Liser, State Regent, District of Columbia; and Mrs. Christina Bannon, State Regent, Illinois. The Conference Guests were then excused from the business session to visit the Levi Shinn Cabin, a Revolutionary Era cabin of the founder of Shinnston. After the guests departed, the doors were closed and attendees were reminded to silence their cell phones and other electronic equipment.

Mrs. Larke presented our distinguished West Virginia daughters: Barbara "Barby" M. Frankenberry, Past Curator General, Honorary State Regent; Dr. Jimelle Ferris Rumberg, Past Vice President General, Honorary State Regent; Malinda "Mindy" H. Davis, Past Vice President General, Honorary State Regent; and Charla Louise Nutter-McNaboe, Honorary State Regent

Mrs. Larke requested that National Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs, National Division Chairs, and East Central Division Vice Chairs stand to be recognized. Mrs. Larke requested that VAVS Representatives and Deputies appointed by the President General stand to be recognized.

The State Regent advised attendees that delegates must be wearing their voter ribbon and were requested to take seats in the section designated for delegates.

Mrs. Rebecca Davis gave the Credentials Report (Attachment 19) for April 12, 2025. She then moved the Credentials Report be adopted. Since the motion came from committee there was no need for a second. There was no debate and the motion carried. The official voting strength was 132 and a quorum was declared.

State Regent Larke stated that Brenda Cheuvront, WVDAR Parliamentarian had read the Standing Rules of the 120th State Conference at the WVDAR Board of Management meeting on Friday, April 11, 2025, and they were approved as corrected. She asked State Parliamentarian to read the correction. The State Regent asked if there was no objection, the rest of the Standing Rules would not be read. WVDAR Recording Secretary Katherine Genung moved that the Standing Rules of the conference as corrected be adopted. There was no debate. The motion was adopted. State Regent Larke thanked the Stat Parliamentarian for her presentation of the Standing Rules.

Mrs. Isner-Johnson report on the Conference Program. She noted one correction on page 3, to correct the spelling of the word Ginnie. The State Recording Secretary read Recommendation 2, and moved the adoption of Recommendation 2, " to adopt the Conference Program as corrected and subject to any further changes that may be necessary as the order of business for the 120th WVDAR State Conference. There was no discussion and the motion carried.

Mrs. Larke said that with the adoption of these three reports, the 120th WVDAR State Conference was now officially open for business. She appointed the following committee to approve the minutes of this WVDAR State Conference: Susan Tucker, Tanner's Cross Roads Chapter, Chair; Mindy Jacobs, Daniel Davisson Chapter; and Bonnie Myers, South Branch Valley Chapter. Mrs. Larke stated that the timekeepers for the WVDAR State Conference would be Shannon Sams-Harper and Stacy Adams, both of Blennerhassett Chapter

Mrs. Larke then called for the State Officers to give their reports. All reports are included in their entirety in these proceedings.

The State Regent requested that Joanna McKown, Audit Committee member present the committee report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 (Attachment 15). She reported that the members found the records to be in good order and their contents to appear reasonable. The Audit Committee wished to collectively express their sincerest thanks to WVDAR State Regent Jane Larke for the privilege of serving in their capacity as the Audit Committee during her administration. Also, the committee wished to commend WVDAR State Treasurer Vicky Shears for her excellent work in preparing the records throughout the Larke Administration. Finally, the committee Chair Cathy Hebb thanked Audit Committee members Dale McGill and Joanna McKown for their diligent work in preparing the audit for the past three years. Mrs. McKown finished the committee report by moving the adoption of the Audit Committee Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. There were no question about the report and the motion carried. Mrs. Larke thanked Mrs. McKown and the members of the Audit Committee for a job well done.

State Regent Larke then called on State Treasurer Vicky Shears to report. Mrs. Shears reported by zoom. (Attachment 16).

State Finance Committee Chair Karen Kurilko presented the two budgets (Attachment 17). which were considered separately. Mrs. Kurilko first presented the 2025 WVDAR State Conference Budget. There were no questions. State Recording Secretary read Recommendation 3, " to adopt the 2025 WVDAR State Conference Budget as presented. She moved to adopt Recommendation 3. There was no debate and the morion carried.

Finance Committee Chair Karen Kurilko continued, presenting the 2025-2026 State Budget. State Recording Secretary Katherine Genung read Recommendation 4, "to adopt the 2025-2026 State Budget as presented by the finance committee' and moved its adoption. There was no discussion and recommendation 4 was adopted.

Mrs. Larke thanked State Finance Committee Chair Karen Kurilko for her presentation and the members of the Finance Committee, Mrs. Anetta Siers, Mrs. Brenda Durham, Mrs. Susan Garrett, and Mrs. Susan Tucker, for a job well done.

The State Regent continued with the remaining officer reports.

The State Regent then called for the Nominating Committee Report by the Chair of the committee, Mrs. Lucinda "Tina" Seese. The Chair presented the nomination committee's slate for the 2025-2028 Administration as follows: State Regent, Sandra Isner-Johnson; State Vice Regent, Mary Johnson; State Chaplain, Mary Ellen Brown; State Recording Secretary, Stella Moon; State Corresponding Secretary, Deborah "Debbie" Burge; State Organizing Secretary, Georgette Ward; State Treasurer, Anetta Siers, State Registrar, Heidi Ware; State Historian, Barbara Channell; and State Librarian, Teresa "Terry" Noland. Mrs. Seese stated that no one had contacted the committee prior to fifteen days before the start of business for the WVDAR State Conference to be nominated from the floor.

The State Regent thanked Mrs. Seese for the hard work of the committee and stated that as no members had contacted the committee within the period necessary to run from the floor, she declared the nominations closed. Mrs. Larke informed the membership that voting would occur that afternoon between 2:00 and 2:30 p.m. She advised the membership that they would receive an emailed link to access their personal, secure ballot, that voting could be done from a delegate's personal smart device, and that if delegates found that they were unable to cast their votes in this way (did not receive a ballot or needed help casting their ballot) that they should go to Conference Suites 1 and 2 for assistance.

Mrs. Larke appointed the following tellers for the election: Central District, Tami Reeves, Chair; Eastern District, JoeAnn Eye; Northern District, Carolyn Kesterson; Southern District, Michelle Sparks; and Western District, Patsy Adkins.

The State Regent asked if the Conference Chairs had any announcements. The Conference Chairs gave out door prizes to lucky attendees. They reminded the membership that the sales tables in the main hallway, as well as the DAR Darlings ticket sales would end at 4 p.m. They asked those attending the luncheon to please place their lunch tickets on the tables in front of them, so that the wait staff could see their lunch choices. They reminded members that photographs would begin at 5 p.m. Lastly, they requested that everyone clear the ballroom, so the staff could set up for the luncheon and that the membership be patient waiting for the doors to open and when they came in, to be aware of the reserved signs that would be on the tables.

The meeting was recessed at 10:59 a.m.

Celebrating Our Sparkling Stars Awards Luncheon

Saturday, April 12, 2025 at Noon
Bridgeport Conference Center, Bridgeport, West Virginia

Georgette Ward, WVDAR America 250 Chair and Northern District Director, welcomed attendees to the luncheon 'to celebrate the many wonderful ways that WVDAR impacts our schools and community' and to 'recognize our own members who have completed our training courses.'

The Invocation was given by State Chaplain Barbara Holt. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by State Bylaws Chair Patricia Goodwin. The American's Creed was led by WVDAR CDCR Chair Chris Painter. The National Anthem was sung by Conference Guest Zoe King, a sophomore at Williamstown Middle High School.

After lunch Mrs. Ward introduced WVDAR State Regent Jane Jacobs Larke.

Mrs. Ward introduced First Vice President General, National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Mrs. Virginia "Ginnie" Storage. She continued to present the following distinguished West Virginia daughters: Barbara "Barby" M. Frankenberry, Past Curator General, Honorary State Regent; Dr. Jimelle Ferris Rumberg, Past Vice President General, Honorary State Regent; Malinda "Mindy" H. Davis, Past Vice President General, Honorary State Regent; and Charla Louise Nutter-McNaboe, Honorary State Regent.

She also presented our out-of-state conference guests: Yvonne Liser, State Regent District of Columbia; Christina Bannon, State Regent of Illinois; and Cindy Bell, Honorary State Regent of Nevada.

Mrs. Ward asked the State Officers to rise and be recognized as well as the regents of Anne Royall Chapter, Patricia Casper and James Wood Chapter, Jane Richards whose chapters were hosting the luncheon.

After lunch, WVDAR American History Essay Contest Chair Randi Gray presented the student essay winners. The following were recognized and presented certificates for their respective grade level entries: 5th Grade – Emily Hendrix, sponsored by Pack Horse Ford Chapter; 6th Grade – Jacob Severance, sponsored by Pack Horse Ford Chapter; 7th Grade – Jimena Olivera (absent) sponsored by the Pack Horse Ford Chapter; and 8th Grade – Natalie Albright, sponsored by Shenandoah Valley Chapter.

Mrs. Gray also announced the WVDAR Patriots of the American Revolution DAR History Essay Contest winner, 11th Grader, Aviona Ambrose, sponsored by Ye Towne of Bath Chapter.

Mrs. Ward extended congratulations to all the winners for their accomplishments and thanked the chapters for encouraging the student participation.

WVDAR Good Citizens Award Chair Darlene Frederick presented the Good Citizens award. Mrs. Frederick noted that fourteen chapters had put forward a total of twenty-three students and that the winner this year was Kensie Walters who was sponsored by the Old Hickory Chapter.

State Historian Darla Treat Courtney presented her Historian Awards. She announced Brian Casto, sponsored by Anne Bailey Chapter, was the winner of the Outstanding Teacher of American History. Mr. Casto was unable to attend.

State Vice Regent Sandra Isner-Johnson then presented Early Childhood Literacy awards on behalf of WVDAR Early Childhood Literacy Project Chair Cindy Kolsun to Tracy Burns, Cheat River Chapter, Julia Bogges, Kanawha Valley Chapter, and Julia Albaugh, John Hart Chapter.

Mickie Richardson, State Chair, DAR Leadership Training presented the DAR course graduates. The following chapters were recognized: Blennerhassett Chapter, Twinkling Star Award and Shooting Star Award; Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans Chapter, Twinkling Star Award and Shooting Star Award; Old Hickory Chapter, Twinkling Star Award and Shooting Star Award; Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter, Twinkling Star Award; Elizabeth Zane Chapter, Twinkling Star Award; Matthew French Chapter, Twinkling Star Award; and South Branch Valley Chapter, Twinkling Star Award.

She then presented Triple Crown winners, to those who completed all three DAR Leadership Training courses: Beth Goodwin-Niggemeyer, Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter; Stacey Adams, Blennerhassett Chapter; Susan Arnold, Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans Chapter; Elizabeth Belcher, Kanawha Valley Chapter; Mary Ellen Brown, Blennerhassett Chapter; Rita Cochran, Elizabeth Zane Chapter; Brenda Fisher, Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans Chapter; Heather Harrison, Old Hickory Chapter; Mary JoAnn Jones, Old Hickory Chapter; Helene Kerns, member at large who is the Organizing Regent of West Virginia' new chapter in Hampshire County; Teresa Lomasney, South Branch Valley Chapter; Barbara McFarland, Wheeling Chapter; Stella Moon, Matthew French Chapter; Lucinda Tina Seese – Ohio Valley Chapter; Mindi Snider, Daniel Davisson Chapter; Karen Lynn Stanley, Bee Line Chapter; Gloria Batten, Organizing Regent of the Jonathan Sheppard Chapter; Cathy Hebb, Blackwater Chapter; Teresa Noland, Captain James Allen Chapter; and Jocelyn Woods, Captain James Allen Chapter.

Two daughters were recognized for completing other courses: They were: Beverly Kay Ferrill, Anne Bailey Chapter; and Heidi Wilkinson, William Henshaw Chapter.

The West Virginia Society achieved the National Sparklers Award for members of our State Executive Committee who had completed courses.

Mrs. Ward asked the members of the Anne Royall and James Wood chapters to rise and be recognized for the hard work they had done as hostess chapters.

The Conference Chairs reminded everyone that the voting would begin at 2:00 p.m. that afternoon with polls closing promptly at 2:30 p.m., that conference photos would begin at 5:00 p.m., and that the Blanche Reymann Scholarship was selling voices to a $100 Amazon gift card in the lobby. Members were asked to check their programs for workshop information.

120th State Conference Workshops and Events

The following activities were held during the 120th State Conference:

- 'The DAR Museum" docent presentation by Vickie Baker
- "Dining in America" docent presentation by Joanna McKown
- "Stories Behind the Stars," presented by Jessica Batten, the West Virginia Coordinator for the project.
- "Stepping Up: Equipping New Officers for Leadership Success," presented by Charla Nutter McNaboe and the WVDAR State Officers Club.
- "The Rosie Trail," presented by Denise Mundy Hedrick and Anne Montague
- Service in Seconds Patriotism Project presented by Julia Gates

Hurray for the Red, White, and Blue Banquet

Saturday, April 12, 2025 6:30 p.m.
Bridgeport Conference Center, Bridgeport, West Virginia

State Regent Jane Jacobs Larke, National Officers, Honorary State Regents, Visiting State Regents, State Officers, and Chapter Regents, escorted by Pages and flag bearers processed into the banquet accompanied by rock 'n' roll music and Country Roads.

State Regent Larke welcomed all. The Invocation was delivered by State Chaplain Barbara Holt. Gloria Batten, Regent of Jonathan Sheppard Chapter led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. Lisa McNeil, Regent of Wheeling Chapter led the American's Creed. The National Anthem was sung by the assembly. The colors were posted.

Dinner was served.

Mrs. Larke presented First Vice President General, NSDAR, Mrs. Virginia "Ginnie" Storage.

Distinguished West Virginia Daughters were presented: Barbara "Barby" M. Frankenberry, Past Curator General, Honorary State Regent; Dr. Jimelle Ferris Rumberg, Past Vice President General, Honorary State Regent; Malinda "Mindy" H. Davis, Past Vice President General, Honorary State Regent; and Charla Louise Nutter-McNaboe, Honorary State Regent.

Our visiting conference guests, Yvonne Liser, State Regent District of Columbia and Christina Bannon, State Regent Illinois were presented. Mrs. Larke presented all our conference guests with certificates from West Virginia Governor Patrick Morrisey recognizing them as a "*Friend of West Virginia."*

Mrs. Larke presented the State Officers, National Chairs and East Central Division Vice Chairs, asking them each to rise and be acknowledged. The assembly showed appreciation them as well as to the representatives and deputies at the Veteran Medical Facilities. She asked all State Chairs to rise as well. She also asked all present who served or are serving in the military to rise and be acknowledged; asking everyone to thank them for their service. Finally, HODARS were acknowledged and thanked.

State Regent Larke then presented First Vice President General, NSDAR, Mrs. Virginia "Ginnie" Storage, our keynote speaker for the evening. After speaking the Vice President General was presented with a token of appreciation by the State Regent for her service to the National Society and passion for encouraging membership.

Mrs. Larke welcomed Sylvia Rhodes, State Chair of the West Virginia 50 Year Club who spoke of the vast knowledge of those members. State Regent Larke recognized the following members who became members this year: Linda Camp, Blennerhassett Chapter; Deborah Hilbert, Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter; Elizabeth Lieving, Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter; Jill White, Elizabeth Ludington Hagens-Colonel John Evans Chapter; Frances Jones, Kanawha Valley Chapter; and Catherine Matherly, Matthew French Chapter.

The State Regent also recognized Marilyn “Susie” Rogers and Fern Nutter who had both reached the milestone of having sixty years of membership in DAR this year. She presented both with a 60-year membership certificate.

State Vice Regent, Sandra Isner-Johnson asked if she could make a presentation. A tabletop landscape book containing sunset photographs taken by Mrs. Larke was presented by State Historian Darla Treat Courtney and State Librarian Gail Potter. It was created by Cathy Hinkle, Regent of Blennerhassett Chapter. The inscription read “When someone asks my favorite color . . . I always say Sunset.”

Malinda “Mindy” H. Davis assisted by Charla Louise Nutter McNaboe had a surprise presentation. They had a bag from which they pulled many items. First was a loud, multi-colored feather boa which they wrapped around the State Regent’s neck. Next was a very bright and sparkly fascinator with bunny ears which was placed on her head. Then came a large pair of sparkly oversized glasses. The final item was a sparkly, beribboned magic wand. Mrs. Isner-Johnson directed the State Regent to the other side of the room for her next presentation. Mrs. Larke made her way across the room splashing imagined SPARKLERS on the heads of various members seated in the audience.

The next gift, presented by State Chaplain Barbara Holt and State Parliamentarian Brenda Cheuvront was in recognition of the redevelopment of the state webpage, which was tied to her technology project. It was a portrait of the State Regent created from her official photograph, posted on the revamped website. The West Virginia-grown wood frame was engraved with Mrs. Larke’s scripture, *Psalm 121:1 “I will lift mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help”*, with the outline of West Virginia which symbolized her State Regent’s pin. The frame was hand made by Phillips Kolsun, son of State Corresponding Secretary Cindy Phillips Kolsun.

This next gift was presented by State Organizing Secretary Vickie Baker and State Recording Secretary Katherine Genung It was a quilt created by Mrs. Genung which interpreted another facet of her state project and her state theme of ‘West Virginia Blooms Through Service and Friendship.’ The quilt design was done in gold and blue, with 9 flowered blocks, each made into a pocket, which held a children’s book. Each pocket also held a personal note from each of her officers. The quilt label on the back read, ‘A gift for WVDAR State Regent Jane Larke from the Daughters of the State Society 2022-2025. We have bloomed in friendship over the years and support you in advancing early childhood literacy.’

Her final presentation was a check for $2,400, to support literacy projects of her choice.

Mrs. Larke returned to the podium, thanking everyone for her gifts.

Grace Arthur then announced Debbie Burge as the winner of the Helen Pouch Memorial Fund gift card. Lisa McNeil announced Bonnie Myers as the winner of a gift card that supported the Blanche Reymann Scholarship Fund.

Mrs. Larke then announced the winners of the Scrapbook and Pressbook competition. The scrapbook winners were: Large Chapter, First Place, Old Hickory Chapter; Second Place, Pack Horse Ford Chapter; Small Chapters, First Place, William Henshaw Chapter; Second Place, Shenandoah Valley Chapter; and Third Place, Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter.

The pressbook winners were: Large Chapters: First Place, Bee Line Chapter; second Place, Pack Horse Ford Chapter, and Third Place, Ohio Valley Chapter, Small Chapters: First Place, Matthew French Chapter; Second Chapter, Ye Towne of Bath Chapter; and third Place, William Henshaw Chapter.

The Photobook Category first place winner was Matthew French Chapter.

The Conference Chairs announced the winners of the DAR Darlings. These voices raised a total of $2,710 for the State Regents Project. The Conference Chairs reminded the membership that the Memorial Service would begin at 9:00 a.m. the following morning and that the Closing

Session would immediately follow. Chapter Regents were reminded to pick up their award packets before leaving and District Directors were asked to make sure that all packets in their Districts had been picked up. It was announced that a Service in Seconds project would be conducted in the Hospitality Suite, conducted by Julia Gates, Regent William Henshaw Chapter.

State Regent Jane Larke thanked Marilyn “Susie Rogers, Regent Ohio Valley Chapter and her chapter members for hosting the banquet and asked that all members rise to be recognized. She also asked that the membership recognize the Pages for their hard work throughout the conference.

State Chaplain Barbara Hold delivered the Benediction

Mrs. Larke stated that we stood in recess until directly after the Memorial Service on Sunday morning. The Colors were retired.

Memorial Service

Sunday, April 13, 2025

Bridgeport Conference Center, Bridgeport, West Virginia

The Call to Remembrance was opened by WVDAR Chaplain, Barbara Holt. The WVDAR Chorus, led by Director Selma Humphreys and assisted by Kathy Kidd sang *Amazing Grace* Chaplain Holt led those gathered in prayer. State Regent Jane Jacobs Larke delivered the Scripture *Philippians 4: 6-7*. In closing, the Chorus sang *It Is Well With My Soul.*

The following Members were memorialized:

Central District

Cheat River Chapter: Catherine Burke
Elizabeth Zane Chapter: Cynthia Rafferty, Patricia Valentine, Susan Karickhoff
James Barbour Chapter: Ethel Nuckols, Edna Mundy
John Hart Chapter: Norma Gaston, Phoebe Johnkoski
Tanner’s Cross Roads Chapter: Margaret Platt
Trans-Allegheny Chapter: Pauline Leroy

Eastern District

Highlands of the Potomac Chapter: Nancy Kelley
Pack Horse Ford Chapter: Margaret Lefevre, Alma Bray, Lucille Waltz
Shenandoah Valley Chapter: Judith Bryant, Kendra Stotler
William Henshaw Chapter: Nancy Myers, Lois Howard

Northern District

Blennerhassett Chapter: Ida Fleming
James Wood Chapter: Betty Williams, Merilee Morgan
Ohio Valley Chapter: Tina Eddy, Judith Koerber
Wheeling Chapter: Deborah Smith, Naomi Parks Hupp, Valerie Fish, Rosalie McNeil, Barbara Stegman

Southern District

Captain James Allen Chapter: Dorothy Blomme, Helen Garner, Brenda Hawks
General Andrew Lewis Chapter: Ann Brody
Matthew French Chapter: Roberta Kniffin
Peters Mountain Chapter: Mary Robertson

Western District

Anne Bailey Chapter: Virginia Gillespie, Carolyn Holstein, Joyce Echols, Donna Glover, Harriet Tucker, Ruth Kelley
John Young Chapter: Angela Ray

Kanawha Valley Chapter: Kay Kinder; Margaret Edelblute, Connie Bowling, Shirley Gilkeson
Old Hickory Chapter: Dolores Willard

Closing Session

Sunday, April 13, 2025 10:00 a.m.
Bridgeport Conference Center, Bridgeport, West Virginia

State Regent Jane Jacobs Larke reconvened the session with a rap of the gavel. The Invocation was delivered by State Chaplain Barbara Holt. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Beth Goodwin-Niggemyer, Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter. The American's Creed was led by Denise Hedrick, Elizabeth Zane Chapter. The colors were posted. Those gathered joined in singing *West Virginia, My Home*.

Mrs. Larke asked Rebecca Davis to give the Final Report of the Credential Committee. (Attachment 20). Mrs. Davis reported and moved to accept the Final Report of the Credentials Committee. It was seconded by State Registrar Patsy Adkins, Anne Bailey Chapter. There was no debate and the motion carried.

Tami Reeves, Chair of the Tellers Committee reported the election results as follows: Number of votes cast, 141; Number necessary for election, 51%; State Regent; Sandra Isner Johnson, 112; write-ins, 3, abstained 26; State Vice Regent; Mary Johnson, 133; write-ins, 2; abstained 6; State Chaplain; Mary Ellen Brown, 129; write-ins, 1; abstained, 11; State Recording Secretary; Stella Moon, 135; write-ins 0; abstained, 6; State Corresponding Secretary; Deborah Burge, 129; write-ins, 0; abstained, 12; State Organizing Secretary; Georgette Ward, 137; write-ins 0; abstained, 4; State Treasurer; Anneta Siers, 136; write-ins, 0; abstained, 5; State Registrar; Heidi Ware, 136; write-ins, 0; abstained, 5; State Historian; Barbara Channell, 139; write-ins, 0; abstained, 2; State Librarian; Teresa "Terry" Noland, 137; write-ins, 0; abstained, 4.

The State Regent confirmed those who were elected and instructed the Head Teller to destroy the ballots, and remove the voting page from Simply Voting. She stated that the newly elected officers would assume their offices upon the installation of the State Regent and State Vice Regent at the 134th Continental Congress. She asked the newly elected officers to come forward. Barbara "Barby" M. Frankenberry, Past Curator General, Honorary State Regent installed the newly elected officers.

Mrs. Malinda "Mindy" H. Davis, Past Vice President General, Honorary State Regent, and Mrs. Charla Louise Nutter-McNaboe, Honorary State Regent requested the floor, they moved that State Regent Jane Jacobs Larke be elected WVDAR Honorary State Regent. State Vice Regent Sandra Isner-Johnson seconded the motion. There was no debate and the motion carried. Mrs. Larke was presented with an Honorary State Regent pin by State Vice Regent Sandra Isner-Johnson.

JoAnn Jones-Green presented the Courtesy Resolutions and moved their adoption. Mary Johnson, Anne Bailey Chapter seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Samantha Shleser, Southern District Director invited the membership to the beautiful mountains of southern West Virginia for the 121st WVDAR State Conference at a location to be determined. Mrs. Larke thanked the Southern District Director. She expressed her thanks to the 120th WVDAR State Conference Chairs and the Northern District chapters for serving as hostesses for this State Conference. "WVDAR Daughters are amazing, and I have said before that your work and dedication have inspired me. Please know how grateful I am for all of you and your support of the West Virginia State Society. Congratulations once again to the newly elected state officers. She asked Mrs. Isner-Johnson if she would like to address the group.

Mrs. Isner-Johnson thanked everyone and asked officers to linger for a little while so that state pins could be transferred over.

All those gathered sang “Blest Be the Tie That Binds.” State Chaplain delivered the Benediction. The colors were retired by the Pages. State Regent Jane Jacobs Larke adjourned the 120th WVDAR State Conference and wished everyone a safe journey home.

2024-2025 State Officer Reports

State Regent Jane Jacobs Larke

I must start this report with heartfelt gratitude to the Eastern District for hosting a fantastic state conference last year. The team of Barby Frankenberry, Heidi Ware, and Margie Ways, as conference chairs, created a warm and welcoming experience for all of us.

After the State Conference, I embarked on a whirlwind of activities: Parkersburg: James Wood Chapter’s Guest Day; Spencer: Celebrated the 10th Anniversary of Tanner’s Cross Roads Chapter; Fairmont: Attended the dedication of the 1st America 250 plaque in West Virginia placed by the Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter; Charleston: Visited Kanawha Valley Chapter meeting; Ellicott City, Maryland: Represented you at the Maryland State Conference; Parsons: Celebrated with Blackwater Chapter at their 90th Anniversary; Fort Ashby: Enjoyed a summer picnic with the Highlands of the Potomac Chapter; Bluefield and Princeton: Celebrated Flag Day with the Matthew French Chapter and visited the Robert B. McNutt House for a chapter meeting and; In a cemetery on Big Savage Mountain, near Piedmont, Maryland: Attended the grave marking of Patriot Philip Michael which was dedicated by the Highlands of the Potomac Chapter.

I then went to Continental Congress, where I represented WVDAR at numerous events, including the Daughters Wreath Laying, the National Board of Management meeting, the National Officers Club meeting, the State Regents Club meeting, and the American Heritage awards ceremony, where I proudly watched as our West Virginia winners were recognized. Of course, I enjoyed the WV Breakfast, I represented WVDAR at the Colorado State and the Virginia State luncheons and attended all official business and evening sessions in Constitution Hall.

After a week off to celebrate the 4th of July with family, I traveled to Ohiopyle, PA, with Brenda Hess (Cheat River Chapter) to attend a Patriot grave marking for Patriot Reuben Thorp, placed by the Great Crossings and Fort Necessity Chapters. Then, our district meetings began.

I would like to thank all five districts for providing wonderful venues for their meetings. I appreciate the care and planning that each hostess chapter put into selecting great locations and providing delicious food and the opportunity to socialize, share, and learn. I especially want to thank Lisa McNeil, for arranging for our Blanche L. Reymann Scholarship awardee, Grace Estep, to receive her award at the Western District meeting, to the Bee Line members, for performing an adaptation of their award-winning play, “Did She Make It?,” and the Captain James Allen Chapter, for their extra effort in organizing the Southern District meeting on short notice.

In the middle of district meetings, I spent a day in Fayetteville, celebrating the 200th Anniversary of the Lafayette Farewell Tour at a Patriotic picnic. Thank you to the committee of Barbara Channell, Carolyn Scheydt, Mickie Richardson, Stella Moon, and Janet Leslie for making it a beautiful day despite uncertain morning weather.

I had always wanted to attend an Honor Flight event in West Virgina, and I was able to do so this year at the North Central West Virginia Airport with members of the Blackwater and Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapters. Between events in the schedule Blackwater Regent Cathy Hebb

arranged a visit to a historic log house in Shinnston, WV. This house was built in 1778 and is the oldest standing house in the area. It was the residence of Patriot Levi Shinn.

In Wheeling, WV, I attended a Lafayette Trail Marker dedication, a joint project between the Wheeling and Woodburn Chapters, commemorating Lafayette's stop along the Ohio River. This was very special because Wheeling is the only location that is documented to have been a stop on the Lafayette tour.

From Wheeling, I made a quick trip to Ohio to pick up my granddaughter and bring her to West Virginia for a visit. We had been graciously invited to ride the float in the Buckwheat Festival Parade with the Cheat River Chapter. It created a wonderful memory for my granddaughter.

October in West Virginia is always beautiful. And in my opinion the best time for road trips. I was honored to bring greetings and lay a wreath at Point Pleasant to mark the 250th Anniversary of the Battle of Point Pleasant. This event is always well-attended, but this year it was especially so. It was so special to see so many WVDAR members there.

After that, I traveled to Washington, D.C., for the October National Board of Management meeting and leadership event. The next weekend, I took another road trip with Honorary State Regent Malinda “Mindy” Davis to Virginia, with a side trip to Edenton, NC. In Edenton, we attended the NSDAR dedication of an America 250 plaque commemorating the 51 signers of the Edenton Resolves, also called the Edenton Tea Party. We then traveled back to Yorktown, Virginia to attend the groundbreaking and dedication of the Pathway to the Patriots at Yorktown Battlefield. This was a project developed during the Davis and Brown administrations, in which WVDAR selected the Patriot Elizabeth Zane to honor.

The next weekend in Reedsville, I watched the passing of the motorcade returning a WWII aviator going to his final resting place in Kingwood with Roberta Gellner and Vicky Graham from the Ohio Valley and Cheat River Chapters, and later in the month, attended the 75th Anniversary of the Blennerhassett Chapter in Parkersburg.

Winter brought less travel, but I did get to celebrate Veterans Day with Blackwater Chapter at Cortland Acres. The chapter provided refreshments and gifts for the veterans in attendance. December brought two America 250 plaque dedications. The first was placed by Central District at the I-79 S rest stop near Clarksburg. This was organized by the Central District officers, Georgette Ward, Patricia Goodwin, and Elizabeth Satterfield, and participating central district chapters. The second America 250 plaque was placed by the Blackwater Chapter at the Tucker County Courthouse. We ended up inside for both of those events, one planned and one which was a last-minute decision as both days had inclement weather.

I also attended two December holiday parties. I enjoyed the SAR Holiday luncheon in Parkersburg that was attended by members of several DAR chapters from WV and Ohio. Thanks to Pattie Norman for arranging the presentations of the Hannah White Arnett award which were awarded to Harold “Ted” Cox and to Mark LaFrance. It was also such a nice invitation to be able to visit with the Elizabeth Zane Chapter in Buckhannon where we enjoyed a fabulous holiday buffet and fun gift exchange.

In February, I returned to Washington, D.C., for the National Board of Management meeting and leadership training. I came home and was happy to attend the Daniel Davisson America 250 dedication tea at Bridgeport Public Library.

I was able to represent WVDAR at both the Florida State and Kentucky State Conferences in March. Then returned to Parkersburg to again visit with the James Wood Chapter at their Guest Day.

And that brings us up to State Conference. I still have several events on the calendar. I am going to visit the John Hart Chapter later this month and give a program on the quilt

documentation project in West Virginia. And In May I plan to attend two Lafayette events. One of those events is in Gallipolis, OH and the other is in Wheeling.

WVDAR has a big event planned for June 7, and I hope you are planning to join us. The state has planned an America 250 marker dedication to commemorate the Bee Line March. This marker was made possible through the sales of the book "Genealogical, Burial & Service Data for Revolutionary War Patriots Buried in West Virginia" started in the Brown Administration, and we thank Cheryl Brown for heading up the project.

And I will finally get to a Chapter meeting of the General Andrew Lewis Chapter in mid-June…right before I finish my term at Continental Congress.

At the outset of my administration, I carefully considered the context and needs of our organization to shape our state project. We are a product of our history and emerging from the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, I recognized the importance of supporting our chapters in rebuilding their strength and reestablishing a solid foundation for future growth. To avoid placing financial burdens on our chapters, I opted for a project that was cost-effective yet impactful. My vision was to foster a sense of unity by rekindling past friendships, warmly welcoming new members who joined during the pandemic, and celebrating our shared history. Additionally, I aimed to secure and make our organization's history more accessible to all, to plan for future technological growth, while equipping the next generation with the skills to become informed and engaged citizens. These priorities guided the development of our state project, ensuring it aligned with our collective goals and strengthened the bonds within WVDAR. Our state project met these goals and more.

I want to extend my deepest gratitude to everyone for their unwavering support and the incredible memories we've created together over the past three years. Your kindness, encouragement, and shared moments have made this journey truly unforgettable. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for being a part of this amazing experience.

WVDAR Vice Regent Sandra Isner-Johnson

During the third year as State Vice Regent at the 119th WV State Conference this Officer attended meetings for the Chapter Regent's Club, the Cameo Club, the State Officers Club, the Executive Committee and Board of Management. During the 133rd Continental Congress in Washington DC, this Officer attended all Business Sessions, the evening events, the State Vice Regent's Luncheon, the Units Overseas Luncheon, the Congress Reception, served as a Balcony Volunteer and participated in the Junior Membership's 5K Run. This Officer also coordinated the West Virginia Breakfast during the national convention which was held again at the historic Army and Navy Club and organized seating for the WV Box during Congress Sessions.

This Officer was asked by the State Regent to be the Coordinator for the State Outstanding Junior Contest. This involved meetings on the State Level with a committee who reviewed the application process, secured the judges, and worked with the National Junior Membership Committee in the selection of a state outstanding junior representative for West Virginia. The Vice Regent responsibilities continued with updates to the State Information Packets from the State Committee Chairs and State Officers.

On the district level, this Officer attended four of the district meetings, where she assisted the State Regent again with the presentation of certificates to the respective members and chapters. All State Officer Meetings, Executive Board Meetings, Board of Management Meetings were attended by this Officer, along with the Lafayette Memorial Celebration & Picnic in Fayetteville and the Battle Days Celebration in Pt Pleasant.

On the chapter level, this State Vice Regent assisted with installation of new members and substituted for the Chapter Chaplain as needed.

This Officer continued her DAR training by completing Genealogy courses of GEP 5, GEP 7 and the Mid-Level Review Training Program.

It has been a pleasure to serve as the West Virginia State Vice Regent during the Larke Administration.

WVDAR Chaplain Barbara Holt

From January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, WVDAR experienced 48 losses of our members with each person's family receiving a sympathy card. We also celebrated 3 birthdays of our 90+ birthday daughters. I was not able to attend any district meetings.

The West Virginia chapters completed 208 Sunshine Reports; sent 221 birthday, get-well and/or 'missing you' cards; conducted 21 memorial services; held 2-chapter patriot memorial services; and placed 20 grave markers.

Ten of thirty-nine-chapter reports, show participation in the NSDAR Day of Prayer on October 13, 2024.

Thirteen of thirty-nine-chapter reports, show participation in the National Day of Prayer on May 2, 2024.

The Shenandoah Valley Chapter placed 11 grave markers. One of the grave markers was in partnership with the First Baptist Church of Martinsburg which was completed for John Gray in Gerrardstown, WV on October 26, 2024 after several years of research was conducted and all NSDAR application paperwork was completed by their chapter member Carol DeHaven.

WVDAR Recording Secretary Katherine Genung

On behalf of the State Society, and because I love to support our Veterans and Active-Duty Military, in conjunction with the Military and Family Readiness Office of the West Virginia Air National Guard 167th Airlift Wing, I organized a Welcome Home for 150 air guard who had been deployed for four months to an expeditionary air base within the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility. I am grateful for the assistance I received from my co-officer, WVDAR Historian, Darla Treat Courtney as well as Past Curator General NSDAR, and Honorary State Regent WVDAR, Barbara "Barby" Frankenberry. The daughters from the Shenandoah Valley Chapter under the leadership of Regent Jerell Wright were amazing, providing sandwiches and cookies as well as flags, tissues, juice boxes and other treats to the families of the soldiers coming home. The General Adam Stephen Chapter, NSSAR donated water and came as he-men support. We saw beautiful reunions between guardsmen and their spouses, parents, children; new babies were the best! I met a General! Also, the Command Master Chief of the Air Guard – the highest enlisted man in the state and they were both so nice! Air guard returned with no one to meet them and I was so happy to run up and give them a hug. It was one of the very best days of my life and I am so proud of what we did and more grateful than I can say for all the help I received; I could not have done it without them.

Additionally, working with the MFR Office, I got feedback on the pocket flags that were prepared at the last State Conference and given to these soldiers when they departed – they really loved them. Now to find flags that are easier to fold!

A second event, Family Day, for the 167th Airlift Wing was held in December and once again, on behalf of the State Society, with the assistance of the SAR, Bee Line Chapter, and Pack Horse Ford Chapter, I organized a group representing both SAR and DAR giving them an opportunity to meet and greet the Veterans, Active-Duty Guardsmen, and their families and tell them about our organizations.

I have and will continue to participate with West Virginia Read Aloud. I read weekly to a 3rd grade classroom. The greetings and hugs I get on a weekly basis make up for grandchildren who are far away.

In State Society business, I have drafted part two of the Larke Administration Proceedings and am ready to deliver the third part – as well as a completed volume – in record time.

Lastly, for the 4th year, I participated with the group Stories Behind the Stars as a volunteer writer; memorializing those who died during World War II.

Madam State Regent, it has been my sincere pleasure to work with you and represent the State Society; you have had an extremely successful administration and I wish you so many blessings in your future.

WVDAR Corresponding Secretary Cynthia Phillips Kolsun

Madame State Regent, it has been my pleasure to serve as your Corresponding Secretary.

It has been a busy year as I attended 3 District Workshops, and State Conference. I also published an updated list of addresses available to our members virtually. I introduced a breakfast speaker and presented awards to writers at the State Conference.

I presented my prepared report at the State Conference.

I made numerous contacts with members as the directory was updated. It was interesting to learn more about our members as they took on new roles in their chapters.

I assisted the State Regent when requested. I attended all WVDAR Executive Committee meetings held by our State Regent and participated in the WVDAR Board Meetings.

Madame State Regent, it has been my great honor to serve as your Corresponding Secretary during this outstanding administration.

WVDAR Organizing Secretary Vickie Lynn Fulks Baker

Serving as West Virginia State Organizing Secretary in the Larke Administration has allowed this officer to *Bloom through Service and Friendship*. This officer also continued servings the National Society Daughters of American Revolution as National Vice Chair Eastern Central Division Volunteer Genealogists, member of Volunteer Genealogists Committee Supplemental AIRs team, and member of the Insignia Committee as an Insignia Volunteer. In 2024, this officer completed the requirements to qualify as an active Corresponding Docent.

This officer has attended all executive committee meetings, district meetings, and state Board of Management meetings. This officer also posted the application review dates for new members and supplemental applications.

This officer was honored to represent WVDAR at the memorial service for Deborah Smith with Wheeling Chapter. This officer also had the privilege to attend several chapter activities: Blackwater Chapter's anniversary celebration, Highland of the Potomac Wreath laying. I was also honored to present DAR Corresponding Docent programs for James Wood Chapter and Daniel Davidson.

This officer assisted the organizing regent for chapters being formed in Wirt County and Hampshire County by answer questions as needed. I was also able to attend and assist with the initial meeting with prospective members. The chapter in Wirt County has chosen the name Johnathan Shepherd and is anticipating final approval during the March 2025 National Board of Management meeting.

As an Insignia Volunteer, I had the opportunity to attend the Virginia State Conference and assist the Insignia staff to sell pins. Additionally, this officer served as Insignia Volunteer during Continental Congress.

This officer assisted Daughters with research attempting to resolve AIR letters on supplemental applications. In addition, this officer served as East Central Division Vice Chair sharing information about the changes to the supplemental application review process.

Rejoicing and Blooming Blooms Through Service and Friendship

WVDAR Treasurer Vicky Shears

Vicky Shears presented her report as documentation throughout three meetings by way of ZOOM during the State Conference and as electronic copies of reports that are contained in the minutes of those meetings.

WVDAR Registrar Patsy Lynn Adkins

As the WVDAR State Registrar, this State Officer had the privilege of attending five District Meetings in the Summer of 2024 where she met the Chapter Registrars and informed them to contact me if they had problems or concerns. This Officer has helped Chapter Registrars regarding applications, supplementals, or frequent questions. Specifically, this officer along with Susan Arnold, Anna Carson, Bonnie Myers and Michelle Sparks started the Supplemental Support Team. We have reviewed 75 Supplementals for mistakes and send them to National cleaner to get verify quicker.

We had two supplementals that were reviewed in the Spring of 2023 and have been approved by National in Jan 2025. We worked on five Supplemental Air Letters got them straighten out and return to National where they were approved. We also worked on 18 Pre-Letters and returned to National for approval.

We hope that the next Administration will allow us to continue as group to review more Supplementals.

There are currently 40 active chapters in West Virginia. We gained one new chapter in 2024. Let’s welcome Jonathan Sheppard Chapter out of Elizabeth, WV. We have a total of 172 New Members for WV in 20224. That number is up 38 from the previous year. We averaged 10 to 12 new members per month in 2024. National dropped 55 members for non-payment of dues. In 2024, 37 members resigned. On the positive side, 18 members reinstated their membership. Blackwater and Wheeling, William Henshaw and several other chapters have grown over 2024.Most chapters, not all of them gained 1 or two new members in 2024. We had chapters that didn’t gain any new members in 2024.

Furthermore, in 2024 WVDAR changes occurred in the following categories: deceased – 47; Transfers Out-27 (16 left West Virginia), and Transfers In -25 (14 New to West Virginia).

In 2024, this Officer and other WVDAR genealogist specialists resolved issues with several Air Letters that they returned to National for approval. The review team noticed a significant improvement since there were fewer Pre-Letters compared to previous years.

This Officer held a workshop on getting the Chapter Registrar’s ready for the new changes that came out in January 2025 with Applications and Supplementals.

In 2024, this Officer helped Chapter Registrar’s with the Spread the Sparkle Challenge. This one was for smaller chapter 50 or less. Several of them did really good and New Members James Barbour and John Cooke and Tanners Cross Roads.

This Officer would like to close this report thanking Chapter Registrar’s and Supplemental Team for all their hard work these past three years. You all have rock and made my job little bit easier. I would also like to thank Madame State Regent Jane Larke for having the faith in me to take on the role of being your State Registrar these past three years.

WVDAR Historian Darla Treat Courtney

During 2024, 100% of West Virginia's` chapters provided responses to the Historian questionnaire in the Chapter Master Report, with 5 chapters (Bee Line, Colonel Morgan Morgan, Matthew French, Ohio Valley, Shenandoah Valley) providing supplemental reports about their activities.

Highlights for 2024 included 14 chapters reporting activities honoring the men and women who helped achieve American Independence. Several chapters reported honoring their patriots at chapter meetings, in chapter newsletters, and via social media (Bee Line, Matthew French, Old Hickory, Shenandoah Valley); with public displays and wreath layings (Bee Line, Colonel Morgan Morgan, Shenandoah Valley, South Branch Valley); and through support for historic buildings and sites associated with patriots (Bee Line, Colonel Charles Lewis, Elizabeth Ludington Hagens-Colonel John Evans, Matthew French, Ohio Valley, Old Hickory, Shenandoah Valley, Tanner's Cross Roads, William Henshaw).

Of particular note, two chapters (Blackwater, Colonel Morgan Morgan) plus the Central District placed three America 250! markers, and two chapters (Highlands of the Potomac, Shenandoah Valley) conducted patriot grave markings.

The following markers were placed by West Virginia Chapters this year.

- America 250! Marker, placed by Blackwater Chapter on 18 Dec 2024 in Parsons, WV.
- America 250! Marker, placed by Central District Chapters on 4 Dec 2024 at the Meadowbrook Rest Stop, I-79 in Harrison County
- America 250! Marker, placed by Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter on 5 May 2024 at Pricket's Fort State Park in Fairmont, WV
- Grave Marker for Patriot Philip Mickael, placed by Highlands of the Potomac Chapter on 22 Jun 2024 in Firm Rock, MD
- Grave Marker for Patriot John Gray. Placed by Shenandoah Valley Chapter on 26 Oct 2024 in Gerrardstown, WV

Further, Wheeling Chapter placed a Lafayette Trail Marker honoring the bicentennial of Lafayette's 1824-25 Tour; the marker was sponsored through the William C. Pomeroy Foundation. Shenandoah Valley Chapter restored the NSDAR roadside marker for Watkins Ferry at Falling Water, WV, and Kanawha Valley Chapter planted a Liberty Tree to honor our patriots.

Anne Bailey Chapter submitted a nomination for the Outstanding Teacher of American History Award, and that nomination was advanced to the Historian General for consideration. In addition, two chapters (Matthew French and Wheeling) nominated teachers for recognition at the chapter and state levels. Finally, Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter presented a History Medal to a local citizen.

At the state level, State Regent Jane Larke continues to make progress toward expanding the WVDAR digital archive at Marshall University. Chapters across the state worked to encourage literacy and knowledge of American history through the donations of books to schools, libraries, and other institutions.

State Historian Awards:

Outstanding Chapter Report: Bee Line Chapter(large chapter), Matthew French Chapter (small chapter) - Honorable Mentions: Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter, Shenandoah Valley Chapter

Certificate of Appreciation for Nominating an Outstanding Teacher: Anne Bailey Chapter, Matthew French Chapter, and Wheeling Chapter

Certificate of Appreciation for Marking Patriot Graves: Highlands of the Potomac Chapter, and Shenandoah Valley Chapter

Certificates of Appreciation for Placing an America 250! Marker: Blackwater Chapter, Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter, and Central District Chapters

Certificate of Appreciation for Restoring a Roadside Marker: Shenandoah Valley Chapter

Certificate of Appreciation for Placing a Lafayette Trail Marker: Wheeling Chapter

Certificate of Appreciation for Planting a Liberty Tree: Kanawha Valley Chapter

Certificate of Appreciation for Supporting Historic Homes: Bee Line Chapter

WVDAR Librarian Gail Potter

Completing my third year as a West Virginia DAR State Librarian. I am pleased how our chapters have donated books to NSDAR, local libraries and school facilities.

Two books were donated to NSDAR in 2024. *Franklin County, Kentucky Will Book 1, 1795-1823;* from Terri Lawrence, Blackwater Chapter and *Inscriptions and Tombstones for Mt. Tamalpais Cemetery, San Rafael, California, vol. 1*; in memory of Lynn Brody by General Andrew Lewis Chapter

Donations to local public libraries were made by William Henshaw Chapter. The Chapter has a program whereby books are donated to the library to honor members who have passed during the year. Two such book awards were made in the program year, honoring former member Nancy Myers and new member Jeannie Hamilton.

South Branch Valley gave bags of treats for 4 county Libraries (Hampshire, Hardy, Grant, and Pendleton Counties). Capon Bridge requested cleaning supplies in their bag.

Bee Line Chapter donated 1,144 new and gently used books to schools to individual classrooms and to adults at the Veteran's Affair Medical Center. Members Mary Pat Courtney along with Darla Treat Courtney, Jean Stonaker and Heidi Ware helped with this effort.

Daniel Davisson Chapter donated 38 children's books to 5 area public libraries.

Ye Towne of Bath supplied new books to 3 school's book vending machines and gently used books to Paw Paw ES Book Swap.

2024-2025 District Director Reports

Central District, Georgette Kesler Ward, District Director

The Central District of the West Virginia State Society of Daughters of the American Revolution held its 77th annual meeting on Saturday, August 24, 2024 at St. Thomas À Becket Church, Morgantown, WV hosted by the Elizabeth Ludington-Hagans-Colonel John Evans Chapter. Central District Director Georgette Ward, called the meeting to order. The invocation was led by Brenda Fisher; Pledge of Allegiance led by Teresa Smith; American's Creed led by Joan Gibson; and singing of the National Anthem was led by Anna Chandler.

Host Chapter Regent, Susan Arnold, Elizabeth Ludington-Hagans-Colonel John Evans Chapter, provided the greeting, and Cathy Hebb, Regent, Blackwater Chapter, delivered the response. Jane Larke, State Regent, and Malinda "Mindy" Davis, Past Vice-President General, and Honorary State Regent were introduced along with six WV daughters that were appointed to serve on committees for the National Society. State officers, chairs of State and National committees, and one visiting District Director were also introduced. New DAR members and guests were introduced.

The registration report indicated there was in attendance 1 State Regent; 1 Honorary State Regent; 8 State Officers; 1 National Vice Chair; 1 East Central Division Vice Chair; 3 National Committee Members; 2 District Directors; 11 Chapter Regents; 11 State Chairs; 60 Central District Daughters; 9 Other District Daughters; and 2 Guests in attendance.

During the business meeting the District Secretary presented the secretary's report from the 76th Central District meeting. A committee was appointed to review and approve the minutes for the 77th Central District meeting. The treasurer's report was read and Rebecca Davis, Pattie Norman, and Keren Kurilko were appointed to audit the books of the Central District. Under old business the Central District America 250! project was discussed. The completed project, placement of an America 250! Patriot marker at the south bound rest area on I- 79, was completed and dedicated on December 4, 2024.

The Nominating Committee upcoming district officer: Pat Goodwin, Trans-Allegheny Chapter as Director; Kathy Kidd, Tanner's Crossroad Chapter as Secretary; and Linda Huggins, Cheat River Chapter as Treasurer. All were elected following a verbal vote. State Regent Jane Larke delivered her State Regent's Message and reported on the 2024 State Conference and Continental Congress and the Lafayette Patriotic Picnic in Fayetteville. She reminded Daughters of upcoming 250th Anniversary of the Battle of Point Pleasant. Dates for State Conference and Continental Congress in 2025 were given. State Regent Larke presented both national and state awards.

Following lunch, Tina Seese, presented information on nominations for state offices. The voices drawing was held and it was voted that the fund would be donated to the State Regents project.

A memorial service was conducted for deceased members. Courtesy resolutions were given by Tracy Burns, and Christine Mundy, Regent, Elizabeth Zane Chapter, invited members to the 78th Central District Meeting to be held in Buckhannon, WV. The meeting closed with the benediction and "Blest Be the Tie That Binds." The meeting was adjourned.

Eastern District Margaret Ways, District Director

Greetings from the Eastern District! This Director presided at the Seventy-Seventh Eastern District meeting of the West Virginia Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, at the Independent Fire Hall, Ranson, WV on July 27, 2024. The Bee Line Chapter served as the hostess chapter. Representatives of the seven chapters in the Eastern District were in attendance as well as WVDAR State Regent Jane Larke, four State officers, four State Committee Chairs, one East Central Division Chair, Barby Frankenberry, Past Curator General and Honorary State Regent and Cheryl Brown, Honorary State Regent. Business addressed during this meeting included:

Tina Seese, Northern District Director and Chair of the WVDAR Nominating Committee, presented information on the new process for running for a WVDAR state office. Candidates must provide a completed application, a letter of endorsement, and a resume to the nominating committee. They must have held membership in WVDAR for at least 2 years, and no two officers shall be from the same chapter, except for the Regent and the Corresponding Secretary.

The Eastern District Bylaws Committee presented the proposed amendments, which were displayed on a screen. These amendments were sent to chapters for their review as part of the package for the District's call to meeting. The amendment changes were reviewed and voted on by the chapter members. All changes were approved.

The last business discussed was the election of the 2025-2028 Eastern District Officers. The Nominating Committee presented the following slate of officers for the Eastern District for 2025-

2028: Director: Judith “Judy” Bowyer, South Branch Valley Chapter; Secretary: Jerell Wright, Shenandoah Valley Chapter; and Treasurer: Bonnie Myers, South Branch Valley Chapter.

All candidates were endorsed by their chapters and submitted outstanding resumes. The slate was voted on by the Eastern District members and approved. Jane Larke, WVDAR State Regent, installed the 2025-2028 officers who will take office on the last day of the 2025 Continental Congress, which will be June 29, 2025.

The district project idea of purchasing WVDAR book, *Genealogical, Burial, & Service Data for Revolutionary War Patriots Buried in West Virginia* by the West Virginia State Society Daughters of the American Revolution and donating the book to each public library in the Eastern District to honor Cheryl Brown, WVDAR Honorary State Regent was completed during 2024. The assigned district chapters presented the books to their county public libraries during 2024. This Director attended the Shenandoah Valley and William Henshaw Chapter and the Pack Horse Ford Chapter presentations of the book to their county libraries. The libraries were pleased to receive the book and is looking forward to the public viewing the book.

This Director had the pleasure of visiting with the Pack Horse Ford Chapter and enjoyed a luncheon and guest speaker on February 15, 2025, and is scheduled to attend the Bee Line Chapter on Saturday, March 8, 2025. This will complete her visits with all Seven Eastern District Chapters during her 2022-2025 term.

Northern District Lucinda (Tina) Seese, District Director

The Northern District is excited to announce the organization of a new chapter, Jonathan Sheppard Chapter, located in Elizabeth, WV with the Organizing Regent Gloria Batten.

Chapters of the Northern District received their grants for American 250. With items ranging from a granite bench, books for libraries and a jeep show where children were given a certificate for reciting The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The Northern District lost a few women and gained several with the Wheeling Chapter gaining twelve new members.

Chapters supported students in their respective areas by recognizing them for JAC, ROTC groups, these same ladies supported the Louis A. Johnson VA medical Center. I would like to Thank these ladies for all their hard work over the year. As Director I have had the pleasure of working with the ladies of the northern district and what a wonderful group of ladies.

This Director attended all five of the district meetings and had a wonderful time attending the memorial ceremony at The Battle of Point Pleasant and attended the organizing meeting for the Jonathan Sheppard Chapter. It’s been a delight to serve the Northern District as Director for the past three years and a privilege to serve with this administration.

Southern District, Samantha Shleser, District Director

The Chapters in the Southern District have been very busy and productive this past year. All Chapters have been working diligently within their communities with projects they have spearheaded. Those projects will be reported in the Chapter Regent reports. The Southern District meeting was held on August 17, 2024 at the Black Knight Country Club in Beckley, West Virginia. The venue was beautifully set by the Club and appreciated by all those who attended. There were 22 members of the District attending from three chapters; Captain James Allen, General Andrew Lewis, and Matthew French Chapters, and many more DAR members from around the state.

The District addressed several changes to our by-laws presented by the appointed By-Laws Committee consisting of Karen Bonifacio, Sally Chapman, and Margaret Rusnak. The seven Articles were voted upon and passed by the majority.

Mrs. Jane Larke, WVDAR State Regent and Ms. Sandra Isner-Johnson, WVDAR State Vice Regent presented several certificates to chapters in the District. Mrs. Pat Mick, Nominating Committee member, presented the new slate of District Officers. They are as follows; Stella Moon, District Director; Linda Whitman, District Secretary; and Deborah Phillips, District Treasurer. Deborah Phillips was also appointed by Samantha Shleser, District Director to finish out the current term for Sandra Cowan the current District Treasurer who was unable to finish her term. The slate of officers, with no one nominated from the floor, was voted upon and passed by a majority and installed by our State Regent Jane Larke to take office after the close of Continental Congress 2025.

The final registration report was given with 33 attending and 22 of those being Southern District members.

Western District, Nickie Evenson, District Director Pro tem

In early April 2024 Marilyn Oppenheimer resigned the position of Western District Director. The Nominating committee that had been elected at the 2023 District meeting asked Nickie Evenson to step into the position of Director pro-tem to facilitate the up-coming meeting. Because there was some confusion and many questions, Nickie asked for a zoom meeting of the District members to bring us together as one. That meeting was held on May 20, 2024, via zoom. The meeting was attended by the State Regent, Jane Larke, the District Secretary, District Director pro-tem as well as District members from several Chapters. Plans then proceeded on to the Western District Meeting scheduled for July 20, 2024.

The District meeting was hosted by Anne Bailey Chapter and held in Charleston, WV. Several State officers and members of two other Districts were in attendance. Jane Larke, State Regent, gave an informative report on several projects and outcomes to those present. A silent auction was held with $276.00 going to the State Regent's project. Lisa McNeil, state chair of the Blanche L. Reymann Scholarship Fund, made a presentation to Grace Estep. An election was held for new officers to take office after Continental Congress in July of 2025. Those elected were Nickie Evenson, Director; Linda Keeling, Secretary; and Sheila Stevenson, Treasurer.

On October 10, 2024, Western District was well represented at the 250th celebration of the "first battle of the Revolution" in Point Pleasant. A wreath was placed by the Western District Director.

On October 26, 2024, Western District finalized a 3-year project of building and furnishing a shelter at the Veterans Home in Barbourville. A picnic lunch was held for the resident veterans and the workers who took part in building the shelter. Several chapters were in attendance. It was rewarding to interact with the veterans and they were very appreciative.

2024-2025 Chairs of National Committees Reports

DAR America 250!

In 2024 the America 250! Committee had 24 chapters report on the Chapter Master Report. There were three America 250! Patriot Markers placed this year. All three markers were from the Central District. Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter and Blackwater Chapter both placed America 250! Patriot Markers as well as the Central District itself completed a group project and placed an America 250! Patriot Marker. Lisa McNeil was the WVDAR representative for the West Virginia State 250 Commission.

There were eighteen (18) Celebration Grants submitted and approved in 2024. Chapters awarded grants were Anne Bailey Chapter, Bee Line Chapter, Blackwater Chapter, Captain James Allen Chapter, Cheat River Chapter, Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter, Colonel Zackquill Morgan, Daniel Davisson Chapter, Elizabeth Ludington -Colonel John Evans Chapter, Elk River Chapter, James Barbour Chapter, James Wood Chapter, John Hart Chapter, Pack Horse Ford Chapter, South Branch Valley Chapter, Trans-Allegheny Chapter, and Ye Towne of Bath Chapter. The West Virginia State Society of the NSDAR was also awarded a Celebration grant.

Many chapters reported hosting community events. Activities promoting the America 250! initiative included placement of three America 2501 Patriot markers, 2 by chapters and 1 by the Central District. Books, digital lessons, and coloring books were placed in schools by chapters and the state about the American Revolution and the patriots that contributed to the formation of our country. American flags were purchased by chapters to be displayed along streets and cemeteries that contained the remains of Revolutionary patriots. A memorial bench was placed in Parkersburg City Park to commemorate patriots from the area and individual patriot flags were displayed in Roane County. Several chapters participated in Battle Days and a marker was placed to commemorated the Marquis de Lafayette's tour. One chapter used a DAR museum Portable Education Program (PEP) to educate the public about life in colonial times. The public was educated about the upcoming America 250! celebration through print media in local newspapers and the sale of T-shirts recognizing Revolutionary War patriots.

The America 250! Committee recommended the following chapters for National awards: Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter, 1st Place; Blackwater Chapter, 2nd place; Elizabeth Zane Chapter, 3rd Place; James Wood Chapter, 4th Place, and Blennerhassett Chapter, 5th Place.

West Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution America 250! Awards were divided into two categories, Small Chapters and Large Chapters. Small Chapter Awards went to Colonel Morgan Morgan, 1st place; Blackwater Chapter, 2nd place; and Elizabeth Zane Chapter, 3rd place. Large Chapter Awards went to James Wood, 1st Place; Blennerhassett, 2nd place; and Wheeling Chapter, 3rd place.

Georgette Kesler Ward

American Heritage

Well done ladies! We had National winners in the 2023-24 American Heritage Contest and I'm looking forward to possible winners for the 2024-2025 contest from our 24 entries! Congratulations to the Bee Line Chapter for receiving the Evelyn Cole Peters Award, a very prestigious accomplishment for their first place Drama entry. Please see our January 2025 newsletter to see ALL our winners!

Here are some of the ways our chapters continued preserving American Heritage.

Anne Royal – Family Heritage / Show & Tell - members brought items of special meaning, shared quilts, antique clocks and glassware.

Barboursville – Held Open House hosting Cabell Midland HS string quartet at Community Fall Fest during Constitution week.

Bee Line – 'Show and Tell' of family items and shared related information. Participated as volunteers, attendees and contestants at Jefferson County Fair and CEOS Craft Day. Hosted classes and events that support arts, education, and history.

Blackwater – Program on Glassmaking in WV with members sharing many unique pieces of antique glassware and how their own families tied to glass making.

Blennerhassett - participated in the Adopt a Native Elder Program (A.N.E.) that helps reduce extreme poverty and hardship facing traditional Elders living on the Navajo Reservation.

Program provides food, firewood, and medicine for a year for a Native American Elder. More than $500 has been raised and donated.

Buford **-** Program at local retirement center with state coordinator of the Quilts for Valor for WV as speaker. Presented two homemade quilts to WWII Veterans there.

Captain James Allen **-** Read 'Why America Matters' by Dr Ben Carson to 1st graders at three county schools, distributed flags and bells so students could participate in Bells Across American and understand WHY we ring those bells! Two quilts were presented to VA Hospice.

Cheat River **–** participated in the Preston County Buckwheat Festival theme 'Born Among the West Virginia Hills' having a display about 7 Preston County Patriots and their families.

Col Zackquill Morgan – attended the 'Interwoven' exhibition at historic Arthurdale.

Elizabeth Ludington Hagans **– Col John Evans** – attended the 'Interwoven' exhibit and toured the facilities at historic Arthurdale WV.

General Andrew Lewis – program by War re-enactor on Revolutionary and Civil War Costumes, highlighting how women dressed in disguise to participate in battles and stay in encampments.

Ohio Valley **–** programs on Native American Art, Jewelry, and Historic Dress and ongoing WV Quilt documentation project.

Old Hickory - made tie-blankets to donate to local children's hospital.

Pack Horse Ford – Katherine Genung presented about the American Heritage Committee and encouraged members to participate. Chapter members made hats for Veterans at the Martinsburg VA Center.

Westmoreland **–** programs by/on VA Medical Center employees, Quilts of Valor, Beekeeping, US Constitution, female first responders, and genealogy.

William Henshaw **–** participated in Roundhouse Heritage Fair, wreath laying at Martinsburg founders' day, promoted history, education, literacy, and patriotism.

Ye Towne of Bath – presentation about women's clothing in the later 18th century at Eastern District Meeting.

Anna Chandler, Chair

American History

West Virginia daughters sparkle and shine in service to their communities and country. We have honored amazing women in our communities and military. We recognized and honored the African Americans that have helped shape our nation. We preserve our local history and educate the children of our state. We use a variety of media to reach the public.

We participated in Wreaths Across America and marked graves of our heroes in WV. Colonel Morgan Morgan chapter members compiled a list of veterans interred in Oak Grove Cemetery. This will help in their ability to lay wreaths and place flags in the future.

We honored Doris Earnshaw Williams, Katherine Johnson, and Carol Smith as Women in American History. Anne Royall had a program on The Missing Flight, Women's Army Corps (WACs) flight that went down over the coast of Africa in 1945. It has never been located. They had program on, Pearl White Ward a young, daring aviator who learned to fly at the age of 15.

Bee Line chapter had a program on Eugenia Washington, who was born in West Virginia. A marker dedication is being planned.

Several chapters are on boards of other community preservation groups. Some of them are preserving our historical cemeteries. Highlands of the Potomac chapter has been interviewing local older African Americans to preserve their history.

Bee Line chapter had a program on the 320th Barrage Balloon Battalion. It was the only African American unit to land on Normandy on D-day.

Buford chapter helped reinter the remains of a local veteran that was lost in Pearl Harbor.

Carol DeHaven, Shenandoah Valley, saw her research come to fruition with the marking of the grave of Patriot John Gray.

WV Daughters participated in the American History Essay Contest and the Patriot History Essay Contests. One chapter, Blennerhassett, thought outside of the box. The essay contest is open to public, parochial, and homeschooled children but they sought out to include the youth in a juvenile detention center.

We put spot announcements on local TV, Community Calendars and radio stations, Peters Mountain, used the local high school's radio station to make announcements of Bells Across America.

Matthew French continues their preservation of the McNutt house and uses it to educate the public on the history and life 250 years ago.

Some chapters have gone a little extra in their programs, Westmoreland and Buford. Westmoreland wrote a program/skit on the founding of the country as seen through the eyes of a Loyalist, a Patriot, and the average man. The program is available on YouTube at https://youtu.be/1lVQxbK3iFA?si=j9P5UoDq5FVPriQq.

Marsha Moses (Buford) started a blog about what happened in 1774 leading up to the revolutionary war. Her blog is https://revolutionmonthbymonth.blogspot.com

I get excited to see that while we are preserving our history, we are looking to the future by learning to use new technology, by thinking outside of the box, by seeing the same thing in a different light. West Virginia Daughters love our history and teaching others about American History.

Randi Gray, Chair

American Indians: No report

Americanism: No report

Children of the American Revolution

WV DAR sparkled and shined with CAR for 2024. We have 4 Chapters that support local CAR societies. Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter supports the Fort Randolph CAR society; Kanawha Valley Chapter supports the Kanawha Salines CAR society; Old Hickory Chapter supports the West Augusta CAR Society; and Shenandoah Valley Chapter supports the John Augustine Washington CAR Society. WV added two new C.A.R. Societies with the Michael Kerns Fort Society supported by the Colonel Zackquill Morgan Chapter and the Margaret Mckensey Society supported by the Matthew French Chapter.

10 chapters went on to the CAR committee webpage on the DAR members website.

Shenandoah Valley Chapter supported their CAR chapter with a monetary donation of $306. The Kanawha Valley Chapter paid the dues of their 9 Kanawha Salines Chapter Members and their Senior Society President Dues. The Blennerhassett Chapter contributed financially to the WV CAR State Society at $210. The chapter passes around a jar every meeting to donate to the state society. The Colonel Zackquill Morgan, James Wood Chapters, Ohio Valley all assisted financially with their local CAR societies and State Society.

WV has 25 children within our DAR society that are eligible for membership within our CAR chapters. Colonel Charles Lewis had a program presented by their CAR society in which 8 CAR members attended. Shenandoah Valley had a presentation by CAR Members, presented flyers to potential CAR members and had a CAR member compete in a DAR contest. Colonel Zackquill Morgan Chapter has a member that serves as WV State Senior Society Treasurer.

Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter invited CAR members to every chapter meeting they had (10). Shenandoah Valley Chapter participated in either the 2024 C.A.R. Day of Service or made plans to participate with C.A.R. in the 2024 C.A.R. Day of Service, on or around April 5, C.A.R. Founder`s Day.

I am attaching Matthew French and Shenandoah's write ups they sent to me including photos of all the work that their DAR/CAR did together!

Shenandoah Valley had the most responses to the prompts at 9 "yes" out of the possible 12.

Grace Parsons Arthur, Chair

DAR Commemorative Events

As this year finished out, Chapters have continued to celebrate commemorative Anniversaries. Twenty-six chapters reported Commemorative activities on the CMR and 10 chapters sent written reports to the State Committee for award considerations. 263 members participated in July 4th parades and celebrations and at least 64 Anniversary programs were reported. 17 chapters are now registered as Commemorative Partners with the United States of America War Commemoration. Many members took part in the 250th Anniversary of the Battle of Pt. Pleasant. Those with Patriots who fought in that battle received ribbons to honor them.

The following First place Outstanding Reports were submitted to National: Bee Line Chapter, Legacy of Bernardo de Galves, 1st place Large Chapter; Bee Line Chapter, Black History Month, 1st place Large Chapter; Ye Towne of Bath Chapter, D-Day 80th Anniversary, 1st place Large Chapter; and Col. Morgan Morgan Chapter, Edenton Tea Party, 1st place Small Chapter.

Other reports receiving State Awards were Pack Horse Ford Chapter, 4th of July Celebration, 1st place Large Chapter; Highlands of the Potomac Chapter, 4th of July Celebration, 2nd Place Large Chapter; Buford Chapter, 4th of July Celebration, 3rd Place Large Chapter; South Branch Valley Chapter, 250th Birthday of the US. Navy, 1st Place Small Chapter; Mathew French Chapter, 250th Birthday of the US Navy, 2nd Place Small Chapter; William Henshaw Chapter, 50th Anniversary of Vietnam War, 1st Place Small Chapter; Shenandoah Valley Chapter, 50th Anniversary of Vietnam War, 2nd Place Small Chapter; Blennerhassett Chapter, 50th Anniversary of Vietnam War, 1st place Large Chapter; Ohio Valley Chapter, Misc. - Pearl Harbor, 1st Place Large Chapter; Pack Horse Ford Chapter, Misc- Grandparents Day, 2nd Place Large Chapter; and William Henshaw Chapter, Legacy of Bernardo de Galves, 1st Place Small Chapter.

Barbara Channell, Chair

Community Classroom

The Community Classroom Committee had significant activity this year. Volunteers from 39 counties in West Virginia participated. Old Hickory reported 88 volunteers, James Wood stated seventeen volunteers, and Bee Line had ten. In total, there were one hundred sixty-five Community Classroom volunteers across West Virginia.

WVDAR engaged with children in numerous ways. The Matthew French Chapter interacted with 1,148 young individuals, Bee Line Chapter with 575, and Cheat River Chapter with 490 students. In total, West Virginia chapters jointly reached 3,578 students.

Our chapters provide time and service to both young and old individuals. We served community classrooms by engaging in activities such as reading to Head Start classrooms and participating in Read Aloud rooms, promoting learning and literacy among the youth.

Books are our favorite gifts, but we also give in other ways: cards to veterans and nursing homes, supplies for school projects, books for libraries, and donations to the Lorrie Yeager

Juvenile Detention Center. Westmorland Chapter provided foam phonics boards for dyslexic student tutors. Reading during Dr. Seuss Week is a highlight. Elizabeth Zane Chapter donated blankets for snuggling during their reading program. Volunteers participated in Santa Workshops, judged science fairs and robotic competitions, and Highlands of the Potomac supported a local Amish Community School with books and donations. Sponsoring student essay contests is also important annually. Two members from Ye Towne of Bath composed two skits focusing on General Lafayette for presentation in a program.

Comic books and graphic novels have gained considerable popularity among young readers. This year, Peters Mountain and Ye Towne of Bath participated in donating these genres. Peters Mountain created "Ninja Belts" to be awarded by teachers as incentives for achieving goals, like the belts awarded in Karate training. The Bee Line Chapter donated 915 books, while Ye Towne of Bath contributed 358 new and gently used books. Additionally, Ye Towne of Bath provided *The Graphic Novel I Survived The American Revolution, 1776* to fourth graders, home-schooled students, and both public and school libraries.

Twenty chapters reported providing financial support to a classroom, school function, and/or a specific need within the school district. The largest financial donation came from Bee Line Chapter at nearly $10,000. Additionally, a member of Matthew French Chapter donated $3,620.54 for mostly low-income students.

West Virginia Daughters love their students and teachers. Numerous chapters participate in National Teacher Appreciation Week by providing baskets, candies, baked goods, and notes of encouragement and appreciation. Bee Line Chapter organized several programs, including educational stations at the Jefferson County Fair, a tour of Charles Washington's home, Happy Retreat, a Family Heritage through Quilts event, and a visit to Fort Meade with the children of Active-Duty personnel. Our Daughters are a committed group with multiple activities happening continuously throughout the year. It is challenging to recognize and give credit to all those hardworking members. Thank you, Daughters.

Awards to Large Chapters were distributed as follows:

Anne Bailey Chapter: Number of books donated by a chapter, 2nd place;

Bee Line Chapter: Most books donated by a chapter (almost 1000), 1st place; Outstanding Report; Most children impacted by a chapter; Largest Financial Donation given; Outstanding Programs: Educational Stations at the Jefferson County Fair; Home School Tour of Happy Retreat; Project Patriot: Fort Meade and Children of Active-Duty Personnel; Family Heritage Through Quilts; Bee Line Media Coverage; Bee Line Newsletter; Most Books Donated

James Wood Chapter: Most Volunteers in a Chapter

Ohio Valley Chapter: Most lesson Plans Submitted; Recognition of Donation to Friends of Education; For donations for sports programs

Old Hickory Chapter: Participation in a reading Program; Involvement in Science and Social Studies Fairs

Pack Horse Ford Chapter: Participation in a reading Program

Wheeling Chapter: Participation in a reading Program

Awards for Small Chapters were awarded as follows:

Cheat River Chapter: Most Volunteers from the Chapter , 2nd place; Most Children Impacted, 2nd Place; Participant of National Teacher Appreciation Week; Lesson Plans Submitted – Honorable Mention; Participation in a reading Program

Colonel Charles Lewis Chappter: Participation in a reading Program

Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter: Most Children Impacted, 3rd Place; Participation in a reading Program

Colonel William Lowther Chapter: Participant of National Teacher Appreciation Week; Participation in a reading Program

Elizabeth Zane Chapter: Outstanding Programs: Reading blankets for snuggling while reading books; Participation in a reading Program

Elk River Chapter: Most Volunteers from the Chapter 1st place, Participant of National Teacher Appreciation Week; Participation in a reading Program

John Young Chapter: Most Volunteers from the Chapter 2nd Place, Participant of National Teacher Appreciation Week; Lesson Plans Submitted – 3rd place

Highlands Of The Potomac Chapter: Participation in a reading Program; Book donations to Amish Community School

James Wood Chapter: Participation in Care Closet

John Young Chapter: Supplying for those in Federally Assisted programs

Matthew French Chapter: Children Impacted, 1st Place; Participant of National Teacher Appreciation Week; Lesson Plans Submitted, 1st place

Ohio Valley Chapter: For donations for sports programs

Shenandoah Valley Chapter: Participation in a reading Program; Largest Financial Support Given; Participant of National Teacher Appreciation Week

South Branch Valley Chapter: Most Children Impacted, Honorable Mention; Participation in a reading Program

Westmoreland Chapter: Lesson Plans Submitted, 2nd place; Shelia P. Stevenson, science experiments; Regent Stephanie Smith, phonics boards for dyslexic tutors

William Henshaw Chapter: Participant of National Teacher Appreciation Week; Member Judges, Student Essay Contest on John Philip Sousa

Ye Towne Of Bath Chapter: Most Volunteers from the Chapter, 2nd Place; Most Children Impacted Honorable Mention; Participant of National Teacher Appreciation Week; Recognition of Donation to Friends of Education; Most Books Donated; Participation in a reading Program

Donated Graphic Novels to County Schools; Performed Lafayette skit

Colleen Stotler, Chair

Community Service Awards: No Report

Conservation

West Virginia daughters have once again demonstrated their willingness to work together for the common good of our beautiful state through their hard work and dedication to conservation. Our members strive to protect our natural resources, historical sites, and archeological sites through chapter projects, individual projects, and daily mindfulness. Thirty-four of our 39 chapters reported conservation-related activities this year. Those activities (both chapter and individual) ran the gamut from small personal projects to large full-scale works that often included other community resources. The 2024 Chapter Master Report shows that our 1,897 members completed 67 conservation projects. A majority (25) of the chapters were diligent about sharing a total of 172 Conservation Minutes as a part of their meetings. Some chapters went even farther to reach their members with these important messages by including them in newsletters and posting them on social media.

Ten chapters celebrated Arbor Day with 33 members participating in various ways. Some members helped plant trees in memory of veterans and historical events, while others assisted plantings at state parks and public areas. Our members have taken the frightening decline of pollinators to heart. This year 101 members reported planting pollinator gardens. In addition,

many described their use of such pollinator-friendly practices as “no mowing” areas, “leaving the leaves,” beekeeping, and avoiding pesticides.

A recent addition (since 2022) to the Conservation Committee’s mission is the Never Forget Garden that is planted to remember the men and women who served our country in time of war and armed conflict. Seven of these gardens were planted by West Virginia members this year.

Seven members enjoyed the beauty of a DAR Forest by visiting one during 2024. Forty-four members participated in a variety of different community clean-ups. Some joined groups who cleaned up tires and trash along rivers and streams, while others helped by picking up trash, pulling weeds and planting flowers in several small towns, on country roads, and in parks.

Finally, no conservation medal was awarded in 2024.

Margaret Ashby, Chair

Chapter Development & Revitalization Commission

West Virginia received 135 new members in 2024. The total number of drops (55) and resignations (37), both of which were lower than the previous year, contributed to the net gain of 12 members.

The Membership Committee’s 2024 Membership Initiative, “Discover Treasured Gems” and/or “Sparkle More in ’24,” challenges saw 18 chapters rising to the challenge and adding 4 new members to their chapters and/or adding one more member than the previous year.

Of West Virginia’s 39 chapters, there are 21 chapters whose registrars have taken advantage of the Registrar Training Course, which is an increase from the previous year. There are currently 210 prospective members in the West Virginia Prospective Member Database (PMD), which is a slight increase of only 2 from the previous year.

The new chapter that is attempting to form in Newell, West Virginia, had difficulty in obtaining the required number of applicants, despite receiving an extension, and no further action has been taken.

There is a new chapter forming in Elizabeth, WV. An organizational meeting was held, and it was determined that there was enough interest to form a new chapter. The process of forming a new chapter began, and applications were submitted. Other chapters have been lanterns for the newly forming chapter and have seen their members transfer to Member at Large so they may become charter members of the newly forming chapter.

This Chair continues to work with the John Cooke Chapter to increase and maintain membership above the required minimum. With two drops, two reinstatements, and three new members by application, the chapter’s official January 1, 2025, membership count stands at 15. The state registrar continues to work with the prospective members on the John Cooke Chapter’s PMD.

Madam Regent, it has been a pleasure serving in the Larke Administration.

Chris Painter, Chair

DAR Constitution Week

The West Virginia State Daughters of the American Resolution have been very busy again this year. We have 39 Chapters, and all participated in Constitution Week activities of some kind.

We had 19 Chapters participate in Bells Across America. A lot of chapters had members who participated individually while others joined with other chapters. A couple of our smaller chapters had weeklong activities. We had 30 chapters which had a Constitution Minute or recited the Preamble at each meeting. We had 33 Chapters who contacted Mayors, County Commissioners, and our Governor for Proclamations for a total of 49 Proclamations issued. First

Place went to Cheat River Chapter, Second Place to Ohio Valley Chapter and Third Place to James Wood Chapter.

West Virginia Daughters contacted 66 schools with Matthew French and Shenandoah Valley Chapters contacting the most. 33 classrooms were contacted in the state. A total of 5,981 kits and bookmarks were distributed from chapters with Pack Horse Ford distributing 2,000, James Wood with 1,700, and Matthew French with 1,550. We had 104 displays in libraries, schools, windows, and public buildings with Bee Line Chapter having the highest with 104 displays.

Daniel Davisson Chapter led West Virginia with the Most Posters with a total of 205. Highlands of the Potomac, led the state with the highest number of marquees/billboards. Tanners Cross Roads showed the most Garden Flags. Colonel William Lowther Chapter contacted the most churches and scout troops.

The Best Chapter report was from Matthew French Chapter.

Madam State Regent, it has truly been an honor and pleasure to work for you and the lovely ladies of this State the past three years. Richest blessing to each Chapter. Wishing you the very best, I remain your loyal WVDAR servant.

Carolyn S. Kesterson, Chair

The Flag of the United States of America

West Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution honored the Flag of the United States of America throughout 2025. West Virginia's 39 chapters, with 1,772 members, participated in 63 flag events. West Virginia chapters participated in parades and celebrations including Memorial Day observances, Independence Day events, and Veterans Day parades. Chapters helped to retire 1,840 flags as well, partnering with other organizations like the VVA, SAR, and CAR.

Many chapters donated flags to fly in public spaces, distributed miniature flags during community celebrations, or participated in flag retirement ceremonies. In total, West Virginia daughters distributed 4,798 flags and flag certificates and 2,128 pieces of flag literature. On Veterans Day, the Daniel Davisson chapter distributed 300 flag pins at the local VA hospital. The John Young Chapter recognized new citizens at naturalization ceremonies by handing out handmade flag pins.

The Highlands of the Potomac chapter celebrated their second chapter anniversary with a flag trivia quiz. For their Betsy Ross drama "Did She Make It," the Bee Line Chapter received the Evelyn Cole Peters Award for Excellence from NSDAR.

Education related to the flag was also popular. The Shenandoah Valley chapter led flag programs at three 4-H camps, reaching more than 360 youth. Ye Towne of Bath Chapter held a "Flag Day in the Park" with patriotic music, flag displays, and more. Blennerhassett Chapter set up a similar booth at local events. Members of the Elk River Chapter brought flag programs to kindergarten students, teaching the students "flag manners," while the Cheat River Chapter created a lesson plan for the DAR Community Classroom about the Star-Spangled Banner.

Elizabeth Satterfield, Chair

Franco-American Memorial

The Franco-American Memorial Committee (FAMC) encourages states and chapters to celebrate, commemorate, and educate their communities about the Bicentennial of Lafayette's Farewell Tour and about events with a Frano-American theme not related to the Lafayette Farewell Tour.

The West Virginia Society, NSDAR celebrated the Bicentennial of the Marquis de Lafayette's Farewell Tour to America in Fayetteville on August 18, 2024, the kickoff weekend of this

national event. WV Daughters from every district in the state gathered in front of Lafayette's statue at the Fayetteville Courthouse for photos and then proceeded to the Charlie McCoy Town Park for a picnic. Desserts served were homemade Lafayette gingerbread with fairy butter and traditional French mocha dessert swirls. This gingerbread was served to Lafayette by Mary Washington when he visited her home.

Mayor Sharon Cruishank presented WVDAR with a proclamation declaring the day a time to celebrate Lafayette's Farewell Tour. Dr. Lewis Cook, from the Fayetteville Historical Society, spoke about the history of Fayetteville. State Regent, Jane Larke, presented the mayor with a Lafayette plate and gave a donation to Dr. Cook for the Historical Society.

Raffle baskets with a French flair included, among other items, French wines and wine glasses, a round of Brie, a Lafayette pin from the Insignia store, and the book *Hero of Two Worlds*. Favors, note cards with Lafayette's image on the front, were given to everyone in attendance. The proceeds from the event were donated to our State Regent's project. Thank you to the committee members who planned this event: Jane Larke, State Regent, Barbara Channel, Janet Leslie, Stella Moon, Mickie Richardson, and Carolyn Scheydt.

Eastern Central Division Vice Chair Suzanne Cronquist, General Andrew Lewis Chapter, attended the Bicentennial Farewell Tour kickoff in New York the third weekend of August.

On September 25, 2024, the Wheeling and Woodburn Chapters hosted a dedication ceremony for a new historical marker commemorating the 200th anniversary of Lafayette's visit to the City of Wheeling. The Lafayette Trail Maker, placed at a prominent location near the Ohio River where Lafayette arrived by riverboat in 1825, was unveiled. The event highlighted the historical significance of Lafayette's travels and his contribution to the American cause. Julien Icher, the founder and president of the Lafayette Trail, Inc., was the guest speaker. Following the event, a lecture from Mr. Icher highlighted Lafayette's contributions to the Revolutionary War and his time spent in what is now West Virginia. Officials from the City of Wheeling and representatives from ten DAR Chapters attended. Members of the Friends of Lafayette organization were also present.

Suzanne Cronquist and Lisa McNeil set up a table at the 2025 State Conference with the Lafayette Tour schedule and Lisa's invite to the Wheeling events in May. Mickie Richardson attended the Lafayette Trail Marker dedication in Marietta, OH, on May 18, 2025, and the reenactment of Lafayette's Farewell Tour in Gallipolis, OH, on May 22, 2025. WVDAR State Regent Jane Larke attended the SAR's Bicentennial Anniversary of Lafayette's Farewell Tour in Wheeling on May 24, 2025. The Wheeling Chapter provided the reception for this event. Suzanne Cronquist reviewed the FAMC award submissions to the Division Vice Chairs. On June 27, 2025, Suzanne and Mickie Richardson attended the FAMC Award Ceremony at Continental Congress.

Nineteen West Virginia chapters noted activities in the Franco-American Memorial Committee on the CMR. Chapters recorded 198 volunteer hours hosting or participating in a Lafayette Farewell Tour event. Other chapter activities included Lafayette programs; Lafayette and Franco-American minutes read at chapter meetings; Lafayette Tour Proclamations; collaboration with other Franco-American organizations, use of social media to publicize a Franco-American related event; and donations of Franco-American related literature.

Mickie Richardson, Chair

DAR Genealogy Commission

The DAR Genealogy Commission is new for the Wright Administration. The purpose of the commission is to coordinate the genealogy work of the society to improve the quality of submitted applications. The committees included in the DAR Genealogy Commission include Application Taks Force, DAR DNA Network, DAR Genealogy Preservation, Genealogical

Records, Lineage Research, Patriot Records Project, Specialty Research, and Volunteer Genealogist.

West Virginia Daughters serving the DAR Genealogy Commission are listed: Application Task Force: Brenda Cheuvront, member; DAR DNA Network: Vacant; DAR Genealogy Preservation: Deborah Popenoe, state chair; Genealogical Records: Tracy Zang, state chair; Lineage Research: Susan Arnold, Region III member; Cheryl Brown, Lineage Support-Applications member; Linda Whitman, state chair; Patriot Records Project: Judith Mathias, state chair; Specialty Research: Patsy Adkins, state chair; Volunteer Genealogist: Vickie Baker, Division Vice Chair East Central; Vickie Baker, Supplemental AIRs team member; Susan Arnold, state chair; and Registrar: Patsy Adkins.

The review dates for new member applications and supplemental applications have been added to the DAR Genealogy Commission page on the Members Only national website (members.dar.org). Previously, these dates were only available to those members with e-Membership access. Periodically, this chair has posted these dates on the WVDAR Facebook page. Rejoicing and Blooming Blooms Through Service and Friendship.

Vickie Lynn Fulks Baker

DAR Genealogy Preservation

The focus of the DAR Genealogy Preservation Committee has been the Supporting documentation Project and the Historian General's Marker Card Project. The Volunteers for the documentation Project transcribe the information found on the lineage page of DAR applications and supplements. These records are identified by their type: vital records, military records, bible records, census, etc. Volunteers for the Descendants Project transcribed the information found on the lineage page of DAR applications and Supplementals.

Special Kudos to Delores (Geneal) Bailey from the Old Hickory Chapter who has done an outstanding job serving as a certifier for the Supporting Documentation Project.

We look forward to starting the recently approved Microfiche Project in the future, the goal will be digitizing approximately three million early supporting documents submitted with applications from the 1950's through the mid 1980's.

The following members volunteered for the Descendants Project: Cynthia Archer, Wheeling Chapter; Cheryl Brown, Pack Horse Ford Chapter, and Georgette Ward, Elizabeth Zane Chapter.

The following members volunteered for the Marker Project: Cynthia Archer, Wheeling Chapter, Vickie Baker, Tanner's Cross Roads Chapter; Elizabeth Belcher, Kanawha Valley Chapter; Deborah Burge, Old Hickory Chapter; Barbara Channell, Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter; Crystal Martin, Wheeling Chapter; Judy Mathias, South Branch Valley Chapter; Joanna McKown, Old Hickory Chapter; Deb Messham, Wheeling Chapter; Bonnie Myers, South Branch Valley; and Chris Painter, Blennerhassett Chapter.

Debbie Popenoe, Chair

DAR Good Citizens

It has been my honor to report for the past 3 years on the efforts of West Virginia Daughters who worked to promote and acknowledge Good Citizens in their local schools. Over this time as State Chair these exceptional high school seniors have displayed the qualities of good citizenship, dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism and have been recognized by their teachers and counselors.

Fourteen chapters recognized 39 students with entries from 26 students in scholarship or essay contests. Larger than last year, a total of $3429 was the amount of cash gifts awarded to DAR Good Citizen students. Again, this year the James Wood Chapter awarded the largest cash

award to a deserving student totaling $1000 with other participant runners-up each receiving awards of $100. Blackwater Chapter was the next largest cash award of $500 given to a graduating student.

Most chapters awarded monetary amounts ranging from $50 to $1000 to deserving students, while some chapters acknowledged their DAR Good Citizen participants with certificates and DAR lapel pins.

The essay part of the DAR Good Citizen program is not mandatory, but a big part of the awards. Essays were turned in by five chapters to the WV State Good Citizen Program. The State Essay Winner sponsored by the Old Hickory Chapter, chaired by Megan Wray, was the second year for Old Hickory to send to the district level. This essay was written by Kensie Walters from Ravenswood High School and is on its way to National judging.

The DAR Good Citizen Program is a good program that rewards students for their overall qualities of good citizenship. I have been honored to be a minor part in the recognition of such fine West Virginia high school students.

Darlene Frederick, Chair

DAR Leadership Training

West Virginia Daughters sparkled as they soared through the Galaxy during the 2024-2025 year. The DAR Leadership Training courses engage and encourage membership involvement in our Society.

Triple Crowns were in the air with sixteen WVDAR Daughters reaching the trifecta in Leadership Training! This is three more Triple Crowns than were awarded last year. Thirteen members completed the Members Course, thirteen the Committee Leaders Course, and fifteen the New Horizons Course. Two Above and Beyond certificates were presented to recipients who performed above and beyond normal expectations of course projects. Twenty-two completed courses throughout the year with seven of these Daughters “new” DAR members. This is thirteen more Daughters than completed courses in 2023-2024. Years of WVDAR membership of course completers ranged from 2 months to 30+ years!

The following were recognized with awards based on the number of members completing courses: The WVDAR Executive Committee earned the Sparklers award; Seven chapters (Blennerhassett, Colonel Morgan Morgan, Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans, Elizabeth Zane, Matthew French, Old Hickory, and South Branch Valley) earned the Twinkling Star award. This was four more chapters than were recognized last year; Three chapters (Blennerhassett, Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans, and Old Hickory) earned the Shooting Star award. Last year only one chapter achieved the Shooting Star level.

Congratulations to award recipients for these achievements!

Mickie Richardson

DAR Library Outreach

The DAR Library Outreach committee, one of the newest NSDAR committees, is designed for chapters to work with public and school libraries for the purpose of promoting the projects of NSDAR. Although there is not a reporting form included in the CMR at this time, four chapters responded to this state chair with their projects with local libraries.

Most projects included donating books to public and school libraries. The recently published *West Virginia DAR Genealogical, Burial & Service Data for Revolutionary War Patriots Buried in West Virginia* was listed as a donation to several libraries. South Branch Valley Chapter gave

gift bags filled with treats to the library staff of five libraries and gave Capon Bridge Library cleaning supplies as suggested by a chapter member who volunteers there.

The Kanawha Valley Chapter had a display at the South Charleston Public Library that included 67 patriotic themed children's books, Pledge of Allegiance bookmarks, patriotic coloring pages, and Little George Washington paper dolls – all for the young library patrons.

Bee Line Chapter estimated a total of $3,475 in book donations from their members. Their donations went to school, classroom and public libraries, a nursery school class at Fort Meade, for baby shower gift baskets for the Veteran Mom's Baby Shower at the VA Medical Center, the VAMC library, and to Book Savers in Hagerstown, MD.

This year, awards were given to the following chapters: 1st, Kanawha Valley Chapter; 2nd, South Branch Valley Chapter; and 3rd, Bee Line Chapter.

Susan Garrett

DAR Magazine

This chair is pleased to report that we had 100% completion of the CMR Report for 2024. West Virginia has thirty-three of the forty-chapter regents who subscribe to the American Spirit Magazine. I am pleased to report that two chapters submitted an article to "With the Chapter" section in the *Daughters* newsletter. Those chapters are Buford and Matthew French.

Our thirty-nine chapters sponsored the DAR Co-Op pages for the Magazine in the amount of $1,596.80. The state sponsored two pages in the January issue. We were proud support our own Jane Jacobs Larke for the position of Vice President General at the 134th Continental Congress this upcoming June.

In response to the questions on the Chapter Master Report thirty of our chapters continue with the reading of the American Spirit magazine since it was redesigned to focus on DAR membership instead of on American Revolution based topics. When asked how often you read the *Daughters* newsletter nineteen chapters answered always, fourteen chapters stated frequently, two chapters answered not frequently, with seven chapters not replying.

Many chapters encourage their membership to subscribe to the magazine when they pay their dues. In addition, information is shared with new members on how to purchase the magazine with their welcome packets.

The Bee Line Chapter regent Heidi Ware uses the Magazine and the Daughters Newsletter as a resource to develop programs and "minutes" to present to the chapter. This allows for the focus on those themes emphasized by the National Society. The Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans provides copies of the magazine to the Morgantown Public Library and the Village at Heritage Point, a retirement community, where they have members as residence.

The James Wood Chapter provides subscriptions to local high school libraries, the Parkersburg Library and its three branches, the Veterans clinic, and a local college library. The Ohio Valley Chapter gives the magazine to two local libraries and uses the articles as a resource for meetings. Members in addition share their magazines with those members who are on a limited income and unable to purchase the magazine. The William Henshaw Chapter gives the magazine to one local library.

The following awards were given:

- Articles published in the Daughters Newsletter: First Place, Buford Chapter; First Place, Matthew French Chapter;
- Donations of magazine subscriptions to other organizations: First Place, James Wood Chapter; Second Place, Ohio Valley Chapter; Third Place, Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans Chapter; Third Place, William Henshaw Chapter;

- For Using Magazine Articles in a Unique Way: First Place, Bee Line Chapter; Second Place, Highlands of the Potomac Chapter; and Second Place, John Young Chapter.

Mindy Davis, Chair

DAR Museum Outreach

The DAR Museum has a very special program that allows and encourages DAR members to become Correspondent Docents. These Docents are members who volunteer to work to promote the DAR Museum and its collections by providing public outreach through programs to DAR chapters, community organizations, and schools in an educated and professional manner!

Our WVDAR now has six members, some of whom are Correspondent Docents in-training and others who have "reached the pinnacle, and are now full Correspondent Docents!

Those WVDAR Correspondent Docents In-Training are Suzanne Cronquist, Vickie Baker, Joanna McKown, Barbara Channell and Barby Frankenberry. Grace Parsons is a Correspondent Docent and no longer "in training."

Barby Frankenberry, Chair

DAR Podcast: No Report

DAR Project Patriot

Madame State Reagent, The West Virginia Daughters enjoyed supporting Active-duty Military by participating in DAR Project Patriot Committee activities on the National, Chapter, and Individual levels. These activities include volunteer hours, monetary donations and national projects.

On the National level, chapters sent 3,485 cards, 15,159 coupons, 53 packages were sent to active military, 11 packages were sent to active military women. $3,044 in monetary donations were made for National Projects.

At the Chapter level $8,923 monetary value was donated to various projects including sending packages to active military, stockings for soldiers, supporting children of active-duty military, Purple Star Schools and sending packages for the USO. Daughters also continue to 'Wear Red' on Fridays to Remember Everyone Deployed.

West Virginia Daughters found many enjoyable and unique ways to support this committee. Chapters paid for meals at restaurants when encountering active-duty military eating out. The Elk River Chapter has a member on active duty in the Air Force that they support. Christmas cards were given to patients in the VA hospitals to send to family and friends, Amazon wish lists were filled, WVU home football tickets were purchased and homemade baby blankets were sent. The Pack Horse Ford Chapter received the Each State Sparkles Grant in the amount of $1,375 to send children to Camp Conley, a camp for WV National Guard members families. Other chapters and individuals also donated to this project ensuring many children would receive scholarships to go to camp.

The following awards were given:

- **First Place (large chapter)** Pack Horse Ford. The chapter participated in a Welcome Home for 150 Airmen who had been deployed to the Middle East from the USAF 167th Air Wing. The chapter received the Each State Sparkles Grant sending children from WV National Guard Families to go summer camp. The chapter also participated in the Send Our Military Some Love project, sending Valetine treats to the USO at Fort Belvoir.
- **Second Place (large chapter**) Bee Line. The chapter supported military children in many ways including donating many books, winter hats and hand-crocheted lovies to

newborns at Fort Meade. Mary Bremlist, chapter member and Air Force veteran, sent out hundreds of greeting cards. The chapter participated in Family Day and Welcome Home for the 167th Airlift Wing.

- **Third Place (large chapter)** Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans. The chapter Filled many Amazon wish lists sent care packages, filled stockings for soldiers at Christmas, participated in Service in Seconds and purchased WVU home football tickets for active military.
- **First Place (small chapte**r) Colonel Morgan Morgan. The chapter adopted the USS Hershel "Woody" Williams ship. The ship has two crews. Care Packages and card were sent to both crews including Care Packages specifically for women with comfort items. Many volunteer hours and monetary contributions from chapter members were put into this project. Thank you, emails were sent to the chapter by commanders of both teams. 430 cards were sent to active-duty military.
- **Second Place (small chapter)** Anne Royall. The chapter sent cards to active-duty military at Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter. Christmas cards were given to patients to send to their family and friends. Care packages were sent to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center and the VA Hospital in Clarksburg, containing needed items.
- **Third Place (small chapter**) William Henshaw. The chapter sent 440 Christmas cards to active-duty military. Many Christmas stockings were filled for active-duty military.

Stephanie Burns, Chair

DAR/SAR Relations

First and foremost, let me say that it has been such an honor working with all the chapters of West Virginia and the Larke administration as well as the West Virginia Sons of the American Revolution. My District director Vinnie Henson, and the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution.

Four of the WV State chapters have appointed committee chairs to their chapters as the national team has requested. Chapters held 37 joint activities, 31 joint graves markings, 15 historical events, and 14 parades with the SAR. Two flag retirements, 22 other events such as picnics, dinners, Christmas celebrations, and local celebrations and events were held by DAR/SAR chapters. Six ladies of the DAR joined the SAR ladies auxiliary. Eight Bronze Hannah White Arnette Medals were given out by chapters. Three State Silver Medals were given to SAR members by the State.

Twenty-three referrals were made of DAR friends to the SAR for membership. Seven referrals were made by the SAR to the DAR for membership. Eight programs which were held included the SAR color guard.

One of the most outstanding events attended by both DAR and SAR was the 250th Anniversary of the Battle of Point Pleasant. It was a great celebration, with speakers, wreaths, snacks and more. Outstanding historical characters presenting wonderful programs and school children learning historical crafts and lots of pictures were taken by all including the descendants of those who fought in the battle.

Dedication and marking a total of 31 patriot graves to honor those patriots who fought in the revolutionary war. Histories were given, along with biographies, and flags presented, and 21 guns salutes given by color guards and wreaths were set to honor those patriots.

Events took place to celebrate the *Tour of America* of the Marque De La Fayette in Fayetteville, WV with the Mayor, historians, and a wonderful picnic. The setting of a historical marker in Wheeling, WV with speakers and presentations wreaths and historical talks was also a highlight of the year.

The dedication of historical markers, historical preservation of other markers, parades, lots of parades with historical dress, lots of candy, and things passed to the crowds, tours of historical homes, history fairs, local events and fairs with joint booths, joint dinners, Christmas parties, ugly sweater contests, many joint meetings took place a lot of good ideas exchanged and networking that took place.

West Virginia daughters and their Chapters have done very well in their cooperation with the Sons and their Chapters. I feel lots of progress has been made and there is room for improvement. I feel that this improvement will take place in the future with ease.

Pattie L. Norman, Chair

DAR Scholarship: No report

DAR School

The Daughters of the American Revolution of West Virginia gave of their hearts, energy, and financial resources. Some of our West Virginia Daughters have a special connection to the DAR Schools especially to Hindman Settlement School. We appreciated the update shared by Will Anderson of the Hindman Settlement School at the 2024 State Conference regarding the damage of the 2022 floods in Kentucky.

Despite the damage there were others who were fed and found shelter at the School. Inspired by the presentation, the following chapters sent funds to Hindman Settlement School: Kanawha Valley, Ohio Valley, and Blackwater Chapters. William Henshaw, Elizabeth Zane, Blackwater, and Cheat River Chapters sent Seed Packets to the School for their Foodways Program to grow vegetables and learn to be more self-sufficient.

Some Chapters took advantage of Amazon Wish lists such as Terri Lawrence and Cathy Hebb of Blackwater Chapter by ordering toys and student supplies for Hillside School. Kanawha Valley and South Branch Valley Chapters purchased books for Kate Duncan Smith School as well as local classroom libraries. These books were also a commitment to WV State Regent Preschool Literacy Project.

Ten of 40 chapters participated in DAR Schools Presentations, Programs and “Committee Minute” at Chapter meetings. Ohio Valley and Trans Allegheny Chapters bought ‘Schools are the Jewels of DAR’ pins. Most chapters were encouraged to sign-on to the Daughters Online Community. Kanawha Valley, Bee Line and Ohio Valley Chapters donated through Friends of DAR Schools.

J. Pamela Brush, Chair

DAR Service for Veterans

We are 7th in veteran population so nearly every chapter finds a way to provide support to veterans and honor their service. The Western District Shelter Project, a multi-year, multi chapter project, was dedicated at the Veterans Home in Barboursville. The project was started in 2022 and completed in May 2024 when patio furniture and handicapped accessible picnic tables were installed.

Chapters honored our veterans through participation in Memorial Day and Veterans Day events laying wreaths to honor the fallen. Chapters participated in parades wearing patriotic attire and period clothing. They handed out flags, toy airplanes and soldiers, and Tootsie Rolls with a note explaining their role in saving Marines during the Korean War.

Many DAR chapters worked with SAR in support and service for veterans. Pack Horse Ford had assistance from SAR in creating 90 homemade Christmas stockings which were gifted to the veterans at the Martinsburg VAMC. Several chapters assisted SAR with monthly BINGO at the Martinsburg VAMC. Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter worked with SAR to provide books to the VAMC in Clarksburg. Westmoreland Chapter worked with SAR at a Veteran's picnic.

Blennerhassett Chapter received recognition from the Department of Defense as a Top Performer for honoring the nations Vietnam Veterans. Throughout 2024 they participated in five events supporting and honoring Vietnam Veterans.

Seventeen chapters found ways to support our women veterans. Two chapters had programs about women veterans. Many chapters donated hygiene items specific to the needs of women and clothing. Five chapters participated in baby showers for women veterans.

Twenty chapters participated in Wreaths Across America. A total of 1,316 wreaths were purchased and placed. Members of Elizabeth Ludington Hagens-Col John Evans Chapter worked to compile a complete list of veterans buried in a historic cemetery in order to have an accurate working list for placing wreaths and flags.

Several chapters invited veterans to meals in their honor. Shenandoah Valley Chapter's dinner is in its 21st year. Old Hickory Chapter held their annual Valentine Dinner and Westmoreland Chapter had a picnic for veterans and their families staying at the local Fisher House.

West Virginia had several unique ways of supporting and honoring veterans. Beth Belcher, Kanawha Valley Chapter, provided 3 cell phone charging stations for the waiting rooms at the Hershel "Woody" Williams VAMC. Whitnee Woods, Ohio Valley Chapter, and her family donated 2 labrador puppies to be trained as service dogs. Blennerhassett Chapter held a scavenger hunt in which participants found things like a Women Veterans Monument, a WWII monument, and a patriot plaque. Bee Line Chapter continued their wall tree at the Martinsburg VAMC.

Chapters worked to tell the stories of our veterans. Pack Horse Ford member Katherine Genung participated in "Stories Behind the Stars" which is a project to tell the stories of the 400,000 fallen heroes of World War II. Katherine completed all 49 men she was assigned. Wheeling member Roseanna Keller spent over 100 hours interviewing veterans in Marshall County.

Heidi Ware, Chair

Historic Preservation

The following West Virginia DAR Chapters are being awarded for their pursuit of Historic Preservation.

- **Outstanding Accomplishments in Historic Preservation:** Highlands of the Potomac Chapter, First Place; Bee Line Chapter, Second Place; and Ohio Valley Chapter, Third Place.
- **Cemetery Preservation:** Kanawha Valley Chapter, First Place; Ye Towne of Bath Chapter, Second Place; and Pack Horse Ford Chapter, Third Place.
- **Markers and Monuments:** Outstanding Marker Dedication: Wheeling Chapter, First Place; Marker Dedication and Maintenance: Shenandoah Valley Chapter, Second Place; and Marker Dedication and Maintenance: Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter, Third Place.
- **Historic Building Preservation:** Barboursville Chapter, First Place; and Matthew French Chapter, Second Place.

- **DAR Grants:** Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter and the Tanner's Cross Roads Chapter received a $500 grant. Daniel Davison Chapter was approved for a grant for the year 2025.

April Norris, Chair

Insignia

This chair is happy to report all chapters in the state reported.

The following chapters gave a presentation about DAR Insignia:

- Blennerhassett Chapter, presented by Charla McNaboe
- Buford Chapter, presented by Cora Teel
- Elizabeth Ludington Hagans- Colonel John Evans Chapter enjoyed the trivia contest
- Elk River Chapter
- General Andrew Lewis Chapter presented by Sandra Cowan
- Matthew French Chapter presented by Karen Barton
- Old Hickory Chapter
- Peter's Mountain Chapter, a program using "The Wide Blue Sash"
- Shenandoah Valley Chapter upon repair of the Regent's insignia and
- Tanners' Crossroads Chapter, a slide show.

While no chapter members created an educational display board or poster board about DAR insignia for chapter or state meetings, some used laptops or printed handouts to illustrate programs.

Bee Line Chapter used information in their newsletter and Elizabeth Zane Chapter reported purchasing information in their newsletter.

Several chapter members rescued pre-owned DAR Insignia or pins on online sites. Members have been active in this regard throughout the state. Elizabeth Ludington Hagans- Colonel John Evans Chapter rescued several insignia from a local antique store; they saved the 50-year pin for their next member to achieve that distinction. Several members purchased ancestor bars and the rest were donated to NSDAR. Other chapters rescuing insignia were Elizabeth Zane Chapter and General Andrew Lewis Chapter which purchased insignia from eBay. Wheeling Chapter rescued insignia so it was not sold at estate auction and Linda McGraw of Ye Towne of Bathe Chapter also rescued insignia from auction.

The following chapters reported they were members of the Insignia Committee's Community of the Daughter's online community: Anne Bailey, Old Hickory, and Trans-Alleghany.

The following feedback was received by the Insignia Committee: Elizabeth Ludington Hagans –Colonel John Evans Chapter enjoyed a trivia contest to win insignia.

Several Chapters said that giving new commemorative pins encouraged members to purchase insignia and also helped them celebrate various anniversaries of important historical events such as: Boston and Edenton Tea parties, Lafayette's Farewell Tour, Bernardo de Galves, the 80th Anniversary of D-Day, the 125th Anniversary of DAR Hospital Corps, the 250th Anniversary of the U. S. Navy, and the 250th Anniversary of the Spanish American War.

Several chapters asked the Insignia Committee provide Committee minute reports such as are provided for other committees, such as Constitution, Conservation, Native Americans, etc.

This chair is pleased with the increased interest in insignia; especially new members. It has been a pleasure to serve on the committee.

Sally Ann Greenfield, Chair

Junior American Citizens

There were forty-eight entries in the 2025 Junior American Citizens Contest.

Group 1 had three entries; Group 2 had Thirty entries, Group 3 had fourteen entries, and Group 4 had one entries. Seven schools participated as follows: Belmont Elementary School, 1; Harrisville Elementary School, 1; Smithville Elementary School, 8; Creed Collins Elementary School, 4; Doddridge County Middle School, 5; Ritchie County Middle School, 21; and Ritchie County High School, 8.

A total of 215 students participated; three students submitted poetry entries; three students submitted graphic novel entries; one student entered a short story; nineteen students submitted posters; one student made a digital entry; fourteen students submitted stamp entries; eight students made banners; and one hundred sixty-seven students formed groups making five total community service entries.

Anetta Siers, Co-chair

Junior Membership: No report

Lineage Research

This Chair was active in assisting others in the WVDAR by serving on the Chapter Development & Revitalization Commission and on the WV SAT (State Application Team) and participated in Zoom calls with the East Central Lineage Research Chair. She provided a "Greetings" letter to our Lineage Research chapter chairmen, which was provided to each chapter regent's 2024 WVDAR Summer Packet. Chapter chairmen were encouraged to visit the NSDAR Lineage Research Committee site to gather ideas for their chapter. Out of 40 chapters reporting on the CMR, 9 chapters reported that they have a Lineage Research Chair.

Four chapters conducted a Lineage Research workshop, with a total of 58 ladies attending. Sixteen chapter members attended other Lineage Workshops offered by other chapters or our state leaders. We have 14-chapter members who served on a State Application Team (SAT). We had 8 requests for assistance from WVDAR. We had 11 requests for assistance that were forwarded to the National Lineage Research Committee, with 4 having received AIR letters. We had two chapters utilize the Lineage Research Request function built into the Prospective Members Database. We had at least 1 application submitted using an electronic application, with at least 2 chapters utilizing the Lineage Research Virtual Support Consultation assistance with Prospective Member applications. At least 3 applications were sent to the Lineage Research Committee for peer review.

Lineage Research Chapter Awards were as follows:

- Large Chapter: 1st, Pack Horse Ford Chapter; 2nd, Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Col. John Evans Chapter
- Small Chapter: 1st, South Branch Valley Chapter; and 2nd, Highlands of the Potomac Chapter.

The following awards were given for Outstanding Achievement in Research: Lauren Turco and Cheryl Brown, Pack Horse Ford Chapter; Anne Chandler and Susan Arnold, Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Col. John Evans Chapter; Bonnie Myers, South Branch Valley Chapter; and Sheila Dyche, Highlands of the Potomac Chapter.

Linda Link Whitman, Chair

Literacy Promotion

Madame Regent, thanks for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Literacy Promotion Chair. Our members donated 4,478 books and monies totaling $2,648.50 toward five books throughout the state. Chapters worked with Read Aloud and other partners. It was a productive year for literacy for WVDAR.

Judy Kittle, Chair

Master Reports

One hundred percent of West Virginia Chapters, (39 Chapters) completed the Chapter Master Report (CMR) before the deadline of Feb. 1, 2025, at midnight Hawaii time. As Master Report Chair I exported the WV Chapters Chapter Achievement Awards (CAA) reports and submitted them to National.

From 2022 to 2025 our WVSSDAR grew from 1821 members to 1905 members with a new Chapter from Wirt County joining in 2025. At this time, we have 26 Chapters with fewer than 50 members, 10 Chapters with 51-100 members, and 3 Chapters with over 101 members.

We encourage all Chapter Regents and Committee Chairs to join the Master Reports Community on the Daughters Online Community (DOC).

Debbie Burge, Chair

Membership

The 2024 Chapter Master Reports from West Virginia chapters of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) provide a detailed overview of membership statistics and engagement strategies across 43 chapters, ranging in size from 11 to 124 members. These reports highlight recruitment methods, member interaction, welcoming practices, engagement activities, outreach programs, and dues renewal efforts, offering insights into how chapters sustain and grow their communities.

Membership across the chapters varies significantly, with Pack Horse Ford (124 members) and Kanawha Valley (118 members) being the largest, while James Barbour (11 members) and John Cooke (12 members) are among the smallest. Most chapters report using NSDAR statistical data to track membership changes, including increases, decreases, and drops due to non-payment of dues. The reports aim to share successful ideas and recognize achievements, though many chapters left several sections incomplete, suggesting either limited activities or a focus on core operations.

Recruitment methods vary widely. Chapters like Cheat River and Westmoreland leverage community events such as festivals and genealogy workshops to attract prospective members, often distributing informational materials and engaging directly with attendees. Blackwater Chapter invites prospects to monthly meetings, while Pack Horse Ford emphasizes visibility through service projects and media coverage. Social media and word-of-mouth promotion are recurring strategies, as seen in Elizabeth Zane and Old Hickory, reflecting a blend of traditional and modern outreach.

Interaction with prospective members often extends beyond invitations and newsletters. For instance, Elk River hosts a "Getting to Know You" event, and Matthew French offers hybrid meeting options via Zoom. Chapters like Highlands of the Potomac and Ohio Valley emphasize personal contact from registrars, fostering enthusiasm and providing detailed information about DAR’s mission of historic preservation, education, and patriotism.

Welcoming new members typically involves personalized gestures. Blennerhassett provides a folder with chapter details, while Captain James Allen and Cheat River offer welcome packets with patriotic items and DAR-branded gifts. Blackwater presents a rose with a patriotic bow, and

several chapters, including Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Col John Evans and Ye Towne Of Bath, gift subscriptions to the American Spirit magazine, enhancing new members' connection to the organization.

Engagement outside regular meetings includes socials, newsletters, and community projects. Tanner's Cross Roads organizes cemetery visits and picnics, while Pack Horse Ford hosts picnics and anniversary luncheons open to families. Sunshine committees, as in Anne Bailey and James Wood, maintain contact with members through cards and visits, fostering inclusivity.

Outreach to less active members often relies on communication tools. Blennerhassett and Daniel Davisson send minutes and newsletters via email or mail, while Peters Mountain and William Henshaw ensure all members receive updates electronically. Elk River's personal visits with gift baskets and Westmoreland's monthly phone calls exemplify more hands-on approaches.

Dues renewal strategies range from standard reminders to creative initiatives. James Wood covers dues for struggling members, and Pack Horse Ford assigns officers to follow up individually. Matthew French promotes early notifications with donation options, while Old Hickory hosts an annual dues tea.

Only three chapters—Blackwater, Shenandoah Valley, and William Henshaw—participated in the Stop the Drop Initiative, suggesting limited adoption. Few forwarded additional materials to the State Committee Chair, with Bee Line and Westmoreland being exceptions. Overall, the reports reveal a mix of innovative and traditional practices tailored to each chapter's size and resources, aimed at sustaining membership and advancing DAR's mission.

Joetta McCallister, Chair

National Defense

As in past years, West Virginia chapters have promoted the objectives of this committee by including programs and 3-minute reports at meetings. Most chapters have used the National Defender for their source of information.

West Virginia chapters have one area that can be improved. Most chapters did not present a Distinguished Citizen Award. The DAR Distinguished Citizen Medal can be presented to individuals, 18 or older, or to groups that demonstrate honor, service, courage, leadership, and patriotism. It can be awarded to emergency first responders, health responders, active-duty military and veterans and citizens who have contributed to the defense, security or freedom in an exceptional manner. While a group award counts as one award, each member of the group receives a medal and certificate. Each chapter may award the DAR Distinguished Citizen Medal two times in each calendar year. Check out the National Defense Committee page on the DAR website for more information.

West Virginia Chapters keep up the good work!!

Lois Kimble, Chair

Patriot Records Project

The Patriot Records Project Committee was formed in 2015 with the goal to make finding and identifying Revolutionary War Patriots easier by indexing over 75 years' worth of records. This resulting index is available to any member of the DAR as well as the public. It is accessible by simply logging on to dar.org/grs and clicking on the Rev War tab. Select the Patriot Records Project Index and enter a name to access the records. All members are encouraged to volunteer for this committee by writing to patriotrecords@nsdar.org.

In 2024, volunteers continued to index pension applications, bible records, and other documents. Many of these documents were *handwritten*, and while interesting, were difficult to

decipher. Ten dedicated WVDAR volunteers from eight chapters logged 284 hours for Service to America while indexing 18,289 names. One of our Daughters indexed over 10,000 names: Judith Mathias of the South Branch Valley Chapter indexed 17,606 names from 3,566 documents.

Not included in the total volunteer hours listed above are members of Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter volunteered for 12 hours to record 140 descendants of patriots who fought in the Battle of Point Pleasant. One member of the Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter volunteered for 2 hours on the Patriot Marker Card Project.

As state chair for this committee, I encouraged participation by including a letter and a printable flyer to all chapter regents in the WV State Information Packet, submitting articles in the *WVDAR Newsletter* and giving a Patriot Records Project Committee minute at my chapter meetings.

Madame State Regent, it has been an honor to serve as State Chair of the Patriot Records Project Committee.

Judith Mathias, Chair

President General's Project

West Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution have 40 chapters and have 100% participation in the President General Project! The amount required for our membership was $13,852.50. WV Chapters donated $15,140.50.

Those chapters that exceeded their required amounts were Anne Bailey Chapter; Bee Line Chapter; Blennerhassett Chapter; Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter; Colonel William Lowther Chapter; Daniel Davisson Chapter; Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans Chapter; James Barbour Chapter; James Wood Chapter; John Cooke Chapter; Kanawha Valley Chapter; Matthew French Chapter; Ohio Valley Chapter; Old Hickory Chapter; Shenandoah Valley Chapter; and Westmoreland Chapter.

West Virginia President General Project Chair, Dina Braniff, had a President General Project Sales Table at the 2024 WVDAR 119th State Conference at the Holiday Inn in Martinsburg, WV April 4-7, 2024. Our total President General Project Sales amounted to $1,965.00.

The state of WV and the Administration of Regent Jane Larke is WV PROUD to Support President General Pamela Wright's President General Project! Our efforts will directly support the restoration work being done in Memorial Continental Hall as we prepare our Headquarters Buildings for a grand salute to our nation in celebration of America 250!

Dina Braniff, Chair

Protocol

This State Chair continues to work with the State Regent and the State Board of Management as requested.

In April 2025, this State Chair was the Guest Speaker at the Blennerhassett Chapter monthly meeting and provided many situations involving topics such as seating for Head Tables for various events; Introduction of Guests; Setting up a Community Event and how to wear Insignia of DAR at various events. Many questions were asked and answered and it was a fun event.

At the publishing of each State Newsletter throughout this Administration, this State Chair wrote an article on various subject to educate the State Membership.

During each State Conference, this State Chair provided material for the Pages and conducted Flag Ceremony training on Flag Etiquette. This Stair Chair also provided support to the State Conference Chairs for Processional Lineups and Receiving Line protocol.

This State Chair thanks the members for keeping her on her toes and allowing her to educate them over the past three years.

Charla Nutter-McNaboe, Chair

Public Relations & Media

In 2024, West Virginia Daughters shared news of our Society through a variety of media outlets. Some chapters heavily used print media, while others preferred online options. Across the state, 77% of chapters received coverage in print newspapers or magazines, and 31% were featured on radio or television. To further enhance public engagement, 59% of chapters actively promoted commemorative or community events through press releases, media advisories, advertisements, tabling events, or library displays.

Chapters also embraced digital communication to connect with members and the public. Nearly half (49%) maintained a public Facebook page, while 64% utilized a private Facebook group or another members-only platform for internal communications. Additionally, 33% of chapters managed a chapter website, and 46% leveraged the Daughters Online Community for networking and information-sharing. Recognizing the growing influence of social media, 18% of chapters created posts to highlight chapter activities and promote membership opportunities.

Many chapters are invested in traditional print materials to educate and engage their communities. Forty-six percent produced a chapter newsletter to keep members informed, while 38% developed brochures to share information about their chapter's mission and activities. These efforts ensured that DAR's presence remained strong both in person and online.

Several chapters achieved notable media success in 2024. Bee Line Chapter maintained an excellent digital media presence by repurposing articles written by and about their chapter on six different digital platforms, for a total of 92 digital appearances. Articles related to Bee Line and its activities were published in three different print publications, totaling 41 print appearances, with a total printed count of 20,969 words related to their chapter.

The Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter gained statewide and national recognition for its America 250! Patriot marker event. WV State Commemorative Event Chair and Chapter Regent Barbara Channell was interviewed during the event, which was covered by WBOY-TV. The event was prominently featured in *Times WV's Mountaineer State Living Magazine* with a front-page photo and full-page article, as well as in *Stars and Stripes*, the *Daughters Supplement to American Spirit Magazine*, and the *WV State DAR Newsletter*.

Through a combination of print, digital, and broadcast media, West Virginia DAR chapters made significant strides in promoting the Society's mission in 2024. By embracing both traditional and modern communication strategies, they effectively shared their stories of service, history, and patriotism with communities across the state.

Tracy Burns, Chair

Service to America

This year the following chapters performed exceptional work:

- Buford Collected items to entertain pediatric patients at Hoops Children's Hospital.
- Col. Morgan Morgan delivered cookie trans with thank-you cards and care packages for children to the Fairmont City Police, Sheriff's Dept., State Police, the Forestry Dept., and Winfield District Fire Dept.
- South Branch Valley collected $775 worth of food and personal care items which were delivered to Walter Reed National Military Medical Center.
- Pack Horse Ford made a monetary donation to Berkeley County Meals on Wheels and collected 310 food and personal care items for the Shepherdstown Shares food pantry.
- Ye Towne of Bath collected 19 new or lightly used purses which were filled with women's toiletries which were delivered along with 2 larges boxes of goods to the Hope House women's center.

- Matthew French donated coffee and coffee items to the Princeton Vet Center who had requested them. A quilt valued at $450 was also donated to the center.
- William Henshaw collected book bags for the West Virginia Children's Home Society. Included inside the bags were pajama, books, and a stuffie. The chapter also collected 49 purses and filled them with women's sanitary items and makeup which were donated to the Women's Shelter of Martinsburg.

Submitted, Julia Gates, Chair

Volunteer Genealogists

West Virginia currently has 57 NSDAR Trained Volunteer Genealogists. Members that completed GEP courses during 2024 included two each for GEP 1, 2 and 6; five each for GEP 3, 5 and 7; three for GEP 4, and twenty for GEP 8. John Young Chapter reported that they could benefit from a trained VG being assigned to their chapter. There were 9 genealogy or application workshops presented in WV during the reporting year, seven of which were conducted by members trained in the National training programs. These were attended by a total of 65 participants. Twenty-five members reported attending a non-DAR genealogy workshop. Seventeen members assisted another chapter in need of help in preparation of applications.

Volunteer Genealogist highlights in 2024 included: the State Supplemental Support Team reviewed 75 supplementals for proper formatting and documentation before they were sent to National. They also assisted in attempting to resolve 15 First Contact Letters and 14 AIR letters received on previously submitted supplementals.

Pack Horse Ford Chapter hosted a statewide genealogy workshop on Zoom presented by one of the NSDAR staff genealogists.

Sheila Stevenson presented an in-depth genealogy workshop to the Westmoreland Chapter.

VGs helped with new applications, writing analyses, and establishing new patriots. Volunteer Genealogists whose names were sent on to Vickie Baker, the East Central Division Chair, to be recognized with a certificate of appreciation for their work include: Susan Arnold, Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans Chapter; Patsy Adkins, Anne Bailey Chapter; Cheryl Brown, Pack Horse Ford Chapter; Anna Carson, Ohio Valley Chapter; Sheila Dyche, Highlands of the Potomac Chapter; Bonnie Myers, South Branch Valley Chapter; Michelle Sparks, Matthew French Chapter; Sheila Stevenson, Westmoreland Chapter; and Lauren Turco, Pack Horse Ford Chapter.

Susan Arnold, Chair

Women's Issues

The West Virginia Daughters have been busy honoring women in health - both mental and physical, career, family, financial education, and women veterans. West Virginia Daughters celebrated Grandparents Day with an annual celebration. Watching the generations learn from each other and celebrating family.

Chapters have also taken great care of local Women's Shelters by providing donations of items such as Blessing Bags, which contained hygiene items, and things to help women to get on their feet. Chapters also donated to food pantries, and Children's Homes. One Chapter donated hats to Military children, and books.

West Virginia Daughters have worked hard to celebrate being women and uplifting to inspire others to be successful, and to honor our past.

Mary Ellen Brown

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WVDAR 50-Year Club

It has been a pleasure to serve as the 50-Year Club Chair. I have enjoyed recognizing the 50-year plus and 60-year members at State Conference. They are the backbone of this society. They must always be remembered for their service.

Sylvia J. Rhodes, Chair

WVDAR Awards

The Awards Committee undertakes a significant and time-intensive responsibility, completing its work within a condensed timeframe leading up to the annual State Conference. Despite the demanding schedule, the committee considered it a privilege to recognize the outstanding efforts and dedication of members and chapters through the preparation of certificates.

During the Larke Administration, the Awards Committee consistently delivered a substantial number of certificates for distribution at the State Conference. In 2023, the committee prepared 486 certificates, acknowledging the exceptional work and participation of recipients. This number increased to 496 certificates for the 2024 State Conference, reflecting continued excellence among members and chapters. For the 2025 State Conference, the committee prepared 422 certificates, maintaining its commitment to honoring noteworthy contributions.

In addition to the standard certificates, the Awards Committee also produced 86 JAC certificates for distribution in 2024, further highlighting the breadth of recognition provided during the Larke Administration.

Throughout this period, WVDAR members demonstrated exceptional work, contributing significantly to the achievements celebrated by the committee. The Awards Committee was proud to showcase the accomplishments of WVDAR members and chapters.

Blanche L. Reymann Scholarship Fund

On July 20, 2024, Grace Estep, a student at the University of Charleston was presented with a scholarship check for $1,000 at the Western District Meeting at Elizabeth United Methodist Church in Charleston, West Virginia by State Regent, Jane Larke. Articles regarding the presentation were published in the Wheeling News Register, and WVNews.com, as well as various social media sources.

Grace will graduate this fall with a bachelor's degree in biology with a concentration in Biomedical Science. She made the Dean's List at the University of Charleston every semester by maintaining a GPA greater than 3.75a. She was selected as a WV State Science and Engineering Fair judge every year since 2021. She was selected as a research intern for First2 Network in 2021 and a mentor in 2022 and 2024. Grace will be attending the National Science Foundation at the annual SPEC conference this fall in Chicago.

Following the Western District Meeting, Grace thanked the members of WVDAR saying, "I just wanted to express my gratitude to WVDAR and the Blanche L. Reymann Scholarship for the aid provided, not just for myself, but all women before me and those to come later. I was moved by the district meeting I attended. The degree of dedication to our country and organization is clear. I hope that this tradition can continue for many years to come. Thank you so much for everything."

In January, the financial aid offices at Davis & Elkins College regarding evaluating potential recipients according to our eligibility requirements i.e., a female student in need of funds to enter her senior year, and in the upper third of her class and will select a recipient to receive the scholarship this year. The scholarships will be awarded to the students at one of the district meetings this summer.

The scholarship is funded through the ongoing support of all the West Virginia chapters. Special thanks to all WV Daughters for your generous support.

Lisa McNeil, Chair

WVDAR Bylaws

Madame State Regent, this Chair is delighted to report that upon State Bylaws Committee members' approval, she submitted the 2024 Proposed Bylaws Amendments to the State Regent for inclusion with the Call to 119th State Conference. During the 2024 State Conference held at the Holiday Inn, Martinsburg, WV, the State Regent, and the Chair, Patricia Goodwin, and members Charla Nutter-McNaboe and Cathy Hinkle of the State Bylaws Committee presented the proposed amendments to the WVDAR State Bylaws to the delegates of the State Conference. This Chair is proud of the decisions made by the delegates who voted.

This Chair appreciates the dedication of the Committee members, the State Regent, and the State Parliamentarian during the presentation process. She especially appreciates the interest and patience shown by the delegates during the presentation.

It has been a pleasure serving as the State Bylaws Committee Chair during the Larke Administration.

Patricia McKown Goodwin, Chair

WVDAR Congress Event

The WV Breakfast was held during the 133rd Continental Congress again at the historic Army and Navy Club in Washington, DC. The 68 members and guests enjoyed a lovely program by Communication Strategy Chief Master Sergeant Rachel Ghadiali of Clendenin, WV, who joined "The President's Own" United States Marine Band. Master Sergeant Ghadiali was presented with a DAR insulated tumbler and DAR coasters as a gift for sharing her story with us.

It has been a pleasure to serve as the Chair for the Continental Congress Event during the second year of this Administration.

Sandra Isner-Johnson

WVDAR State Regent's Project

WVDAR Early Childhood Literacy Project

Madame State Regent, thank you for selecting Early Childhood Literacy as one component of your State Regent's Project. During this year I drafted articles for the WVDAR Newsletter promoting the reading project. The State Regent's Project fell in line with the President General's Community Day of Service.

Madame State Regent, during your special State Regent's Project of Promoting Early Childhood Literacy, 33 of our 40 chapters in West Virginia participated making it a great success. During the past two years of promotion of your project, West Virginia Daughters read to children for 3695 hours. 7323 children's books were donated to libraries, schools, to children themselves, as well as other facilities. It was an honor to collaborate with you on this worthwhile and successful project. What an outstanding project you selected!

West Virginia Room in Continental Hall

West Virginia is fortunate to sponsor one of the State Period rooms in Memorial Continental Hall at DAR Headquarters in Washington, DC. It is set up like a school room in the parlor of a house in 1820 where parents or a tutor could help children learn. In keeping with DAR Museum policy, the furnishings reflect American craftsmanship and decorative tastes prior to 1830. And, while to our modern eyes the patterned carpet and the decorated wallpaper may seem busy and in conflict with each other, they are typical of pre-1830 tastes. Most of the furnishings were generously donated.

Among the furniture you will see in the room include a fold-top writing desk that belonged to Robert Rutherford, a Virginia delegate to Congress; a barrel organ; a Pembroke table; a needlework fire-screen; and an American piano. The piano was carried over the mountains by horse-drawn wagon and is said to be one of the most valuable items in the DAR Museum.

In addition to the items on display, many more items are stored in temperature-controlled areas. These items can be pulled out to replace items currently showcased in the room or put on temporary display.

The West Virginia Room serves as a wonderful reminder of our country's heritage. Although many of our ancestors, especially in the frontier of western Virginia, could not afford the beautiful fittings of this room, we must keep in mind our ancestors' important contributions. Because of their service and sacrifice they made it possible for more of us today to live the type of lifestyle that this room portrays.

So, the next time you are in Washington, D.C., our Nation's Capital, be sure that you visit the West Virginia room for a delightful and informative look at our country's history! Daughters are encouraged to visit the room which is located on the balcony of the library during Continental Congress and pick up a brochure depicting its history and restoration.

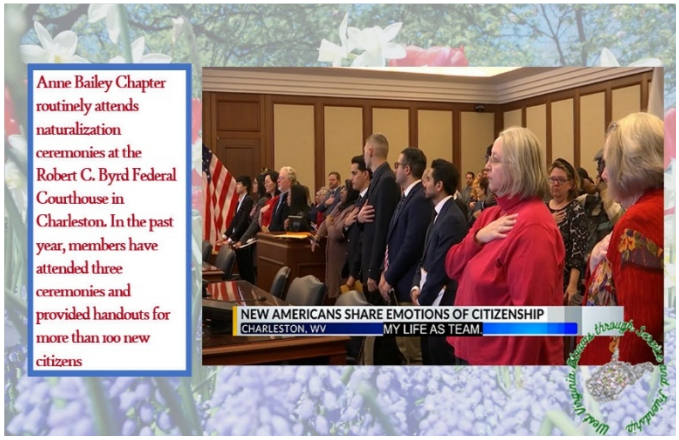
Beverly Rollins, Chair

2024-2025 Chapter Reports

Anne Bailey Chapter

Following the 2024 State Conference, chapter members attended naturalization ceremonies in Charleston in May, September, and January 2025, providing handouts for new citizens. Mary Johnson and Nickie Evenson were lucky enough to be caught on film by the television news cameraman during the Pledge of Allegiance at the January ceremony.

Anne Bailey Chapter was the host chapter for the Western District meeting in July. Standout member for that event was Stephanie Shahbandy, who chose and set up the decorations. In honor of State Regent Jane Larke and Western District Daughters, $100 was sent to West Virginia Imagination Station.



In August Patsy Adkins and Mary Johnson attended the WVDAR 200th anniversary celebration at Fayetteville of Lafayette's tour of America in 1824-25, and the chapter again held a bake sale fundraiser during the Dunbar Fall Festival in September. Four chapter members attended the October 10 commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the Battle of Point Pleasant, where the regent placed a wreath. Three of them were able to wear special ribbons as descendants of men who were at the battle in 1774. They also visited a historic house in the afternoon and attended the colonial dinner and ball in the evening.

Anne Bailey Chapter focused on literacy/education for its October Day of Service Project and America 250! celebration grant. Members read to Head Start students at Anne Bailey Elementary for the Day of Service, and each child was presented with a book. More books were dropped off at Kanawha County Head Start offices for distribution to other children. All told, 100 books were provided for children that day. The chapter used the America 250! grant to purchase three sets of thirteen American Revolutionary War books for middle school students at Madison Middle, Chapmanville Middle, and Man Middle (Boone and Logan counties).

The chapter collected 24 baskets of personal care items for women veterans at the VA Women's Clinic at Barboursville, sent 181 cards to the military, and awarded one JROTC medal to a cadet at George Washington High School and another to a cadet at St. Albans High School.

Nickie Evenson set up month-long displays were set up at the Cross Lanes Library for Constitution Week, Native American Heritage Month, and Black History Month.

At monthly meetings, State Chair Meg Ashby spoke to the chapter in April on conservation, and Joanna McKown gave a presentation on dining in early America at the May meeting. In September, chapter members were challenged by the Constitution Quest board game. Member Allison Kessinger talked about music in the Revolutionary War in February, while new member, Kay Ferrill, spoke on heroes of the Vietnam Conflict in March. We also had programs on D-Day, Cornstalk, military veterans, and the chapter master report.

On a personal note, the chapter and I lost our dear past chapter regent Carolyn Holstein (2013-2019) in November.

Mary Johnson, Regent

Anne Royall Chapter

In April members of Anne Royall returned home from a rewarding weekend at State Conference in Martinsburg. The Chapter and individuals were presented with awards for work done over the past year. Anne Royall sent Tea for the reenactment of the Boston Tea Party and received a certificate for the chapter's involvement. Patty Nutter recognized all the students who participated in the JAC contest this year and presented awards to the winners.

Several members of Anne Royall attended the Northern District Meeting at Wheeling Country Club in August and extended an invitation to the group to attend the meeting August 23, 2025 hosted by Anne Royall Chapter in Harrisville, West Virginia.

In September we celebrated Constitution Week by Placing a banner across Main Street in Harrisville. Committee Chair Lora Ingram visited our three elementary schools and passed out

flags and coloring sheets. Displays were placed in the county libraries and post office. The chapter was presented a Constitution Week Proclamation from the Mayor of Harrisville.

In October, the group held their monthly meeting at "The Building" Museum, which has automobile memorabilia, West Virginia, and Ritchie County items. A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to the manager of Shop 'n Save for the patriotic display of the American Flag and their support of veterans of Ritchie County.



In November two large boxes of sweat shirts and sweat pants were to Landsthuhl Regional Medical Hospital in Germany and the VA hospital in Clarksburg, WV. Christmas cards were sent to active service personnel for whom we had addresses. Anne Royall placed 250 wreaths in 5 cemeteries in Ritchie County with the help of family and friends.

An award of Excellence in Historic Preservation was presented to Peggy Elliott, President of the Ritchie County Landmarks Commission. In December we decorated a Colonial Christmas Tree in the Harrisville Library. Members of the Chapter attended the Christmas Luncheon at Sistersville Church of Christ hosted by the Ohio Valley Chapter. Cheryl Haught from Anne Royall presented the program "Remember Pearl Harbor." In January, the group shared "Show and Tell" by sharing family heirlooms with the group.

February the chapter discussed and made plans for attending State Conference, hosting Northern District Meeting, and the upcoming election on new officers. March found us constructing 200 favors for the Saturday lunch at State Conference.

Patricia Casper, Regent

Barboursville Chapter

"Celebrate Stars & Stripes Forever-Rejoice in Our Ties of Service and Friendship'

May: Our meeting place, The Barboursville Toll House, was decorated for Memorial Day with all flag from the Armed Forces: Army, Navy, Marines, Air force, and the Space Force. We hung up along the porch top like a bunting. This was to honor their service to our country. Inside the original 13 Colony Flags covered the rail of the Gallery. On posts outside The Toll House the American Flag along with the MIA/POW were flying proudly. Flags were on display through Veterans Day in November.

June: to October: Continued work on our Butterfly Garden. It was very dry this year, and you can imagine how the old-time plants stood proud with lack of water. We found out this Spring that we had a new neighbor, Mr. Ground Hog.

September: Open House for Constitution Week and we had many visitors because of the Fall Fest being held during the same time in Barboursville, WV. We presented NSDAR literature regarding our national Constitution, flags, and stickers for the children. There was a special flag hanging outside: we the People Constitution. As always we give tours to all who visit our Open House. A time to share local, state, and American History. Music was provided by the Cabell Midland High School Strings Orchestra supervised/conducted by our own member, Vera Miller

October: A News Letter from the chapter to all members. In November we honored our veterans with pictures (flags), having residing within Barboursville, throughout the village. December: Three members attended and celebrated with the Beulah Ann Missionary Baptist Church of Ona, WV during their Sesquicentennial Anniversary 150 years. Historical quilts were on display, and. Opening of the Time Capsule that was created in 1999 at the 125th Anniversary. God, Home, Country.



Martha E. Miller, Regent

Bee Line Chapter

Bee Line Chapter continues to shine a light on the values of DAR by supporting a variety of community organizations and projects.

Our roster includes 103 members and 7 associates. We gained 11 new members and lost 11 members to resignations and drops. We had 2 members transfer out and 3 members transfer in. We are honored to have members serving as a state officer, a chair for a state committee, and serving as Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service representatives for the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Martinsburg.



Seven of our members were honored to win first place in the American Heritage Literature Contest for our play “Did She Make It” and further honored to then be chosen for an Evelyn Cole Peters Award for Excellence. Bee Line Chapter hosted the Eastern District meeting where we presented the play.

We received two DAR grants. Through the “Salute to the Stars and Stripes Chapter Grant Program we obtained a flag which we presented to the City of Ranson to replace one of their tattered flags. The flag was presented to the mayor and two council members. Through the America250! Celebration grant program we used the funds to purchase nonfiction titles on American history for the children's collection. The books will increase awareness among young readers about the founding of our nation and the patriots who achieved independence. This project again married our chapter’s goal to support children and State Regent Larke’s literacy project and her goal to improve childhood literacy.

Our chapter is privileged to have a VA Medical Center nearby. We supported veterans through the annual VA baby shower, the Women’s boutique, donated food, and assisting the General Adam Stephen SAR with Bingo. Bee Line Chapter also supported active-duty military. We sent nearly 1,000 cards. We provided books and winter hats to children of active-duty parents and sent comfort lovies to the parents of newborns at Fort Meade. We participated in two events for an Air National Guard Wing, a welcome home and family day.

Bee Line's community-based service project assisted Community Markets, Inc with one of their food box giveaway programs. We set up 150 grocery bags, filled them with a variety of food and assisted with distribution.

Our monthly programs are educational and entertaining. We learned about revolutionary war history, civil war history, historic trees and native plants. We celebrated amazing women like our own Dorothy Davenport who turned 100 in 2024 and DAR founder Eugenia Washington. We supported education within the community by awarding three $1000 scholarships. We also provided cash prizes to two high school students for Good Citizen and JROTC.

We attended Memorial Day and Veteran's Day ceremonies, created Constitution Week displays at two local libraries, assisted with historic preservation and education at Happy Retreat, hosted a booth at the Jefferson County Fair and participated in the Charles Town Christmas Parade.

Our public website has generated interest in the chapter and DAR historic preservation grants and our monthly newsletter keeps our members informed.

Heidi Ware, Regent

Blackwater Chapter

APRIL: "A Wild & Wonderful West Virginia Alphabet" was purchased for all pre-k and kindergarten classes. The local author read her book to each class and was presented with a "Published Author" mug.



MAY: $500 "DAR Good Citizen Award" and $1,200 "Sue Ann Silk Memorial Scholarship" were presented to two TCHS seniors. Summer clothing was donated locally to "Birth to 3".

JUNE: Blackwater Chapter celebrated our 90th Anniversary. Terri Lawrence performed librarian duties at the Hackers Creek Genealogy Library. Cathy Hebb and Terri Lawrence represented Blackwater Chapter during the 133rd Continental Congress, joining WVDAR State Regent Jane Larke at the West Virginia Breakfast. Cathy accepted an invitation from President General Wright to serve on the CC House Committee.

JULY: Our America 250! Stars & Stripes $500 Grant helped purchase our America 250! Patriot Marker. Members wrote 100 cards of appreciation for the Clarksburg Honor Flight veterans, designed by Titi Ferguson. 100 patriotic coloring sheets were donated to the Honor Flight which were decorated by elementary students attending the summer reading program. Cathy Hebb and Marlayne Nestor volunteered at the Clarksburg VFW to perform pre-Honor Flight tasks including assisting veterans as they completed Honor Flight applications.

AUGUST: Cathy Hebb, Phyllis Garcia, Pam Combs, and Marlayne Nestor welcomed 13 new American citizens during the Naturalization Ceremony in Elkins. Members donated items to the Blackwater Ministerial Association Food Pantry.

SEPTEMBER: WVDAR State Regent Jane Larke, Cathy Hebb, Terri Lawrence, Diane Beall, Amy Goughnour, Marlayne Nestor, and Angela Bednarczyk participated in activities for the Clarksburg Honor Flight held at the North Central WV Airport, creating lasting memories honoring our nation's veterans.

OCTOBER: Members donated 200+ articles of winter clothing to "Birth to 3".

NOVEMBER: Phyllis Garcia and Pam Combs collected $343 in donations to purchase WAA Wreaths. Members celebrated Veteran's Day with the veterans at Cortland Acres. Each veteran received two items which they had previously requested. Mary Mullenax led the singing. 112 flag pins were presented to the veterans who attended the Veterans' Day programs at the two elementary/middle schools. Members collected 1,470 children's books in response to WVDAR State Regent Larke's Special Project on Early Childhood Literacy which were donated to a local church to hand out during their Christmas Toy Giveaway and to Tucker County's After-School Program to be given to students each month.

DECEMBER: Cynthia Kolsun and Stacey Harper represented the chapter at the Holiday Open House at DAR National Headquarters. Blackwater Chapter dedicated our America 250! Patriot Marker, placing it on the Tucker County Courthouse. Members participating in the ceremony were WVDAR State Regent Jane Larke, Cathy Hebb, Terri Lawrence, Debbie Stevens, Diane Beall, and Pam Combs. 112 wreaths were purchased for Wreaths Across America, surpassing our goal by 49%. Members logged 2,492 Service to America hours, exceeding our goal by 70%. Blackwater welcomed 11 new members this year: one more than last year.

JANUARY: Registrar Phyllis Garcia is currently working on nine new member applications.

FEBRUARY: Terri Lawrence educated chapter members about Project Patriot.

Blennerhassett Chapter

The Blennerhassett Chapter ladies sparkled all through 2024. At our February meeting I presented a program on Women's Clothing of the 18th Century. In March we participated in the Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day & Resource Fair by setting up a table and handing out lapel pins, Constitution booklets, fruit and candy. At the April meeting we honored Brian Kesterson with a certificate for Outstanding History Teacher Award. He also received a state one as well. Blennerhassett members attended the WVDAR State Conference. In May we awarded our 9 chapter and state winners for Junior American Citizens. I also attended the Parkersburg South HS JROTC Banquet and awarded one of the cadets the Bronze Medal, certificate and a check. May continued to be a busy month as we participated in the Williamstown Memorial Day Wreath Laying Ceremony and the Flag Retirement Ceremony. In June, chapter members enjoyed a fun day in Amish Country.



Our Celebrate America 250 event was held in July. We held the Stars & Stripes Jeep Show. Attendees with their jeeps brought in donations for the Louis A Johnson VA Center in Clarksburg as their entry fee. We awarded trophies to winners. We also had tables set up with handmade items for sale and games for children such as reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America Flag and receive a certificate. Looking over the event was life size wooden Marquis de Lafayette and Bernardo de Galvez. In between them stood a display of the names of our chapter's patriots.

The Blennerhassett Chapter was busy doing many other activities throughout the year. We participated in the Adopt-A-Native Elder Program. We had members complete Leadership Training Courses. We collected items and signed various cards for the VA Center in Clarksburg, set up a book shelf with books at the North Central Jail and donated to Wreaths Across America,

the Military Women's Memorial and collected seeds for the Hindman Settlement School. Some of us attended the Battle of Point Pleasant Memorial Service.

October was busy with volunteering as docents for the Mansion by Candlelight weekend at Blennerhassett Island. And we celebrated our chapter's 75th Anniversary with dinner at Jimmy Columbos with old pictures and scrapbooks on display for our guests to see. We also had a successful National Defense Luncheon in November with Colonel Cantu of the Parkersburg South JROTC as our speaker. There were many more activities the Blennerhassett ladies accomplished through the year. I am so proud of these members for their dedication for their community and DAR.

Cathy Hinkle, Regent

Buford Chapter

This past year was a good year for our Buford Chapter of the WVDAR. In April, a wonderful reenactor presented as Pearl Buck reminding us of the fact that she was not only a terrific WV author, but also a woman who was driving force in humanitarian cause. Many of our membership met at the welcome center on I-64 just south of Huntington to wave flags and cheer as "Run for the Wall" motorcyclists passed by on their way to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., to honor veterans and raise awareness for POW/MIA issues. And our regent passed out poppies to distribute to friends to wear for Memorial Day celebrations. Members also participated in our local Memorial Day event at the Memorial Arch.

The year's events were ended up with our annual luncheon in June in the Cabin that we use for our meetings most of the year.

In September we held a joint meeting in our cabin for a presentation about the First Continental Congress written by the Regent of Westmoreland Chapter, Stephanie Smith. Our Constitution Committee placed displays about the Constitution in 4 libraries and 4 Schools and City Hall and Woodlands retirement Center and received a proclamation from the mayor for their work with the Constitution.



In October, our regent and several other members represented our chapter by attending the 250th celebration memorial service at Tu Endie Wei park in Point Pleasant to commemorate the 1774 battle in which so many of our Patriots participate. The Regent placed a wreath at the Magazine in Memory of their service. Our chapter took part in the National Day of Service in October to celebrate the founding of the National DAR by collecting items for donation for the Hoops Children's Hospital. We were able to present a very nice collection of crayons, art supplies, games, and books for the children being cared for in the facility.

In February Doug Wood presented as Thomas Ingles. Thomas Ingles was the son of Mary Ingles. Both were captured by Indians from their home in Virginia. Mary made a very famous escape. Thomas was ransomed finally at the age of 17 by his father. This was an eye-opening presentation giving each of us insight into the years leading up to the Revolutionary War.

And in March we celebrated our early Regents and the history of the accomplishments of our Buford Chapter in the first half of the 19th century.

Marsha Moses, Regent

Captain James Allen Chapter

In March we celebrated Women. A member presented *Women Patriots*, her compilation of 18 women patriots from what became West Virginia. April, our chapter focused on historic preservation with Friends of the Blue, an update on the History historic Blue Sulphur Springs Pavilion in Greenbrier County; the completed restoration and on-going work.

In April, a member attended the awards ceremony for the Woodrow Wilson High School US Air Force JROTC presenting the DAR JROTC Bronze Medal and Certificate to Hailey Blak. Also attending the award ceremony for the Beckley Composite Squadron Civil Air Patrol, U. S. Air Force Auxiliary she presented the DAR Outstanding Cadet Medal, Campaign Bar and Certificate to Caleb Schmidt.

May our daughters partnered with the Raleigh County Historical Society celebrating Founders Day at Wildwood House, the Beckley home. The Chapter distributed box lunches to attendees. We also participated in a Veterans Resource Fair held at the National Guard's Glen Jean Armory in May. This opportunity to reach out to prospective members of the military and their families and to make our organization known to these families was exceptional. Our several members distributed pamphlets, flags, and flag code information at the event.

Lilly Family Reunion was attended during the summer with the John Beckley Chapter, WVSAR. We set up booths, distributed flags, brochures, flag code information, patriotic pencils and handouts. This was another public outreach event.


Terry Noland, Registrar, Captain James Allen Chapter reads "We the Kids" to first grade students at Daniels Elementary School celebrating Constitution Week.

We celebrated Constitution Week hosting Raleigh County Sheriff James Canaday as our quest speaker. Sheriff Canaday addressed the Constitution; specifically, Amendments 1 – 10; how they impact Law Enforcement. He and Retiring Judge H. L. Kirkpatrick were given Certificates of Recognition for their work in upholding the Constitution. Members placed a Constitution Week Display at the Public Library. Four Daughters presented in several Elementary Schools; reading "We the Kids" and present students bells. A copy of the book was donated to each School Library as well as the County Public Library.

Ron Hedrick, President of the Raleigh County Veterans and First Responders Museum helped us focus on Veterans again in October. He updated us on the new location, renovation and expansion of the Museum and on the American Legion Cemetery in Beckley.

At that meeting a *Service in Seconds* project, writing *Thank you for your service* cards for active Military and First Responders was completed. For our National Day of Service, we donated snacks and drinks to the Raleigh County Deputy Sheriff's Department.

Speaker Sherry Hunter presented a preservation talk on a site in our own County in November - New Salem Baptist Church, located in the former Tams Coal Camp and newly designated on the Register of National Historic Places. It was also an honor to be a part of the Veterans Day Parade in Beckley. Our Chapter along with the John Beckley Chapter, WVSAR handed out free coffee, hot chocolate, and flags to those attending the parade. In December, we held our annual Christmas Luncheon and Bazaar in fellowship with the same SAR chapter.

Cecilia Chapman, Regent

Cheat River Chapter

The Cheat River Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution has had a productive year with numerous educational initiatives, community service projects, and celebrations of American history.

Chapter librarian Amy Jones started a book club to encourage a love of history and literature. She also successfully submitted a lesson plan to the DAR Community Classroom educational resource page, furthering the chapter's commitment to education.



Members and friends of the chapter visited the Fort Necessity Battlefield in Farmington, PA, to see the traveling American Revolution Experience exhibit. They also participated in the Preston County Schools summer reading program, where members dressed in colonial attire and presented programs on colonial children's lives and about George Washington.

In honor of Teacher Appreciation Week, the chapter conducted a drawing for Amazon gift cards, awarding 12 teachers in Preston County. The chapter also set up a booth at the Kingwood Street Fair, where Amy Jones created an informational display and distributed educational flyers to keep children's minds active over the summer.

The chapter arranged a chartered bus trip to Washington, DC, where 40 people toured DAR Constitution Hall and viewed the Sewn in America exhibit. Care packages were sent to Grace Moreno, a chapter member and an active-duty Air Force military woman. Also, 189 heartfelt cards were written for veterans participating in the Honor Flight from Clarksburg, WV.

JoAnn Peterson gave a captivating first-person portrayal of Abigail Adams at a meeting, sharing insights about life during the revolution and her correspondence with John Adams. Sherry Fields organized a plant exchange, promoting conservation by having members share plants, bulbs, and seeds from their gardens.

The chapter mourned the loss of Katie Burke, a founding member who dedicated 22 years to DAR. During Constitution Week, members delivered proclamations at town hall meetings in nine different communities, spreading awareness of DAR and the Constitution.

Susie Batson attended the 250th Commemoration of the Battle of Point Pleasant, where she laid a wreath at the memorial to honor this historic event. The chapter also participated in the Buckwheat Festival with a float in two parades and an educational exhibit.

On DAR Day of Service, chapter members gathered at Aurora Cemetery, improving 45 headstones. They also sponsored 175 veteran wreaths for Wreaths Across America at Aurora Cemetery.

The chapter collected hats, blankets, and socks to be given to veterans in a local hospital during Christmas and filled 163 Valentine's Day cards with heartfelt messages for veterans.

Through these activities, the Cheat River Chapter of DAR continues to promote education, support veterans, and honor American history with dedication and community spirit.

Tracy Burns, Regent

Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter

Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter NSDAR marked the grave of our founding Regent, Livia Nye Simpson Poffenbarger, on Saturday, May 18, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. at Sunset Memorial Park, 4301 MacCorkle Avenue SW, South Charleston, WV. A reception followed immediately thereafter at the Dunbar Women's Clubhouse.

Livia's great-great granddaughter, Livia Poffenbarger-Kelly, from South Carolina, was able to be in attendance and assist in the grave marking ceremony. She presented a photo of her great-great grandmother as well as some books our founder had authored.

It was a memorable ceremony opened by the West Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution State Color Guard who presented colors. That was followed by a presentation of the biography of some of Livia's accomplishments. During the ceremony, the chapter placed a DAR permanent marker on our founder's grave.

The reception to follow was a lovely event hosted by Risha McGill and committee. Croissants, finger sandwiches, pastries, coffee, and teas were in abundance. The tables were set with fine china, linens, and complimented by live flower arrangements.



Another large event in the history of our chapter held this past year was the 250th Anniversary of the Battle of Point Pleasant. October 10, 2025, at 10 a.m., the 250th anniversary memorial service was held on the hallowed grounds of Tu-Endie-Wei State Park. Over 500 attendees from across the nation and state were present to lay wreaths in honor of their patriot ancestors who gave of their lives to fight for our freedoms, marking the first battle of the American Revolution. Our chapter, along with our neighbor chapter, Old Hickory, served refreshments to the attendees after the service.

These two events were extremely important in the life of our Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter. We are very proud of our ancestry and to recognize their importance to the freedom we have; to live in this great State and Nation!

Diana Cromley, Regent

Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter

Barbara Channell respectfully completed her 7th year as Chapter Regent. During my terms as Regent, I am credited with the revitalization of Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter and our receiving Level 1 Chapter Achievement Awards for those 7 years. Also, I applied for and presented this Centennial Chapter with our framed Charter # 2545.

Members attended WV State Conferences, District Meeting, State Marquis De Lafayette Event in Fayetteville, Layfette Trail Marker Dedication in Wheeling, the 250th Anniversary of Battle Days at Point Pleasant, and visited the Madonna of the National Trail in Wheeling. Channell attended the WV Breakfast at Continental Congress and toured the DAR Museum and Period Rooms.

Our chapter placed the First America 250! Patriot Marker in the State of WV at Prickett’s Fort State Park in Marion County. We held a Sparkling dedication and open house on May 5, 2024. WVSSAR presented colors and salute. Mountaineer Fifes and Drums performed music.

DAR National and State representatives gave greetings. This event was reported by WBOY-TV and Times WV newspaper. We were honored to fulfill our State Regents' request to make improvements to the WV Gold Star Mothers Monument in Fairmont WV. With SAR help, we added a flower bed and bench. The rededication was held on April 10, 2025 in combination with the WV State Conference. We also contributed $250 to Central District America 250! Patriot Marker at I-79 SB Bridgeport Rest Area. We donated $500 to George Rogers Clark Chapter NSSAR for their upcoming America 250! project.



During the year we laid 15 wreaths on patriot graves and cleaned stones. We participated in VFW Memorial Day Caravan, Wreaths Across America, Fairmont Veterans Day Parade, Julia Pierpont Day, Constitution Day Celebration, Marion County Museum History Expo, George Pinkney Morgan Open House, Honor Flight Welcome. We attended the Morgan Morgan Cabin Memorial Service and visited his grave at Bunker Hill, WV. Local DAR and SAR chapters held their combined Christmas Dinner and Summer Picnic. Patty Norman attended 7 SAR grave markings and awarded Rudy Vincent, President of George Rogers Clark Chapter, NSSAR the Hanna White Arnett Medal from our Chapter.

Our DAR Project Patriot members mailed new personal items and handwritten cards to the soldiers aboard USS Hershel "Woody" Williams Naval Ship. This project was valued at $2,500. We also sent over 1,100 cards to active-duty military and veterans. Items valued at $750 were donated to the Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center. Cookie trays, comfort bags for children, and thank you cards were presented to Fairmont City Police, Marion County Sheriff Department, WV State Police, Winfield Voluntary Fire Department, and WV Forestry Department during Day of Service.

We continue supporting the State Regent's Project by reading to classrooms and donating books. Beth Niggemyer earned her triple crown by completing the Horizon Course. She held an Edenton Tea Commemorative Event at our November meeting and constructed our chapter scrapbook.

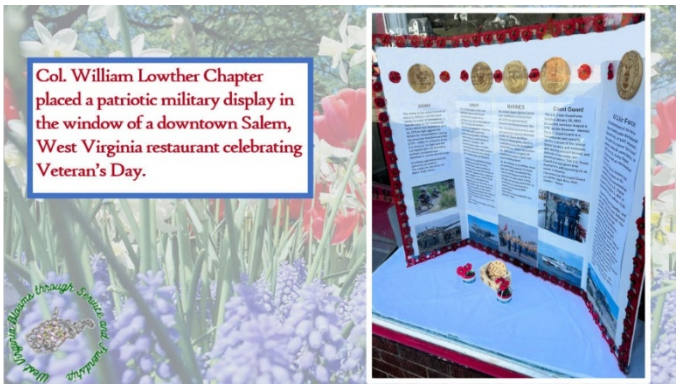
Barbara Williams Channell, Regent

Colonel William Lowther Chapter

While this Chapter's number of members is holding steady at just 13, the members continue to work within our local communities of Salem and West Union, WV. Our Community Classrooms work in the Doddridge County School system is very active and several of our members donate their time and financial resources to help area teachers.

The members continue to support our Veterans at the Louis A. Johnson Medical Center and provide comfort care products. Three of our members work with the VA Transportation coordinator to assist with providing transportation from the Doddridge County area.

The Chapter once again recognized and celebrated one student from Doddridge County High School as the DAR Good Citizen.



The Chapter Members are also involved as volunteers at the Salem Apple Butter Festival and donate time at the Salem Depot as docents to the Train Museum.

Charla Nutter-McNaboe, Regent

Colonel Zackquill Morgan Chapter

The Colonel Zackquill Morgan Chapter, WVDAR is small but mighty. With just 16 members, our chapter members wear many hats and stay busy serving in the DAR. We participated in patriotic parades, memorial ceremonies, service projects, and much more. We also hosted the tri-Monongalia County chapter Constitution Day Luncheon in 2024. Chapter meetings focused on a variety of topics, from conservation to local history to women's issues to national defense.



Honoring veterans is very important to the members of the Col. Zackquill Morgan chapter.

Chapter members participated in Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and Pearl Harbor Day ceremonies. We purchased dozens of wreaths for Wreaths Across America to be placed on the WV National Cemetery. Every year, we also partner with a local nursing home to "adopt" their veterans at Christmas. Our members make blankets and purchase personal gifts for each veteran.

Increasing membership has been a long-term goal of our chapter. As many of our members grow elderly or pass away, we have worked to gain new members. We currently have two prospective members with applications in the works. Col. Zackquill Morgan is looking forward to growing and improving in 2025 and beyond!

Elizabeth Satterfield, Regent

Daniel Davisson Chapter

Daniel Davisson Chapter created a Flag Day display at the Bridgeport Public Library and participated in the Naturalization Ceremony at the United States District Court for the Northern District of West Virginia in Clarksburg in June. Chapter members placed Constitution Day and Native American Month displays at the Clarksburg-Harrison and Bridgeport Public Libraries. In October, members participated in Trunk or Treat events by giving out candy and bookmarks at the Bridgeport Public Library and in the Town of Lost Creek.



To honor our veterans, members made "Welcome Home" signs for the Honor Flight, donated $300.00 for a new TV for the Women's Veterans Dorm at the Clarksburg Mission, handed out 300 flag pins to veterans visiting the VA hospital for appointments, donated $500.00 worth of new baby items to the Women's Clinic at the VA hospital along with other donations to the VA hospital including fidget blankets, Veteran's Day and Valentine cards, several magazine subscriptions for the waiting rooms, 2024 calendars, clothing items, pencils, and notebooks.

To support the projects of a chapter member taking all three DAR courses, members donated backpacks containing pajamas and a book to the CASA program of Harrison County and money to purchase handbags and cosmetics for Hope, Inc., a domestic violence shelter. In the area of historic preservation, a chapter member cleaned headstones at the Daniel Davisson DAR Cemetery in Clarksburg, and our chapter presented the DAR Historic Preservation Award to the Clarksburg History Museum.

Laura Fullen, Regent

Elizabeth Ludington Hagans – Colonel John Evans Chapter

The Chapter was pleased to have three members graduate in 2024 from DAR Leadership Training Courses: Susan Arnold, Stephanie Burns, and Brenda Fisher all completed the committee Leaders Course, Susan Arnold completed the New Horizons Course, and Brenda Fisher completed the Members Course. In addition, Susan Arnold completed the Mid-Level Reviewer Training and the new Supplemental Applications course available through the DAR Genealogical Education Program. The chapter was pleased to welcome three new members in 2024.

During the summer, chapter members visited the traveling exhibit, The American Revolution Experience, co-sponsored by NSDAR and the American Battlefield Trust, at Fort Necessity in Pennsylvania. Susan Arnold and Brenda Fisher went on a WVDAR bus to DAR Headquarters and spent time viewing the exhibit "Sewn in America" on display at the DAR Museum, as well as researching in the DAR Library. Members attended a cemetery preservation workshop sponsored by the Preservation



Alliance of West Virginia and put those techniques to work in cleaning tombstones at the historic Goshen Road Baptist Church Cemetery. In August, the chapter hosted the Central District Meeting at the St. Thomas a Becket Episcopal Church in Morgantown, which was a successful day with 70+ attendees.

For Constitution Week, the chapter displayed posters around town, attended the tri-chapter Constitution Week Luncheon, and participated in Bells Across America. In October, Chapter Regent Susan Arnold represented the chapter in the wreath-laying ceremony commemorating the 250th Anniversary of the Battle of Point Pleasant.

The chapter contributed its $500 America 250! grant from NSDAR to go towards the plaque installed by the Central District Chapters at the Meadowbrook Rest Stop on I-79. Members attended its dedication on December 4, 2024. The chapter also contributed $100 towards requested children's books to use in book lending machines at the DAR Hindman Settlement School.

The chapter walked in the Veterans Day Parade, and Chapter Regent Susan Arnold participated in a wreath-laying ceremony to mark the 83rd Anniversary of the Attack on Pearl Harbor at WVU.

The chapter supported active-duty military and veterans through the Jenkins Funeral Home's "Stockings for Soldiers" program, the West Virginia Heroes Program which provides WVU football tickets to veterans and active-duty military, and by mailing several care packages and fulfilling Amazon Wish Lists to support Project Patriot activities. The chapter donated gift bags filled with personal care items, calendars, and Valentines to 50 veterans in local nursing homes for Valentines Day 2025.

The chapter's participation in Wreaths Across America raised enough funds to purchase 171 wreaths. Chapter members participated in the December ceremony and laid wreaths at the historic Oak Grove Cemetery. The chapter continued to provide the $1500 Elizabeth L. Hagans DAR Scholarship at WVU and again sponsored a Clay-Battelle High School Senior to attend Rhododendron Girls State. The chapter had a successful year supporting the DAR objectives of historic preservation, education, and patriotism.

Susan Arnold, Regent

Elizabeth Zane Chapter

The Elizabeth Zane Chapter has continued to grow by adding ten new members and four perspective members since last year. In the spring, the members cleaned up and placed new flags on all the Patriot graves in Upshur County for Memorial Day. We participated in the Hindman School Seed shower by donating 50 packets of seeds. Three chapter members attended Tanner's Crossroad 25th Anniversary.

Summer began with our annual Flag Day Picnic which was held at the North Buckhannon Park. At the picnic, we also celebrated the 90th Birthday of one of our members. In August, members participated in French Creek Pioneer Days where members greeted guests, distributed DAR pamphlets, and gave a presentation on pioneer kitchen items and the NSDAR. Six chapter members attended the Naturalization Ceremony in Elkins, WV where Flag Pins and Flag Code books were given to the new citizens.

Fall is always a busy time for the chapter. Members worked together to provide platters of cookies to local First Responder organizations. Members attended a Buckhannon City Council Meeting to witness and receive Constitution Week Proclamation and National American Indian Heritage Proclamation. The Constitution Committee visited the Buckhanon-Upshur High School and presented Constitution Booklets to the Senior Class.

In October, the Literacy Proclamation was signed and the chapter donated a box of books, and a club member visited and read to children at a local day care/after school center. A Literacy Champion Award was presented to the Upshur County Public Library. A wreath was placed at the Buckhanon Veteran's Memorial at Heavner Cemetery, and members volunteered at the VFW Veteran's luncheon in honor of Veteran's Day.



The winter months did not slow down chapter activities. The chapter members enjoyed the Central District America 250 Marker Dedication. December was a time for chapter members to visit the Louis B Johnston Veteran's Nursing Home. Cards, clothing, and Christmas decorations were delivered to the veterans at the facility. The year ended with our annual Christmas Luncheon. We welcomed State Regent, Jane Larke to the celebration.

This reporting period ended with a fundraiser auction to raise funds for the chapter.

Christine Mundy, Regent

Elk River Chapter

Activities and programs during the 2024 year emphasized historic preservation, education, and patriotism. Last spring we had the pleasure of hearing from a retired female Navy veteran, who shared her story and experiences as a Navy nurse. The chapter participated in the Naturalization Ceremony in Clarksburg and gave each of the new citizens a coaster set as a Welcome gift. Chapter Regent, Ruth Mooney, spoke at a Flag Day Ceremony held by the Elks at the WV Nursing Home in Clarksburg. Her topic was The American's Creed.

The Chapter recognized senior Cambria Neal, from Nicholas County High School (NCHS) and senior, Mikaya Moore, from Braxton County High School (BCHS), as their school's DAR Good Citizen. The chapter gave the bronze medal to Ashlea B. Rollins, cadet in the JROTC program at NCHS. Flag Manners programs were presented to two kindergarten groups by Carolyn Patrick, Trish Moore, and Beth Atkins. Elk River Chapter contributed the $500 grant money to purchase an America 250! marker at the rest area building, off Mile 122, Southbound I-79.



Elk River Chapter donated items of need throughout the year to Louis A. Johnson Medical Center in Clarksburg, including a special request for "baby items" needed by female veterans. We displayed our Patriots Christmas Tree at Old Main Arts & Heritage Center in Summersville, WV. Two floors of community trees were viewed by the public in December. We received compliments and inquiries from possible perspective members. Patriots displayed on the tree include: Ralph Stewart, Francis Boggs, Daniel Canfield, Aaron Smith, John Cartwright, William Morris, William Hall, John Skidmore, Samuel Fitzrandolph, Andrew Skidmore, Benjamin Lemasters, Moses St. John, John Jarvis, Rhodam Rogers, Edward Morton, Cornelius Roberts, Zechariah Hawkins, David Morgan, David Frame, John Dobbins, Zachariah Cook, John

Hereford, Henry Dorton, David Glasburn, George Miller, Patrick Murphy, Daniel Anderson and Hugh Botkin. Member, Margaret Ashby, serves as State Conservation Chair. Ruth Mooney serves as DAR's VAVS Representative on the multi-organization advisory committee at the Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center in Clarksburg, WV.

After attending quarterly meetings, she and her two deputies (Charlotte Orrahood - Daniel Davisson Chapter and Marilyn Rogers - Ohio Valley Chapter) notify the 19 chapters in Northern and Central Districts, the needs of the veteran patients and the volunteer opportunities for DAR members at the facility. Chapter members have contributed in many ways, and they give service in areas of literacy, conservation, history programs, genealogy research and education.

Ruth Mooney, Regent

General Andrew Lewis Chapter

In 2024, General Andrew Lewis Chapter celebrated our 70th Chapter Anniversary. Sally Ford, a WVDAR member of 73 years was able to describe our Organizing Regent, Mrs. Wilson Phelps, "as a petite, organized lady." At our November meeting, we celebrated with a birthday cake and DAR-ling Auction of Americana and DAR items. It was a ***Sparkling*** success! The proceeds will supplement our America 250! Grant for educational events planned for February 2025. "Our Patriots" NSDAR coloring books have been purchased for elementary school students.

We had a number of educational programs including excellent speakers on archeology, historic preservation, county history, veterans affairs and archival items from the Marshall University special collections. Our Service Projects included twice-yearly collections for the Beckley V.A, hospital and special Flood/Disaster Relief collections for our neighbors in WV and NC.



We had proclamations and library displays for Constitution Week and Literacy Heroes.

We were happy to have welcomed a new Junior Member and her mother to our Chapter. We remembered the life of our deceased member, Lynn Brody, who was a 20-year member, with a donation to the NSDAR Library.

We have anticipated the Anniversary of the return of the Marquis de Lafayette to Wheeling, WV in May 2025 by showing "Flat Lafayette" around our meetings and enjoying Franco-American Minutes. We look onward to rejoicing in our DAR ties of service and friendship for America 250! celebrations beyond 2024!

Suzanne Cronquist, Regent

Highlands of the Potomac Chapter

On March 10, 2024, Highlands of the Potomac (HOTP) Chapter NSDAR 4-066-WV held its Second Anniversary with a Dutch-treat Spring Bling Social at a local restaurant. About 30 members attended and presented their family heirloom "bling". The Regent, along with two other members, attended the local National Day of Prayer Breakfast and led the Pledge of Allegiance to a large group of about 200. Regent Frederick spent the following weekend during

the Annual Fort Ashby Days at Ashby's Fort dressed in 18th Century attire spoke to many about the fort and DAR memberships. Memorial Day was celebrated by ten daughters who presented a wreath at the Washington Smith American Legion Post, Keyser.

June was a busy month in which HOTP held a chapter picnic at Ashby's Fort where the group enjoyed the visit by our State Regent Jane Larke as well as tours of the historic French and Indian fort. Flag Day was observed by a Flag Retirement Ceremony held at the historic Carskadon Mansion in which over 250 flags were disposed. On the 22nd of June, the chapter was an organizing force in reopening the Philip Michael line and participated in a beautiful grave marking ceremony held in cooperation with two Maryland DAR chapters, Cresap and Youghiogheny Glades. Also, Women Veterans were recognized with $20 gift cards in *Thank You* cards.



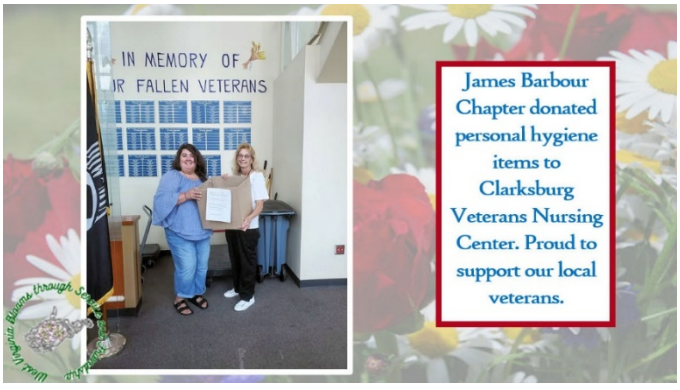
For the 4th of July, the Regent and HODAR dressed in period clothing participated in a bell ringing ceremony in New Castle Delaware sponsored by the Battell & Read Chapter, NSDAR, of which she is an Associate member. The chapter also donated to local groups that sponsored the holiday fireworks.

At the August chapter meeting, the members collected and assembled diaper bags and handbags stuffed with hygiene products for the Women's Crisis Center. Constitution Week was busy for the chapter's committee with bell ringing, window decorating, placing banners and spreading the word about America's Constitution. The DAR Day of Service was a week-long event in which 9 members spent 180 hours peeling apples and making over 3600 apple dumplings for the Burlington United Methodist Family Services Apple Harvest Festival. The proceeds support the children who are residents of the facility.

In the weeks around Veterans Day, Veterans in Mineral County were surprised by HOTP DAR members bringing pizzas to the local VFWs and American Legions chapter meetings. The Regent and Treasurer are proud to report that the chapter maintained 45 members with no drops and all paid dues on time! The HOTP chapter continues to see about 40% of its members regularly attend monthly meetings.

Darlene E Frederick, Regent

James Barbour Chapter



James Wood Chapter

James Wood Chapter is very proud of our contributions to the Parkersburg and Wood County community. Currently, we have sixty-nine members and two Associates. We gained one new member by application; but unfortunately, two of our long-time members passed. We have two new applications that will be submitted soon.

Our chapter holds a Memorial Service on Memorial Day for Patriots buried in Wood County. We were pleased to have Captain James Neal Sons of the American Revolution join us. The service concluded with a twenty-one-gun salute. We kicked off the new year with our annual Dues Tea and Constitution Week Celebration. We distributed 1,700 bookmarks to high school juniors and seniors. We prepared educational packets for third and fourth grade students at a local parochial school.

James Wood remains committed to the youth in our area. We were pleased to award eleven $1,500 scholarships to graduating high school seniors and college students. We recognize the NJROTC Cadet of the Year with a medal and certificate. The NJROTC also presents Colors for our Guest Day meeting. Seniors from three public and three parochial schools participated in the Good Citizen Essay Contest. Each was given a certificate and monetary award. We also sponsored two young ladies to Rhododendron Girls State.

We are very excited to complete our America 250! project by placing a granite bench with the names of thirteen Revolutionary War patriots engraved on the bench. The thirteen Patriots were discovered while doing the research for *Genealogical, Burial and Service Data for Revolutionary War Patriots Buried in WV.* We received the DAR America 250! grant, grants from the Parkersburg Area Community Foundation, and generous donations from our daughters.



Two of our meetings were held at historic homes in Parkersburg. Our Guest Day program focused on The Importance of Reading to Children. We enjoyed a DAR Museum presentation by Vicki Baker and heard from a DAR husband who participated in an Honor Flight.

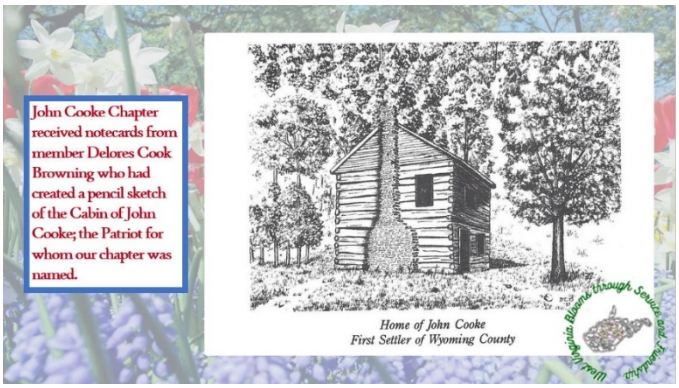
Veterans hold a special place in the hearts of James Wood Daughters. We always participate in the annual Veterans Day Parade. Our float highlighted recruiting posters from various military branches. Over $500 in clothing, toiletries, and snack items were delivered to the Louis A. Johnson Veterans Hospital in Clarksburg. In addition, we provide snacks monthly for the Veterans Counseling Center in Parkersburg.

The National Day of Service Project focused on the Parkersburg Humane Society with donations of food, litter, and other requested items. We also donated items that would be sent to North Carolina to the hurricane and flood victims. The monthly Surprise Gift Bag generated over $700 this year. The funds were used to support special projects in the community for Veterans, schools, and Food Banks.

James Wood Daughters remain very active in the community, logging 2,527 volunteer hours. They serve local food pantries, soup kitchens, church activities, crocheting scarves and hats for patients receiving cancer treatments, preparing meals for Habitat for Humanity workers, and driving seniors to appointments.

Jane Kesterson Richards, Regent

John Cooke Chapter



This past year has really been a struggle for the John Cooke Chapter. In June, 2024, I became very ill and was in ICU for 9 days. This limited my ability to be really involved in our work and projects. Another problem was our Treasurer/Registrar resigned as a member of our Chapter. This has been a setback for us. I am pleased to say that we were able to participate in the following projects:

We recognized two seniors from our two county high schools as Good Citizens. We held a reception for them and they were also recognized at their Senior Awards programs. This was a joint effort with our SAR chapter. We have one application pending before National and I am getting ready to mail another one in this week. We are very pleased with these.

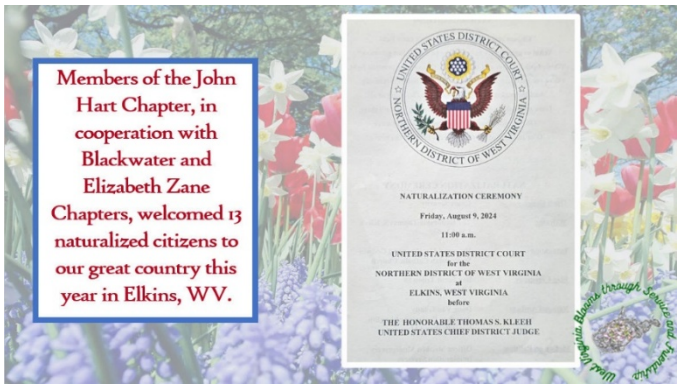
We placed a wreath on the gravesite of John Cooke, located at the Delilah Methodist Church in Oceana, West Virginia. We delivered Christmas gifts to our local VA hospital and also took part in the Service to America Project.

We sent over $1,000 worth of coupons to Coupons for Troops located in Idaho. I would like to give special thanks to several of my DAR Sisters from other chapters who have been so helpful in helping with applications and other items that have needed to be taken care of. After all, isn't that what DAR Sisters do?

Anita Lusk, Regent

John Hart Chapter

The year of 2024-2025 listing of various programs, events, and projects. Gold Mother's and Legacy Orchards program – On March 2022, the West Virginnia Gold Star Mothers were awarded a grant to plant legacy orchards as a living memorial; Constitution Week – Proclamation signing by virtue of authority vested as Mayors of the Randolph County Municipalities - Mayor Gary Coffman for the town of Mill Creek, WV, Mayor Jerry Marco for the City of Elkins, WV, and Mayor Jerry Teter for the town of Harman, WV.



Chapter members attended the Naturalization Ceremony at the United States District Court for the Northern District of WV at Elkins WV – Thirteen new United State citizens from nine countries were welcomed; National Day of Service – October 11. – The Chapter donated $150.00 to the Randolph County Humane Society. The Randolph County Humane Society have committed to helping abandoned, abused, neglected and homeless animals in Randolph County for 65 years.

Patriot ladies of the American Revolution: Mary Katharine Goddard the patriot lady whose name appears on the Declaration of Independence. She ran a newspaper throughout the Revolutionary War, until 1784 and was a strong supporter of the patriot cause, she wrote editorials condemning British brutality. Patriot Minute Women – The Female Militia - Prudence Cummings Wright, was a true patriot. In her home town of Pepperell, Massachusetts she gathered a group of women to stop Tories from passing through their town. The Patriot Lady Spies - Lydia Barrington Darragh an undercover spy, a British General Sir William Howe would regularly hold meetings with officers in the Darragh's house and she would hide in a closet and take notes on the enemy's military plans; Veterans Day Celebrations - Refreshments and *Thank You for Serving* cards were given to each veteran in a local health care facility.

The true story of the American's Creed – It was penned by William Tyler Page, descendant of Carter Braxton, signer of the Declaration of Independence and of our 10th President, JohnTyler. William Tyler Page was born in 1868. He became a page in the US House of Representatives at age 13. There he remained employed until his death. The Creed becomes national knowledge. The public announcement of the winning Creed was on April 13, 1918. Less the two weeks later NSDAR President General Sarah E. Guernsey asked William Tyler Page to lead the assembly at Continental Congress to reciting the Creed. William Tyler Page last public appearance was October 18, 1942 at Memorial Continental Hall, addressing the membership on the 50th anniversary of the Pledge of Allegiance. The following day William Tyler Page celebrated his 75th birthday with his family and quietly passed away in his sleep. America 250! Celebration Grant – Purchased coloring books titled - Our Patriots - The Men and Women who achieved American Independence. The books have been given to each of the Randolph County Elementary Schools.

Carolyn Corley Channell, Regent

John Young Chapter

As I look back at 2024, the chapter continues to come out of the COVID years with renewed energy and anticipation for the America250! Celebration. The chapter continues to be strong in issues such as Americanism, veteran support, community support and volunteerism, schools, women's issues, and constitutionalism. Members continue to be active in activities that promote American freedom, patriotism, and love of country.

This is a small close-knit chapter with members who offer a variety of special skills, talents, and interests. Because of these attributes, we can be involved in many of the goals of National and WVDAR. It is not unusual to find members working in a flag pin-making workshop as well as decorating cars in preparation for the Veterans Day Parade. Great emphasis is placed on support for children and schools.



The chapter annually adopts two schools from Clay County. This started with the tragic Flood of 2016 and has continued. Members not only gather items to donate but also visit the schools, and spend time with the students. Just this past year we wrote and presented a program to both schools on the use, care, and history of the Flag. At the conclusion of the

program all students, staff, service personnel and even bus drivers were presented with one of our handmade Flag pins.

John Young Chapter is small in numbers but mighty in strength and American Spirit.

Karen Taylor, Regent

Jonathan Shepherd Chapter

The Jonathan Sheppard Chapter NSDAR began organizing at the end of 2024. Several ladies had expressed an interest in forming a chapter in Wirt County and on September 14, 2024, we held a meeting to introduce them to the Daughters of the American Revolution, who we are and what we do, and explain the process of joining and forming a new chapter.

On October 13, 2024 a few of our potential members gathered for a grave-marking with the James Neal Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution in Elizabeth, WV, honoring patriot William Henry Beauchamp. We participated and laid a wreath during the ceremony. I attended the dedication ceremony for the American 250 Revolutionary War Patriot plaque placed by the Central District on December 4, 2025 and the Northern District meeting on December 7, 2024.

Our first member for the new chapter was approved December 5, 2024. On February 18, 2025, our chapter members met to sign the Report of Organization of Chapter with twenty-two members.

Our chapter was confirmed by the National Board of Management on March 5, 2025 and we held our first chapter meeting on March 15, 2025. At that meeting members donated items to create a garden themed basket that we donated to the Elizabeth-Wirt Fire Department for their annual fundraiser.

I am happy that five of our members attended the State Conference this year. On April 26, 2025 we had a celebration luncheon for our new chapter. The WV State Regent, Jane Larke, was in attendance as well as the WV State Parliamentarian, Brenda Cheuvront. A catered luncheon was served to DAR daughters attending from nine chapters in WV, Ohio, and North Carolina as well as our chapter members.



On June 14, 2025 members reserved a table at the annual RiverFest in Elizabeth. This was also Flag Day and flags were handed out to several veterans in attendance. Additionally, we passed out information on DAR and had cards available to sign for veterans, which were later delivered to the VA medical center in Clarksburg.

On June 30, 2025 one of our members became aware of a need at the VA medical center in Clarksburg for fans for veterans in their transitional living quarters. Our chapter donated 18 fans and they were delivered to the center by member Barbara Corbitt along with 24 cards that were signed at the RiverFest event.

Gloria Batten, Regent

Kanawha Valley Chapter



Matthew French Chapter

The Matthew French Chapter sparkles red, white, and blue as it fulfills the DAR's mission of historic preservation, education, and patriotism. Three members and one associate member attended the WV State Conference in April. Over Memorial Day, flags were placed on departed veterans and daughters' graves.

Flag Day was celebrated at The Wade Center with 28 students participating in events. The Center's flag was retired and a new flag was presented by State Regent Jane Larke. Books and educational items were donated to Mary's Cradle for the State Regent's Literacy Project. State Regent Jane Larke presented the Director with a Literacy Certificate. Sixty-four books were donated to Little Libraries.

On June 15, over 100 people toured the McNutt House and participated in the lawn activities sponsored by the DAR, CAR and SAR. The Southern District meeting was attended by six members.

The chapter celebrated Constitution Week. The City of Princeton presented a Constitution Week Proclamation. A poster board was displayed at the Princeton Public Library. A flag coloring page was distributed to 792 first graders in 36 classrooms and a Constitution Week eight-page booklet was distributed to 758 fourth graders in 30 classrooms. All students received a flag decal and patriotic pencil. Sponsored by the DAR, SAR and CAR, two schools' fourth grade classes of 120 students and 8 teachers participated in outdoor demonstrations for making a cloth doll, shooting marbles, playing with a buzz saw and learned what life was like during the colonial era as they toured the McNutt House.

A $3,000 donation created four one-time $750 scholarships per high school to a deserving senior. Madison Lawson was the scholarship recipient. The Princeton Vet Clinic received donations for the NSDAR Day of Service. Five daughters attended the SAR Christmas Luncheon. The McNutt House's Candlelight Tour was decorated for an 1840 Christmas. The DAR Sitting Room showcased our Patriot Tree. DAR daughters, CAR children and SAR sons entertained their guests in period dress with stories of a bygone era from the American Revolution to the late 1850s when the area was settled by our forefathers.

The City of Princeton donated $1,500 to assist with utilities, telephone, Wi-Fi and related expenses. The CMR and State Reports were submitted. The chapter welcomed three new daughters. One daughter completed the Committee Leaders and New Horizons Courses. The registrar completed the GEP 3 and GEP 8 trainings. Six members attended the 2025 State Conference. The chapter received 28 awards. Stella Moon was elected State Recording Secretary.



Mercer County teachers received donuts and cookie trays for Teacher Appreciation Day.

A Memorial Service was held for departed daughter Roberta Woodson.

The Wade Center's 38 students celebrated Flag Day. The Center received a new flag and retired the old flag. Books were donated to Mary's Cradle for the State Regent's Literacy Project.

Two members and 3 associate members attended the 134th Continental Congress. Promoting your administration's theme of "West Virginia Blooms through Service and Friendship" for the past three years is an honor our chapter cherishes.

Stella Moon, Regent

Ohio Valley Chapter

The Ohio Valley Chapter was awarded a Celebrate 250! Grant and the funds were used to purchase books on the life and times of the Revolutionary War era. The books were presented to the libraries in St. Marys, Sistersville, and Paden City. Local children and schools will have access to the literature.

Throughout the year, the chapter has donated many items to the Louis A. Johnson V.A. Medical Center in Clarksburg, WV. The VAVS Representatives and Deputies have attended all the volunteer meetings, either in person or electronically, and have reported the information to the chapter members.

On May 18, 2024, the chapter met at the Pleasants County Park to dedicate a newly planted Chestnut Tree. Roberta Gellner presented a program on the significance of the Chestnut Tree and after the celebration, the members had refreshments at the Pleasants County Library. During the summer of 2024, members of the chapter attended the Northern District Meeting and some members attended District Meetings around the state.



In September, the chapter celebrated Constitution Week with a program and a Tea Party. The members traveled to Shirley, WV, to honor the firemen and First Responders of the Shirley Fire Department. After much research and planning, Frannie Weekley presented a history of the fire department and the area.

Certificates were presented to the firemen and to the ladies of the Auxiliary. Anna Carson presented a “Quilt of Valor” to the Fire Chief who is also a military veteran. Other items were presented to those in attendance and a wonderful lunch was prepared by the Ohio Valley ladies.

November was an opportunity to learn about Native Americans and Kathy Eckert presented an enriching program about the activities of the Indians in the Ohio Valley.

The Ohio Valley Chapter invited all DAR members in the Northern District to meet with us in Sistersville for a tribute to “Pearl Harbor.” Our guest speaker was Cheryl Haught, a member of the Anne Royall Chapter. During the meeting, the Registrar and Chaplain conducted the official “Welcome” for our two newest members and “The Bank Notes,” an acapella chorus, provided musical entertainment.

During the year, the chapter has been involved in researching the Long Reach area in preparation for a book to be published this summer. The information included in this document will cover the time period from early Indian occupation to the present. February, 2025, was a time to get in shape for Spring and Anna Carson and instructors from the St. Marys Fitness Center led us in a fitness routine. We followed that with pizzas from the Station.

The chapter honored the JAC winners for the Stamp and Poster Contests and the Good Citizen winner who is from St. Marys High School in March, 2025. It is an honor to be a member of the Ohio Valley Chapter and have the opportunity to recognize outstanding citizens and students.

Dr. Marilyn Rogers, Regent

Old Hickory Chapter

Madam State Regent, the Old Hickory Chapter NSDAR has had an amazing year impacting our local community! By the end of 2024, our chapter had amassed over 10,000 community service hours and has worked diligently in Historic Preservation, Education and Patriotism.

In June, members waved the US Flag on Flag Day including member Mayor Rader. Our Flag Chair, Debbie Burge, held our annual Flag challenge to give out flag codes and certificates! State Vice Regent Sandy Isner-Johnson, State Parliamentarian Brenda Cheuvront and Chapter Regent Grace Arthur represented the chapter at Continental Congress at our House Beautiful in Washington, D.C.

In July, the chapter participated in the Ripley’s Largest Small-Town 4th of July festivities and held our annual Korean Veterans Memorial event. Mary Pistelli, Veterans Chair, coordinates all our veterans’ events. In August, the chapter selected a new teacher for our community classroom and Mrs. Jessica Thompson received over 300 dollars’ worth of new items for her classroom! The chapter purchased math games for her classroom!



In September, we impacted over 400 students with our constitution week packets at Ravenswood Grade School and Gilmore Elementary. We held our POW/MIA event the same day as our Ringing of the Bells on the courthouse lawn!

In October, we assisted the Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter with the 250th Anniversary of the Battle of Point Pleasant. Ladies dressed in period attire and helped with the serving line as well as donating cookies.

In November, several members continued the tradition of Ripley's annual Veterans Day parade and afterward Mary Pistelli presented awards at Walmart to local veterans. We also held in Dec. our annual Wreaths Across America event where we laid 12 wreaths for patriots at Veterans Point in Ripley. We have spent most of January and February planning out the remainder of the year for all the projects on the horizon that will have a lasting impact on our community for years to come. Madam State Regent, it is an honor to serve in your administration.

Grace Parsons Arthur, Regent

Pack Horse Ford Chapter

As Pack Horse Ford Chapter celebrates our 109th anniversary in February 2025, we look back on a very successful year. Sixty-three essays for grades 5-8 from 4 schools were collected for the American History Essay Contest. Awards were presented to ten students who placed 1-3. Macie White, was the Seventh Grade first-place winner for West Virginia.

In April we presented the Good Citizen Award and the bronze JROTC Medal Award at the USAF JROTC Awards Ceremony at Jefferson High School. Both recipients received a $250 scholarship. The new $1,000 *Dorrene Gageby Hale Scholarship* was presented. This scholarship was started by the Hale family in memory of Dorrene Gageby Hale, Honorary Chapter Regent.

We partnered with the Shepherdstown Public Library for the second annual Grandparents Day in September, attended by 100 adults with children. Shepherdstown Mayor James Gatz signed our Grandparents Day proclamation.

Our Constitution Week Committee contacted five schools, visited three classrooms, and distributed 2,000 Constitution Week kits. The Shepherdstown Mayor signed our Constitution Week proclamation. Members arranged a display in a shop window and rang bells on Constitution Day.

For DAR's National Day of Service, members donated 310 canned goods and personal hygiene items for Shepherdstown Shares food pantry. Program Manager Dianne Waldron from Berkeley County Meals on Wheels was the October meeting speaker. We presented a $100 donation to Berkeley County Meals on Wheels.

DAR Service for Veterans Committee coordinated the collection of gift items and stuffed 90 Christmas stockings for patients at the VA Medical Center in Martinsburg. Committee Co-chair Marianne Caruso served as the lead garden volunteer for the Green Acres Garden and Greenhouse at the Martinsburg VAMC. Co-chair Cheryl Brown supported two Remembrance Ceremony receptions there. Committee member Kim Sencindiver spoke to two veterans' groups.



Treasurer Katherine Genung participated in Stories Behind the Stars, a non-profit telling the stories of all 400,000 fallen heroes of World War II. She was assigned to complete half of the Philadelphia National Cemetery; just prior to Veterans Day she completed all assigned 49 men.

DAR Project Patriot Committee supported the USAF 167th Air Wing in Martinsburg, WV with local DAR and SAR chapters by participating in a Welcome Home for 150 airmen who had been deployed to the Middle East in September 2024 and Family Day in December.

The chapter delivered 468 lollipop valentine cards, snacks, and treats totaling 552 items for our military and their associates. As part of the February 2024 *Send Our Military Some Love* operation the treats were sent to the USO at Fort Belvoir.

The chapter received an *Each State Sparkles* grant totaling $1,375 through the Project Patriot committee to support Camp Conley, a summer camp for WV National Guard families. The effort was shared statewide and other chapters and individual members and chapters made their own contributions. A Chapter member contributed 22 Beanie Babies to Operation Gratitude and contributed 37 books to Operation Paperback.

Cindy Nicewarner, Regent

Peters Mountain Chapter

Post State Conference 2024 had Peters Mountain looking for additional service projects to take up. Adding to the projects of card fronts to St. Jude's Ranch for Children, and empty medicine bottles to Matthew 25 Ministries, we added Operation Paperback, sending paperbacks to our military deployed. Another new project yielded 6 handcrafted baby blankets for the Military Month of the Child. The Chapter exceeded the Service Goal set by NSDAR four times over for the 2024 reporting year.



Honoring our nation's heroes involved setting flags in cemeteries, and along Main Street, Peterstown for Memorial Day and for Veteran's Day. With assistance from the Pikeview HS JROTC and local American Legion Post, 4 cemeteries were decorated. It is time for the Chapter to hold another flag retirement ceremony, now set for June 14th. A float for the Landside Veteran's Day Parade and Observance was discussed/built. We honored "our" Patriots as Veterans and expect to be part of the 4th of July Parade.

In support of Hindman, in addition to giving to their Seed Shower, $200.00 was allotted to fulfill a request for specific teaching materials. Those items were ordered and shipped directly. Locally, we've continued in the 2024-25 school year with aiding "our adopted teacher". An abundance of arts and crafts supplies were provided to assist with the teacher's lesson plans. The previous year's request for sewn "ninja belts" as proficiency awards was so successful in her classroom that she asked for more belts which were made.

August was spent planning, and September in executing Constitution Week events. These included the placing of flags along Main Street, Peterstown, designing a window display of the Constitution, and an invitation to the public to our annual "Bells Across America in the Park." New material was created and melded with some used previously for a meaningful program. Our program included reading proclamations from both the Town of Peterstown and the State of West Virginia.

Virginia Buttel, Regent

Shenandoah Valley Chapter

Following the 2024 State Conference, members honored Sally Ann Greenfield and Barby Frankenberry for their devoted lifelong service to the community at their May meeting. In June, the Shenandoah Valley Chapter hosted their annual Veterans Dinner with over ninety people in attendance. In August, members set up a display at the Berkeley County Youth Fair in conjunction with John Augustine Washington Society C.A.R. The display informed the public of the work in our society, provided an educational hands-on activity, and facilitated face painting provided by C.A.R. members in attendance. With the coordination of member, Deanna Kay, the Chapter was able to coordinate with Nigel Wainwright to get the Watkins Ferry Marker on Route 11 in Falling Waters restored.



In September, Barby Frankenberry energetically took on the task of celebrating Constitution Week. Members attended City Hall and Berkeley County Council Constitution Proclamation signings. They also enjoyed the annual bell ringing on the Old Courthouse steps that our Chapter established many years ago. The Chapter also participated in welcoming home soldiers at the 167th Air Guard in Martinsburg, WV. Sandwiches, cookies, water, and juice were served. In October, Chapter Regent, Jerell Wright coordinated with the Red Cross to serve the community with a blood drive. The blood drive was very successful and exceeded expectations. In November, Veterans were honored at War Memorial Park with a wreath and many members in attendance. In December, Deanna Kay and Jerell Wright participated in the Inwood Christmas Parade with a decorated truck and passing out tootsie rolls to children with the Korean War story taped to them. Susanne Horner led Wreaths Across America at Arden U.M.

Jerell Wright, Regent

South Branch Valley Chapter

The Daughters of South Branch Valley Chapter are pleased to report that we have 51 members and 3 associate members. We welcomed 6 new members this year, 3 of them are junior members. One of the highlights of this year has been the collection of items to send to the Walter Reed Military Hospital for our DAR National Day of Service project. We were able to provide around $775 worth of items including jars of peanut butter, jars of strawberry spread, Pike’s Peak Keurig K-Cups, hair dryers, razors, body wash for men and women, and socks for women and men. Other Service to America activities included signing and sending 105 cards to the Honor Flight that left out of Clarksburg on September 14th.

Our chapter continues to send books, magazines, toiletries and other items to the VA Medical Center in Martinsburg. JoeAnn Eye, South Branch Valley Chapter Vice Regent, helped host a tribute to local Veterans of Hardy County on Nov. 9, 2024, at the Hardy County Historical Society Museum in Moorefield. West Virginia Veterans shared stories about their service; some humorous, some harrowing, some heart breaking.

We received the $500 America 250! Grant and used it to publish an article in our four county newspapers. We were able to reach over 16,000 homes and businesses. The article was titled “Do You Know the Liberty Tree and Its History?” It promoted historic preservation, education, and patriotism by providing a history of the Liberty Tree and honoring those patriots who led the charge for our freedom then just as our veterans do today. Our chapter has received the Frank C. Fischer Veteran’s Fund grant, and we will be using that money to honor veterans next year.



South Branch Valley Chapter gave bags of treats to libraries in Hampshire, Hardy, Grant, and Pendleton Counties as a *Thank You* to the staff for serving their local communities. Two of our members are affiliated with the Capon Bridge Public Library and requested their bag contain cleaning supplies. This project was coordinated through the DAR Library Outreach Chapter Committee.

At each meeting we have a show and tell time. At one meeting we were shown the 1939 magazine, *Etude*. Our September program centered around Veteran Memorabilia of family members. These items were shown and information shared by the members. Two of our members had the honor of participating in the wreath laying ceremony at Point Pleasant on October 10. They both descend from men who fought in that battle 250 years ago.

Our members continue to shine in their Service to America hours. We have two members reading in schools along with many other members documenting hours for community activities. For Constitution Week, we were able to place 14 displays in local schools and libraries throughout our 4-county area.

Even though our chapter is spread across four counties we were active in our schools, churches, historical and service organizations as we bloom through service and friendship.

Judith A. Bowyer, Regent

Tanner’s Cross Roads Chapter

Tanner’s Cross Roads started the year after state conference with a 5-year anniversary for our chapter. The celebration included a program by the So-journeys; who gave a skit about building the American flag. They also presented our Regent with a Pledge of the American Flag. Then we were off on a cold, windy, sunshine day to serve coffee to the veterans who attended our table. It was an enjoyable day chatting with each and learning of their service to our country. Our Regent again this year helped celebrate the Month of the Military Child with the Purple Ball, held in Fairmont. It was another fun-filled evening.

Again, we delivered pizzas to our local county, state, and city police officers for National Police Appreciation Week. Several of our ladies attended the 90th Anniversary of the Blackwater Chapter. One member attended Continental Congress in Washington, D. C.



Our chapter marked the Patrick Board grave with the DAR metal flag holder and completed the afternoon with a picnic. Later in the year, we placed flags on military graves, replaced the flag on the pole at the cemetery where Phoebe Tucker Cunningham is buried, and a few miles away we visited the grave of her Patriot husband, Thomas Cunningham.

We represented at the 250th Anniversary of the Battle of Point Pleasant again placing and showing our patriot garden flags. Two of our ladies attended the celebration of Lafayette in Oak Hill, along with another picnic for those in attendance.

A good turnout was in attendance for our local historical society annual fair. We had several people asking questions about the DAR table. We celebrated Flag Day with our local county 4-H camp, giving out flag pins. We also gave out Flag pins to Veterans who attend the Veterans spaghetti dinner given by the local city and three local churches; pins given for those Veterans present.

We helped celebrate the 90th birthday of a new member, Betty Boggs, along with one of her daughters who also joined with her mother with a female patriot. We delivered many items to the VA hospital in Clarksburg, and collected additional items we will deliver soon. We sent a Christmas care package to a female active-duty soldier serving overseas, including Christmas cards for her unit and *Thank You* cards for their service. Our chapter also set up a gift-wrapping table at one of our local stores, to wrap items purchased for Christmas.

We took in four new members and have worked with eight additional who would like to join. We have two more waiting in the wings. At this time, we are taking in vegetable and flower seeds for the Hindman Settlement School and working on Easter cards to be mailed out soon.

Kathy L. Harper Kidd

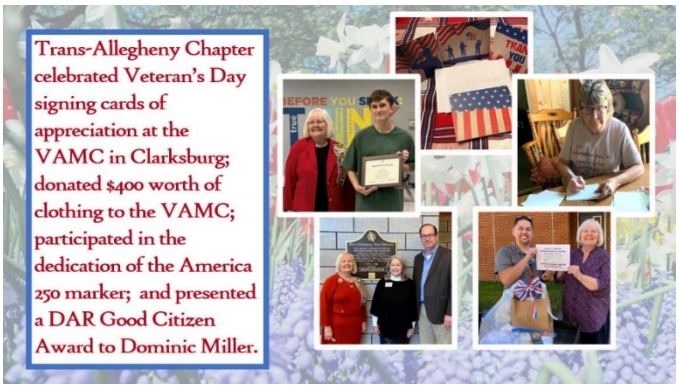
Trans-Allegheny Chapter

Madam State Regent, this Chapter Regent of the Trans-Allegheny Chapter reports that members chose the DAR themes of Education, Literacy, and Patriotism as the focus beginning January 2024 and continuing through March 2025.

Completing its focus on Education and Literacy our chapter donated educational and patriotic books to the local schools and public library. Lastly, the members toured an historic one-room school house situated in Cedar Creek State Park, Gilmer County, WV. Members were amazed at the hardships school teachers overcame during those early days teaching in rural West Virginia. The Chapter transitioned to the theme of Patriotism later that day during the chapter's meeting Program when members commemorated the Patriotic deeds of historic figures such as Bernardo de Gálvez and the Marquis de Lafayette and honored the patriotic 80th Anniversary of D-Day.

Members participated in Memorial Day activities and July Fourth celebrations commemorating the patriotic acts of our American Revolutionary War Patriots.

In September, the Chapter exhibited its patriotism to the community during Constitution Week by creating displays at the Hackers Creek Pioneer Descendants' Library (HCPD) and the Louis Bennett Public Library (LBPL). It received the Constitution Week Proclamation from the state, which Governor Jim Justice signed. During the 250th Anniversary of the Battle of Point Pleasant, a member laid a wreath during the Memorial Service.



As its DAR Day of Service, the Chapter chose a patriotic project to honor surviving Veterans. Members donated $400 and clothing that were presented to the Louis A. Johnson Medical Center and Nursing Home. Also, during Veterans' Day celebrations at the facilities, the members signed cards of appreciation for the Veterans.

Continuing the Patriotic theme, a member presented a program to the members of the nation-wide Hackers Creek Historical Group that meets annually for "The Gathering." She presented a power point program based on her research of over 20 Revolutionary War Patriots buried in Lewis County and donated to the WVDAR-published book *Genealogical, Burial and Service Data for Revolutionary Patriots Buried in West Virginia.*

During the December meeting, the Chapter visited the historic Adaland Mansion in Philippi. The members learned about the America 250! Patriot Marker was dedicated earlier that week by their Central District officers, Director Georgette Ward and Treasurer Pat Goodwin, and State Regent Jane Larke, and members. Trans-Allegheny members donated $200 and the $500 America 250! Grant.

The Chapter presented a DAR Good Citizen award to Dominic Miller, a senior at Lewis County High School. Patricia Goodwin, committee chair, presented the award to Dominic Miller during a Lewis County Board of Education meeting. Members stayed active in volunteer services by tutoring, reading to children, helping the elderly, working on DAR and the chapter's patriotic Day of Service project, and participating in community and faith activities, earning 1117 volunteer hours.

This officer and the VIS Chair provided Facebook announcements. This Chapter Regent is proud of the accomplishments of the Chapter and its interest in supporting education, literacy, and patriotism as it combines the past with future endeavors.

Theresa Scalise Blake, Regent

Westmoreland Chapter

January began with preparing to tackle the CMR. In February we made Valentine cards for the veterans at the Veterans Home. We also donated 30 boxes of Little Debbie Cakes. In March, we enjoyed a presentation by Audey Perry on the history of Heritage Farm and plans for its future. In April, our ladies enjoyed learning about the importance of working with your child or grand-child to help them learn how to read and encourage a lifelong love of reading. Wendy Collins, a child development specialist, provided us with many techniques and games to improve literacy. In May we focused on conservation.

Park Ferguson, who owns Elm Crest Farm, spoke about Wayne County and his involvement in helping to provide local sourced food to the community as well as working with community members to clean up Twelve Pole Creek to encourage tourism. In May, our ladies also provided

gifts and worked at the female veteran's baby shower. Our chapter also presented Good Citizen Awards to our 3 local high schools and a scholarship of $50 for each student. Outstanding cadet awards were also presented to a JROTC cadet at each of the 3 local high schools. May ended with Linda LeMaster laying a wreath at the Arch in Huntington on Memorial Day.

In June members helped serve Veterans at the annual Veterans Picnic in Huntington, WV. July member Stephanie Smith dressed as Betsy Ross and marched with American Legion Post 111 in Lincoln County's 4th of July Parade. In July Stephanie Smith wrote a manuscript for a historical presentation on the Constitution. Linda LeMaster did research on the Virginia Ratification delegates and made name tags for 50 of these to be provided at the historical presentation. In August, the chapter donated items to the Fisher House and enjoyed a summer tea party with guests at the Fisher House.



In September, members portrayed characters in the historical presentation written by Smith with Westmoreland members and Buford Chapter members at the Buford Chapter Cabin. Member Stephanie Smith also taught preschoolers about the Constitution and held a bell ringing ceremony for Bells Across America.

October members collected items for the Veterans Homeless Shelter for their DAR service project. Members also recognized female veterans with a luncheon and a certificate recognizing their service. A historical reenactor also did a portrayal of Col. Ruby Bradley.

In November, members participated in the Ceredo-Kenova Veterans Day parade. With the help of youth from a church, 1200 flags were passed out. In November members also donated items to the Huntington City Mission for Thanksgiving. Members also researched infamous members of their family and did presentations. In December, members enjoyed a meal together and a Christmas piano recital by Sharon Curnutte. Members also participated in Wreaths Across America at Crescent Hill Cemetery where members served coffee and cocoa and cookies, laid wreaths and sang the National Anthem. We gained one new member in December. Westmoreland has had a great year and looks forward to 2025.

Stephanie Smith Regent

Wheeling Chapter

Days after the 119th State Conference concluded, the Whing Chapter lost one of its shining stars with the death of Debi McClelland Smith. She served as Wheeling Chapter Regent from 2005-2010, 2016-2017 and 2019 – 2022. She was also a former WVDAR Chaplin and WVDAR Vice Regent, among other offices. Debi was also a faithful caretaker of WVDAR's Peter's Cottage at Tamassee. Additionally, she chaired a significant restoration The Madonna of the Trail monument, in 2017.

On of the many projects Debi was working on, at the time of her death, was a People's University on Dunmore's War with the Ohio County Public Library. The events leading to Dunmore's War played out in our area. In July, the Wheeling Chapter hosted a reception and book signing honoring Dr. Glenn Williams before his presentation on his book *Dunmore's War: Last Indian Conflict of the Colonial Era*.

On August 10, 2024, the 76th Northern District Meeting was hosted by our chapter at the Wheeling Country Club. Our guest speakers were Roseanna Keller and Gary Rider who

presented stories from the fourteen (14) volumes of veterans' stories they have compiled over the years. Our chapter also received a number of awards, including a national blue ribbon chapter achievement award and Debi Smith received recognition posthumously for the work done to restore the Fort Van Metre Monument.



At the end of September, we hosted ten DAR chapters for the unveiling of the Lafayette Trail Marker in Wheeling. The marker was placed at a prominent location near the Ohio River, where Lafayette arrived by boat in 1825. The marker features a description of Lafayette's time in Wheeling; his only stop in what is now West Virginia. Following the unveiling, a special lecture from Mr. Icher highlighting Lafayette's contributions to the Revolutionary War and his time spent in what is now West Virginia was given.

In November, Sue Abraham welcomed, and we presented 39 new citizens with packets that included a copy of the constitution, flags and flag code. The chapter ended 2024, with a joint meeting with the Fort Henry Chapter SAR at the Wheeling Country Club. Gerry Reilly discussed the history of Oglebay's famous Festival of Lights. Our chapter also recognized three members of the SAR with the Hannah White Arnett bronze medals. Gary Timmons, Gregory Smith, and James Frey were recognized for their devotion and efforts to assist our chapter.

The December meeting also marked the end of our fall veteran's project. Just before Christmas Roseanna Keller delivered donations to the Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center in Clarksburg. This was the twelfth trip to Clarksburg for Roseanna and the largest donation to date.

In the last yar, the chapter welcomed 12 new members. Sadly, we have also lost two more wonderful members and friends – Rosalie McNeil and Barbara Stegman. They will be missed.

Lisa McNeil, Regent

William Henshaw Chapter

William Henshaw Chapter, NSDAR celebrated their 125th anniversary in 2024. We began that anniversary year with a dedication to service. In January, we rewrote our Bylaws and prepared for the April WVDAR state conference held in Martinsburg, WV, as well as the May Heritage Faire.

March featured the annual Essay Winners Reception, the winners from the annual student essay contest wrote on John Philip Sousa and the Stars and Stripes Forever. April brought the Teacher Appreciation Days presentation to Hedgesville Elementary School. The State Conference Friday evening banquet honored the William Henshaw Chapter as the oldest in the state. The chapter's scrapbook and press book were presented for evaluation and placed second for both press book and scrapbook in the small chapter categories. The chapter received nineteen certificates of award at the conference.

The chapter's 125th anniversary gathering, was held at the Harmony United Methodist Church, Marlowe, WV. Many guests from around the state attended. Historic scrapbooks of the chapter were present for review, and a brief history of the chapter was prepared by Chapter Regent, Julia Gates and presented to the attendees.

In September we held a book bag collection for the Children's Home Society. The book bags included pajamas for the children, books and a stuffie. Bells were rung at the Historic Berkeley

County Courthouse with the Shenandoah Chapter in conjunction with Constitution Week. Fifty packets were distributed to local schools consisting of a copy of the constitution, flag code, and preamble to the Constitution. The annual Morgan Cabin Fall Festival was held and became an event which both celebrated the Morgan Cabin and acted as a chapter outreach for prospective membership. The chapter was also awarded a Top Performer award as a Commemorative of the Vietnam War Veterans.



October featured a presentation by Randy Lilly with the Berkeley County Emergency Management Services as a chapter recognition of First Responders. The Service to

America project consisted of the collection of new or gently used purses, filled with sanitary items and makeup to be donated to the Women's Shelter of Martinsburg. Forty-nine such bags were collected and filled for distribution.

The Wiliam Henshaw Chapter participated the November 11th Veteran's Day celebration at War Memorial Park. Vietnam Veterans were recognized at this event by the VA. A collection of

Christmas stockings completed by the chapter for distribution to active-duty service men and women was collected. Fifty stockings were filled by chapter members. A final collection was completed as a Service to America project. Food items and toys were collected for distribution to the Harmony United Methodist Church annual project, which resulted in the completion of fifty gift bags and 100 food boxes for needy families.

Julia Gates, Regent

Woodburn Chapter

Woodburn Chapter participated in the Central District Meeting on August 24, with a large basket, "The Teddy Bears' Picnic." One member painted a large, salvaged basket and provided home-grown honey. Others found a Teddy bear and beach towel. Picnic foods and goods were added including a copy of "The Teddy Bears' Picnic" book.

June, 2022, Regent Gibson attended the dedication of a Lafayette Tour marker in Uniontown and met tour founder Julien Icher. He told her that Lafayette had stopped only one place in what is now West Virginia, and it was Wheeling. On her way home, she contacted Debi Smith of Wheeling Chapter and started the ball rolling to obtain a marker there with a joint effort between Woodburn and Wheeling Chapters. Sadly, Debi died in April, 2024, but the Chapter, under Regent Lisa McNeil, carried the project through. On September 25, 2024, the Lafayette Tour Marker was dedicated near the bank of the Ohio River with Julien Icher in attendance. Wheeling Regent Lisa McNeil and Woodburn Regent Gibson spoke about the placing of the marker and the importance of General Lafayette to the American Revolution. Some 10 area Chapters were in attendance.



Regent Gibson accepted an invitation from The Sgt Maj John Champe Chapter, VA Society SAR to commemorate Champe's death at Prickett's Fort; to participate in their event at the Fort and lay a wreath on September 28. Champe was known for his almost successful attempt to capture the traitor Benedict Arnold. 2024 marked the 250th Anniversary of the Battle of Point Pleasant, on October 10, 1774. It is recognized as the first battle of the American Revolution and a week of celebration ensued. Woodburn Regent Gibson was invited to lay a wreath on October 10. She made one of grapevine with acorns on an oak branch, pine cones and other native plant materials which would have been there on that day in 1774.

The year ended with an 18th Century Luncheon at the home of Regent Gibson. The menu was 18th Century recipes, except for dessert. It was a Lafayette Cake recipe from Louisville, KY created by a French chef there to commemorate Lafayette's 1825 visit.

Dr. Joan R. Gibson, Regent

Ye Towne of Bath Chapter

In February Regent Gail Potter wrote and produced *The 80th Anniversary of the Boston Tea Party*. Members portrayed Paul Revere, Sam Adams, a British sea captain, and colonists dressed as Indians. It was much appreciated.

Larry Davis gave a presentation on the history of the Olde English Cemetery that our chapter adopted to restore in March. An $8,000 grant from WVSHPO is being used to install new fencing and a parking area. Camden Spade, the WV American History State Winner at the State Conference in Martinsburg was honored in April. We hosted the 5th Annual Party in Berkeley Springs State Park to honor the flag. Vice Regent Helene Kerns met visitors with information about DAR. Each family received an American Flag and a Flag Code Booklet. A pocket Constitution was given to each family. The SAR from Martinsburg brought toys from the Revolution period for the children to play with. The Tri State Color Guard presented a ceremony called *The13 Folds of the Flag*. A group of teenagers played period songs on ukeleles. A member helped visitors make tricorn hats with a medallion on them. Free food and drink were provided.



In recognition of *National Women's Veteran's Day*, Tiffany Hendershot, Major, USAF spoke of her career and the challenges of being deployed to assist in the evacuation of Afghans from Kabul in 2021. To use the E500 grant from NSDAR America250!, our chapter voted to purchase 65 copies of a graphic novel about a young boy's life during the revolution. Every fourth grader in Morgan County now has access to these books. Our chapter was recognized as the donor with bookplates. Hard copies of the book were given to the 3 public libraries.

Constitution Week Proclamations were received from the town mayor and the town council. Bells were rung on September 17 at two places. A display on the history of the Constitution was in the Public Library for the whole month. Pocket Constitutions were given to the 50 new citizens at the Naturalization Ceremony on October 25.

We collected new and gently used purses for a new women's shelter in Berkeley Springs as our National Day of Service project. Hope House gives women a safe place to stay in a time of crisis. Nineteen purses and 2 large boxes of toiletries were also donated to the center. Our end of year emphasis was to learn about the 200th Anniversary of General Lafayette's Final Tour in America (1824-25). Our Chaplain and Regent researched and wrote 2 programs. November was a conversation about the Revolutionary War the Washington and Lafayette might have had in 1784 on his third visit. December's meeting, Colleen filled in the events of Lafayette's early life and Gail did the highlights of his 6000-mile tour to all 24 states from August 1824 to September 1825. Costume wigs and 3 cornered hats were purchased for the skits. Every year we continue to help our community and to promote the values of DAR.

Gail Potter, Regent

Appendix

Attachment 1 2022 Audit Report

Report of the Audit Committee

Date: April 1, 2023

The members of the Audit Committee have examined the records of the West Virginia State Society, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, namely the account registers for checking, savings and investment accounts, and bank statements and supporting documents. We find these records to be in good order and their contents to appear reasonable.

We also reviewed the financial statements of the West Virginia State Society, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, which summarize the records referred to above, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022. These statements appear to fairly represent the financial position and the revenues and expenses of the organization.

Signed,

Cathy M. Hebb

Dale McGill

Joanna L. McKown

Attachment 2 2022 Treasurer's Report

West Virginia Society NSDAR
Statement of Financial Position
February 28,2023 and February 28, 2022

ASSETS

	2/28/2022	2/28/2023
Cash		
Checking - Operating	$ 140,458.39	$ 149,292.32
Savings - Blanche Reymann Scholarship Fund	582.84	583.02
Savings - Cameo Club	-	0.51
Savings - WV Room at Memorial Continental	-	2.40
Total Cash	141,041.23	149,878.25
Investments		
CD - Blanche Reymann Scholarship Fund	13,366.02	13,379.39
CD - Cameo Club	3,315.10	3,352.77
CD - Peters Cottage at Tamassee	5,265.29	5,271.45
CD - WV Room at Memorial Continental Hall	15,982.98	16,152.58
Investment - Edward Jones - Josephine C. Peters Fund	52,273.99	49,627.82
Investment - Edward Jones - Unrestricted	42,777.56	42,190.30
Total Investments	132,980.94	129,974.31
Total Assets	$ 274,022.17	$ 279,852.56
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES		
Other Current Liabilities		
Accrued Expenses	-	4,416.20
Total Other Current Liabilities	-	4,416.20
Unrestricted Funds	92,469.08	94,521.07
Board Restricted Funds		
Total Unrestricted Funds	**$ 92,469.08**	**$ 94,521.07**
Temporarily Restricted Funds		
Savings-Blanche Reymann Scholarship Fund	582.84	583.02
Blanche Reymann Scholarship Fund	2,787.75	2,686.75
CD - Blanche Reymann Scholarship Fund	13,366.02	13,379.39
Cameo Club	2,545.00	2,705.51
CD - Cameo Club	3,315.10	3,352.77
Chapter Development & Revitalization	219.36	219.36
DAR Good Citizens	401.85	958.85
DAR Service to Veterans Committee	50.00	50.00
DAR Schools	129.00	107.00
Josephine C. Peters Fund	52,273.99	49,627.82
Junior Membership	1,327.68	81.00
NSDAR Contributions	20.49	20.49
DAR Magazine Co-op Ad	(35.00)	-

West Virginia Society NSDAR
Statement of Financial Position
February 28,2023 and February 28, 2022

Peters Cottage at Tamassee Brown/Khare	35,000.00	35,000.00
Peters Cottage at Tamassee (Major	3,105.00	-
Peters Cottage at Tamassee	5,154.37	4,028.84
CD - Peters Cottage at Tamassee	5,265.29	5,271.45
Chapter Regent Pin	158.76	-
State Regents' Gifts	-	-
State Regents' Projects		
Davis Administration	8,662.73	8,515.39
Brown Administration	15,942.75	11,168.72
Larke Administration	-	9,761.03
WV C.A.R.	441.24	111.54
WV Continental Congress Event	1,685.65	1,854.17
WV Pages	633.50	1,003.07
WV Room at Memorial Continental Hall	3,072.82	3,229.22
CD - WV Room at Memorial Continental Hall	15,982.98	16,152.58
WVDAR Awards	(250.00)	77.00
WVDAR History Update	72.00	-
WVDAR State Conference	9,344.92	10,752.32
WVDAR State Conference - 2020 Meals	297.00	218.00
Total Temporarily Restricted Funds	**$ 181,553.09**	**$ 180,915.29**
Permanently Restricted Funds	-	-
Total Liabilities and Net Assets/Fund Balances	**$ 274,022.17**	**$ 279,852.56**
Change in Net Assets		**$ 1,414.19**

West Virginia Society, NSDAR
Statement of Activities
March 1, 2022 - Feb 28, 2023
INCOME

Contributions to State Society	
American Indian Youth Summer Camp	352.00
Blanche Reymann Scholarship Fund	899.00
Chapter Development & Revitalization Commission	-
DAR Good Citizens	557.00
DAR Service to Veterans Committee	-
DAR Schools:	
Berry Collage	247.00
Hillside School	220.00
Hindman Settlement School	1,156.91
Kate Duncan Smith DAR School	421.09
The Crossnore School	270.00
Junior Membership Sales	81.00
Peters Cottage at Tamassee	-
Peters Cottage Major Renovation	(2,786.55)
Chapter Regent Pin	20.00
Service Project-Archives	1,400.00
State Regent's Gift	20.00
State Regents' Projects-Cheryl Brown	(195.46)
State Regent's Projects-Jane Larke	14,031.78
Unrestricted Donations	1,297.00
Veterans Service Project	-
WV C.A.R.	93.00
WV Pages	369.57
WV Room at Memorial Continental Hall	154.00
WVDAR Archives	10.00
WVDAR Awards	77.00
WV History Update	(72.00)
Total Contributions to State Society	**$18,622.34**
Contributions to National Society	
DAR Magazine Co-op Ad	1,565.00
DAR Schools	-
Reclass National Society to State Society Income	(1,093.34)
Other Contributions	6,945.04
President General's Project	9,610.50
Programs	3,927.00
Total Contributions to National Society	**$20,954.20**
Dues	
Cameo Club	360.00
WVDAR State Conference Dues	1,851.00
WVDAR State Dues	9,255.00
Total Dues	**$11,466.00**
Event/Conference Income	
WV Continental Congress Event	3,450.00
WVDAR State Conference - 2021	(79.00)
Total Event/Conference Income	**$ 3,371.00**
Other Income	
Interest-Blanche Reymann Scholarship Fund	0.18
Interest-Cameo Club	0.51
Interest-Unrestricted	198.13
Interest-WV Room at Memorial Continental Hall	2.40
WVDAR Directories/Supplements/Proceedings	-
Total Other Income	**$ 201.22**
Investment Income	
CD - Blanche Reymann Scholarship Fund	13.37
CD - Cameo Club	37.67
CD - Peters Cottage at Tamassee	6.16
CD - WV Room at Memorial Continental Hall	169.60
Investment - Josephine C. Peters Fund	(2,646.17)
Investment - Unrestricted	(587.26)
Total Investment Income	**$ (3,006.63)**
TOTAL INCOME	**$51,608.13**

West Virginia Society, NSDAR
Statement of Activities
March 1, 2022 - Feb 28, 2023
EXPENSES

Contributions to National Society	
DAR Magazine Co-op Ad	1,565.00
Other Contributions	8,272.72
President General's Project	9,610.50
Programs	3,927.00
Total Contributions to National	**$23,375.22**
State Society Projects	
Blanche Reymann Scholarship Fund	1,000.00
Cameo Club	200.00
DAR Schools:	
Berry Collage	126.00
Hillside School	125.00
Hindman Settlement School	1,000.91
Kate Duncan Smith DAR School	213.75
The Crossnore School	130.00
Junior Membership	-
Peters Cottage at Tamassee	1,125.53
Peters Cottage Major Renovation	318.45
Chapter Regent's Pin	178.76
Service Project-Archives	3,070.00
State Regent's Gift	20.00
State Regent's Project - Larke	4,410.79
State Regent's Project - Brown	4,578.57
State Regent's Project - Davis	147.34
Veterans Service Project	
WV C.A.R.	441.24
WV Room at Memorial Continental Hall	-
WV Pages	-
WVDAR Archives	160.00
WVDAR Awards/Good Citizen	200.00
Total State Society Projects	**$17,446.34**
Event/Conference Expenses	
WV Continental Congress Event - 2023	500.00
WV Continental Congress Event - 2022	2,987.55
WVDAR State Conference	443.60
Total Event/Conference Expenses	**$ 3,931.15**
Other Expenses	
Audit and 990 Filing	375.00
Bank Fees	-
Insurance	497.50
Licenses & Permits	15.00
Postage	(22.15)
Software Subscription - Email	425.00
State Regent's Allotment	3,161.73
Supplies - Officers & Committee Chairs	140.12
WVDAR Directories/Supplements	849.03
Total Other Expenses	**$ 5,441.23**
TOTAL EXPENSES	**$50,193.94**
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	**$ 1,414.19**

West Virginia Society NSDAR
Temporarily Restricted Funds
March 1, 2022 through February 28, 2023

Fund Name	Balance 2/28/2022		Credits		Debits		Balance 2/28/2023
Blanche Reymann Scholarship Fund	16,736.61		-		-		16,736.61
Donations	-		899.00				17,635.61
Interest - CD/Saving	-		13.37				17,648.98
Interest - Savings			0.18				17,649.16
Scholarship Award	-				1,000.00		16,648.98
Reimbursement for Fiestaware	-		-		-		16,648.98
Total Blanche Reymann Scholarship Fund	16,736.61		912.55		1,000.00		16,649.16
Cameo Club	5,860.10		-		-		5,860.10
Dues	-		360.00		-		6,220.10
Transfer to St. Regent's Patriot Burial Project					200.00		6,020.10
Interest - Other			0.51				6,020.61
Interest - CD	-		37.67		-		6,058.28
Total Cameo Club	5,860.10		398.18		200.00		6,058.28
Chapter Development & Revitalization Commission	219.36		-		-		219.36
Donations	-		-		-		219.36
Event costs	-		-		-		219.36
Total Chapter Development & Revitalization Comm	219.36		-		-		219.36
DAR Good Citizens	401.85						401.85
Purchases by Chapters	-	#	57.00				458.85
Supplies	-						458.85
NSDAR Contribution	-		500.00				958.85
Awards	-						958.85
Transfer from Unrestricted							958.85
Total DAR Good Citizens	401.85		557.00		-		958.85
DAR Magazine Co-op Ad	(35.00)						(35.00)
Clear prior year negative balance	-		35.00				-
Total DAR Magazine Co-op Ad	(35.00)		35.00		-		-
Josephine C. Peters Fund	52,273.99		-		-		52,273.99
Change in Value	-		(2,646.17)				49,627.82
Total Josephine C. Peters Fund	52,273.99		(2,646.17)		-		49,627.82
DAR Service to Veteran Committee	50.00		-		-		50.00
Donations	-		-		-		50.00
Total Service to Veteran Committee	50.00		-		-		50.00
Junior Membership	1,327.68		-		-		1,327.68
Sales	-		81.00		-		1,408.68
Purchases	-		-		-		1,408.68
Contribution to NSDAR	-		-		1,327.68		81.00
Total Junior Membership	1,327.68		81.00		1,327.68		81.00
DAR Schools							
Kate Duncan School Beginning Balance	125.00						125.00
Chapter Donations - Kate Duncan			195.75				320.75
Disbursement to Kate Duncan School					213.75		107.00
Kate Duncan School Ending Balance	125.00	#	195.75	#	213.75		107.00
Berry Collage Beginning Balance	1.00						1.00
Chapter Donations - Berry College			125.00				126.00
Disbursement to Berry College					126.00		-
Berry Collage Ending Balance	1.00	#	125.00	#	126.00	#	-

Hillside School Beginning Balance	1.00			1.00
Chapter Donations - Hillside School		124.00		124.00
Disbursement to Hillside School			125.00	(125.00)
Hillside School Ending Balance	1.00	124.00	125.00 #	-
Hindman Settlement School Beginning Balance	1.00			1.00
Chapter Donations - Hindman Settlement School		564.50		565.50
Peters Cottage Excess - Southern District - Reclassed to Hindman		435.41		1,000.91
Disbursement to Hindman Settlement School			1,000.91	-
Hindman Settlement School Ending Balance	1.00	999.91	1,000.91	-
The Crossnor School Beginning Balance	1.00			1.00
Chapter Donations - The Crossnore School		129.00		130.00
Disbursement to The Crossnore School			130.00	-
The Crossnor School Ending Balance	1.00 #	129.00 #	130.00	-
Total DAR Schools	129.00	1,573.66	1,595.66 #	107.00
NSDAR Contributions		-	-	-
Beginning Balance NSDAR Program	20.49			20.49
Chapter Donations to Programs	-	3,927.00	-	3,927.00
Contributions to NSDAR: Programs	-	-	3,927.00	(3,927.00)
Ending Balance NSDAR Program	20.49	3,927.00	3,927.00	20.49
Beginning Balance President General's Project				
Sales: President General's Project	-	-	-	-
Donations to President General's Project	-	9,610.50	-	9,610.50
Contribution to NSDAR: President General's Project	-	-	9,610.50	-
Ending Balance President General's Project	-	9,610.50	9,610.50	-
Beginning Balance Other Contributions to NSDAR	-			-
Other Chapter Donations	-	6,945.04	-	6,945.04
Other Contributions to NSDAR	-	-	6,945.04	-
Ending Balance Other Contributions to NSDAR	-	6,945.04	6,945.04	-
Total NSDAR Contributions	20.49	40,965.08	40,965.08	20.49
Peters Cottage - Brown/Khare	35,000.00			35,000.00
Peters Cottage at Tamassee - Major Renovation	3,105.00			3,105.00
Major Renovations			318.45	(318.45)
Return Excess Fund to Donor		(2,786.55)		(2,786.55)
Total Peters Cottage - Major Renovation	3,105.00	(2,786.55)	318.45	-
Peters Cottage at Tamassee	10,419.66	-	-	10,419.66
Donations from Chapters - Utilities	-			10,419.66
Donations from Chapters - Upkeep	-			10,419.66
Utilities	-		1,171.38	9,248.28
Repairs			(45.85)	9,294.13
Interest - CD	-	6.16		9,300.29
Total Peters Cottage at Tamassee	10,419.66	6.16	1,125.53	9,300.29
Chapter Regent Pin	158.76	-	-	158.76
Donations	-	20.00	-	178.76
Reimb for purchase	-	-	178.76	-
Total State Regents' Gifts	158.76	20.00	178.76	-
State Regents' Gifts	-	-	-	-
Donations	-	20.00	-	20.00
Disbursed for Gift Purchase	-	-	20.00	-
Total State Regents' Gifts	-	20.00	20.00	-
State Regent's Projects-Mindy Davis	8,662.73			8,662.73
Donations				8,662.73
Expenses			147.34	8,515.39
Total State Regent's Project - Mindy Davis	8,662.73	-	147.34	8,515.39

State Regents' Projects - Cheryl Brown	15,942.75	-	-	15,942.75
Donations	-	401.00		16,343.75
Transfer from Cameo Club for St. Regent's Patriot Burial Project		200.00		16,543.75
Peter's Cottage Excess to Hindman Settlement - Southern District		(435.41)		16,108.34
Peter's Cottage Excess to JL State Regents Project - Southern District		(140.89)		15,967.45
Peter's Cottage Excess to WV Pages - Central District		(141.57)		15,825.88
Peter's Cottage Excess to JL State Regents Project - Central District		(78.59)		15,747.29
Expenses	-		4,578.57	11,168.72
Total State Regents' Projects - Cheryl Brown	15,942.75	(195.46)	4,578.57	11,168.72
State Regent's Projects - Jane Larke	-			-
District Donations		1,171.00		1,171.00
Chapter and Individual Donations		7,198.98	187.00	8,182.98
Pin and Chain Sales		5,661.80	4,083.75	9,761.03
Total State Regent's Projects - Jane Larke	-	14,031.78	4,270.75	9,761.03
WV C.A.R.	441.24	-	-	441.24
Donations	-	93.00	-	534.24
Disbursement of prior year chapter donations			441.24	93.00
Unrestricted Budget Contribution	-	18.54		111.54
Disbursement to WV C.A.R.				111.54
Total WV C.A.R.	441.24	111.54	441.24	111.54
WV Continental Congress Event	1,685.65	-	-	1,685.65
Fees - 2022 event	-	3,450.00	-	5,135.65
Event costs - 2022	-	-	2,781.48	2,354.17
Event costs - 2023			500.00	1,854.17
Total WV Continental Congress Event	1,685.65	3,450.00	3,281.48	1,854.17
WV Pages	633.50	-	-	633.50
Donations from Chapters		228.00		861.50
Reprogrammed Donations		141.57		1,003.07
Total WV Pages	633.50	369.57	-	1,003.07
WV Room at Memorial Continental Hall	19,055.80	-	-	19,055.80
Donations from Chapters	-	154.00		19,209.80
Interest - Other		2.40		19,212.20
Interest - CD	-	169.60		19,381.80
Total WV Room at Memorial Continental Hall	19,055.80	326.00	-	19,381.80
WVDAR Awards	(250.00)	-	-	(250.00)
Disbursement from State Dues per Budget	-	450.00	-	200.00
Chapter Donations	-	77.00	-	277.00
Outstanding American History Teacher - 2021/2022	-	-	200.00	77.00
Total WVDAR Awards	(250.00) #	527.00 #	200.00	77.00
WVDAR History Update	72.00	-	-	72.00
Reprogram to State Regent's Project - Jane Larke	-	(72.00)		-
Total WVDAR History Update	72.00	(72.00)	-	-
WVDAR State Archives - County Record Project	-		-	-
Donations		1,400.00		1,400.00
Disbursement			1,400.00	-
Total WVDAR State Archives - County Record Project	-	1,400.00	1,400.00	-
WVDAR State Conference	9,344.92	-	-	9,344.92
State Conference Dues	-	1,851.00		11,195.92
2022 State Conference Expenses			410.00	10,785.92
2023 Conference Income	-			10,785.92
2023 State Conference Expenses			33.60	10,752.32
Total WV State Conference	9,344.92	1,851.00	443.60	10,752.32
WVDAR State Conference Meals - 2020	297.00			297.00
Reclass to Other Funds		(301.00)		(301.00)
Corrections of Errors		222.00		222.00
WVDAR State Conference Meals	297.00 #	(79.00) #	-	218.00
Total Fund Balances	181,553.09	60,856.34	61,494.14	180,915.29

West Virginia Society NSDAR	
Asset Account Details	
February 28, 2023	
	Balance
City National Bank	
Small Business Interest Checking - Operating	149,292.32
Savings - Blanche Reymann Scholarship Fund - Acct#xxxxxx1799	583.02
Savings - Cameo Club	0.51
Savings - WV Room at Memorial Continental Hall	2.40
CD - Peters Cottage at Tamassee - Acct#xxxxxx7531	5,271.45
Interest Rate 0.10%; Matures 4/12/2023 - 11-month CD	
CD - Blanche Reymann Scholarship Fund- Acct #xxxxxx7621	13,379.39
Interest Rate 0.10%; Matures 7/9/2023; 13-month CD	
Total City National Bank	**$168,529.09**
MVB Bank	
CD - MVB Bank - Acct #xxxxxx8504	
Interest Rate 4.0%; Matures 5/2/2024 - 18-month CD	
Cameo Club	3,352.77
WV Room at Memorial Continental Hall	16,152.58
Total MVB Bank	**$ 19,505.35**
Edward Jones	
Josephine C. Peters Fund - Acct#xxx-07826-x-x	49,627.82
Unrestricted - Acct#xxx-09452-x-x	42,190.30
Total Edward Jones	**$ 91,818.12**
TOTAL ASSETS	**$279,852.56**

West Virginia Society
National Society Daughters of the American Revolution
Proposed Budget for July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

Actual Expenses

Beginning Unrestricted Balance July 1, 2022						**$91,939.13**
		AS of 3.31.23	**Expected 4/1/23 to June 30, 2023**			
Income:	**Budget**	**Actual**		**Variance**	**Note**	
State Dues 1827 members @ $5 per member)	$ 9,135.00	9,270.00	70.00	$ 205.00	Actual for 1854 members	
West Virginia Checking Account Interest	64.19	205.85	75.00	$ 216.66		
Magazine Co-op (90% of 40 chapters paying $40)	1,440.00	1,565.00	-	$ 125.00		
Other Unrestricted Donations - Individuals, DARlings Auction, Other	-	597.00	800.00	$ 1,397.00	Actual - $375 Received to cover 990EZ	
Total Income:	**$ 10,639.19**	**$11,637.85**	**$ 945.00**	**$ 1,943.66**		
Expenses:						
State Regent (1/3 of State Dues)	$ 3,045.00	3,161.73	-	$ (116.73)	Prior Regents underpaid by $113.40; cleared with this payment	
WV C.A.R. (1827 members @ $0.01 per member	18.27	18.54	-	$ (0.27)		
WV Secretary of State Annual Report Fee	26.00	15.00	25.00	$ (14.00)		
DAR Magazine (increased to $660/page at 3 pages)	1,980.00	1,565.00	-	$ 415.00	Greater of Co-op or Advertising Cost Must be Pd. Co-op greater.	
Email Software Subscription	-	425.00	-	$ (425.00)	15 months thru Aug 3, 2022;	
State Officers & Chairs (supplies, printing, postage & software)	500.00	164.12	82.61	$ 253.27		
Chapter Regent's Pin for New Chapter	-	-	-	$ -		
WV Directories/Supplement	50.00	849.03	-	$ (799.03)	Expense approved by EC	
State Proceedings Printing (Total withdraw in 3rd Year)	1,800.00	-	1,432.14	$ 367.86		
Liability Insurance	500.00	497.50	-	$ 2.50	Liability, D&O and Bonding	
Audit	200.00	-		$ 200.00		
990 EZ Filing	-	375.00	-	$ (375.00)	Donation was made to cover this expense	
WV Archives - Marshall University	150.00	150.00	-	$ -		
State Education Awards	600.00	-		$ -		
Outstanding Teacher *($200.00)*			-	$ -		
High School Essay Winner *($100.00)*			200.00	$ (200.00)		
American History Essay Winner $50 each *($200.00)*			150.00	$ (150.00)		
Medals/Certficates *($100.00)*			63.00	$ (63.00)		
State Page Fund	1,000.00	-	-	$ 1,000.00		
Continental Congress Corsages for state regent, vice regent		206.07	-	$ (206.07)		
WV Continental Congress Event	150.00	-	-	$ 150.00		
WV Room at Memorial Continental Hall	100.00	-	100.00	$ -		
Unrestricted Contingency Fund	519.92	-		$ 519.92		
Grant for rehousing county records	-	1,670.00		$ (1,670.00)	Approved at 2022 State Conference but not paid until FY22/23	
Donation to President General's Project	-		1,250.00	$ (1,250.00)	Approved by BOM	
Total Expenses:	**$ 10,639.19**	**$ 9,096.99**	**$ 3,302.75**	**$ (2,360.55)**		
Estimated Ending Unrestricted Balance June 30, 2023						**$92,122.24**
Change in Unrestricted Net Assets						**$ 183.11**

Attachment 3 2022 Proposed Budgets

West Virginia Society
National Society Daughters of the American Revolution
Proposed Budget for July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

Estimated Unrestricted Balance July 1, 2023			**$91,122.24**
Income:		**Budget**	
	State Dues 1850 members @ $5 per member)	$ 9,250.00	
	West Virginia Checking Account Interest	360.00	
	Magazine Co-op (38 of 40 chapters paying $40)	1,520.00	
	Other Unrestricted Donations - Individuals, DARlings Auction, Other	1,175.00	
	Total Income:	**$12,305.00**	
Expenses:			
	State Regent (1/3 of State Dues)	$ 3,083.33	
	WV C.A.R. (1850 members @ $0.01 per member	18.50	
	WV Secretary of State Annual Report Fee	25.00	
	DAR Magazine (greater of charges or Chapter contributions)	1,520.00	
	State Officers & Chairs (supplies, printing, postage & software)	500.00	
	Chapter Regent's Pin for New Chapter	130.00	
	WV Directories/Supplement	50.00	
	State Proceedings Printing (Total withdraw in 3rd Year)	-	
	Liability Insurance	500.00	
	Audit	200.00	
	990 EZ Filing	375.00	
	WV Archives - Marshall University	150.00	
	State Education Awards	600.00	
	Outstanding Teacher *($200.00)*		
	High School Essay Winner *($100.00)*		
	American History Essay Winner $50 each *($200.00)*		
	Medals/Certficates *($100.00)*		
	Travel	2,000.00	
	State Page Fund	1,000.00	
	Continental Congress Corsages for State Regent, Vice Regent	140.00	
	WV Continental Congress Event	-	
	WV Room at Memorial Continental Hall	-	
	Unrestricted Contingency Fund	2,013.17	
	Total Expenses:	**$12,305.00**	
Estimated Ending Unrestricted Balance June 30, 2024			**$91,122.24**

Respectfully Submitted:
Karen Kurilko, Chair
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Brenda Durham
Susan Garrett
Susan Tucker

West Virginia State Society
National Society Daughters of the American Revolution
Budget for 118th WVDAR State Conference
2023 WVDAR State Conference Budget

Income		**Balance**
	WVDAR State Conference Dues (1847 members @ $1 per member)	$1,847.00
	State Conference Meals	21,245.00
	Page Meal Fund	1,000.00
Total Income		$24,092.00
Expenses		
	Postage - Credentials	$40.00
	Memorial Flowers (39)	200.00
	Guest Room - PG (1*3) Pamela Wright	497.40
	Guest Room (2*3) - Visiting Regents (4) OH, NC, IN, NV	425.72
	speaker room (1*1) Lori Thompson	149.08
	Taxes for Comped Room	27.00
	Conference Meals	17,946.00
	Page Meals and Party	1,000.00
	Page Sashes	80.00
	A/V Equipment	-
	Meal Tickets	75.00
	Name Tags and Ribbons	
	Certificates and Folders	50.00
	Conference Flowers	200.00
	Conference Programs	1,300.00
	Memorial Service Programs	200.00
	Honorariums	500.00
	Copying - Financial Statements, Budgets and Financial Policies	300.00
	Auction Tickets and goody bags	100.00
	Conference gifts	500.00
	Auction cups	75.00
	Contingency Funds	426.80
Total Expenses		$24,092.00

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West Virginia State Society
National Society Daughters of the American Revolution
Josephine C. Peters - West Virginia Cottage at Tamassee DAR School
Proposed Budget - July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024

Estimated Beginning Balance at July 1, 2023			**$ 9,300.29**
Income:			
	Investment Income	$ -	
Expenses:			
	Utilities	750.00	
	Repairs and Upkeep	60.00	
	Reprogramned by State - Investment Income	302.21	
	Reprogrammed Funds by Chapters	4,958.10	
	Forward to Tamassee DAR School	3,229.98	
	TOTAL EXPENSES	**$ 9,300.29**	
Ending Balance at June 30, 2024			**$**

Assets:

Peter's Cottage CD with City National Bank	5,271.45
Funds Maintained in Operating Account	4,028.84
Estimated Peters Cottage Funds at 7/1/23	**$ 9,300.29**

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Attachment 4 2023 Credential Report
Primary Report May 6, 2023

118th West Virginia DAR State Conference
Credential Report

Madam State Regent, Your Credential Committee Report as follows:

Voting Members and Alternates

State Officers	10
Honorary State Regents	4
District Directors	4
Chapter Regents	29
Delegates	121
Total Voting Strength	132
Alternates	3
Grand Total	136

Registration Report

Conference Guests	6
Out of state members & guest	3
Total Registration	145

I move the Credential Report be accepted
Rebecca L. Davis, Credentials Chair
Cc: State Regent
Recording Secretary

Attachment 5 Treasurer's Form

WEST VIRGINIA STATE SOCIETY, NSDAR 2023-2024
CHAPTER TREASURER'S REPORT

Make checks payable to State Treasurer, WVDAR

Please send report and check to Vicky L. Shears, State Treasurer, WVDAR
463 Cobun Avenue, Morgantown, WV 26501
Not later than November 1, 2023

Chapter Name _____

Chapter Treasurer's Name _____

Phone_____Email_____

2023-2024 NATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Chapter Achievement Award Section 8 $100 min.
$_____Historic Programs and Funds
$_____Education Programs and Funds
$_____Patriotic Programs and Funds
$_____Membership Programs/Admin
$_____SUBTOTAL

Chapter Achievement Award Section 6
$_____DAR Magazine Co=op Ad $40 min.
$_____Additional Contribution
$_____SUBTOTAL

President General's Project
$_____$2.50 per member/year (or $7.50 for 3 years)
$_____Additional Contributions
$_____SUBTOTAL

Other Contributions to National
$_____Friend of DAR School
$_____Junior Membership Helen Pouch Memorial Fund
$_____SUBTOTAL

STATE DUES AND STATE CONTRIBUTIONS

$_____WV Dues, $5/member
$_____State Conference Dues, $1/member
$_____SUBTOTAL

Contributions To State Society Funds

$_____State Regent's Project ($1/member suggested)
_____Blanche Reymann Scholarship ($0.50/member suggested)
$_____Page Fund
$_____WVC.A.R.
$_____WVDAR Awards
$_____WV Room at Continental Hall
$_____Other _____
$_____SUBTOTAL

Memorials and Honorarium
$_____Name/Fund _____
$_____Name/Fund _____

$_____SUBTOTAL
$_____TOTAL NATIONAL
$_____TOTAL STATE
$_____TOTAL CHECK

Attachment 6 State Conference Financials

2023 WVDAR State Conference Budget

National Society Daughters of the American Revolution					
Budget for 118th WVDAR State Conference					
2023 WVDAR State Conference Budget					
Income		**Budget**	**Actual**	**Variance**	**Notes**
	WVDAR State Conference Dues (1847 members @ $1	$ 1,847.00	$ 1,851.00	$ 4.00	Actual March 1, 2022 to Feb. 28, 2023
	State Conference Meals	$21,245.00	$23,738.00	$2,493.00	
	Page Meal Fund	$ 1,000.00	$ 652.88	$ (347.12)	Sashes and Meals Included
Total Income		$24,092.00	$26,241.88	$2,149.88	
Expenses					
	Postage - Credentials	$ 40.00	$ 33.60	$ 6.40	
	Memorial Flowers (39)	$ 200.00	$ 199.40	$ 0.60	
	Guest Room - PG (1*3) Pamela Wright	$ 497.40	$ 306.00	$ 191.40	
	Guest Room (2*3) - Visiting Regents (4) OH, NC, IN, NV	$ 425.72	$ 766.00	$ (340.28)	budget was only one room
	speaker room (1*1) Lori Thompson	$ 149.08	$ 118.00	$ 31.08	
	Hospitality Room	-	$ 239.00	$ (239.00)	1/2 of Suite Cost
	Lael Comp	$ 27.00	-	$ 27.00	
	Conference Meals	$17,946.00	$17,994.13	$ (48.13)	net from meals $5,743.87 (23,738-17994.13 = $5,743.87)
	Page Meals and Party	$ 1,000.00	$ 573.00	$ 427.00	
	Page Sashes	$ 80.00	$ 79.88	$ 0.12	
	A/V Equipment	-	-	-	
	Meal Tickets	$75.00	$ 11.16	$ 63.84	actual - meal ticket envelopes only
	Name Tags and Ribbons		$ 67.87	$ (67.87)	Will not need to purchase for 2024
	Certificates and Folders	$50.00	$ 20.13	$ 29.87	
	Conference Flowers	$200.00	$ 58.64	$ 141.36	
	Conference Programs	$1,300.00	$ 826.80	$ 473.20	
	Memorial Service Programs	$200.00	$ 81.00	$ 119.00	
	Honorariums	$500.00	$ 500.00	-	
	Copying - Financial Statements, Budgets and Financial Policies	$300.00	$ 238.57	$ 61.43	
	Registration Supplies		$ 62.26	$ (62.26)	6x9 Clasp Envelopes - will not need to purchase for 2024
	Auction Tickets and goody bags	$100.00	$ 201.24	$ (101.24)	Will not need to purchase raffle tickets or goody bags for 2024
	Conference gifts	$500.00	$ 494.29	$ 5.71	
	Auction cups	$75.00	$ 56.81	$ 18.19	Will not need to purchase for 2024/2025
	Contingency Funds	$426.80	$ 35.26	$ 391.54	Exhibit Board and ear plugs
Total Expenses		$24,092.00	$22,963.04	$1,128.96	
Change in Net Assets			$ 3,278.84		

WVDAR Assets

West Virginia State Society NSDAR Assets As of June 30, 2023	
	Total
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
10000 City National Checking - Operating	$111,449.59
10005 Savings - Blanche Reymann Scholarship Fund	$ 589.13
10010 Savings - Cameo Club	$ -
10500 MVB CD - WV Room/Cameo Club	$ 19,695.60
11000 CD - Blanche Reymann Scholarship Fund	$ 13,379.39
11005 CD - Cameo Club	$ -
11010 CD - Peters Cottage at Tamassee	$ 5,264.82
11015 CD - WV Room at Memorial Continental Hall	$ -
11020 Investment – Edward Jones – Josephine C. Peters Fund	$ 51,635.53
11030 11030 Investment - Edward Jones - Unrestricted - Other	$ 42,434.55
Total Bank Accounts	**$244,448.61**
Total Current Assets	**$244,448.61**
TOTAL ASSETS	**$244,448.61**

Tamassee Budget

West Virginia State Society			
National Society Daughters of the American Revolution			
Josephine C. Peters - West Virginia Cottage at Tamassee DAR School			
Proposed Budget - July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024			
		Notes	**Executive Committee Meeting Notes**
Estimated Beginning Balance at July 1, 2023	**9300.29**	See Asset Listing Below	
Income:			
Investment Income	**$ -**		
Expenses:			
Utilities	750.00	Three Quarters of Expenses from October 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023	Since we haven't received a bill will just send balance for utilities and Tamassee can take anything owed thru cancellation date out of that amount.
Repairs and Upkeep	60.00		ditto
Reprogramned by State - Investment Income	302.21	Investment Income Received 2016 to Date	Executive Committee can reprogram at later date because this fund was not endownment funds.
Reprogrammed Funds by Chapters	4958.10		This is the part that was about 1/3 send to Tamassee; 1/3 reprogram and 1/3 refund
Forward to Tamassee DAR School	3229.98	Income Received Prior to 2016	This is the old money where donor cannot be determined as has to go to Tamassee.
TOTAL EXPENSES	**9300.29**		
Ending Balance at June 30, 2024	**$ -**		Respectfully Submitted:
			Karen Kurilko, Chair
Assets:			Sandra Cowan
			Brenda Durham
Peter's Cottage CD with City National Bank	5271.45		Susan Garrett
Funds Maintained in Operating Account	4028.84		Susan Tucker
Estimated Peters Cottage Funds at 7/1/23	**9300.29**		

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WVDAR Proposed Budget

West Virginia Society									
National Society Daughters of the American Revolution									
Proposed Budget for July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023									
Beginning Unrestricted Balance July 1, 2022									**$91,939.13**
					A/O 3/31/23	**Actual 4/1/23**			
						to 6/30/23			
Income:				**Budget**	**Actual**		**Variance**	**Note**	
	State Dues 1827 members @ $5 per member)			$9,135.00	9,270.00	170	$305.00	Actual for 1854 members	
	West Virginia Checking Account Interest			64.19	205.85	117.42	$259.08		
	Magazine Co-op (90% of 40 chapters paying $40)			1,440.00	1,565.00	-	$125.00		
	Other Unrestricted Donations - Individuals, DARlings Auction, Other			-	597	2,150.32	$2,747.32	Actual - $375 Received to cover 990EZ	
	Total Income:			**$10,639.19**	**$11,637.85**	**$2,437.74**	**$3,436.40**		
Expenses:									
	State Regent (1/3 of State Dues)			$3,045.00	3,161.73	-	($116.73)	Prior Regents underpaid by $113.40; cleared with this payment	
	WV C.A.R. (1827 members @ $0.01 per member			18.27	18.54	-	($0.27)		
	WV Secretary of State Annual Report Fee			26	15	25	($14.00)		
	DAR Magazine (increased to $660/page at 3 pages)			1,980.00	1,565.00	-	$415.00	Greater of Co-op or Advertising Cost Must be Pd. Co-op greater.	
	Email Software Subscription			-	425	-	($425.00)	15 months thru Aug 3, 2022; Approved by SR	
	State Officers & Chairs (supplies, printing, postage & software)			500	164.12	203.6	$132.28		

Expenses (con't)	Chapter Regent's Pin for New Chapter			-	-	-	$ -		
	WV Directories/Supplement			50	849.03	-	($799.03)	Expense approved by EC	
	State Proceedings Printing (Total withdraw in 3rd Year)			1,800.00	-	1,432.14	$367.86		
	Liability Insurance			500	497.5	-	$2.50	Liability, D&O and Bonding Insurance	
	Audit			200	-		$200.00		
	990 EZ Filing			-	375	-	($375.00)	Donation was made to cover this expense	
	WV Archives - Marshall University			150	150	-	$ -		
Expenses (con't):	State Education Awards			600	-		$ -		
		Outstanding Teacher				-	$ -		
		High School Essay Winner				200	($200.00)		
		American History Essay Winner $50 each *($200.00)*				150	($150.00)		
		Medals/Certficates *($100.00)*				58.32	($58.32)		
	State Page Fund			1,000.00	-	-	$1,000.00		
	Continental Congress Corsages for state regent, vice regent				206.07	-	($206.07)		
	WV Continental Congress Event			150	-	-	$150.00		
	WV Room at Memorial Continental Hall			100	-	-	$100.00		
Expenses (con't)	Unrestricted Contingency Fund			519.92	-	-	$519.92		
	Grant for rehousing county records			-	1,670.00	-	($1,670.00)	Approved at 2022 State Conference but not paid until FY22/23	
	Donation to President General's Project			-		1,250.00	($1,250.00)	Approved by BOM	
	Total Expenses:			**$10,639.19**	**$9,096.99**	**$3,319.06**	**($2,376.86)**		
Estimated Ending Unrestricted Balance June 30, 2023									**$93,598.67**
Change in Unrestricted Net Assets									**$1,659.54**

Attachment 7 Treasurer's Report

West Virginia Society NSDAR Statement of Financial Position February 29,2024 and February 28, 2023		
ASSETS		
	2/28/2023	**2/29/2024**
Cash		
Checking - Operating	$ 149,292.32	$ 127,668.99
Savings - Blanche Reymann Scholarship Fund	583.02	586.51
Savings - Cameo Club	0.51	0.51
Savings - WV Room at Memorial Continental Hall	2.40	2.40
Total Cash	149,878.25	128,258.41
Investments		
CD - Blanche Reymann Scholarship Fund	13,379.39	13,546.83
CD - Cameo Club	3,352.77	3,488.83
CD - Peters Cottage at Tamassee	5,271.45	5,425.04
CD - WV Room at Memorial Continental Hall	16,152.58	16,808.52
Investment - Edward Jones - Josephine C. Peters Fund	49,627.82	53,116.98
Investment - Edward Jones - Unrestricted	42,190.30	45,728.55
Total Investments	129,974.31	138,114.75
Total Assets	$ 279,852.56	$ 266,373.16
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES		
Other Current Liabilities		
Accrued Expenses	4,416.20	-
Total Other Current Liabilities	4,416.20	-
Unrestricted Funds	94,521.07	101,075.88
Board Restricted Funds		
Total Unrestricted Funds	**$ 94,521.07**	**$ 101,075.88**
Temporarily Restricted Funds		
Savings-Blanche Reymann Scholarship Fund	583.02	586.51
Blanche Reymann Scholarship Fund	2,686.75	3,265.04
CD - Blanche Reymann Scholarship Fund	13,379.39	13,546.83
Cameo Club	2,705.51	3,011.03
CD - Cameo Club	3,352.77	3,488.83
Chapter Development & Revitalization Commission	219.36	219.36
DAR Good Citizens	958.85	708.85

West Virginia Society NSDAR Statement of Financial Position February 29,2024 and February 28, 2023				
DAR Service to Veterans Committee	50.00	50.00		
DAR Schools	107.00	179.00		
Grant - Cheat River Chapter	-	2,994.00		
Josephine C. Peters Fund	49,627.82	53,116.98		
Junior Membership	81.00	412.00		
NSDAR Contributions	20.49	70.49		
Peters Cottage at Tamassee Brown/Khare	35,000.00	-		
Peters Cottage at Tamassee	4,028.84	882.34		
CD - Peters Cottage at Tamassee	5,271.45	5,425.04		
State Regent's Allottment		9.90		
State Regents' Gifts	-	1,035.00		
State Regents' Projects				
Davis Administration	8,515.39	6,223.89		
Brown Administration-Patriot/America 250	11,168.72	13,589.86		
Larke Administration	9,761.03	16,792.97		
WV C.A.R.	111.54	236.63		
WV Continental Congress Event	1,854.17	2,785.31		
WV Pages	1,003.07	1,490.69		
WV Room at Memorial Continental Hall	3,229.22	3,564.66		
CD - WV Room at Memorial Continental Hall	16,152.58	16,808.52		
WVDAR Awards	77.00	402.68		
WVDAR State Conference	10,752.32	14,182.87		
WVDAR State Conference - 2020 Meals	218.00	218.00		
Total Temporarily Restricted Funds	**$ 180,915.29**	**$ 165,297.28**		
Permanently Restricted Funds	-	-		
Total Liabilities and Net Assets/Fund Balances	**$ 279,852.56**	**$ 266,373.16**		
Change in Net Assets		**$ (9,063.20)**	Excludes Liability in Prior Year	

West Virginia Society, NSDAR	
Statement of Activities	
March 1, 2023 - Feb 29, 2024	
INCOME	
Contributions to State Society	
Blanche Reymann Scholarship Fund	1,651.25
Chapter Development & Revitalization Commission	-
DAR Good Citizens	-
DAR Service to Veterans Committee	-
DAR Schools: Hillside School	72.00
Grant - Cheat River Chapter	5,000.00
Peters Cottage at Tamassee	(3,146.50)
State Regents' Projects-Cheryl Brown-Excess Peters Cottage Renovations	(837.64)
Patriot Burial Book/America 250	4,024.50
State Regent's Projects-Jane Larke	7,924.22
Unrestricted Donations	2,530.62
Veterans Service Project	-
WV C.A.R.	125.00
WV Pages	140.50
WV Room at Memorial Continental Hall	333.00
WVDAR Awards	134.00
Total Contributions to State Society	**$17,950.95**
Contributions to National Society	
DAR Magazine Co-op Ad	1,596.80
DAR Schools	-
Friends of DAR Schools	1,045.25
Junior Membership Sales	331.00
Junior Membership - Helen Pouch Memorial Fund	136.00
President General's Project - Merchandise	740.00
President General's Project - Per Member	2,237.50
Programs	100.00
Total Contributions to National Society	**$ 6,186.55**
Dues	
Cameo Club	305.00
WVDAR State Dues	9,447.50
Total Dues	**$ 9,752.50**
Event/Conference Income	
WVDAR State Conference Dues	1,884.00
WV Continental Congress Event	3,740.00
WVDAR State Conference - 2023	23,738.00
Total Event/Conference Income	**$29,362.00**
Other Income	
Interest-Blanche Reymann Scholarship Fund	0.53
Interest-Cameo Club	0.52
Interest-Unrestricted	395.84
Interest-WV Room at Memorial Continental Hall	2.44
State Regent's Gifts	1,035.00
WVDAR Directories/Supplements/Proceedings	20.00
Total Other Income	**$ 1,454.33**
Investment Income	
CD - Blanche Reymann Scholarship Fund	167.44
CD - Cameo Club	136.06
CD - Peters Cottage at Tamassee	153.59
CD - WV Room at Memorial Continental Hall	655.94
Investment - Josephine C. Peters Fund	3,489.16
Investment - Unrestricted	3,538.25
Total Investment Income	**$ 8,140.44**
TOTAL INCOME	**$72,846.77**

West Virginia Society, NSDAR	
Statement of Activities	
March 1, 2023 - Feb 29, 2024	
EXPENSES	
Contributions to National Society	
DAR Magazine Co-op Ad	1,596.80
Friends of DAR Schools	1,045.25
Junior Membership Sales	-
Junior Membership - Helen Pouch Memorial Fund	136.00
President General's Project - Merchandise	690.00
President General's Project - Per Member	2,237.50
President General's Project - Contribution During State Conference	1,250.00
Programs	100.00
Total Contributions to National	**$ 7,055.55**
State Society Projects	
Blanche Reymann Scholarship Fund	1,070.00
Cameo Club	-
DAR Good Citizens	250.00
DAR Schools: Hindman Settlement School	-
DAR Schools: Kate Duncan Smith DAR School	-
Grant - Cheat River Chapter	2,006.00
Peters Cottage Brown/Khare	35,000.00
State Regent's Project - Larke	892.28
State Regent's Project - Brown - Patriot Burial/America 250	765.72
State Regent's Project - Davis	2,291.50
WV C.A.R.	-
WV Room at Memorial Continental Hall	-
WV Pages	652.88
WVDAR Archives	
WVDAR Awards/Good Citizen	408.32
WVDAR Proceedings	1,432.14
Total State Society Projects	**$44,768.84**
Event/Conference Expenses	
WV Continental Congress Event - 2024	500.00
WV Continental Congress Event - 2023	2,308.86
WVDAR State Conference - 2023	22,334.44
WVDAR State Conference - 2024	430.01
Total Event/Conference Expenses	**$25,573.31**
Other Expenses	
Audit and 990 Filing	375.00
Bank Fees	-
Insurance	499.09
Licenses & Permits	25.00
Postage	83.06
State Regent's Allotment	3,108.50
State Regent's Travel - Unrestricted	268.02
Supplies - Officers & Committee Chairs	153.60
WVDAR Directories/Supplements	-
Total Other Expenses	**$ 4,512.27**
TOTAL EXPENSES	**$81,909.97**
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	**$ (9,063.20)**

West Virginia Society NSDAR					
Temporarily Restricted Funds					
March 1, 2022 through February 28, 2023					
	Balance				Balance
Fund Name	2/28/2023		Credits	Debits	2/29/2024
Blanche Reymann Scholarship Fund	16,649.16		-	-	16,649.16
Donation from State Officers Club	-		345.00		16,994.16
Donations In Memory of Mike McNeil			195.00		17,189.16
Donations from Chapters			1,061.25		18,250.41
Reclass from Peters Cottage Utilities			50.00		18,300.41
Interest - CD	-		167.44		18,467.85
Interest - Savings			0.53		18,468.38
Scholarship Award	-			1,000.00	17,468.38
Lunch for Scholarship Recipient and Guest	-		-	70.00	17,398.38
Total Blanche Reymann Scholarship Fund	16,649.16		1,819.22	1,070.00	17,398.38
Cameo Club	6,058.28		-	-	6,058.28
Dues	-		305.00		6,363.28
Interest - Other			0.52		6,363.80
Interest - CD	-		136.06		6,499.86
Total Cameo Club	6,058.28		441.58	-	6,499.86
Chapter Development & Revitalization Commission	219.36		-	-	219.36
Donations	-		-	-	219.36
Event costs	-		-	-	219.36
Total Chapter Development & Revitalization Comm	219.36		-	-	219.36
DAR Good Citizens	958.85				958.85
Purchases by Chapters	-	#			958.85
Supplies	-				958.85
NSDAR Contribution	-				958.85
Awards	-			250.00	708.85
Transfer from Unrestricted					708.85
Total DAR Good Citizens	958.85		-	250.00	708.85
Grants - Cheat River Chapter First Energy Grant	-				-
Grant Award	-		5,000.00		5,000.00
Grant Expenditures				2,006.00	2,994.00
Total Cheat River Chapter First Energy Grant	-		5,000.00	2,006.00	2,994.00
Josephine C. Peters Fund	49,627.82		-	-	49,627.82
Change in Value	-		3,489.16		53,116.98
Total Josephine C. Peters Fund	49,627.82		3,489.16	-	53,116.98
DAR Service to Veteran Committee	50.00		-	-	50.00
Donations	-		-	-	50.00
Total Service to Veteran Committee	50.00		-	-	50.00
Junior Membership	81.00		-	-	81.00
Sales	-		331.00		412.00
Chapter Donations			136.00		548.00
Purchases	-				548.00
Contribution to NSDAR	-			136.00	412.00
Total Junior Membership	81.00		467.00	136.00	412.00
DAR Schools					
Kate Duncan School Beginning Balance	107.00				107.00
Chapter Donations - Kate Duncan					107.00
Disbursement to Kate Duncan School					107.00
Kate Duncan School Ending Balance	107.00	#	-	# -	107.00
Hindman Settlement School Beginning Balance	-				-
Peters Cottage Utilities - Reclassed to Hindman			72.00		72.00

Disbursement to Hindman Settlement School				72.00
Hindman Settlement School Ending Balance	-	72.00	-	72.00
Total DAR Schools	107.00	72.00	-	179.00
NSDAR Contributions		-	-	-
Beginning Balance NSDAR Program	20.49			20.49
Donations to Programs	-	100.00		100.00
Contributions to NSDAR: Programs	-		100.00	(100.00)
Ending Balance NSDAR Program	20.49	100.00	100.00	20.49
Beginning Balance President General's Project				
Prepaid Amt for Merchandise			1,030.00	(1,030.00)
Sales: President General's Project	-	690.00	-	(340.00)
Reimbursement for Returned Merchandise		390.00		50.00
Donations to President General's Project	-	2,237.50		2,237.50
Contribution to NSDAR: President General's Project	-		2,237.50	(2,237.50)
Ending Balance President General's Project	-	3,317.50	3,267.50	50.00
Total NSDAR Contributions	20.49	3,417.50	3,367.50	70.49
Peters Cottage - Brown/Khare	35,000.00		35,000.00	-
Peters Cottage at Tamassee	9,300.29	-	-	9,300.29
Peters Cottage Utilities - Reclassed to JL - State Regents Project	-	(633.75)		8,666.54
Peters Cottage Utilities - Reclassed to DAR Friends of Schools	-	(400.00)		8,266.54
Peters Cottage Utilities - Reclassed to CB State Regents Project - Patriot Burial Book/America 250	-	(256.00)		8,010.54
Peters Cottage Utilities - Reclassed to JL - State Regents Project - Literacy		(135.00)		7,875.54
Peters Cottage Utilities - Reclassed to Hindman Settlement School		(72.00)		7,803.54
Peters Cottage Utilities - Reclassed to Blanche Reymann Scholarship		(50.00)		7,753.54
Peters Cottage Utilities - Reclassed to WV Pages		(17.00)		7,736.54
Peters Cottage Utilities - Refunded to Chapters/Individuals		(1,582.75)		6,153.79
Interest - CD	-	153.59		6,307.38
Total Peters Cottage at Tamassee	9,300.29	(2,992.91)	-	6,307.38
State Regent's Allotment	-	-	-	-
1/3 of Dues	-	3,118.40		3,118.40
Reimbursements	-		3,108.50	9.90
Total State Regents' Allotment	-	3,118.40	3,108.50	9.90
State Regents' Gifts	-	-	-	-
Donations	-	1,035.00		1,035.00
Disbursed for Gift Purchase	-			1,035.00
Total State Regents' Gifts	-	1,035.00	-	1,035.00
State Regent's Projects-Mindy Davis	8,515.39			8,515.39
Donations				8,515.39
Expenses - Gold Star Memorial Fairmont			2,000.00	6,515.39
Expenses - 2 DAR Flags			291.50	6,223.89
Total State Regent's Project - Mindy Davis	8,515.39	-	2,291.50	6,223.89
State Regents' Projects - Cheryl Brown	11,168.72	-	-	11,168.72
Peter's Cottage Excess to JL State Regents Project - Eastern District		(60.27)		11,108.45
Peters Cottage Excess - Refund to Chapters - Eastern District		(410.94)		10,697.51
Peter's Cottage Excess - Refund to Eastern Distrct		(254.39)		10,443.12
Peters Cottage Excess - Refund to Chapters - Central District		(112.04)		10,331.08
Expenses	-			10,331.08
Recharicterize Remaining Balance to Patriot Burial Book/America 250			10,331.08	-
Total State Regents' Projects - Cheryl Brown	11,168.72	(837.64)	10,331.08	-

Patriot Burial Book/America 250	-				-
Rechariterize Remaining Balance from SRP - Cheryl Brown		10,331.08			10,331.08
Patriot Burial Book Sales - Individuals and District Meetings		2,790.00			13,121.08
Patriot Burial Book Sales - Amazon.com		978.50			14,099.58
Reclass from Peters Cottage Utilities		256.00			14,355.58
Expenses - Cost of Books and Shipping				765.72	13,589.86
Total Patriot Burial Book/America 250	-	# 14,355.58	#	765.72	# 13,589.86
State Regent's Projects - Jane Larke	9,761.03				9,761.03
District Donations		1,647.00			11,408.03
Chapter and Individual Donations		2,653.75			14,061.78
Reclassed from Peters Cottage Utilities		633.75			14,695.53
Reclassed from Peters Cottage Utilities for Literacy		135.00			14,830.53
Reclassed from SRP-Cheryl Brown -Peters Cottage Excess		60.27			14,890.80
Pin and Chain Sales		2,794.45			17,685.25
Expenses - Technology				826.18	16,859.07
Expenses - Postage & Shipping for Pins/Chains				66.10	16,792.97
Total State Regent's Projects - Jane Larke	9,761.03	7,924.22		892.28	16,792.97
WV C.A.R.	111.54	-		-	111.54
Donations	-	125.00			236.54
Unrestricted Budget Contribution - Adjustment thru 6.30.23	-	0.09			236.63
Disbursement to WV C.A.R.					236.63
Total WV C.A.R.	111.54	125.09		-	236.63
WV Continental Congress Event	1,854.17	-		-	1,854.17
Fees - 2023 event	-	3,740.00			5,594.17
Event costs - 2023	-			2,308.86	3,285.31
Event costs - 2024				500.00	2,785.31
Total WV Continental Congress Event	1,854.17	3,740.00		2,808.86	2,785.31
WV Pages	1,003.07	-		-	1,003.07
Donations from Chapters		123.50			1,126.57
Reclassed from Peters Cottage Utilities		17.00			1,143.57
Transfer from Unrestricted Per Budget		1,000.00			2,143.57
2023 Conference WV Page Meals				573.00	1,570.57
Expenses - Sashes				79.88	1,490.69
Total WV Pages	1,003.07	1,140.50		652.88	1,490.69
WV Room at Memorial Continental Hall	19,381.80	-		-	19,381.80
Donations from Chapters	-	333.00			19,714.80
Interest - Other		2.44			19,717.24
Interest - CD	-	655.94			20,373.18
Total WV Room at Memorial Continental Hall	19,381.80	991.38		-	20,373.18
WVDAR Awards	77.00	-		-	77.00
Disbursement from State Dues per Budget	-	600.00			677.00
Chapter Donations	-	134.00			811.00
Expenses - Certificates and Medals	-			58.32	752.68
American History Essay Awards - 2023				150.00	602.68
Patriot Essay Awards - 2023				200.00	402.68
Outstanding American History Teacher - 2023				-	402.68
Total WVDAR Awards	77.00	# 734.00	#	408.32	402.68
WVDAR State Conference	10,752.32	-		-	10,752.32
State Conference Dues	-	1,884.00			12,636.32
Transfer from Unrestricted for WV Pages Meals		573.00			13,209.32
2023 Conference Income	-	23,738.00			36,947.32
2023 State Conference Expenses				22,334.44	14,612.88
2024 Conference Expenses				430.01	14,182.87
Total WV State Conference	10,752.32	26,195.00		22,764.45	14,182.87
WVDAR State Conference Meals - 2020	218.00				218.00
Reclass to Other Funds					-
Corrections of Errors					-
WVDAR State Conference Meals	218.00	# -	#	-	218.00

Total Fund Balances	**180,915.29**	**70,235.08**	**#**	**85,853.09**	**#**	**165,297.28**

West Virginia Society NSDAR		
Asset Account Details		
February 29, 2024		
	Balance	
City National Bank		
Small Business Interest Checking - Operating	127,668.99	
Savings - Blanche Reymann Scholarship Fund - Acct#xxxxxx1799	586.51	
Savings - Cameo Club	0.51	
Savings - WV Room at Memorial Continental Hall	2.40	
CD - Peters Cottage at Tamassee	5,425.04	
Interest Rate 4%; Matures 5/28/2024 - 13-month CD		
CD - Blanche Reymann Scholarship Fund	13,546.83	
Interest Rate 4.76%; Matures 2/15/2025; 17-month CD		
Total City National Bank	**$ 147,230.28**	
MVB Bank		
CD - MVB Bank - Acct #xxxxxx8504		
Interest Rate 4.0%; Matures 5/2/2024 - 18-month CD		
Cameo Club	3,488.83	
WV Room at Memorial Continental Hall	16,808.52	
Total MVB Bank	**$ 20,297.35**	
Edward Jones		
Josephine C. Peters Fund - Acct#xxx-07826-x-x	53,116.98	
Unrestricted - Acct#xxx-09452-x-x	45,728.55	
Total Edward Jones	**$ 98,845.53**	
TOTAL ASSETS	**$ 266,373.16**	

Attachment 8 Report of the Audit Committee

(Oral) Report of the Audit Committee

Madam State Regent,

The members of the Audit Committee have examined the records of the West Virginia State Society, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, namely the account registers for checking, savings, and investment accounts, as well as bank statements and supporting documents. We find these records to be in good order and their contents to appear reasonable.

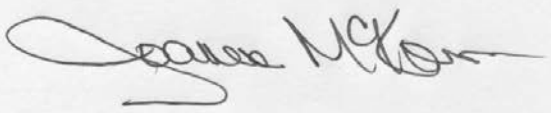
We also reviewed the financial statements of the West Virginia State Society, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, which summarize the records referred to above, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023. These statements appear to fairly represent the financial position and the revenues and expenses of the organization.

The Audit Committee wishes to commend WVDAR State Treasurer, Vicky Shears, for her excellent work in preparing these records. The Chair would, also, like to express her appreciation to the State Treasurer for her helpfulness during the completion of our task.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Hebb, WVDAR Audit Committee Chair

And Committee Members Dale McGill and Joanna McKown



Attachment 9 Report of the State Finance Committee

West Virginia Society			
National Society Daughters of the American Revolution			
Proposed Budget for July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025			
Estimated Unrestricted Balance July 1, 2023			$ 91,188.70
Income:		Budget	
	State Dues 1870 members	$ 9,350.00	
	West Virginia Checking	360.00	
	Magazine Co-op (38 of 40	1,520.00	
	Other Unrestricted	1,175.00	
	Total Income:	$ 12,405.00	
Expenses:			
	State Regent (1/3 of State	$ 3,116.67	
	WV C.A.R.	25.00	
	WV Secretary of State	25.00	
	DAR Magazine (greater of	1,520.00	
	State Officers & Chairs	500.00	
	Chapter Regent's Pin for	130.00	
	WV Directories/Supplement	50.00	
	State Proceedings Printing	-	
	Liability Insurance	500.00	
	Audit	200.00	
	990 EZ Filing	375.00	
	WV Archives - Marshall	150.00	
	State Education Awards	600.00	
	Outstanding Teacher		
	High School Essay Winner		
	American History Essay		
	Medals/Certficates		
	State Page Fund	1,000.00	
	Continental Congress	140.00	
	WV Continental Congress	-	
	WV Room at Memorial	-	
	Travel Expenses	2,000	
	Unrestricted Contingency	2,073.33	
	Total Expenses:	$ 12,405.00	
Estimated Ending Unrestricted Balance			$ 91,188.70
Respectfully Submitted:			
	Karen Kurilko, Chair		
	Sandra Cowan		
	Brenda Durham		
	Susan Garrett		
	Susan Tucker		

West Virginia State Society
National Society Daughters of the American Revolution
Budget for 119th WVDAR State Conference
2024 WVDAR State Conference Budget

		Budget
Income		
	WVDAR State Conference Dues (1870 members @ $1 per member)	$1,870.00
	State Conference Meals	18,882.00
	Page Meal Fund	1,000.00
Total Income		$21,752.00
Expenses		
	Room Rental	$2,300.00
	Postage - Credentials	$40.00
	Memorial Flowers (39)	200.00
	Guest Room - Nancy Wright	357.00
	Guest Rooms - Visiting Regents (4)	714.00
	speaker room (1*1)	119.00
	Hospitality Room	-
	Conference Meals	14,000.00
	Page Meals and Party	1,000.00
	Page Sashes	120.00
	A/V Equipment	-
	Meal Tickets	102.00
	Name Tags and Ribbons	-
	Certificates and Folders	-
	Conference Flowers	300.00
	Conference Programs	1,000.00
	Memorial Service Programs	200.00
	Honorariums	500.00
	Printing	300.00
	Registration Supplies	-
	Auction Tickets and goody bags	-
	Conference gifts	400.00
	Music	100.00
	Auction cups	-
	Contingency Funds	-
Total Expenses		$21,752.00

Attachment 10 Report of the State Bylaws Committee by Pat Goodwin

Madam State Regent,

On behalf of the State Bylaws Committee members Charla Nutter-McNaboe and Cathy Hinkle and ex-officio members State Regent Jane Larke and State Parliamentarian Brenda Cheuvront, I thank you for inviting me today to speak briefly about the 2024 Proposed Bylaws Amendments.

First, a little history: the members and I began meeting in May 2023 to discuss the current bylaws and possible edits needed to them. We planned the committee's presentations during the district meetings and created a PowerPoint program that explained the procedure for submitting proposed amendments according to our bylaws. The committee emailed the form to present the proposed amendments to the Chapter Regents and Executive Committee following the last District meeting as promised.

Upon receiving the proposed amendments on December 1, the committee began meeting to review the submissions and compose the wording of each ARTICLE, SECTION, and Subsection that were approved individually by the committee. Then the committee sent the approved the 2024 Proposed Bylaws Amendments to the State Regent for the Call to Conference. In March the committee held a question and answer zoom for all members.

Attachment 11 Primary Credential Report

April 6, 2024

119th West Virginia DAR State Conference
Credential Report
Primary Report, April 6, 2024

Madam State Regent, Your Credential Committee Report as follows:

Voting Members and Alternates

State Officers	10
Honorary State Regents	5
District Directors	4
Chapter Regents	25
Delegates	115
Total Voting Strength	122
Alternates	3
Grand Total	224

Registration Report

Conference Guest	7
Guest [out of State Members, Award winner and parents]	0
Total Registration	

I move the credential Report be accepted

Rebecca L. Davis, Credential Chair

Cc: State Regent

Recording Secretary

April 6, 2024

2024 Proposed Amendments to

WVDAR Bylaws

119th West Virginia State Conference

2024 Proposed Amendments to

WVDAR Bylaws

119th West Virginia State Conference

Amendments MANDATED from NATIONAL: Red

Amendments MANDATED from 2023 State Conference: Green

Proposed Amendments, plus total revision of ARTICLE VI – Nominations and Elections

Formatting used in printing the proposed amendments:
Underlined print = insert or add
~~Line through words~~ – strike out

NOTE: Please print a copy of these Proposed Amendments to the Bylaws and bring a copy with you to the State Conference. To save paper and ink, you may exclude all the Mandated Bylaws from your printed collection. You may also use your I-Phone or IPAD during the meeting.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Mandated edits:

ARTICLE VII – Duties of Officers, SECTION 8., Subsection (f); **ARTICLE VIII – Meeting of the State Society,** SECTION 4.; **ARTICLE VIII – Meeting of the State Society,** new SECTION 12.; **ARTICLE IX - State Board of Management,** SECTION 1.; **ARTICLE IX - State Board of Management,** SECTION 1.; **ARTICLE IX - State Board of Management,** new SECTION 10.; **ARTICLE X - Executive Committee,** new SECTION 11.; **ARTICLE XII – Committees**, new SECTIONS 10. and 11.; **ARTICLE XIII – Chapters,** SECTION 2. new Subsection (l); **ARTICLE XIII – Chapters,** SECTION 5.; **ARTICLE XVI – Parliamentary Authority.**

ARTICLE VII – Duties of Officers, SECTION 8., Sub-section (g); **ARTICLE IX - State Board of Management,** SECTION 8.; **ARTICLE X - Executive Committee,** SECTION 5.; **ARTICLE XII – Committees,** SECTION 1.; **ARTICLE XII – Committees,** SECTION 2. Subsection (b), and **ARTICLE XII – Committees,** SECTION 7. Subsections (a-d).

Red highlighted Amendments = Mandated from National

To amend **ARTICLE VII – Duties of Officers,** SECTION 8., Subsection (f) by replacing current information with mandated language.

CURRENT	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	WOULD READ
(f) notify NSDAR by May 31 each year whether the state will be filing a Form 990 for the most recent fiscal year end and submit a list of all chapters that will be filing a Form 990 for the previous fiscal year;	~~(f) notify NSDAR by May 31 each year whether the state will be filing a Form 990 for the most recent fiscal year end and submit a list of all chapters that will be filing a Form 990 for the previous fiscal year;~~ (f) send the state organization's audited financial statements, audit committee letter, and a copy of the state's Form 990, Form 990EZ, or proof of filing Form 990N to the Office of the Treasurer General annually.	(f) send the state organization's audited financial statements, audit committee letter, and a copy of the state's Form 990, Form 990EZ, or proof of filing Form 990N to the Office of the Treasurer General annually.

Rationale: The current paragraph (f) is not a requirement of National. The required submission by National is substituted.

To amend **ARTICLE VIII – Meeting of the State Society,** SECTION 4. Regent, Vice Regent of Regent's representative (alternate) by adding to be consistent with language used by National.

CURRENT	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	WOULD READ
SECTION 4. Each Chapter shall be entitled to be represented at any meeting of the State Conference by three times as many delegates and alternates as at the previous Continental Congress, one of whom shall be the Regent, Vice Regent or Regent's representative. Regent, Vice Regent of Regent's representative (alternate)	SECTION 4. Each Chapter shall be entitled to be represented at any meeting of the State Conference by three times as many delegates and alternates as at the previous Continental Congress, one of whom shall be the Chapter Regent, or in her absence, the Chapter's Vice Regent or ~~Regent's representative~~ selected Alternate.	SECTION 4. Each Chapter shall be entitled to be represented at any meeting of the State Conference by three times as many delegates and alternates as at the previous Continental Congress, one of whom shall be the Chapter Regent, or in her absence, the Chapter's Vice Regent or selected Alternate.

Rationale: Mandated by NSDAR

To amend **ARTICLE VIII – Meeting of the State Society,** by adding SECTION 12. Concerning meeting notices and means of conveying the announcement.

CURRENT	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	WOULD READ
None National Mandate	SECTION 12. Notice. Unless members indicate otherwise to the regent in writing, all communication required in these bylaws, including meeting notices, may be sent using electronic measures, including email.	SECTION 12. Notice. Unless members indicate otherwise to the regent in writing, all communication required in these bylaws, including meeting notices, may be sent using electronic measures, including email.

Rationale: This is an NSDAR-mandated amendment, passed 2020.

To amend **ARTICLE IX - State Board of Management,** SECTION 1. by adding language that aligns with National Bylaws.

CURRENT	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	WOULD READ
SECTION 1. The Officers of the State Society, the District Directors, and the Chapter Regents shall constitute the State Board of Management. Honorary State Regents shall be ex-officio members of the State Board of Management, having the privilege of the floor but no vote. The Parliamentarian is authorized to attend all meetings of the Executive Committee, the State Board of Management and the State Conference without vote.	SECTION 1. The Officers of the State Society, the District Directors, and each Chapter Regent or in her absence, the Chapter's Vice Regent or selected alternate, shall constitute the State Board of Management. Honorary State Regents shall be ex-officio members of the State Board of Management, having the privilege of the floor but no vote. The Parliamentarian is authorized to attend all meetings of the Executive Committee, the State Board of Management and the State Conference without vote.	SECTION 1. The Officers of the State Society, the District Directors, and each Chapter Regent or, in her absence, the Chapter's Vice Regent or selected alternate, shall constitute the State Board of Management. Honorary State Regents shall be ex-officio members of the State Board of Management, having the privilege of the floor but no vote. The Parliamentarian is authorized to attend all meetings of the Executive Committee, the State Board of Management and the State Conference without vote.

Rationale: To allow each Chapter to have one representative Regent, Vice Regent, or selected alternate who may vote. National terminology.

To amend **ARTICLE IX - State Board of Management,** by adding SECTION 10. concerning meeting notices and means of conveying the announcement.

CURRENT	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	WOULD READ
None NSDAR Mandate	SECTION 10. Notice. Unless members indicate otherwise to the regent in writing, all communication required in these bylaws, including meeting notices, may be sent using electronic measures, including email.	SECTION 10. Notice. Unless members indicate otherwise to the regent in writing, all communication required in these bylaws, including meeting notices, may be sent using electronic measures, including email.

Rationale: This is an NSDAR-mandated amendment, passed 2020.

To amend **ARTICLE X - Executive Committee, by** adding SECTION 11. Concerning meeting notices and means of conveying the announcement.

CURRENT	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	WOULD READ
None NSDAR Mandated	SECTION 11. Notice. Unless members indicate otherwise to the regent in writing, all communication required in these bylaws, including meeting notices, may be sent using electronic measures, including email.	SECTION 11. Notice. Unless members indicate otherwise to the regent in writing, all communication required in these bylaws, including meeting notices, may be sent using electronic measures, including email.

Rationale: This is an NSDAR-mandated amendment, passed 2020.

To amend **ARTICLE XII – COMMITTEES,** by adding SECTION 10. Concerning meeting notices and means of conveying the announcement.

CURRENT	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	WOULD READ
	SECTION 10. Notice. Unless members indicate otherwise to the chair in writing, all communication required in these bylaws, including meeting notices, may be sent using electronic measures, including email.	SECTION 10. Notice. Unless members indicate otherwise to the chair in writing, all communication required in these bylaws, including meeting notices, may be sent using electronic measures, including email.

Rationale: This is an NSDAR-mandated amendment, passed 2020.

To amend ARTICLE XII – Committees, to add new "SECTION 11: Committees shall meet at the call of the chair or by written request of a majority of its membership. Committees are authorized to meet in person or through the use of Internet meeting sources or conference calls that support, at a minimum, simultaneous aural communication."

CURRENT	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	WOULD READ
SECTION 11. NONE	SECTION 11. Committees shall meet at the call of the chair or by written request of a majority of its membership. Committees are authorized to meet in person or through the use of Internet meeting sources or conference calls that support, at a minimum, simultaneous aural communication.	SECTION 11. Committees shall meet at the call of the chair or by written request of a majority of its membership. Committees are authorized to meet in person or through the use of Internet meeting sources or conference calls that support, at a minimum, simultaneous aural communication.

Rationale: Committee meetings are not addressed in the NSDAR and State Bylaws. 2023 Continental Congress delegates adopted this proposed amendment.

ARTICLE XIII – Chapters, to add subsection (l) to SECTION 2. The Regent of a Chapter shall: "be responsible for completion of the chapter credentials form after the election of the chapter representatives as prescribed in NSDAR Bylaws, Article XIII, Chapters, Section 9. The form must be completed in the manner and by the date specified by the National Society."

CURRENT	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	WOULD READ
SECTION 2. (l) NONE	SECTION 2. (l) be responsible for completion of the chapter credentials form after the election of the chapter representatives as prescribed in NSDAR Bylaws, Article XIII, Chapters, Section 9. The form must be completed in the manner and by the date specified by the National Society.	SECTION 2. (l) be responsible for completion of the chapter credentials form after the election of the chapter representatives as prescribed in NSDAR Bylaws, Article XIII, Chapters, Section 9. The form must be completed in the manner and by the date specified by the National Society.

RATIONALE: Current submission for credential forms online is Nationally mandated as per the 2023 Continental Congress delegates' adoption of this amendment.

To amend **ARTICLE XIII – Chapters,** SECTION 5. By deleting and adding new language aligning with NSDAR Bylaws ARTICLE XIII – Chapters, SECTION 9 "must be completed and submitted in the manner and by the date specified by the National Society."

CURRENT	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	WOULD READ
SECTION 5. Delegates and alternates to the Continental Congress shall be elected on or before the first day of the second month preceding the month of Continental Congress of each year. Using blanks furnished by the National Society, the name of the Chapter Regent and the Vice Regent and a list of the delegates and alternates, with the date of their election by the Chapter shall be sent, bearing a postmark no later than the 15th day of the second month preceding the month of Continental Congress, to the Chair of the Credentials Committee and to the State Regent. The delegates and alternates elected shall be the delegates and alternates to attend any special meeting of the National Society which may be held prior to the Continental Congress of the following year.	SECTION 5. Delegates and alternates to the Continental Congress shall be elected on or before the first day of the second month preceding the month of Continental Congress of each year. Using ~~blanks~~ forms furnished by the National Society, the name of the Chapter Regent and the First Vice Regent, and a list of the delegates and alternates, ~~with the date of their election by the Chapter shall be sent, bearing a postmark no later than the 15th day of the second month preceding the month of Continental Congress, to the Chair of the Credentials Committee and to the State Regent.~~ must be completed and submitted in the manner and by the date specified by the National Society. The delegates and alternates so elected shall be the delegates and alternates to attend any special meeting of the National Society which may be held prior to the Continental Congress of the following year.	SECTION 5. Delegates and alternates to the Continental Congress shall be elected on or before the first day of the second month preceding the month of Continental Congress of each year. Using ~~blanks~~ forms furnished by the National Society, the name of the Chapter Regent and the First Vice Regent, and a list of the delegates and alternates, must be completed and submitted in the manner and by the date specified by the National Society. The delegates and alternates so elected shall be the delegates and alternates to attend any special meeting of the National Society which may be held prior to the Continental Congress of the following year.

RATIONALE: This updates the bylaws language since we currently submit credential forms online. Through eMembership, states and committees have access to generate credentials reports for their use. This amendment was adopted by the delegates of the 2023 Continental Congress.

To amend **ARTICLE XVI – Parliamentary Authority by adding mandated NSDAR Bylaws language that clarifies the use of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised.**

CURRENT	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	WOULD READ
The rules contained in *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern this State Society in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws and the Bylaws of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution.	The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern this State Society in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with ~~these Bylaws and the Bylaws of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution.~~ the bylaws, standing rules, or rulings of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, these bylaws, or any special rules of order the organization may adopt.	The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern this State Society in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the bylaws, standing rules, or rulings of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, these bylaws, or any special rules of order the organization may adopt.

Rationale: This is an NSDAR-mandated amendment, passed 2020.

Green highlighted Amendments = 2023 State Conference

To amend **ARTICLE VII – Duties of Officers,** SECTION 8., Subsection (g) by deleting subsection g and aligning the remaining subsections alphabetically.

The Treasurer shall:

CURRENT	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	WOULD READ
(g) serve as an ex-officio member of the Finance Committee and the West Virginia Peters Cottage at Tamassee DAR School Committee;	(g) serve as an ex-officio member of the Finance Committee ~~and the West Virginia Peters Cottage at Tamassee DAR School Committee;~~	(g) serve as an ex-officio member of the Finance Committee.

Rationale: WVDAR delegate action during the 118th State Conference withdrew its support of Tamassee DAR School.

To amend **ARTICLE IX - State Board of Management,** SECTION 8. by deleting language of the SECTION because of actions taken by the delegates of the 118th State Conference.

CURRENT	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	WOULD READ
SECTION 8. The State Board of Management shall approve the annual budgets for the State Society, State Conference, and West Virginia Peters Cottage at Tamassee DAR School before they are presented to the State Board of Management for adoption.	SECTION 8. The State Board of Management shall approve ~~the~~ annual proposed budgets for the State Society~~, and the State Conference, and West Virginia Peters Cottage at Tamassee DAR School~~ before they are presented to the State Board of Management for adoption.	SECTION 8. The State Board of Management shall approve annual proposed budgets for the State Society as they are presented to the Board of Management for adoption.

Rationale: To align the State Bylaws with actions taken by the delegates of the State Conference. This defines responsibility but allows flexibility for specific types of budgets.

To amend **ARTICLE X - Executive Committee,** SECTION 5. by deleting language of the SECTION because of actions taken by the delegates of the 118th State Conference.

CURRENT	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	WOULD READ
SECTION 5. The Executive Committee shall approve the annual budgets for the State Society, State Conference, and West Virginia Peters Cottage at Tamassee DAR School before they are presented to the State Board of Management for adoption.	SECTION 5. The Executive Committee shall approve the annual budgets for the State Society~~,~~ and the State Conference~~, and West Virginia Peters Cottage at Tamassee DAR School~~ before they are presented to the State Board of Management for adoption.	SECTION 5. The Executive Committee shall approve the annual budgets for the State Society and the State Conference before they are presented to the State Board of Management for adoption.

Rationale: To align the State Bylaws with actions taken by the delegates of the State Conference.

To amend **ARTICLE XII – Committees,** SECTION 1. By deleting reference to West Virginia Peters Cottage.

CURRENT	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	WOULD READ
SECTION 1. At the close of the State Conference at which she is elected, the incoming State Regent shall appoint the following committees: Finance, Credentials, Audit, Bylaws and West Virginia Peters Cottage at Tamassee DAR School. She shall appoint three members of the Long-Range Planning Committee. She shall appoint such other committees she deems necessary. The term of the Long-Range Planning Committee members is not concurrent with the State Regent's term of office. Their term is for nine years.	SECTION 1. At the close of the State Conference at which she is elected, the incoming State Regent shall appoint the following committees: Finance, Credentials, Audit, and Bylaws. ~~and West Virginia Peters Cottage at Tamassee DAR School.~~ She shall appoint three members of the Long-Range Planning Committee. She shall appoint such other committees she deems necessary. The term of the Long-Range Planning Committee members is not concurrent with the State Regent's term of office. Their term is for nine years.	SECTION 1. At the close of the State Conference at which she is elected, the incoming State Regent shall appoint the following committees: Finance, Credentials, Audit, and Bylaws. She shall appoint three members of the Long-Range Planning Committee. She shall appoint such other committees she deems necessary. The term of the Long-Range Planning Committee members is not concurrent with the State Regent's term of office. Their term is for nine years.

Rationale: To align the State Bylaws with actions taken by the delegates of the State Conference.

To amend **ARTICLE XII – Committees,** SECTION 2. (b)

CURRENT	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	WOULD READ
SECTION 2. The Finance Committee consisting of five (5) members to be appointed by the State Regent shall: (b) plan proposed budgets for the State Society, State Conference, and the West Virginia Peters Cottage at Tamassee DAR School and recommend to the State Conference such income and expenditures as the Committee deems expedient; and,	SECTION 2. The Finance Committee consisting of five (5) members to be appointed by the State Regent shall: (b) plan proposed budgets for the State Society~~,~~ and the State Conference~~, and the West Virginia Peters Cottage at Tamassee DAR School~~ and recommend to the State Conference such income and expenditures as the Committee deems expedient; and,	SECTION 2. The Finance Committee consisting of five (5) members to be appointed by the State Regent shall: (b) plan proposed budgets for the State Society and the State Conference and recommend to the State Conference such income and expenditures as the Committee deems expedient; and,

Rationale: To align the State Bylaws with actions taken by the delegates of the State Conference.

To amend **ARTICLE XII – Committees,** SECTION 7. (a-d) by deleting SECTION 7 and renumbering the last two SECTIONS consecutively.

CURRENT	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	WOULD READ
SECTION 7 (a-d) The West Virginia Peters Cottage at Tamassee DAR School Committee shall: (a) consist of a minimum of three (3) members with a background in education, construction, fundraising and/or interior design, to be appointed by the State Regent, plus State Treasurer, ex-officio; (b) visit the cottage at least annually; (c) make recommendations to the Executive Committee on the care, maintenance, repair, modification and construction of the cottage and the upkeep of its grounds; and, (d) monitor all income and expenditures related to the cottage and its grounds and make recommendations to the Executive Committee on any needed changes.	~~SECTION 7 (a-d) The West Virginia Peters Cottage at Tamassee DAR School Committee shall:~~ ~~(a) consist of a minimum of three (3) members with a background in education, construction, fundraising and/or interior design, to be appointed by the State Regent, plus State Treasurer, ex-officio;~~ ~~(b) visit the cottage at least annually;~~ ~~(c) make recommendations to the Executive Committee on the care, maintenance, repair, modification and construction of the cottage and the upkeep of its grounds; and,~~ ~~(d) monitor all income and expenditures related to the cottage and its grounds and make recommendations to the Executive Committee on any needed changes.~~	NONE

Rationale: To align the State Bylaws with action taken by the delegates at the State Conference.

END OF MANDATED BYLAWS

EXPLANATION: The remaining Proposed Bylaws Amendments follow in numerical order according to the **ARTICLE** number. The first Proposed Bylaws Amendment pertains to **ARTICLE IV – Fees and dues**, SECTIONS 1-5. These SECTIONS will be presented as **AMENDMENT #1** since some of the information contained in other SECTIONS of this **ARTICLE** will be incorporated into **CURRENT** SECTIONS 1. and 3., and the remaining SECTIONS will be realigned numerically.

AMENDMENT # 1

To amend **ARTICLE IV - Fees and Dues,** SECTION 1. by adding revised national deadlines, by striking **CURRENT** SECTION 2. that has been included in SECTION 1., **CURRENT** SECTION 3. by adding clarification of dues and fees deadlines and transfers and reinstatements and renumbering to SECTION 2., and by deleting SECTION 5 that is contained in SECTION 1. (Note: **CURREN**T SECTION 4 will be renumbered to SECTION 3.)

CURRENT	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	WOULD READ
SECTION 1. The annual state dues for each chapter shall be five dollars ($5.00) per member which shall be sent by the chapter treasurer and shall be postmarked no later than November 1. A chapter whose dues have not been paid sixty (60) days prior to each year's State Conference shall be notified by the State Treasurer that the chapter shall not be entitled to representation at the State Conference. Annual State Dues shall be: (a) for a member of a chapter, five dollars ($5.00); and, (b) for a member admitted at-large for the purpose of organizing a new chapter, five dollars ($5.00).	SECTION 1. The annual state dues ~~for each chapter~~ and conference fees for each chapter covering the period December 1 through November 30th ~~shall be five dollars ($5.00) per member which shall be sent by the chapter treasurer and~~ shall be remitted with a postmark~~ed~~ date no later than ~~November~~ December 1. ~~A chapter whose dues have not been paid sixty (60) days prior to each year's State Conference shall be notified by the State Treasurer that the chapter shall not be entitled to representation at the State Conference.~~ After the State Treasurer determines paid dues and Chapters' membership on December 1, the State Treasurer shall confer with the State Credentials Committee Chair who shall notify the chapters that shall not be entitled to representation at the State Conference. Annual State Dues and Conference Fees shall be: (a) for a member of a chapter, annual state dues -five dollars ($5.00); annual conference fee – one dollar ($1.00) and, (b) for a member admitted at-large for the purpose of organizing a new chapter, five dollars ($5.00).	SECTION 1. The annual state dues and conference fees for each chapter covering the period December 1 through November 30th shall be remitted with a postmark date no later than December 1. After the State Treasurer determines paid dues and Chapters' membership on December 1, the State Treasurer shall confer with the State Credentials Committee Chair who shall notify the chapters that shall not be entitled to representation at the State Conference. Annual State Dues and Conference Fees shall be: (a) for a member of a chapter, annual state dues -five dollars ($5.00); annual conference fee – one dollar ($1.00) and, (b) for a member admitted at-large for the purpose of organizing a new chapter, five dollars ($5.00).

AMENDMENT# 1
To delete **ARTICLE IV – Fees and Dues**, SECTION 2 by striking SECTION 2. And renumbering the consecutive SECTIONS.

CURRENT	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	WOULD READ
SECTION 2. Each chapter shall pay any additional assessments based on membership of the chapter as of January 1, presented by the Finance Committee and approved by the State Conference.	~~SECTION 2. Each chapter shall pay any additional assessments based on membership of the chapter as of January 1, presented by the Finance Committee and approved by the State Conference.~~	

AMENDMENT# 1
To amend **ARTICLE IV - Fees and Dues,** SECTION 3. by renumbering this SECTION and clarifying dues and fees deadlines and transfers and reinstatements.

CURRENT	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	WOULD READ
State dues and assessments for a member admitted or reinstated to membership by the National Society: (a) are payable to the State Treasurer within sixty (60) days after the date of admittance or reinstatement; and, (b) on or after July 5, shall be credited for the upcoming dues year.	~~State dues and assessments for a member admitted or reinstated to membership by the National Society:~~ ~~(a) are payable to the State Treasurer within sixty (60) days after the date of admittance or reinstatement; and,~~ ~~(b) on or after July 5, shall be credited for the upcoming dues year.~~ During the months of December through June, annual state dues and conference fees for new members admitted, members transferring into West Virginia, or members reinstating shall be applied to the current dues year, to be remitted within thirty (30) days of notification of approval. During the months of July through November, annual state dues and conference fees for new members admitted, members transferring into West Virginia, or members reinstating shall be applied to the next dues year and are remitted with the annual state dues remittance.	During the months of December through June, annual state dues and conference fees for new members admitted, members transferring into West Virginia, or members reinstating shall be applied to the current dues year, to be remitted within thirty (30) days of notification of approval. During the months of July through November, annual state dues and conference fees for new members admitted, members transferring into West Virginia, or members reinstating shall be applied to the next dues year and are remitted with the annual state dues remittance.

AMENDMENT# 1
To amend **ARTICLE IV, Fees and Dues,** SECTION 5. by deleting this SECTION and adding it to SECTION 1.

CURRENT	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	WOULD READ
A conference fee of one dollar per member as of January 1 shall be paid to the State Treasurer no later than sixty (60) days before the State Conference. This fee shall be used to help defray expenses incurred in executing the State Conference.	~~A conference fee of one dollar per member as of January 1 shall be paid to the State Treasurer no later than sixty (60) days before the State Conference. This fee shall be used to help defray expenses incurred in executing the State Conference.~~	

RATIONALE for ARTICLE IV – Fees and dues, SECTIONS 1-5.: State dues and state conference fees are combined in SECTION 1. National contributions are sent directly to National, not the State Treasurer and there is no need to receive dues and fees 30 days in advance of the National due date. To align the payment of dues with the State and National collection deadline, Strike SECTION 2 that is contained in SECTION 1. Renumber SECTION 3 to SECTION 2. In this SECTION 3 proposal, this replacement shortens time period for chapter to pay the dues and conference fees for new, transfers, and reinstated members. This SECTION clarifies what months new members, transfers, and reinstatements must be remitted for the current year and which months dues are applied to the next year. Renumber SECTION 4. to SECTION 3. Delete SECTION 5. because it has been combined in SECTION 1.

This presentation contains the Total Revision of **ARTICLE VI – Nominations and Elections,** SECTION by SECTION. First, for your convenience, the CURRENT **ARTICLE VI – Nominations and Elections of Officers** will be printed in its entirety in paragraph format, not three column.

ARTICLE VI – Nomination and Election of Officers

SECTION 1. The Officers of the State Society shall be elected by ballot at the annual State Conference every third year. A majority vote shall constitute an election.

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

(a) Each member shall contact the Chapters in her district asking that Applications and Résumés for State Officers be submitted to the Nominating Committee Chair and to each member of the Nominating Committee. The member applying for a State office must include an endorsement from her own chapter.

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

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

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

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

(f) The report of the Nominating Committee shall be sent out with the Call to Conference.

SECTION 3. The Officers of this Society shall hold office for three (3) years. All State Officers shall assume office when the Continental Congress confirms the election of the State Regent and the State Vice Regent.

SECTION 4. To be eligible for the office of State Regent or State Vice Regent, a member shall hold and have held membership in a chapter or chapters within the West Virginia State Society for at least five (5) years prior to her election and have served a term as chapter regent. To be eligible for any other State Office, a member shall hold and have held membership in a chapter or chapters within the West Virginia State Society two (2) years prior to her election. No member shall be eligible for the same State Office for two (2) consecutive terms, and no member who has served one term in any State Office shall be eligible for any other State Office except that of State Vice Regent or State Regent until the expiration of at least one year.

SECTION 5. A member holding two (2) or more offices each carrying a vote at an annual State Conference shall be limited to vote only in one of the offices held by said member.

SECTION 6. No member shall be eligible for the office of the State Regent or State Vice Regent who has not served previously as a State Officer and Chapter Regent.

SECTION 7. Should the office of the State Regent become vacant, the State Vice Regent shall accede to that office for the remainder of that term. Other vacancies occurring in office shall be filled by the Executive Committee until the next meeting of the State Board of Management, when the Board shall fill the vacancy for the unexpired term. Any member having served in a vacancy for more than one-half of a term in any office shall be deemed to have served a term.

SECTION 8. In recognition of valuable service to the State Society, the title of Honorary State Regent may be conferred for life by a majority vote of any State Conference upon a member who has held the office of State Regent.

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

(a) be made at the annual State Conference; and,

(b) present a motion for endorsement that designates the specific Continental Congress at which she desires to be a candidate for election and shall be made not more than eighteen (18) months in advance of the Continental Congress so designated. Nominations for a candidate for the office of Vice President General from West Virginia shall be made by the Nominating Committee at the annual State Conference. There may be nominations from the floor. The vote shall be by ballot. A majority vote shall be necessary for endorsement.

The next page, and several pages following it, present the proposed amendments for replacing the CURRENT **ARTICLE VI – Nominations and Election of Officers**. **AMENDMENTS # 2 – 7** of **ARTICLE VI – Nominations and Elections** provide a logical transition through all state nominations and elections processes. NOTE: Some are not typed in three column format.

AMENDMENT# 2

To replace the entire **ARTICLE VI – Nomination and Election of Officers,** SECTIONS 1-6. to provide better organization and structure of this important part of the WVDAR Bylaws concerning state nominating committee duties, state nomination process, and elections of State Officers. To amend **ARTICLE VI – Nominations and Elections,** SECTION 1. by replacing it with the Duties of the State Nominating Committee and providing descriptions of the duties of the said Committee members.

ARTICLE VI – Nominations and Elections

SECTION 1. Duties of State Nominating Committee members**.** The State Nominating Committee members shall:

(a) contact the Chapters in her district asking that Applications and Résumés for State Officers, limited to one candidate per chapter unless in the case of State Regent and State Corresponding Secretary, be submitted to the State Nominating Committee Chair and to each member of the State Nominating Committee. A candidate may apply for **one** office **ONLY**. The member applying for State office must include an endorsement from her chapter **only;**

(b) inform the candidates of the requirements, duties, potential expenses, and obligations involved in being a state officer;
(1) Make nominees aware of the need for each state officer to attend all State Society Executive Board Meetings.
(2) To be eligible for the office of State Regent or State Vice Regent, a member shall have served a term previously as a State Officer and Chapter Regent and have held membership in a chapter or chapters within the West Virginia State Society for at least five (5) years prior to her election. (NSDAR Bylaws, **ARTICLE XV - States**, SECTION 6.);
(3) To be eligible for any other State Office, a member shall hold and have held membership in a chapter or chapters within the West Virginia State Society two (2) years prior to her election. No member shall be eligible for the same State Office for two (2) consecutive terms, and no member who has served one term in any State Office shall be eligible for any other State Office except that of State Vice Regent or State Regent until the expiration of at least one year.
(4) No two state officers shall be members of the same chapter except the State Regent and the State Corresponding Secretary; the candidate for State Regent shall have the privilege of suggesting the name of a member for the office of State Corresponding Secretary.

(c) inform each candidate to submit her Application and Résumés along with her chapter endorsement **only** to the State Nominating Committee members by October 15.

(d) As of October 16, if a State Office has received no candidate, the State Nominating Committee will inform the Membership which office/s has/have received no candidate/s via WVSSDAR. All required documents for the office including an endorsement from the candidate's own chapter shall be received by October 31 by the State Nominating Committee. By November 1, State Nominating Committee members will inform the membership of those members who are candidates for each State Office via the WVSSDAR email system.

(e) after receiving the résumés and applications and chapter endorsements on October 31, shall meet in person to review the applications and résumés and prepare the November 1 announcement.:

(1) Four (4) members shall constitute a quorum; and,

(2) No proxy voting may occur.

(f) have the authority to select the best candidates to fill the position regardless of any District not being represented on the slate. Therefore, there is no need for any endorsement other than the candidate's own chapter.

(g) nominate a candidate for each office to be filled and shall obtain the written consent of each nominee contained in her application and résumé);

(h) send the State Nominating Committee report with the Call to Conference.

RATIONALE: SECTION 1, Subsections (a) –(g) present an organized clarification of the duties of the State Nominating Committee members.

AMENDMENT# 3:
To replace **ARTICLE VI – Nomination and Elections of Officers,** SECTION 2. Nominations for the State Nominating Committee to organize the selection and election process by the delegates at the State Conference.
PROPOSED AMENDMENT **WOULD READ**

SECTION 2. **Nominations for State Nominating Committee.** This committee shall consist of one member from each of the five districts.

(a) Nominations for this committee shall be from the floor, provided the nominee has permitted her name to be submitted.

(b) A State Nominating Committee shall be elected by ballot at the State Conference during the second year of the administration. A secure, anonymous vote conducted through the designated voting platform shall be deemed a ballot vote, fulfilling any requirement in the bylaws or rules that a vote be by ballot. The State Nominating Committee and VPG Election Tellers shall destroy the ballots following the State Regent's declaration of election results.

(c) The nominees receiving the highest vote for each of the five districts at the State Conference shall be declared elected. The nominee receiving the highest number of votes shall act as chair. If the highest vote is a tie, the committee shall elect its chair.

RATIONALE: To have state representatives elected during the State Conference by the State delegates using modern voting platform

AMENDMENT# 4:
To replace old SECTION 1 by creating new SECTION 3. Elections. that present an organized, clear explanation of election process of State Officers.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT **WOULD READ**
SECTION 3. Elections.

(a) Per RONR 46:6, additional nominations for officer candidates, accompanied by a chapter endorsement, may be made from the floor at State Conference, provided consent of a nominee has been obtained as well as a sponsoring statement in writing from her chapter. (Refer to WVDAR Floor Nomination form, 2024) Floor nominations may be made if the nominee *provides the State Nominating Committee with a written chapter endorsement, the* (a), and evidence that the nominee meets the eligibility requirements for the office as outlined in **ARTICLE VI,** SECTION 1. (b) (2) and (3), *no later than 15 days prior to the start of business for the West Virginia State Conference.* Any candidate planning to run from the floor may not announce her candidacy prior to the Call to Conference.

(b) The Officers of the State Society shall be elected by ballot at the annual State Conference in the triennial year. A majority vote shall constitute an election. A secure, anonymous vote conducted through the designated voting platform shall be deemed a ballot vote, fulfilling any requirement in the bylaws or rules that a vote be by ballot. The Officers of this Society shall hold office for three (3) years.

(c) All State Officers shall assume Office when the Continental Congress confirms the election of the State Regent and the State Vice Regent.

(d) As soon as the State Regent declares the election results are valid and accepted by the State Conference, the ballots shall be destroyed by the tellers.

RATIONALE: To clarify the modern election process used.

AMENDMENT# 5:
To revise **ARTICLE VI – Nominations and Elections** by using old SECTION 7., realigning it as new SECTION 4., and labeling it Vacancy.

CURRENT	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	WOULD READ
Refer to SECTIONS 1-9 printed in Proposed Amendment #3.	**TOTAL REVISION ARTICLE VI – Nominations and Election of Officers**	**SECTION 4. Vacancy.** Should the office of the State Regent become vacant, the State Vice Regent shall accede to that office for the remainder of that term. (NSDAR Bylaws, **ARTICLE XV - States**, SECTION 7.) Other vacancies occurring in office shall be filled by the Executive Committee until the next meeting of the State Board of Management, when the Board shall fill the vacancy for the unexpired term. Any member having served in a vacancy for more than one-half of a term in any office shall be deemed to have served a term.

SECTION 2. Subsection (i)

CURRENT	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	WOULD READ

AMENDMENT# 11
To amend **ARTICLE VII – Duties of Officers,** SECTION 7., Subsections (b) by adding additional records of newly confirmed chapters, (c) by adding clarification of duties of the State Organizing Secretary as that officer works with District Directors and Chapter Regents, and (**f**) by deleting information contained in Subsection (c).

CURRENT	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	WOULD READ
(b) keep a record of the following facts regarding each chapter of the State Society: name and date of organization; names of organizing members and officers; date of issuance of charter; and a complete record of all officers;	(b) ~~keep a~~ record ~~of~~ the following facts regarding each newly confirmed chapter of the State Society: name and date of organization; names of organizing members and officers; date of issuance of charter; and a complete record of all officers in addition to her annual report for the Proceedings Book	(b) record the following facts regarding each newly confirmed chapter of the State Society; name and date of organization; names of organizing members and officers; date of issuance of charter; and complete record of all officers in addition to her annual report for the Proceedings Book
(c) assist chapters whose membership falls below the number specified by the NSDAR Bylaws (Article XIII - Chapters, Section 19.);	(c)) work with District Directors and Chapter Regents to assist chapters whose membership falls below the number specified by the NSDAR Bylaws (Article XIII - Chapters, Section 19.);	_(c)) work with District Directors and Chapter Regents to assist chapters whose membership falls below the number specified by the NSDAR Bylaws (Article XIII - Chapters, Section 19.);
(f) work with District Directors and Chapter Regents;	~~(f) work with District Directors and Chapter Regents;~~	

RATIONALE: Older information is on record in our archives and at national. It has not been the practice for the outgoing officer to deliver this information to the incoming officer. New information will be kept and recorded in our Proceedings Book for a complete historical record, to clarify the officers with whom the State Organizing Secretary will communicate. (f) This information is now moved to Subsection (c).

(b) keep records of all state officers, past and present, and national officers from West Virginia;	~~(b) keep~~ records ~~of~~ all state and national officers, past and present, ~~and national officers~~ from West Virginia;	(a) record all state and national officers, past and present, from West Virginia;

RATIONALE: Chapter information is collected by the State Organizing Secretary, not the State Registrar. This information has not been passed on to current officers. The information is held in our archives and at national. It is available on e-Membership and Realign Subsection (b) to Subsection (a) and reformats verbiage.

AMENDMENT# 13:
To amend **ARTICLE VII - Duties of Officers,** SECTION 10., Subsections (a) by adding information needed in the annual report and (c) by adding activities that have occurred after the state report deadline.

CURRENT	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	WOULD READ
(a) keep a record of historical and commemorative work done in the state;	(a) ~~keep~~ include in ~~her~~ the annual report a record of the historical and commemorative work done in the state;	(a) include in the annual report the historical and commemorative work done in the state;
(c) prepare the state reports of grave locations, dates and service records of Revolutionary soldiers, sailors, and patriots;	(c) prepare ~~the~~ as an addendum to the annual report a listing ~~state reports~~ of grave markings conducted in West Virginia, including locations, dates, and service records ~~of~~ for Revolutionary soldiers, sailors, and Patriots;	(c) prepare as an addendum to the annual report a listing of grave markings conducted in West Virginia, including locations, dates, and service records for Revolutionary soldiers, sailors, and Patriots;

RATIONALE: To specify where the required information is to be preserved and to specify where and how this data is to be preserved and to limit the requirement to information that is available to this officer.

AMENDMENT# 14:
To amend **ARTICLE VII – Duties of Officers,** SECTION 11., Subsection (b) by adding valuable information to state report process.

CURRENT	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	WOULD READ
(b) keep a record of any genealogy books donated by DAR chapters or individuals to public libraries and to the National Society; and,	(b) keep a record of any genealogy and genealogy related books donated by DAR chapters or individuals to public libraries and to the National Society~~;~~ and, report that as an addendum to her annual report; and,	(b) keep a record of any genealogy and genealogy related books donated by DAR chapters or individuals to public libraries and to the National Society, and report that as an addendum to her annual report; and,

RATIONALE: To provide a greater space allowance in her annual report, if needed, for record keeping of donated books.

Attachment 13 Final Credential Report

April 7, 2024

Madam State Regent, Your Credential Committee Report as follows:

Voting Members and Alternates

State Officers	10
Honorary State Regents	5
District Directors	4
Chapter Regents	25
Delegates	119
Total Voting Strength	137
Alternates	5
Grand Total	142

Registration Report

Members [West Virginia]	15
Guests—Conference	7
Other Guest	0
~~**Total Registration**~~	

National Officers:	0
Past National Officers	3
National Chair	0
National Vice Chair	2
National Vice Chair—Eastern Central Division	3
State Chair of National and State Committees: State Chair of National Committee, Service Committees ---------- 15 State Chair of National Committee, Genealogy Committees ---------- 3 State Chair of National Committee, Administrative Committees --------- 9 State Chair of National Committee, Special Committee ---------- 1 State Chair and Committee Members of State Committees ---------- 28 Veterans Affairs Voluntary Services [VAVS]---------- 2 Total Committee Chair	58
~~Out of State Members~~ ~~Member at Large~~	
Pages	10
Guest [out of State Members, Award winner and parents]	3
Guest HODAR (Husbands of DAR Members)	15

I move the credential Report be accepted

Rebecca L. Davis, Credential Chair

Cc: State Regent

Recording Secretary

Attachment 14 State Bylaws Proposed Bylaws Amendments

April 7, 2024

AMENDMENT # 15:

To amend **ARTICLE VIII - Meeting of the State Society,** SECTION 1., Subsections (e), (e)(1), Subsection (e) (2) by adding clarification of the use of technological communication, a provision for modern voting technology, by adding clarification of tellers' responsibilities when technology is used in elections. (These Subsections appear on two pages.)

CURRENT	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	WOULD READ
SECTION 1. A State Conference shall: (e) if necessary, be held using technological methods, such as teleconference, webinar, or virtual conferencing with delegates being able to participate from remote locations;	SECTION 1. A State Conference shall: (e) if necessary, be held using technological methods, ~~such as teleconference, webinar, or virtual conferencing~~ through the use of Internet meeting sources or conference calls that support, at a minimum, simultaneous aural communication with delegates being able to participate from remote locations;	SECTION 1. A State Conference shall: (e) if necessary, be held using technological methods through the use of Internet meeting sources or conference calls that support, at a minimum, simultaneous aural communication with delegates being able to participate from remote locations;
(e) (1) In an election year, provide information to each delegate for the means to cast her vote by email ballot: name, National Number, Yea or Nay vote response to the question, to whom to send the vote and deadline for voting;	(e) (1) In an election year, provide information to each delegate for the means to cast her vote by email ballot: name, National Number, Yea or Nay vote response to the question, to whom to send the vote and deadline for voting;	(e) (1) In an election year, provide information to each delegate for the means to cast her vote by ballot: name, National Number, Yea or Nay vote response to the question, to whom to send the vote and deadline for voting;

CURRENT	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	WOULD READ
(e) (2) The State Regent shall appoint teller/s from each District to receive votes via email. These tellers shall relay the tally to the State Regent who shall report the results via email.	(e) (2) The State Regent shall appoint teller/s from each District to receive votes ~~via email~~. These tellers shall relay the tally to the State Regent who shall report the results ~~via email~~ to the membership.	(e) (2) The State Regent shall appoint teller/s from each District to receive votes. These tellers shall relay the tally to the State Regent who shall report the results to the membership. NOTE: For further information, please refer to proposed amendment **ARTICLE XII – Committees,** SECTION 7. Replacement: "State Tellers Committee."

RATIONALE: To provide specific information concerning electronic meetings and voting procedures, Robert's Rules considers an electronic ballot a ballot. By striking out the word email, it allows for future technology to be considered, if needed, and this accommodates changes in technology.

AMENDMENT# 16:

To amend **ARTICLE VIII - Meeting of the State Society,** SECTION 2. by deleting "and shall be sent to State Officers, Honorary State Regents, all State Chairs, District Directors, and Chapter Regents."

CURRENT	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	WOULD READ
The Call to Conference, issued by the State Regent, shall contain the following: the date and place of the meeting; the hours that registration will be open; the time the polls will be open for election of officers; the report of the Nominating Committee (every third year); any proposed amendments to the Bylaws; reservations information and deadlines, together with the name and the address of the Reservations Chair. The Call to Conference shall be sent electronically at least thirty (30) days in advance of the date set for the State Conference and shall be sent to State Officers, Honorary State Regents, all State Chairs, District Directors and Chapter Regents.	The Call to Conference, issued by the State Regent, shall contain the following: the date and place of the meeting; the hours that registration will be open; the time the polls will be open for election of officers; the report of the Nominating Committee (every third year); any proposed amendments to the Bylaws; reservations information and deadlines, together with the name and the address of the Reservations Chair. The Call to Conference shall be sent electronically at least thirty (30) days in advance of the date set for the State Conference and shall be sent to ~~State Officers, Honorary State Regents, all State Chairs, District Directors and Chapter Regents~~ the membership via the state email list.	The Call to Conference, issued by the State Regent, shall contain the following: the date and place of the meeting; the hours that registration will be open; the time the polls will be open for election of officers; the report of the State Nominating Committee (every third year); any Proposed amendments to the Bylaws; Reservations information and deadlines, together with the name and the address of the Reservations Chair. The Call to Conference shall be sent at least thirty (30) days in advance of the date set for the State Conference and shall be sent to the membership via the state email list.

RATIONALE: All members who have an email on file should have access to information about the State Conference.

AMENDMENT# 17:

To amend **ARTICLE VIII - Meeting of the State Society,** SECTION 4. by adding the chapter's deadline to pay dues prior to selecting voting representatives for state conference and/or Continental Congress.

CURRENT	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	WOULD READ
Each Chapter shall be entitled to be represented at any meeting of the State Conference by three times as many delegates and alternates as at the previous Continental Congress, one of whom shall be the Regent, Vice Regent or Regent's representative.	~~Each Chapter shall be entitled to be represented at any meeting of the State Conference by three times as many delegates and alternates as at the previous Continental Congress, one of whom shall be the Regent, Vice Regent or Regent's representative.~~ The number of voting representatives from the chapter is determined by the number of members whose dues have been paid to the State Treasurer by check or money order showing a postmark date no later than December 1. One of the delegates shall be the Regent, Vice Regent or Regent's representative. The number of delegates based on the level of membership are as follows: 12 to 19 Members – 3 delegates, 6 alternates 20 to 49 Members – 6 delegates, 12 alternates 50 to 99 Members – 9 delegates, 18 alternates 100 to 149 Members – 12 delegates, 24 alternates 150 to 199 Members – 15 delegates, 30 alternates 200 to 249 Members – 18 delegates, 36 alternates 250 to 299 Members – 21 delegates, 42 alternates	The number of voting representatives from the chapter is determined by the number of members whose dues have been paid to the State Treasurer by check or money order showing a postmark date no later than December 1. One of the delegates shall be the Regent, Vice Regent or Regent's representative. The number of delegates based on the level of membership are as follows: 12 to 19 Members – 3 delegates, 6 alternates 20 to 49 Members – 6 delegates, 12 alternates 50 to 99 Members – 9 delegates, 18 alternates 100 to 149 Members – 12 delegates, 24 alternates 150 to 199 Members – 15 delegates, 30 alternates 200 to 249 Members – 18 delegates, 36 alternates 250 to 299 Members – 21 delegates, 42 alternates

RATIONALE: The current bylaws if followed as worded would use membership numbers that are 15 to 18 months old because our State Conference happens before the same calendar year Continental Congress. The revision provides the numbers for the Chapters and Credentials Committee based on State dues remitted with a postmark on or before December 1.

AMENDMENT# 18:

To amend **ARTICLE VIII - Meeting of the State Society**, SECTION 6. by updating language and adding "date stamped."

CURRENT	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	WOULD READ
One credential blank must be postmarked to the Chair of the Credentials Committee and the other to the State Regent not later than ten days before the annual State Conference.	One completed credential ~~blank~~ form must be postmarked/date-stamped to the Chair of the Credentials Committee and ~~the other~~ copied to the State Regent not later than ten (10) days before the annual State Conference.	One completed credential form must be postmarked/date-stamped to the Chair of the Credentials Committee and copied to the State Regent not later than ten (10) days before the annual State Conference.

RATIONALE: This change allows for the credential form to be sent electronically.

AMENDMENT# 19:

To amend **ARTICLE VIII - Meeting of the State Society,** S ECTION 9. by adding clarifying language, "…shall be approved by a committee of three (3) members of the State Society, attending said meetings, …."

CURRENT	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	WOULD READ
The Minutes of the State Conference or any called state meetings shall be approved in the following manner: State Conference Business, Opening, Saturday, and Closing, shall be approved by a committee of three (3) members of the State Society attending the State Conference, appointed by the State Regent.	The Minutes of ~~the State Conference or~~ any business ~~called state~~ meetings ~~of the state~~ shall be approved ~~in the following manner: State Conference Business, Opening, Saturday, and Closing, shall be approved~~ by a committee of three (3) members of the State Society attending said meeting ~~the State Conference,~~ appointed by the State Regent.	The Minutes of any business meeting of the state shall be approved by a committee of three (3) members of the State Society attending said meeting appointed by the State Regent.

RATIONALE: Any business of the state society must have minutes taken. Approval of the minutes by committee streamlines the approval process.

AMENDMENT# 20:

To amend **ARTICLE VIII - Meeting of the State Society,** SECTION 11. by deleting "one half hour after recess of the afternoon meeting of the day preceding the election" and adding "one-half hour after recess of the Morning Business Meeting on the day of the election."

CURRENT	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	WOULD READ
Registration shall close one-half hour after recess of the afternoon meeting of the day preceding the election of officers. An alternate registered before the close of registration, upon compliance with the announced requirements of the Credentials Committee, may be transferred from alternate at any time during the business meeting of the State Conference, except when polls are open.	Registration shall close one-half hour after recess of the ~~afternoon~~ Morning Business Meeting ~~of~~ on the day ~~preceding~~ of the elections. ~~of officers~~. An alternate registered before the close of registration, upon compliance with the announced requirements of the Credentials Committee, may be transferred from alternate at any time during the business meeting of the State Conference, except when polls are open.	Registration shall close one-half hour after recess of the Morning Business Meeting on the day of the election. An alternate registered before the close of registration, upon compliance with the announced requirements of the Credentials Committee, may be transferred from alternate at any time during the business meeting of the State Conference, except when polls are open.

RATIONALE: Clarifies the time registration closes.

AMENDMENT# 21:

To amend **ARTICLE XI - Finances,** SECTION 1, Subsection (a) by replacing spelled words with numerals, Subsection (b) by adding clarifying language concerning State Conference budgets, and Subsection (c) by adding information concerning "unrestricted budget and deadline dates for dues, fees, and contributions."

CURRENT	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	WOULD READ
(a) The fiscal year of the State Society shall be July first through June thirtieth.	(a) The fiscal year of the State Society shall be July ~~first~~ 1 through June ~~thirtieth~~ 30.	(a) The fiscal year of the State Society shall be July 1 through June 30.
(b)The annual budgets for the State Society, State Conference, and West Virginia Peters Cottage at Tamassee DAR School shall be prepared on the basis of State dues, fees and contributions, payable the preceding November first.	(b)The annual budgets presented for approval shall be ~~for the State Society~~ unrestricted budget and the ~~S~~state ~~C~~conference budge~~t~~, ~~and West Virginia Peters Cottage at Tamassee.~~	(b)The annual budgets presented for approval shall be the unrestricted budget and the state conference budget.
(c)The annual budgets for the State Society, State Conference, and West Virginia Peters Cottage at Tamassee DAR School shall be prepared on the basis of State dues, fees and contributions, payable the preceding November first.	(c)~~The annual budgets for the State Society, State Conference, and West Virginia Peters Cottage at Tamassee DAR School~~ The unrestricted budget shall be prepared on the basis of State dues, fees and contributions, payable the preceding ~~November first~~ December 1.	(c)The unrestricted budget shall be prepared on the basis of State dues, fees, and contributions, payable the preceding December 1.

RATIONALE: Format change to make more user friendly. The State Society has in practice only approved a budget for the unrestricted funds and has not included the restricted funds since many of these funds have to be spent in accordance with donor restrictions or are covered by the WVDAR Financial Policies and Procedures. This change clarifies that only the unrestricted portion is being approved. This aligns our dates with national's collection of dues.

AMENDMENT # 22:

To amend **ARTICLE XII –** Committees, SECTION 1. by deleting West Virginia Peters Cottage at Tamassee DAR School and adding "State" to identify these committees appointed by the State Regent; by specifying State Tellers for State Nominating Committee and Vice President General elections and State Tellers for State Officers elections, and by deleting redundant wording concerning the term of Long Range Planning Committee members that is found in SECTION 4.

CURRENT	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	WOULD READ
SECTION 1. At the close of the State Conference at which she is elected, the incoming State Regent shall appoint the following committees: Finance, Credentials, Audit, Bylaws and West Virginia Peters Cottage at Tamassee DAR School. She shall appoint three members of the Long-Range Planning Committee. She shall appoint such other committees she deems necessary. The term of the Long-Range Planning Committee members is not concurrent with the State Regent's term of office. Their term is for nine years.	SECTION 1. At the close of the State Conference at which she is elected, the incoming State Regent shall appoint the following State committees: Finance, Credentials, Audit, Bylaws, and Tellers of State Nominating Committee and Vice President General Elections, and Tellers of State Officers Elections. ~~West Virginia Peters Cottage at Tamassee DAR School~~. ~~She~~ The State Regent shall appoint three members of the Long-Range Planning Committee. ~~She~~ The State Regent shall appoint such other committees ~~she deems~~ deemed necessary. ~~The term of the Long-Range Planning Committee members is not concurrent with the State Regent's term of office. Their term is for nine years.~~	SECTION 1. At the close of the State Conference at which she is elected, the incoming State Regent shall appoint the following State committees: Finance, Credentials, Audit, Bylaws, and Tellers of State Nominating Committee and Vice President General Elections, and Tellers of State Officers Elections. The State Regent shall appoint three members of the Long-Range Planning Committee. The State Regent shall appoint such other committees deemed necessary.

RATIONALE: To delete obsolete and redundant wording and identify State Committees appointed by the State Regent, including State Tellers of State Elections Committees.

AMENDMENT # 23:

To amend **ARTICLE XII – Committees,** SECTION 6. by adding Subsection (d) that provides authorization to the State Bylaws Committee to correct grammatical and technical errors that do not change the intent of the State Society's endeavors.

CURRENT	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	WOULD READ
NONE	(d) be authorized to correct article and section designations, spelling, punctuation, and cross-references to these State Bylaws and National Bylaws. It may also make other technical and conforming changes as may be necessary that do not change the intent of the State Society.	(d) be authorized to correct article and section designations, spelling, punctuation, and cross-references to these State Bylaws and National Bylaws. It may also make other technical and conforming changes as may be necessary that do not change the intent of the State Society.

RATIONALE: To provide authorization to the Bylaws Committee to correct grammatical and technical errors that do not change the intent of the State Society's endeavors.

AMENDMENT # 24:

To amend **ARTICLE XII – Committees,** SECTION 7. By adding State Tellers of State Nominating Committee and Vice President General Elections and Tellers of State Officers Elections Committees and a description of members' duties.

CURRENT	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	WOULD READ
NONE	SECTION 7. The State Tellers of State Nominating Committee and Vice President General Elections, and Tellers of State Officers Elections Committees shall: (a) be appointed by the State Regent prior to the State Conference; (b) consists of one member from each of the WVDAR's five (5) Districts with the head teller appointed by the State Regent; (c) monitor the voting process when voting is done by the designated voting platform; (d) ascertain the validity of ballots, confirm the count of the ballots, and report the results of the vote, following directives in the latest edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised.*	SECTION 7. The State Tellers of State Nominating Committee and Vice President General Elections, and Tellers of State Officers Elections Committees shall: (a) be appointed by the State Regent prior to the State Conference; (b) Consists of one member from each of the WVDAR's five (5) Districts with the head teller appointed by the State Regent; (c) monitor the voting process when voting is done by the designated voting platform; (d) ascertain the validity of ballots, confirm the count of the ballots, and report the results of the vote, following directives in the latest edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised.*

RATIONALE: To clarify the State Tellers of State Nominating Committee and Vice President General Elections and Tellers of State Officers Elections Committees use of technology and steps to complete the voting platform.

AMENDMENT #25:

To amend **ARTICLE XIII – Chapters,** SECTION 2., Subsections (d) by deleting sub-section (d) and replacing with "(d) send a digitized copy of the Chapter Yearbook to the State Organizing Secretary who will deposit the collection in the State Archives at the end of the Administration."; Subsection (h) by adding deadline clarification for chapters, Subsection (k)by adding title of officer who may serve as a delegate to the State Conference.

CURRENT	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	WOULD READ
SECTION 2. The Regent of a Chapter shall: (d) send a copy of the Chapter Yearbook to the State Regent, State Corresponding Secretary, and State Organizing Secretary;	SECTION 2. The Regent of a Chapter shall: (d)send a digitized copy of the Chapter Yearbook to the ~~State Regent, State Corresponding Secretary, and~~ State Organizing Secretary who will deposit the Collection in the State Archives at the end of the Administration;	SECTION 2. The Regent of a Chapter shall: (d)send a digitized copy of the Chapter Yearbook to the State Organizing Secretary who will deposit the collection in the State Archives at the end of the Administration;
(h) be responsible for ensuring that chapter annual state and national dues have been submitted by the respective November 1 and December 1 deadlines;	(h) be responsible for ensuring that chapter annual state and national dues have been submitted by the ~~respective November 1 and~~ December 1 deadlines;	(h) be responsible for ensuring that chapter annual state and national dues have been submitted by the December 1 deadline;
(k) as an Organizing Regent who receives confirmation of the new Chapter by the National Board of Management after the first of February, she, or her Vice Regent, shall be allowed to represent the Chapter at the State Conference, providing the chapter has the required number of members and has paid state dues prior to the convening of the State Conference.	(k) as an Organizing Regent who receives confirmation of the new Chapter by the National Board of Management after the first of February, only the Chapter Regent, ~~she,~~ or ~~her~~ Chapter Vice Regent, shall be allowed to represent the Chapter as a delegate at the State Conference, providing the chapter has the required number of members and has paid state dues prior to the convening of the State Conference.	(k) as an Organizing Regent who receives confirmation of the new Chapter by the National Board of Management after the first of February, only the Chapter Regent, or Chapter Vice Regent, shall be allowed to represent the Chapter as a delegate at the State Conference, providing the chapter has the required number of members and has paid state dues prior to the convening of the State Conference.

RATIONALE: In this age of technology, yearbooks only need to be sent to the State Organizing Secretary. It is necessary to clarify which Officer will deposit the collection in the State Archives; the due date for State dues now corresponds with the same due date for National dues. To clarify only one delegate is allowed from a new chapter formed after the month of February of the preceding year of a State Conference to represent their chapter. No personal pronouns should be in the bylaws, only direct titles.2: To abide by the National Bylaws as stated in **WVDAR Bylaws:** ARTICLE XVII – Amendments, SECTION 3 **Refer to National Bylaws:** ARTICLE XIII – CHAPTERS SECTION 8. Representation. Section (a) Sub-Section (1)NSDAR BYLAWS (1) A chapter organized and confirmed by the National Board of Management after the first day of February shall be allowed representation by the Regent only, or in her absence by the First Vice Regent

AMENDMENT# 26:

To amend **ARTICLE XIII - Chapters,** SECTION 5. by adding deadline information for election of delegates and alternates and striking obsolete language.

CURRENT	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	WOULD READ
Delegates and alternates to the Continental Congress shall be elected on or before the first day of the second month preceding the month of Continental Congress of each year. Using blanks furnished by the National Society, the name of the Chapter Regent and the Vice Regent and a list of the delegates and alternates, with the date of their election by the Chapter shall be sent, bearing a postmark no later than the 15th day of the second month preceding the month of Continental Congress, to the Chair of the Credentials Committee and to the State Regent. The delegates and alternates so elected shall be the delegates and alternates to attend any special meeting of the National Society which may be held prior to the Continental Congress of the following year.	Delegates and alternates to the Continental Congress shall be elected on or before the first day of the second month preceding the month of Continental Congress of each year. ~~Using blanks furnished by the National Society,~~ The name of the Chapter Regent and the Vice Regent and a list of the delegates and alternates, with the date of their election by the Chapter shall be sent, by the deadline established by national ~~bearing a postmark no later than the 15th day of the second month preceding the month of Continental Congress,~~ to the Chair of the Credentials Committee using the method instructed by national and copied to the State Regent. The delegates and alternates so elected shall be the delegates and alternates to attend any special meeting of the National Society which may be held prior to the Continental Congress of the following year.	Delegates and alternates to the Continental Congress shall be elected on or before the first day of the second month preceding the month of Continental Congress of each year. The name of the Chapter Regent and the Vice Regent and a list of the delegates and alternates, with the date of their election by the Chapter shall be sent by the deadline established by national to the Chair of the Credentials Committee using the method instructed by national and copied to the State Regent. The delegates and alternates so elected shall be the delegates and alternates to attend any special meeting of the National Society which may be held prior to the Continental Congress of the following year.

RATIONALE: This allows for filing credentials by e-membership and provides for flexibility if National changes protocol.

AMENDMENT# 27:

To amend **ARTICLE XIII - Chapters,** SECTION 6. by adding information and forms to be sent to the State Treasurer from the Chapters Treasurer.

CURRENT	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	WOULD READ
With the remittance of dues and contributions to the State Treasurer, the chapter shall include the West Virginia State Society Chapter Treasurer's Report for the appropriate fiscal year.	With the remittance of dues and contributions to the State Treasurer, the chapter treasurer shall include ~~the West Virginia State Society Chapter Treasurer's Report~~ its audited financial statements, audit committee letter and a copy of the chapter's Form 990, Form 990EZ or proof of filing Form 990N for the ~~appropriate~~ most recently completed fiscal year.	With the remittance of dues and contributions to the State Treasurer, the chapter treasurer shall include its audited financial statements, audit committee letter and a copy of the chapter's Form 990, Form 990EZ or proof of filing Form 990N for the most recently completed fiscal year.

RATIONALE: This Amendment clarifies information concerning specific documents/reports Chapter Treasurers need to remit to the State Treasurer; this is required by national.

AMENDMENT #28:

To amend **ARTICLE XIV – Districts,** SECTION 3. by clarifying all positions and dues deadlines, SECTION 8. Duties of District Director, Subsections (e) and (f) by updating language to include "electronic means" and adding new Sub-section (j) that involves reviewing the District Bylaws each new Administration and sending District Bylaws to the State Parliamentarian.

CURRENT	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	WOULD READ
SECTION 3. Each Chapter shall pay annually to the District Secretary-Treasurer, on or before the first day of December, a sum determined by the District.	SECTION 3. Each Chapter shall pay annually to the District Secretary-Treasurer, or Treasurer on or before the first day of December, a sum determined by the District.	SECTION 3. Each Chapter shall pay annually to the District Secretary-Treasurer or Treasurer, on or before the first day of December, a sum determined by the District.
SECTION 8. (e)visit each chapter within the district, if invited, and provide advice, encouragement, and assistance; share achievements of chapters, the programs and speakers' topics and ideas, and assist chapters with new members' orientation and recruitment; (f)communicate with chapters in the district on deadlines, changes, and promotion of chapter and district events;	(e) visit each chapter within the district in person or by electronic means, if invited, and provide advice, encouragement, and assistance; share achievements of chapters, the programs and speakers' topics and ideas, and assist chapters with new members' orientation and recruitment; (f) communicate by electronic means with chapters in the district on deadlines, changes, and promotion of chapter and district events;	(e) visit each chapter within the district in person or by electronic means, if invited, and provide advice, encouragement, and assistance; share achievements of chapters, the programs and speakers' topics and ideas, and assist chapters with new members' orientation and recruitment; (f) communicate by electronic means with chapters in the district on deadlines, changes, and promotion of chapter and district events;

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(j) None	(j) review the need for revising District's Bylaws each change of Administration, and send a digitized copy of the current District Bylaws to the State Parliamentarian, immediately following any amendment to a District's Bylaws.	(j) review the need for revising District's Bylaws each change of Administration, and send a digitized copy of the current District Bylaws to the State Parliamentarian, immediately following any amendment to a District's Bylaws.

RATIONALE: SECTION 3. To align the payment of dues with the State dues collection deadline and SECTION 8. Subsections (d), (e), and new (j) to provide an avenue for the District Director to visit the chapters at least once during their term and bylaws need to be reviewed once every administration.

AMENDMENT# 29:

To amend **ARTICLE XIV – DISTRICTS,** SECTION 9. by adding new SECTION 9. that clarifies the manner information should be sent to the State Treasurer from District Treasurer.

AMENDMENT# 30:

To amend **ARTICLE XVII – Amendments,** SECTION 3. by adding clarifying language explaining that chapters may automatically insert newly-adopted amendments by the National Society without a chapter need to vote on the amendment.

CURRENT	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	WOULD READ
SECTION 3. Any amendment adopted by the National Society affecting the work of the State Society shall become a law of the Society without notice of the amendment.	SECTION 3. Any amendment adopted by the National Society affecting the work of the State Society shall become a law of the Society without notice or vote of the amendment.	SECTION 3. Any amendment adopted by the National Society affecting the work of the State Society shall become a law of the Society without notice or vote of the amendment.

RATIONALE: This clarifies that once an amendment has been adopted by National and the amendment applies to a chapter's bylaws, the wording may be inserted without a chapter vote.

Attachment 15 Report of the Audit Committee

West Virginia Society, NSDAR
Report of the Audit Committee

Audit Period: July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

Date: March 27, 2025

Audit Committee Members:
- **Cathy M. Hebb, Chair**
- **S. Dale McGill, Member**
- **Joanna L. McKown, Member**

The members of the Audit Committee have examined the records of the West Virginia State Society, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, namely the account registers for checking, savings, and investments accounts and bank statements and supporting documents.

We find these records to be in good order and their contents to appear reasonable.

We also reviewed the financial statements of the West Virginia State Society, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, which summarize the records referred to above for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.

These statements appear to fairly represent the financial position and the revenues and expenses of the organization.

Signed,

Cathy M. Hebb

Cathy M. Hebb, Audit Committee Chair

S. Dale McGill

S. Dale McGill, Audit Committee Member

Joanna L. McKown

Joanna L. McKown, Audit Committee Member

Attachment 16 Report of the State Treasurer

West Virginia Society NSDAR Statement of Financial Position June 30, 2023 and 2024				
ASSETS				
	6/30/2023		6/30/2024	Notes
Cash				
Checking - Operating	111,449.59		104,647.28	
District Checking Accounts	-		9,539.95	1
Savings - Blanche Reymann Scholarship Fund	589.13		589.72	
Total Cash	112,038.72		114,776.95	
Investments				
CD - Blanche Reymann Scholarship Fund	13,379.39		13,871.25	
CD - Cameo Club	3,385.45		3,523.22	2
CD - Peters Cottage at Tamassee	5,264.82		5,496.96	
CD - WV Room at Memorial Continental Hall	16,310.15		16,974.32	2
Investment - Edward Jones - Josephine C. Peters Fund	51,635.53		25,737.82	3
Investment - Edward Jones - Josephine C. Peters Fund - To Be Transferred to Unrestricted Account	-		27,296.66	3
Investment - Edward Jones - Unrestricted	42,434.55		46,717.38	
Total Investments	132,409.89		139,617.61	
Total Assets	244,448.61		254,394.56	
LIABILITIES				
Refunds Due	-		248.00	
FUND BALANCES				
Unrestricted Funds	94,412.13		104,468.02	
District Unrestricted Funds	-		6,927.71	1
Board Restricted Funds				
Total Unrestricted Funds	94,412.13		111,395.73	
Temporarily Restricted Funds				
Savings-Blanche Reymann Scholarship Fund	583.26		589.72	
Blanche Reymann Scholarship Fund	2,564.80		3,395.18	
CD - Blanche Reymann Scholarship Fund	13,379.39		13,871.25	
Cameo Club	2,915.00		2,191.03	
Savings - Cameo Club	1.03		-	
CD - Cameo Club	3,385.45		3,523.22	

West Virginia Society NSDAR Statement of Financial Position				
June 30, 2023 and 2024				
Chapter Development & Revitalization Commission	219.36		219.36	
DAR Good Citizens	250.00		-	
DAR Magazine Co-op Ad	-		3.20	
DAR Service to Veterans Committee	50.00		50.00	
Grant - Cheat River Chapter First Energy Grant	-		2,994.00	
Josephine C. Peters Fund	51,635.53		25,737.82	
Junior Membership	412.00		-	
NSDAR Contributions	20.49		25.49	
Peters Cottage at Tamassee	4,036.32		882.34	
CD - Peters Cottage at Tamassee	5,264.82		5,496.96	
State Regents' Gifts	-		1,190.00	
State Regents' Projects				
Davis Administration	8,515.39		6,223.89	
Brown Administration/America 250	10,163.42		-	4
Larke Administration	10,962.72		17,815.03	
Patriot Burial Book/America 250	-		13,585.34	
Tamassee DAR School	117.00		117.00	
WV C.A.R.	111.63		18.92	
WV Continental Congress Event	1,854.17		2,785.31	
WV Pages	1,350.19		2,023.88	
WV Room at Memorial Continental Hall	3,226.82		3,564.66	
Savings-WV Room at Memorial Continental Hall	4.84		-	
CD - WV Room at Memorial Continental Hall	16,310.15		16,974.32	
WVDAR Awards	268.68		467.08	
WVDAR State Conference	12,216.02		16,393.59	
WVDAR State Conference Meals	218.00		-	
Central District - America 250	-		1,300.00	1
Western District - VA Shelter			1,312.24	1
Total Temporarily Restricted Funds	150,036.48		142,750.83	
Permanently Restricted Funds	-		-	
Total Net Assets/Fund Balances	244,448.61		254,394.56	
Change in Net Assets - State			406.00	5
Change in Net Assets - Districts			9,539.95	1

West Virginia Society, NSDAR				
Statement of Activities				
July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024				
INCOME				
Contributions to State Society				
Blanche Reymann Scholarship Fund				1,836.25
DAR Good Citizens				-
Grants:First Energy - Cheat River Chapter				5,000.00
Hindman Settlement School				72.00
Patriot Burial Book/America 250				4,598.10
Peters Cottage at Tamassee - Utilities				(3,146.50)
State Regents' Projects - Brown Administration				(271.66)
State Regents Project's - Larke Administration				7,629.80
Unrestricted Donations				2,226.00
WV C.A.R.				125.00
WV Pages				660.50
WV Room at Memorial Continental Hall				333.00
WVDAR Awards				134.00
Total Contributions to State Society				**19,196.49**
Contributions to National Society				
DAR Magazine Co-op Ad				1,600.00
Friends of DAR Schools				1,045.25
Junior Membership: Helen Pouch Memorial Fund				136.00
President General's Project - Merchandise				1,965.00
Programs				100.00
Total Contributions to National Society				**4,846.25**
Dues				
Cameo Club				275.00
WVDAR State Dues-State Regents Allotment				3,155.65
WVDAR State Dues-Unrestricted				6,401.85
Total Dues				**9,832.50**
Event/Conference Income				
WVDAR State Conference - 2020				(218.00)
WV Continental Congress Event-2023				3,740.00
WVDAR State Conference Dues				1,904.00
WVDAR State Conference - 2024				22,720.00
WVDAR State Conference - Service Project				784.00
Total Event/Conference Income				**28,930.00**
Other Income				
Interest from Checking				437.28
Interest Savings Accounts				0.59
State Regents Gift				1,190.00
WVDAR Directories/Supplements/Proceedings				20.00
District Income				3,482.75
Total Other Income				**5,130.62**
Investment Income				
CD - Blanche Reymann Scholarship Fund				491.86
CD - Cameo Club				137.77
CD - Peters Cottage at Tamassee				232.14
CD - WV Room at Memorial Continental Hall				664.17
Investment - Josephine C. Peters Fund				1,102.29
Investment - Unrestricted				4,579.49
Total Investment Income				**7,207.72**
TOTAL INCOME				**$ 75,143.58**

West Virginia Society, NSDAR				
Statement of Activities				
July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024				
EXPENSES				
Contributions to National Society				
DAR Magazine Co-op Ad				1,596.80
Friends of DAR Schools				1,045.25
Junior Membership: Helen Pouch Memorial Fund				548.00
PG Project				50.00
PG Project - Merchandise				1,960.00
Programs				100.00
Total Contributions to National				**5,300.05**
State Society Projects				
Blanche Reymann Scholarship Fund				1,000.00
Cameo Club				1,000.00
Grants:First Energy - Cheat River Chapter				2,006.00
Hindman Settlement School				72.00
Josephine C. Peters - Hindman Settlement School				27,000.00
Kate Duncan Smith DAR School				107.00
State Regents Travel - Unrestricted				618.89
State Regent's Project - Brown				904.52
State Regent's Project - Davis				2,291.50
State Regent's Project - Larke				777.49
WV C.A.R.				236.63
WVDAR Archives				150.00
WVDAR Awards/Good Citizen				785.60
WVDAR Proceedings				-
WV Room at Memorial Continental Hall				-
Total State Society Projects				**36,949.63**
Event/Conference Expenses				
WV Continental Congress Event - 2023				2,308.86
WV Continental Congress Event - 2024				500.00
WVDAR State Conference - 2023				57.88
WVDAR State Conference - 2024				18,562.89
WVDAR State Conference - 2024 - Page Meals				911.54
WV Pages				75.27
WVDAR State Conference - 2024 - Service Project				609.66
WVDAR State Conference - 2025				2,000.00
Total Event/Conference Expenses				**25,026.10**
Other Expenses				
Audit/990 Filing				375.00
Bank Fees				12.00
Insurance				499.09
Licenses & Permits				25.00
Software Subscriptions - Quickbooks				75.00
Supplies & Postage - Officers & Committee Chairs				132.46
WVDAR Directories/Supplements				-
State Regent's Allotment				3,108.50
District Expenses				2,712.52
Total Other Expenses				**6,939.57**
TOTAL EXPENSES				**$ 74,215.35**
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) - State				**$ 158.00**
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) - Districts				**$ 770.23**
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) - Total				**$ 928.23**

West Virginia Society NSDAR					
Temporarily Restricted Funds					
July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024					
Fund Name	Balance 6/30/2023	Credits	Debits	Balance 6/30/2024	Notes
Blanche Reymann Scholarship Fund	16,527.45	-	-	16,527.45	
Chapter Donations	-	1,068.25		17,595.70	
State Regent's Club Donation		298.00		17,893.70	
2024 State Conference Donations		420.00		18,313.70	
Rcl from Peters Cottage at Tamassee Utilities to Blanche Reymann at request of donor		50.00		18,363.70	
Interest - Savings	-	0.59		18,364.29	
Interest - CD		491.86		18,856.15	
Scholarship Award	-		1,000.00	17,856.15	
Lunchs for Scholarship Recipient and Guest				17,856.15	
Total Blanche Reymann Scholarship Fund	16,527.45	2,328.70	1,000.00	17,856.15	
Cameo Club	6,301.48	-	-	6,301.48	
Dues	-	275.00		6,576.48	
Interest - CD	-	137.77		6,714.25	
Donation to Mathias-Baker Vol. Fire Company			500.00	6,214.25	
Donation to WV Page Fund			500.00	5,714.25	
Total Cameo Club	6,301.48	412.77	1,000.00	5,714.25	
Chapter Development & Revitalization Commission	219.36	-	-	219.36	
Donations	-	-	-	219.36	
Event costs	-	-	-	219.36	
Total Chapter Development & Revitalization Comm	219.36	-	-	219.36	
DAR Good Citizens	250.00	-	-	250.00	
Purchases by Chapters	-	-	-	250.00	
Supplies	-	-	-	250.00	
Transfer from Unrestricted Line Item for WV Awards		250.00		500.00	6
NSDAR Contribution	-			500.00	
Awards	-		500.00	-	
Total DAR Good Citizens	250.00	250.00	500.00	-	
DAR Magazine Co-op Ad	-	-	-	-	
Chapter Donations	-	1,600.00		1,600.00	
Co-op Ad to National			1,596.80	3.20	
Total DAR Magazine Co-op Ad	-	1,600.00	1,596.80	3.20	
DAR Service to Veteran Committee	50.00	-	-	50.00	
Chapter Donations	-	-	-	50.00	
Total Service to Veteran Committee	50.00	-	-	50.00	
Friends of DAR Schools	-			-	
Chapter Donations		645.25		645.25	
Rcl from Peters Cottage at Tamassee Utilities to Friends of DAR		400.00		1,045.25	
Contributions to NSDAR			1,045.25	-	
Total Friends of DAR Schools	-	1,045.25	1,045.25	-	
Grants - Cheat River Chapter First Energy Grant	-			-	
Grant Award	-	5,000.00		5,000.00	
Grant Expenditures			2,006.00	2,994.00	
Total Cheat River Chapter First Energy Grant	-	5,000.00	2,006.00	2,994.00	
Hindman Settlement School	-				
Rcl from Peters Cottage at Tamassee Utilities to Hindman Settlement		72.00			
Contribution to Hindman Settlement School			72.00		
Total Hindman Settlement School	-	72.00	72.00	-	
Kate Duncan Smith DAR School	-	-		-	
Check written in error by Treasurer			107.00	(107.00)	7
Transfer from Unrestricred to Cover Balance - Treasurer will Donate		107.00		-	
Total Kate Duncan Smith DAR School	-	# 107.00	107.00	-	
Josephine C. Peters Fund	51,635.53	-	-	51,635.53	
Change in Value	-	1,398.95	-	53,034.48	

West Virginia Society NSDAR					
Temporarily Restricted Funds					
July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024					
		(296.66)		52,737.82	
Donation to Hindman Settlement School			27,000.00	25,737.82	
Total Josephine C. Peters Fund	51,635.53	1,102.29	27,000.00	25,737.82	
Junior Membership	412.00	-	-	412.00	
Sales	-			412.00	
Purchases	-			412.00	
Chapter Donations - Helen Pouch Memorial Fund		136.00		548.00	
Contribution to NSDAR	-		548.00	-	
Total Junior Membership	412.00	136.00	548.00	-	
NSDAR Contributions	20.49	-	-	20.49	
PG Merchandise Sales	-	1,965.00		1,985.49	
Contributions to NSDAR: PG Merchandise Sales	-		1,960.00	25.49	
Donations to Cover Chapter Programs	-	100.00		125.49	
Contributions to NSDAR: Programs	-		100.00	25.49	
Total NSDAR Contributions	20.49	2,065.00	2,060.00	25.49	
Peters Cottage at Tamassee	9,301.14	-	-	9,301.14	
Correction to 6.30.23 Interest		(7.48)		(7.48)	
Refunds to Chapters for Utilities	-	(1,458.75)	-	(1,458.75)	
Rcl to Other Funds Per Donors	-	(1,563.75)	-	(3,022.50)	
Interest - CD	-	232.14		(2,790.36)	
Stale Checks That will be Voided after 6.30.24 - Ck#1542 and 1548		(124.00)		(2,914.36)	
Total Peters Cottage at Tamassee	9,301.14	(2,921.84)	-	6,379.30	
State Regents' Gift	-	1,190.00		1,190.00	
State Regent's Projects-Jane Larke	10,962.72			10,962.72	
Pin and Chain Sales		2,643.30		13,606.02	
District Donations		1,647.00		15,253.02	
Chapter, Individual and Other Donations		2,570.75		17,823.77	
Rcl from Peters Cottage at Tamassee Utilities by request of donor		768.75		18,592.52	
Merchandise Expenses & Postage to Mail Items			60.75	18,531.77	
Technology Expenses			716.74	17,815.03	
Total State Regent's Project - Jane Larke	10,962.72	7,629.80	777.49	17,815.03	
State Regent's Projects-Mindy Davis	8,515.39			8,515.39	
Flower Bed and Concrete at Fairmont Memorial			2,000.00	6,515.39	
Flags at Point Pleasant Memorial			291.50	6,223.89	
Total State Regent's Project - Mindy Davis	8,515.39	-	2,291.50	6,223.89	
State Regents' Projects - Cheryl Brown	10,163.42	-	-	10,163.42	
Refund to Chapters from Peters Cottage Excess		(294.84)		9,868.58	
Void Check 1463 dated 2.22.23		23.18		9,891.76	
Recharacterize Remaining Balance to Patriot Burial Book/America 250	-		9,891.76	-	4
Total State Regents' Projects - Cheryl Brown/America 250	10,163.42	(271.66)	9,891.76	-	
Patriot Burial Book/America 250	-			-	
Rechariterize Remaining Balance from SRP - Cheryl Brown		9,891.76		9,891.76	4
Patriot Burial Book Sales - Individuals and District Meetings		3,240.00		13,131.76	
Patriot Burial Book Sales - Amazon.com		1,102.10		14,233.86	
Reclass from Peters Cottage Utilities at Tamassee at Request of Donor		256.00		14,489.86	
Expenses - Cost of Books and Shipping			904.52	13,585.34	
Total Patriot Burial Book/America 250	-	14,489.86	904.52	13,585.34	
Tamassee DAR School	117.00	-	-	117.00	

West Virginia Society NSDAR				
Temporarily Restricted Funds				
July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024				
	Balance			Balance
Scholarship Payment			-	-
Total Tamassee DAR School	117.00	-	-	117.00
WV C.A.R.	111.63			111.63
Chapter Donations	-	125.00		236.63
Transfer from Unrestricted Per Budget @ .01 per member		18.92		255.55
Disbursement	-	-	236.63	18.92
Total WV C.A.R.	111.63	143.92	236.63	18.92
WV Continental Congress Event	1,854.17	-	-	1,854.17
Donations from chapters	-		-	1,854.17
Income - 2023 event	-	3,740.00		5,594.17
Expenses - 2023 Event			2,308.86	3,285.31
Deposit for 2024 WV Breakfast	-		500.00	2,785.31
Total WV Continental Congress Event	1,854.17	3,740.00	2,808.86	2,785.31
WV Pages	1,350.19	-	-	1,350.19
Donations from Chapters	-	143.50		1,493.69
Donation from Cameo Club	-	500.00		1,993.69
Transfer from Unrestricted Per Budget		1,000.00		2,993.69
Rcl from Peters Cottage Utilities to WV Pages Per Donor Request	-	17.00		3,010.69
2024 Conference Meaals			911.54	2,099.15
Sashes	-		75.27	2,023.88
Total WV Pages	1,350.19	1,660.50	986.81	2,023.88
WV Room at Memorial Continental Hall	19,541.81	-	-	19,541.81
Donations from Chapters	-	333.00		19,874.81
Disbursement	-			19,874.81
Interest - Savings		664.17		20,538.98
Interest - CD	-			20,538.98
Total WV Room at Memorial Continental Hall	19,541.81	997.17	-	20,538.98
WVDAR Awards	268.68	-	-	268.68
Chapter Donations	-	134.00		402.68
Transfer from Unrestricted Per Budget	-	350.00		752.68
American History Essay Awards - 2024	-		200.00	552.68
Patriot Essay Awards - 2024	-		100.00	452.68
Outstanding American History Teacher - 2024	-		-	452.68
Supply Expenses			85.60	367.08
Void Check # 1490 dated 5.6.2023			(100.00)	467.08
Total WVDAR Awards	268.68	484.00	285.60	467.08
WVDAR State Conference	12,216.02	-	-	12,216.02
State Conference Dues	-	1,904.00		14,120.02
2024 Conference Income - Meal Reservations	-	22,720.00		36,840.02
2023 Conference Expenses			57.88	36,782.14
2024 Conference Expenses			18,562.89	18,219.25
Conference - Service Project Income		784.00		19,003.25
Conference - Service Project Expenses			609.66	18,393.59
2025 Conference Expenses			2,000.00	16,393.59
Total WV State Conference	12,216.02	25,408.00	21,230.43	16,393.59
WVDAR State Conference Meals	218.00			218.00
Refund of 2020 Conference Meal Over Payment		(218.00)		-
Reprogram to State Regents Project - Jane Larke				-
Total WVDAR State Conference Meals	218.00	(218.00)	-	-
District Restricted Funds				
Central - America 250	-	1,300.00		1,300.00
Western - VA Shelter		2,803.74	1,491.50	1,312.24
Total District Restricted Funds		4,103.74	1,491.50	2,612.24
Total Fund Balances	150,036.48	70,554.50	77,840.15	142,750.83

West Virginia Society NSDAR	
Asset Account Details	
June 30, 2024	
	Balance
City National Bank	
Small Business Interest Checking - Operating	$ 104,647.28
Savings - Blanche Reymann Scholarship Fund - Acct#xxxxxx1799	589.72
CD - Peters Cottage at Tamassee - Acct#xxxxxx7531	5,496.96
Interest Rate 4.76%; Matures 4/28/2025 - 13-month CD	
CD - Blanche Reymann Scholarship Fund- Acct #xxxxxx5223	13,871.25
Interest Rate 4.76%; Matures 2/15/2025 - 17-month CD	
Total City National Bank	**$ 124,605.21**
MVB Bank	
CD - Cameo Club and WV Room at Memorial Continental Hall	$ 20,497.54
Acct#xxxxxx8504	
Cameo Club: $3,523.22; WV Room: $16,974.32	
Interest Rate 5.39%; Matures 3/2/2025 - 10-month CD	
Total MVB Bank	**$ 20,497.54**
Edward Jones - Josephine C. Peters Fund - Acct#xxx-07826-x-x	
For DAR Schools	$ 25,737.82
Edward Jones - Josephine C. Peters Fund - Acct#xxx-07826-x-x	
Unrestricted Balance To be Transferred to Unrestricted Account	27,296.66
Edward Jones - Unrestricted - Acct#xxx-09452-x-x	**$ 46,717.38**
Total Edward Jones	**99,751.86**
District Accounts	**$ 9,539.95**
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District Financial Reports for the Period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024
See Note 1 to the Financial Statements

	Eastern	Centeral	Northern	Southern	Western	Total	Adj to Remove Duplications		District Note
Beginning Bank Balance	738.70	1,644.34	2,783.46	691.52	2,911.70	8,769.72		8,769.72	
								-	
Income								-	
District Dues	105.25	112.25	202.75	40.25	119.25	579.75		579.75	
Auction - SRP	515.00	817.00	200.00	100.00	115.00	1,747.00	(1,747.00)	-	
Auction - Other			836.00	522.00		1,358.00		1,358.00	
Donations					245.00	245.00		245.00	
America 250 Grants and Donations	-	1,300.00	-	-	-	1,300.00		1,300.00	
						-		-	
Total Income	620.25	2,229.25	1,238.75	662.25	479.25	5,229.75	(1,747.00)	3,482.75	
Expenses									
Programs & Supplies	38.46			39.95		78.41		78.41	
Donation to State Regents Project from Auction	515.00	817.00	200.00	100.00	115.00	1,747.00	(1,747.00)	-	The State Treasurer received these amounts from the Districts.
Donations to Others	-	-	-	622.00	225.00	847.00		847.00	The $622 is contained in the district minutes.
Patriot Burial Books	550.00					550.00		550.00	The State Treasurer billed this amount.
Refund from State for Peters Cottage Contribution	(254.39)					(254.39)		(254.39)	The State Treasurer refunded this amount.
VA Shelter Expenses					1,491.50	1,491.50		1,491.50	
						-		-	
Total Expenses	849.07	817.00	200.00	761.95	1,831.50	4,459.52	(1,747.00)	2,712.52	
Net Income	(228.82)	1,412.25	1,038.75	(99.70)	(1,352.25)	770.23		770.23	
Ending Bank Balance	509.88	3,056.59	3,822.21	591.82	1,559.45	9,539.95		9,539.95	
Unrestricted	509.88	1,756.59	3,822.21	591.82	247.21	6,927.71		6,927.71	
Restricted	-	1,300.00	-	-	1,312.24	2,612.24		2,612.24	

Notes to the Financial Statements

1 The five (5) districts of the West Virginia State organization do not hold separate tax-exempt status with he IRS. The Guide for Chapter and State Treasurers, Document No. TG-3000, revised November 2024 states that, "Since the subordinate organizations do not hold separate tax-exempt status with the IRS, the financial activity of these groups must be consolidated onto the financial records of the state organization. State treasurers therefore must keep complete, centralized financial records for all state activities, including subordinates. No state-related activity should be "off the books" of the state organization. The subordinate organizations must provide reports to the state treasurer of all income received (identified by type) and of all expenses incurred (identified by type). All expenses must be documented with invoices or receipts. Providing this information to the state treasurer permits tracking in the state's records of the financial acitivity of these subordinates. The documents sent by the subordinates must be maintained in the files of the state treasurer.

The state treasurer received financial statements from all five districts but did not ask for invoices or receipts for the expenses for the Fiscal Year 2024; however, sixty percent of the district expenses were either donations to the state organization, billed by the state organization, contained in the district minutes or an expense refunded by the state organization. The state treasurer will inform the districts that beginning with Fiscal Year 2025, receipts must be provided to the state treasurer.

The change in nets assets - districts is the retained earnings of the prior periods not reported on the state financials of $8,769.72 plus net income for the year of $770.23.

2 The total CD balance at June 20, 2024 is $20,297.25. This CD matures on March 2, 2025 and will be split back into two CD's at City National Bank. 82.82 percent of the earnings is allocated to the WV Room and 17.18 percent of the earnings is allocated to the Cameo Club.

3 On April 2, 2024, the Society cut a check to Hindman Settlement School out of the operating account in the amount of $27,000. Edward Jones was suppose to have transferred this amount to the Society's operating account and did not. Because the Treasurer had a major surgery at the end of April, this was not followed-up on until January 2025.

The $27,296.66 represents the $27,0000 in the account that needs to be recharacterized as unrestricted funds plus the Unrealized Gain/Loss of $296.66 from April through June 2024. An additional adjustment to the account for Unrealized Gain/Loss from July 2024 through January 2025 will need to be made.

4 Cheryl Brown's State Regent Project Balance that came from her merchandise sales and the sales of the Patriot Burial Book is recharacterized to Patriot Burial Book/America 250 Fund.

5 The change in net assets for the state organization of $406.00 is the net income of $158.00 plus the liabilities of $248.00

6 We believe National was suppose to have reimbursed the state $500.00; however, we only received $250. Until this is resolved, $250 from amount budgeted in the WVDAR awards fund was used to offset the loss.

7 The Treasurer erroneously sent Kate Duncan Smith DAR School $107.00. The restricted loss is taken from the unrestricted funds; however, the treasurer will make a donation in this amount.

Attachment 17 – Report of the Finance Committee

West Virginia State Society
National Society Daughters of the American Revolution
Budget for 120th WVDAR State Conference
2025 WVDAR State Conference Budget

Income	**Budget**
WVDAR State Conference Dues (1890 members @ $1 per member)	$1,890.00
State Conference Meals	24,201.00
Page Meal Fund	3,000.00
Moved from Conference Reserve Fund	6,348.29
Total Income	$35,439.29
Expenses	
Room Rental	$4,337.50
Venue Expenses (Risers)	600.00
Postage - Credentials	41.97
Memorial Flowers (39)	300.00
Guest Room - Jenny Storage	288.15
Guest Rooms - Visiting Regents, Photographer (2)	576.30
speaker room (1*1)	96.05
Hospitality Room	0.00
Conference Meals	21,764.54
Page Meals and Party	3,000.00
Page Sashes	66.78
A/V Equipment	1,250.00
Meal Tickets	125.00
Name Tags and Ribbons	43.00
Certificates and Folders	0.00
Conference Flowers	0.00
Conference Programs	1,000.00
Memorial Service Programs	250.00
Honorariums	1,000.00
Guest gifts	300.00
Speakers Gifts	100.00
Conference gifts	300.00
Printing	0.00
Registration Supplies	0.00
Auction Tickets and goody bags	0.00
Music	0.00
Auction cups	0.00
Contingency Funds	0.00
Total Expenses	$35,439.29

Respectfully Submitted:
Karen Kurilko, Chair
Annetta Siers
Brenda Durham
Susan Garrett
Susan Tucker

West Virginia Society
National Society Daughters of the American Revolution
Proposed Budget for July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

Estimated Unrestricted Balance as of July 1, 2025			**$117,584.00**
Income:		**Budget**	
	State Dues 1,890 members @ $5 per member)	$ 9,450.00	
	West Virginia Checking Account Interest	360.00	
	Magazine Co-op (39 of 40 chapters paying $40)	1,560.00	
	Other Unrestricted Donations - Individuals, DARlings Auction, Other	1,175.00	
	Total Income:	**$12,545.00**	
Expenses:			
	State Regent (1/3 of State Dues)	$ 3,150.00	
	WV C.A.R.	25.00	
	WV Secretary of State Annual Report Fee	25.00	
	DAR Magazine (greater of charges or Chapter contributions)	1,600.00	
	State Officers & Chairs (supplies, printing, postage & software)	500.00	
	Chapter Regent's Pin for New Chapter	145.00	
	WV Directories/Supplement	-	
	State Proceedings Printing (Total withdraw in 3rd Year)	-	
	Liability Insurance	500.00	
	Audit	200.00	
	990 EZ Filing	375.00	
	WV Archives - Marshall University	150.00	
	State Education Awards	600.00	
	Outstanding Teacher *($200.00)*		
	High School Essay Winner *($100.00)*		
	American History Essay Winner $50 each *($200.00)*		
	Medals/Certficates *($100.00)*		
	Travel	2,000.00	
	State Page Fund	1,000.00	
	Continental Congress Corsages for State Regent, Vice Regent	140.00	
	WV Continental Congress Event	-	
	WV Room at Memorial Continental Hall	-	
	Unrestricted Contingency Fund	2,135.00	
	Total Expenses:	**$12,545.00**	
Estimated Ending Unrestricted Balance as of June 30, 2026			**$117,584.00**

Respectfully Submitted:

Karen Kurilko, Chair
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Brenda Durham
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Attachment 18 - Proposed Amendments to the Financial Policies

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<tr><td>Current Language</td><td>Proposed Language</td><td>As Amended Language/Rationale</td></tr>
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a. Funds equivalent to a minimum of two years of budgeted operating expenses will be maintained in operating accounts, i.e., checking accounts, interest bearing savings accounts, and/or money market accounts.</td><td>ASSET MANAGEMENT – 2. Investment Policy

a. <s>Funds equivalent to a minimum of two years of budgeted operating expenses</s> A minimum of $50,000 cash will be maintained in operating accounts, i.e., checking accounts, interest bearing savings accounts, and/or money market accounts.</td><td>ASSET MANAGEMENT – 2. Investment Policy

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c. The State Board of Management will approve the transfer of funds from operating accounts to investment accounts.</td><td>ASSET MANAGEMENT – 2. Investment Policy

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<tr><td>FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING – 3. Bank Reconciliations

a.The State Treasurer will reconcile the check register for the operating account against bank statements and QuickBooks Online operating accounts within 30 days of the close of the month.</td><td>FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING – 3. Bank Reconciliations

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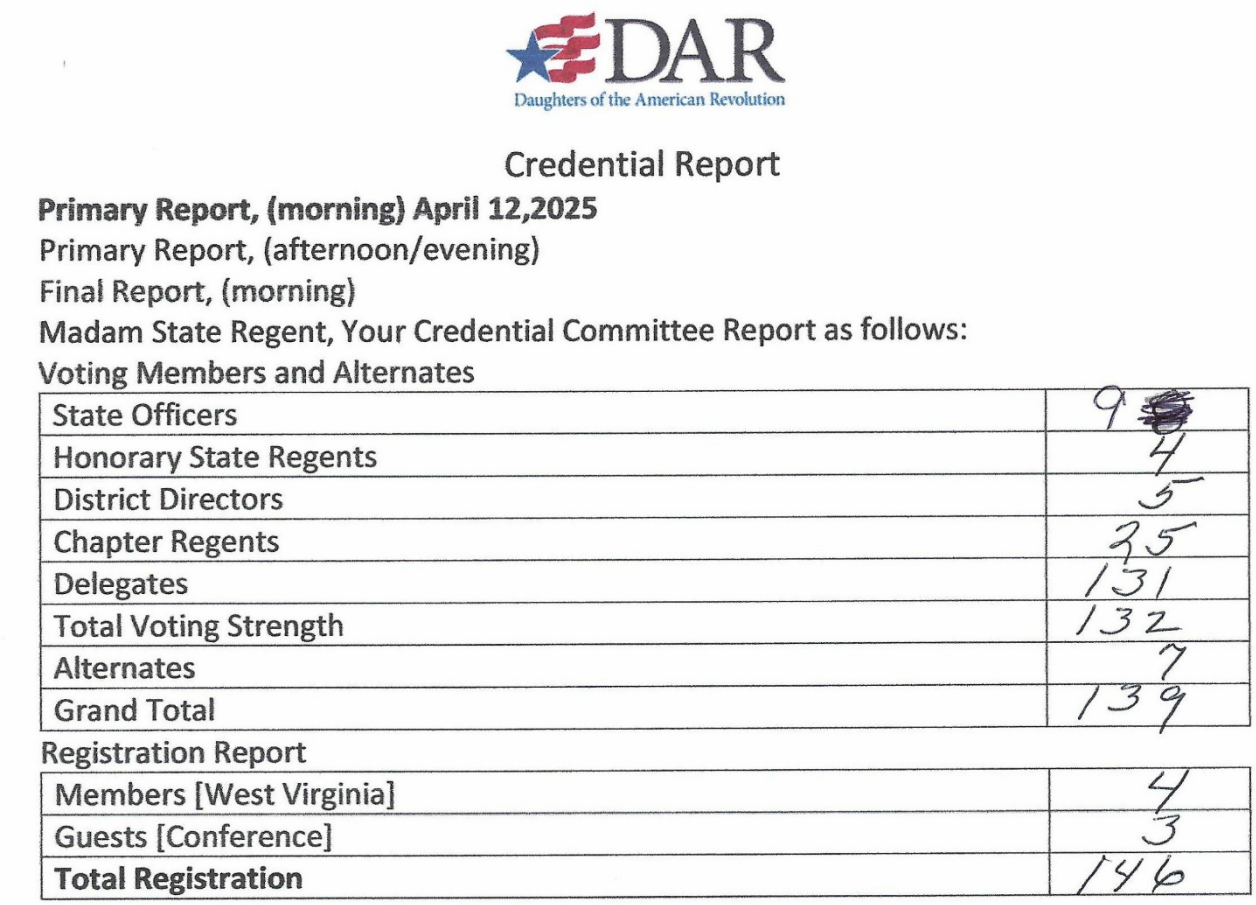
EXPENSES AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE – 5. Disbursements from Selected Funds – a. Temporarily Restricted: ii. Blanche L. Reymann Scholarship Fund. A month before the first District meeting each year, the State Treasurer will coordinate with the State Chair, Blanche L. Reymann Scholarship Fund to learn the name of the scholarship winner. The State Treasurer will provide a check, payable to the winner, for $1000 to the State Chair for presentation to the winner at the appropriate District meeting. The payment will be made from scholarship funds in the State Society's checking account and/or the Blanche L. Reymann Scholarship Fund certificate of deposit.	**EXPENSES AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE – 5. Disbursements from Selected Funds – a. Temporarily Restricted:** ii. Blanche L. Reymann Scholarship Fund. A month before the first District meeting each year, the State Treasurer will coordinate with the State Chair, Blanche L. Reymann Scholarship Fund to learn the name of the scholarship winner. **State Chair, Blanche L. Reymann Scholarship Fund will provide the name of the scholarship winner to the State Treasurer.** The State Treasurer will provide a check, payable to the winner, for $1,000 to the State Chair for presentation to the winner at the appropriate District meeting. The payment will be made from scholarship funds in the State Society's checking account and/or the Blanche L. Reymann Scholarship Fund certificate of deposit. **The State Chair may from time to time increase the amount of the scholarship in an amount no greater than $500 if the fund balance exceeds $15,000.**	**EXPENSES AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE – 5. Disbursements from Selected Funds – a. Temporarily Restricted:** ii. Blanche L. Reymann Scholarship Fund. A month before the first District meeting each year, the State Chair, Blanche L. Reymann Scholarship Fund will provide the name of the scholarship winner to the State Treasurer. The State Treasurer will provide a check, payable to the winner, for $1,000 to the State Chair for presentation to the winner at the appropriate District meeting. The payment will be made from scholarship funds in the State Society's checking account and/or the Blanche L. Reymann Scholarship Fund certificate of deposit. The State Chair may from time to time increase the amount of the scholarship in an amount no greater than $500 if the fund balance exceeds $15,000.
Rationale: Based on the current fund value and the annual support for this fund, this change will give the Chair flexibility to make a larger award which may generate more interest in the scholarship.		
Motion 5: By direction of the Executive Committee, I move that		
EXPENSES AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE – 5. Disbursements from Selected Funds – a. Temporarily Restricted: iv. DAR Good Citizens Committee. In April each year, the State Treasurer will coordinate with the State Chair, DAR Good Citizens Committee to learn the name of the state DAR Good Citizen. The State	**EXPENSES AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE – 5. Disbursements from Selected Funds – a. Temporarily Restricted:** iv. DAR Good Citizens Committee. ~~In April each year, the State Treasurer will coordinate with~~ The State Chair, DAR Good Citizens Committee **will submit the State Chair's Report to the National**	**EXPENSES AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE – 5. Disbursements from Selected Funds – a. Temporarily Restricted:** iv. DAR Good Citizens Committee. The State Chair, DAR Good Citizens Committee will submit the State Chair's Report to the National Division Vice Chair on or before February 25 for an award in the

Treasurer will provide a check, payable to the winner, for $250 to the sponsoring chapter for presentation to the winner and then request reimbursement from the Office of the Treasurer General, NSDAR by contacting the National Chair, DAR Good Citizens Committee.	**Division Vice Chair on or before February 25 for an award in the amount of $500. National will use this report to reimburse the $500 to the state.** ~~to learn the name of the state DAR Good Citizen.~~ The State Treasurer will provide a check, payable to the winner, for $**500** upon request of the ~~$250 to the sponsoring chapter for presentation to the winner and then request reimbursement from the Office of the Treasurer General, NSDAR by contacting the National Chair,~~ DAR Good Citizens Committee Chair.	amount of $500. National will use this report to reimburse the $500 to the state. The State Treasurer will provide a check, payable to the winner, for $500 upon request of the DAR Good Citizens Committee Chair.
Rationale: This updates the language to reflect the current amount of the award and the process for receiving reimbursement.		
Motion 6: By direction of the Executive Committee, I move that		
EXPENSES AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE – 5. Disbursements from Selected Funds – a. Temporarily Restricted: **vi. DAR School Pins. The State Chair, DAR School Committee will oversee the sale of DAR School Pins within the state. Upon receipt of funds from the sales, the State Treasurer will pay the full amount of the sales to NSDAR, ATTN: DAR Store, by sending a check, payable to the Treasurer General, NSDAR, accompanied by an explanatory letter.** **ix. Peters Cottage at Tamassee DAR School. The State Treasurer will coordinate with the State Chair, West Virginia Cottage at Tamassee Committee and State Regent on the payment of bills involving the upkeep of the Peters Cottage. Once approval is granted, the State Treasurer will remit payment to the Tamassee DAR School. Payment will be made from the Peters Cottage at**	**EXPENSES AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE – 5. Disbursements from Selected Funds – a. Temporarily Restricted:** **These three paragraphs shall be deleted in their entirety and the paragraphs renumbered**	**EXPENSES AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE – 5. Disbursements from Selected Funds – a. Temporarily Restricted:**

Tamassee DAR School funds in the State Society's checking account, Peters Cottage at Tamassee DAR School certificate of deposit and/or Josephine C. Peters Fund. Information on the Josephine C. Peters Fund and the guidelines for Tamassee DAR School sponsored buildings are at Appendices A and B, respectively. **x. Peters Cottage at Tamassee DAR School – Utilities. Each month, the State Treasurer should receive a report from the Tamassee DAR School detailing bills for utilities and general repairs for the Peters Cottage. If the State Treasurer does not receive the report, she should contact the Bookkeeper at the Tamassee DAR School and request a copy. The State Treasurer will remit payment of routine utility bills.**		
Rationale: These programs and funds have been discontinued.		
Motion 7: By direction of the Executive Committee, I move that		
APPENDIX B: TAMASSEE DAR SCHOOL SPONSORED BUILDING GUIDELINES	**Appendix A is deleted in its entirety.**	
Rationale: This program has been discontinued.		

Attachment 19 – Report of the Credential Committee

April 12, 2025



DAR
Daughters of the American Revolution

Credential Report

Primary Report, (morning) April 12,2025
Primary Report, (afternoon/evening)
Final Report, (morning)
Madam State Regent, Your Credential Committee Report as follows:
Voting Members and Alternates

State Officers	9
Honorary State Regents	4
District Directors	5
Chapter Regents	25
Delegates	131
Total Voting Strength	132
Alternates	7
Grand Total	139

Registration Report

Members [West Virginia]	4
Guests [Conference]	3
Total Registration	146

I move the credential Report be accepted
Rebecca L. Davis, Credential Chair
Cc: State Regent
Recording Secretary

Attachment 20 Report of the Credential Committee

April 13, 2025

DAR
Daughters of the American Revolution

Credential Report

Primary Report, (morning)
Primary Report, (afternoon/evening)
Final Report, April 13, 2025 (Sunday Morning]
Madam State Regent, Your Credential Committee Report as follows:
Voting Members and Alternates

State Officers	9
Honorary State Regents	4
District Directors	5
Chapter Regents	26
Delegates	146
Total Voting Strength	152
Alternates	5

Registration Report

Members [West Virginia]	6
Guests—Conference	3
Total Registration	166

National Officers: [WV] 0 [Out of State] 1	1
Past National Officers: of WV	3
National Chairman:	0
National Vice Chairman	2
National Vice Chairman—Eastern Central Division	5
National Committee Members	4

State Chairs of National Committee:		
Veterans Affairs Voluntary Services [VAVS]	7	
Service Committees	23	
Genealogy Committees	7	
Administrative Committees	11	
Special Committee	2	
Total Committee Chair (State Committee)	34	74
Out of State Members		2
Members at Large		1
Pages		17
Guest & Awardees		14
HODAR [Husbands of DAR Members]		18