



West Virginia DAR News

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

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



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State Regent's Message

A Year of Triumph and the Road Ahead

As we look back on a year filled with success we also turn our gaze forward to a summer of service, commemoration and celebration.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to all our members and chapters for their outstanding achievements. Your dedication is the driving force behind our organization's success. A special thank you to everyone who attended the state conference and to all those who contributed to its success. We certainly enjoyed our time in Eastern District. The conference photographer's site is unaffiliated with WVDAR, but for those wanting to see the professional photos you will find it [here](#).

As we continue to build on our momentum, we are reminded of several upcoming opportunities that will bring us together in the spirit of community and remembrance.

- Memorial Day—A solemn day to honor the sacrifices of those who have served our nation
- Flag Day—A day to proudly display our nation's flag and reflect on our shared values
- Conservation activities—ongoing throughout the summer—local clean-ups; pollinator gardens
- 80th Anniversary of D-Day—June 6, 2024—A day to honor the bravery and sacrifice of the Greatest Generation
- Continental Congress—June 26-June 30—Sparkle and Rejoice in our DAR Ties
- Another summer task that you should plan to do, if you have not yet, is to apply for your \$500 celebration grant. Remember these projects must be completed by the end of February, 2025. Please take advantage of this opportunity to promote DAR in your area.

Our district meetings occur once we return from



Continental Congress. They give us an opportunity to come together and plan for another year of growth and service, by allowing our state officers and committee chairs to communicate new information coming from national. Our dates are: Western District, July 20th; Eastern District, July 27th; Northern District, August 10th; Southern District, August 17th; and Central District, August 24th. Look for invitations to be extended by the district directors.

And here's a very early announcement of a date change. Our state conference for 2025 has been changed to April 11-13, with state officers holding their executive meeting on the 10th. Please note this change on your calendars as we look forward to joining Northern District at the Bridgeport Conference Center. Plans have already begun and we look forward to welcoming you.

Here's to a summer filled with meaningful events and to a future bright with promise. Let's continue to engage, inspire, and make a difference.

With much love and appreciation,

Jane

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From the Desk of The State Historian

First, my sincere thanks to Blennerhassett Chapter for endorsing an outstanding West Virginia teacher for his dedicated service. The chapter recognized Mr. Brian Kesterson, who teaches American and West Virginia history at Williamstown High School. Aside from his professional role as an educator, Mr. Kesterson is also a published author and a Civil War re-enactor. Bringing his commitment, skills, and interests into the classroom has won him the gratitude and admiration of his colleagues, his students, and the wider community. Congratulations to Mr. Kesterson for his outstanding work and to the Daughters of Blennerhassett for recognizing his important contributions to education.

Based on your responses to last year’s Chapter Master Report, it is clear that our West Virginia Daughters continue to transform their natural love of history into action in ways that serve both our society and our communities. Fifteen of our chapters reported special activities to honor the men and women who helped achieve American Independence. These included special programs and displays in public areas, Patriot minutes or Patriot trees at chapter meetings and events, and media features through a variety of channels.

Chapters also reported a number of unique history-related projects. For example, Old Hickory dedicated a memorial bench honoring twelve Jackson County Patriots, and Wheeling replaced and rededicated a vandalized monument at the site of a Revolutionary-era fort. Along a different vein, Ohio Valley turned its efforts toward achieving better recognition for the roles and importance of women during the Revolution.

In addition, our chapters participated in cemetery cleanup and restoration, Patriot gravesite re-dedications, and wreath layings to remember those who supported the American cause. We supported



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historic homes and other sites of importance located across our state, and of course, we celebrated the 250th anniversary of the Boston Tea Party.

These activities merely scratch the surface of WVDAR’s commitment to preserve and share our history. Several of our chapters will receive certificates of recognition for their efforts during the upcoming district meetings, but I want to thank all our Daughters for their dedication to the ideals of our society as exemplified by your work to honor and preserve our past.

Sincerely,

Darla Treat Courtney
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From the State Registrar

Chapter registrars and members, please remember to keep a copy of applications or supplementals as well as the proofs you send in to National. This will help out with Air Letters, etc.

National keeps changing things around with supplementals. We were told that the number of supplementals at National is 12,900 right now. If you have submitted a supplemental and get a 1st contact letter, please contact the Support Supplemental Team so that we can get it resolved and sent back to National. Once you make the corrections, please let us review them before mailing them off to National. We can even check Page 2 for mistakes and fix them, too. National will no longer be fixing mistakes on pages three and four of the applications. You may be getting these letters due to citations not being done correctly on Page 3. On Page 4, it can be because the residence, service, or source may be left out. These letters are coming because the applications were done before May 2023. It was at that time that National was cracking down on supplementals. I was told this in the Zoom meeting on May 13, 2024, by the President General.





Welcome New Members
February 5-May 5, 2024

Bee Line

Cesarina Wysong

Blackwater

*Regina Johnson
Deborah Sanders*

Blennerhassett

Madeline Buskirk
Louise Morris*

Captain James Allen

Vickie Aliff

Cheat River

Barbara Miller

Colonel Charles Lewis

Rebecca Farley

**Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-
Col John Evans**

Carol Miles

Elizabeth Zane

*Jerilyn Alderman
Christie Depoy
Terry Morrison*

Elk River

*Amanda Boggs
Autumn Davis*

General Andrew Lewis

JoAnna Perry

Highlands of the Potomac

Donna Parker

Kanawha Valley

Natalie Luppold

Matthew French

Joanna Fredeking

South Branch Valley

*Pamela Bane
Hayley Craig**

Wheeling

*Pamela Gray
Cynthia Hoover
Kathryn Prather
Barbara Stegman*

William Henshaw

Angela Daley

**Junior*

American History Committee

Thank you all for participating in the American History Essay contest and the Patriot Essay contest. We had some marvelous essays to read. In case you missed it, here is a list of the essay contest winners this year:

Fifth Grade – *Kylie Hall, Pleasants County Middle School, Ohio Valley Chapter*

Sixth Grade – *Michael Pahnno, St John Kronstadt, Buford Chapter*

Seventh Grade – *Macie White, Faith Christian Academy, Pack Horse Ford Chapter*

Eighth Grade – *Riley Gerlach, Pleasants County Middle School, Ohio Valley Chapter*



High School – *Camden Warren James Spade, Berkeley Springs High School, Ye Towne of Bath Chapter*

Michael Pahnno, our sixth-grade winner, won the East Central Division, and we had two others that placed in the division.

This was an exciting year and it's time to start getting ready for next year. There is information in the NIP and I'll be updating the SIP soon. We have the title for the middle school essay. . . and . . . (drum roll). . . **a new contest for the students. A video contest!!!** I have **some** information on the contest, but nothing on the judging yet.

Let's keep DAR American History shining! Keep honoring those Women in American History, keep the preservations going and the essays coming!



America 250! Committee

The time to submit an application for a celebration grant will be soon coming to an end. The final report for all grants is due on February 28, 2025. Remember that once the application is submitted

there will be a waiting period for approval and a final report that needs to be completed by the end date. Currently these are the chapters that have submitted celebration grants.

<u>DAR America 250! Celebration Grants - West Virginia</u>			
Chapter Name	App Received	Approved	Event Date
Anne Royall	2022-Nov-29	2023-Jan-18	2023-Jul-04
Blennerhassett	2023-Dec-13	2023-Dec-20	2024-Jul-13
Colonel Charles Lewis	2024-Jan-31	2024-Feb-02	2024-Oct-10
Colonel Morgan Morgan	2023-Aug-02	2023-Aug-09	2024-May-31
Elizabeth Zane	2023-Mar-14	2023-Mar-29	2023-Aug-25
Matthew French	2023-Aug-17	2023-Aug-29	2023-Sep-17
Old Hickory	2023-Jul-02	2023-Jul-06	2023-Dec-02
Shenandoah Valley	2022-Dec-20	2023-Jan-09	2023-May-13
Tanner's Cross Roads	2023-Nov-20	2023-Nov-30	2024-May-27
William Henshaw	2023-Sep-06	2023-Sep-21	2023-Oct-18

Conservation Committee

As the spring weather warms, and the bees start buzzing, remember to plant a pollinator garden or add to and enjoy the one you already have. A pollinator garden is any garden that attracts bees, butterflies, hummingbirds and other insects that carry or transfer pollen from plant to plant or even within a single plant. Planting these gardens, no matter how big or small, helps these pollinators that have lost so many of their habitats over the years. If you would like to learn more about pollinators and how you can help them to help us, please visit the Pollinator Partnership at www.pollinator.org online.

One of the missions of the NSDAR Conservation Committee is to encourage chapters and members to plant Never Forget Gardens. These gardens are officially known as "Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Never Forget Gardens" and are a visual way to "recognize, remember and honor our veterans and their families." The gardens can be planted using a suggested list of flowers, plants, and trees, but there are no

restrictions. They can even be combined with pollinator gardens.

Remember to take pictures of all your flowers and gardens!

If you would like more information on how to get started with a Never Forget Garden, visit the Conservation Committee page on the national website or you can contact me at megashby52@gmail.com.

Meg Ashby
WVDAR Conservation Committee Chair



Service to America Committee

At our State Conference our Daughters showed their "can do" attitude in a very stellar way. I was taken to the hospital in an emergency on the Wednesday before the conference and not released until Saturday. I am fine and have no long-term effects from my "brain-bleed." Thanks to Carolyn Schedyt for getting me to the emergency room in time.



I had planned two Service in Seconds projects for Friday and Saturday evenings. The project materials were delivered to the hotel and the West Virginia Daughters outshone themselves as they set up the projects and made sure they were completed.

The Friday project was a children's book donation with book plates that acknowledged they were from West Virginia DAR. Donors wrote a dedication, in memory of, or whatever they wanted. There were 99 books that were "purchased" for a small donation, or Daughters could have brought their own books. Twenty-three books were taken to Martinsburg Emergency Room by me and Carolyn Scheydt. (This is where I was given my diagnosis.) They were thrilled to get the books. Twenty-two books will be taken to Ruby Hospital in Morgantown on May 28th to be given to the children's wing. (This is where I had my surgery.)

On Saturday, the project was Pocket Flags. These will go to deployed West Virginia troops. We had 300 8" X 12" flags. These were folded into a 3" triangle, put into a 3" X 3" plastic bag with a card that said, "A flag for your pocket so you can always carry a little piece of home. We are praying for you, and we are proud of you. Thank you for defending our Country and our freedom." Two hundred and twenty-two flags were completed. These will be given to 139 troops that are deploying in June. We will give the remaining flags as we learn of troops being deployed.

Without the willingness that our Daughters have of making sure a "job is well done," this wouldn't have happened. I thank everyone that participated in these two projects. You are the reason I am so proud to be a member of DAR.

Andrea Duckworth



Lineage Research Committee

The following WVDAR chapters and individuals were honored for Lineage Research for the 2023 year.

Large Clubs:

- 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 Clubs:

- 1st place: Westmoreland
- 2nd place: Daniel Davisson

Individuals that were honored:

- Cindy Nicewarner (Pack Horse Ford)
- Susan Arnold (Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Col. John Evans)
- 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)



Patriot Records Project Committee



Here is a fantastic way to celebrate the Stars and Stripes: volunteer for the Patriot Records Project Committee! It is your chance to be a part of historic preservation and accumulate community service hours which can then be logged as Service to America hours and all from the comfort of your own home. The purpose of the committee is to index the names of men, women and businesses who helped the cause of American independence from records which may not be easily accessible. This index then becomes available as part of the **DAR Genealogical Research System (GRS)** and can be accessed by genealogists, history students, researchers, scholars and teachers who are looking for information on the Revolutionary War period. You can index names in the middle of the night, with your morning coffee, while it's raining outside or too cold to go outside—the possibilities are endless. And you will have 24/7 support for any questions you may have. Each name indexed has the potential to help increase the membership of the DAR by making research easier for those who are looking to find their Patriot. For more information on this committee or to volunteer to help index more records, visit us on the members only website members.dar.org.



Franco-American Memorial Committee



Regent Suzanne Cronquist, of the General Andrew Lewis Chapter, has been named a National Vice-Chair for the newly revived Franco-American Memorial Committee (FAMC). The FAMC celebrates the enduring bond between America and France

from the American Revolution through modern times. Many upcoming commemorative events will focus on the 200th anniversary of the Lafayette Farewell Tour (1824-1825). There is a toolbox of resources to assist with education and planning on the Daughters Online Community (DOC). Check it out as you plan programs and events for 2024-2025.



DAR Leadership Training Committee

Learning is Knowledge

By Beth Niggemyer
Col. Morgan Morgan Chapter NSDAR

If you want a challenge, DAR courses are for you!

I am new to DAR, only a three-year member.

With the urging of some fantastic officers and great mentors, I am on the final stretch of courses. At the time of this article, I will be half-way through the Horizon Course.

Finding out at the 2024 State Conference that this course would be changing, so hopping in with both feet, I got busy.

This course teaches you to think outside the box, navigate the DAR website and prepares you for committees and or an officer when the time is right.

I appreciate all the feedback and encouraging words from the WVDAR Leadership Training Coordinator Carolyn Scheydt, who is patient and knowledgeable with all the questions that come up when completing the modules.

Any of the new Daughters coming in, I urge you to take these courses, the learning is endless and the resources fantastic.

New Horizons – then & now

Original Course	Updated Course 2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Created in 2014 Legacy content & resources dating back 4 administrations Exhaustive Content: 36 modules/3 Books Required Reading & Synopsis/Meetings/Capstone Project Estimated time to complete: 6 – 12 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updating during Wright Administration Focus on current resources and administration agnostic Streamlined content: 20 modules/3 Officer Workbooks/1 Book required/ Meetings/Capstone Project Estimated time to complete: 3 – 6 months

Streamlined and Consolidated Content from 36 to 20 modules

Existing Modules used

- Welcome to the Wright Administration*
- Governing Documents - Handbook & Bylaws
- Generational Awareness
- Conflict Resolution
- Finding Balance: Life, Work, and DAR
- 21st Century Volunteer

New Modules created

- Welcome to New Horizons
- DAR in brief
- DAR Magazine and other valuable resources
- Wide Blue Sash
- Top 10 Financial Issue for Nonprofits
- Donate with a Purpose
- Parliamentarian*
- Dare to Lead*
- Chapter Health Assessment (CDRC)
- Membership Committee
- Communications
- eMembership*
- Importance of Reporting
- Protocol

New! Officer Workbooks



- ★ Regent
- ★ Vice Regent
- ★ Chaplain
- ★ Recording Secretary
- ★ Corresponding Secretary
- ★ Treasurer
- ★ Registrar
- ★ Historian
- ★ Librarian

New Horizons Parts 1 - 4

- ★ Part 1 – 20 modules
- ★ Part 2 – 3 Officer workbooks
- ★ Part 3 – Meeting, tours and activities
- ★ Part 4 – Capstone Project and Graduation Final Review





Learn More!

Visit the DAR Leadership Committee page on the DAR Members' Website.

- members.dar.org
- Select DAR Leadership Training from the Committees menu.
- Click Member Training Courses in the right-hand sidebar menu.

Pre-Requisites:

A current subscription to the *American Spirit* magazine is required to complete the three courses (Members Course, Committee Leaders and New Horizons.)

Graduation from the Members course and a signed permission form from your chapter regent is required to enroll in the New Horizons course.

Contact Your State Coordinator:

Carolyn Scheydt

carolynscheydt.dar@gmail.com

Yes - there is a pin for completing the training courses!



Earn your first pin by completing the Members course and add bars for each specific course completed.



DAR Leadership Training Committee

The DAR Leadership Training Committee is here to enlighten, educate, and inspire current and future leaders of our society, from our newest members to our most experienced members.

Member Training Courses





Members Course

The Members Course is a great introduction to DAR! Course content consists of self-paced, online webinars, which you will complete from the comfort of your own home. The only requirements are a subscription to the *American Spirit* magazine, a computer, internet connection, and your curiosity.

Members will watch ~30 webinars and fill out a questionnaire on each, attend local and state events, and complete an independent project to learn more about what it means to be a Daughter of the American Revolution.

That sounds like a lot of effort, but you have up to a year to complete the work, if needed. This course is a pre-requisite to the New Horizons course.



Committee Leaders Course

This new addition to the DAR Leadership Training coursework focuses on the aspects of committee leadership and helps chairs learn all about how to become an effective leader, set goals and plan events, and work effectively with their team.

Whether you are a new or experienced chapter, state, or national chair or vice chair, you are guaranteed to learn something new from this course by completing the ~15 webinars and accompanying worksheets, 3 committee workbooks that encourage you to delve into all the available resources, and a fictional chapter service project or event. Unlike the Members course, you do not have to host the event; but the planning process will prepare you for any future chapter project.



New Horizons Course

Members who aspire to serve in an officer position at the chapter, state, or national level are encouraged to complete the New Horizons Course. Completion of the Members Course is a pre-requisite.

After completing the 20 self-directed modules, as well as the 3 Officer workbooks, participating in local, state, or national events, and demonstrating your leadership through a Capstone Project, you will be more than prepared to navigate the complexities of parliamentary procedure, conflict resolution, budgeting and financial tools, and more!

Committee members are available to assist you in selecting your Capstone Project, which is required to graduate.





Constitution Week Committee

Good afternoon dear ladies! Constitution Week isn't very far away. Here is the latest information I have received from National as to what is happening.

Adele Lancaster, National Chair, Constitution Week expressed that "Constitution Week is 52 weeks a year. Were it not for the Constitution there probably would not be a 250th Anniversary for the United States of America." It isn't just September 17-23rd.

Encourage chapters to include the Preamble to the Constitution in opening rituals for each meeting and special event.

There are no changes in the Poster Contest. Please encourage adults and children to submit posters. National will be adding ideas to Constitution Week for "goodie bags and kits."

Let's decorate the libraries, schools, downtowns or any place that you can think of to encourage people about our Constitution. Make copies of the Preamble and pass out at parades, meeting, etc. Show people what the Constitution means to you. Ring your bells on the courthouse steps on September 17. Let's make this year of this administration Sparkle and Shine and let's make our State Regent, Jane Larke, proud of what we can do.

I remain your loyal servant,
Carolyn Kesterson, Constitution State Chair



State Nominating Committee

To All WVDAR Members:

In 2025 the West Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution will be electing new State Officers at the State Conference to be held in Bridgeport, WV. To be considered for a State Office by the Nominating Committee, a candidate must abide by the criteria in the WV State Society Bylaws.

The Nominating Committee was elected at the 2024 State Conference and the members of that committee include:

Tina Seese, (Committee Chair) Northern District - Lcjzgj99@zoominternet.net
Kathy Kidd, Central District - katkidd1956@gmail.com

Barby Frankenberry, Eastern District - bfrankenberry@aol.com
Samantha Shleser, Southern District - DAR.samanthashleser@yahoo.com
Joanna McKown, Western District - joannamckown@gmail.com

When a candidate is submitting her information, she is asked to use the email addresses of the Nominating Committee members as listed above as a few of these are not correct in the state directory.

Each candidate will be considered for the position in which she applies.

If you have any questions, please contact your district representative on the Nominating Committee.

Tina Seese
WVDAR Nominating Committee Chair

From the State Bylaws

ARTICLE V - Officers

Section 1. The elected officers of the State Society shall be a State Regent, Vice Regent, State Chaplin, State Recording Secretary, State Corresponding Secretary, State Organizing Secretary, State Treasurer, State Registrar, State Historian, State Librarian. No two State Officers shall be members of the same Chapter except the State Regent and the State Corresponding Secretary. The State Parliamentarian shall be appointed by the State Regent and shall not be a voting member of the Executive Committee.

Section 2. The term of office shall begin no earlier than at the close of the Continental Congress at which the State Regent and State Vice Regent are confirmed.

Section 3. A member holding two 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 4. If the office of State Regent becomes vacant, the State Vice Regent shall become State Regent automatically, provided she has been confirmed as State Vice Regent.

ARTICLE VI - Nominations and Elections

Section 1(a). Applications and Resumes for State Officers, limited to one candidate per chapter unless in the case of the 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) Each candidate will be informed of the requirements, duties, potential expenses, and obligations involved in being a state officer

(1) Each state officer needs 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 - State, 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.

(c) 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.

(d) Each candidate to submit her Application and Resume along with her chapter endorsement only to the State Nominating Committee members by October 15.

(e) 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 and 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.

(f) after receiving the resumes, applications and chapter endorsements on October 31, the Nominating Committee shall meet in person to review the applications and resumes and prepare the November 1 announcement.

(1) Four (4) members shall constitute a quorum; and

(2) No proxy voting may occur

(g) The Nominating Committee have the authority to select the best candidate to fill the position regardless of any endorsement of any District not being represented on the slate. Therefore, there is no need for any endorsement other than the candidate's own chapter.

(h) Nominate a candidate for each office to be filled and shall obtain the written consent of each nominee contained in her application and resume;

(i) Send the State Nominating Committee report with the Call to Conference.



WITH THE CHAPTERS

Anne Bailey Chapter

Linda Hall of Anne Bailey Chapter placed first at the state level for her American Heritage, Fiber Arts-cross stitch entry, and third at National. She created "Betsy Ross 1777" for the theme, "Celebrating Stars & Stars – Forever in our Hearts Through the Arts."



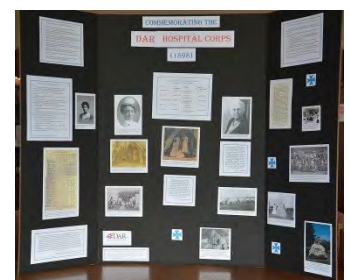
Anne Bailey Chapter commemorated the 125th anniversary of the DAR Hospital Corps with an



L-R: Stephanie Shahbandy, Mary Wagner, and Heather Colley

October program by Mary Johnson that combined information on the role of the DAR and Dr. Anita Newcomb McGee with research on West Virginia-connected nurses who served in the hospital corps

in 1898. The chapter recognized several chapter members who are former or current nurses with certificates. In February, the chapter had a display on the DAR Hospital Corps in





the State Capitol for History Day.

One of the hospital corps nurses—Harriet Camp Lounsbury of Charleston—was especially noteworthy. Not only was she the second head nurse at Sternberg U.S. Army General Hospital in Chicamauga, Georgia, she later wrote about her time there, served with McGee in the leadership of the Order of Spanish-American War Nurses, and helped establish the West Virginia State Nurses Association. Her name and biography were submitted to National as a Woman in American History, and Johnson wrote an article that was

published in the newsletter of the West Virginia Historical Society.

Chapter member Nickie Evenson created another one of her fabulous library exhibits at the Cross Lanes Library—this one for Black History Month.



Bee Line Chapter

Bee Line Participates in Annual WVDAR State Conference

This year's conference celebrated WVDAR's 125th anniversary—a milestone shared by the William Henshaw Chapter, the first DAR chapter to be organized in our state. The Friday night banquet



Friday night's banquet was attended by Bee Line members Darla Treat Courtney, Heidi Ware, Liz Ruffner, Lynn Stanley, Ann Ebersole, Mary Werner, Jean Slonaker, Amy Stottlemeyer, and Marilyn Bremilst.

celebrated this dual milestone, with our own Kylie Miller preparing the beautiful birthday cakes that marked the occasion and served as dessert. Before the dinner started, Bee Line Daughter Liz Ruffner led those assembled in singing the National Anthem.

On Saturday, Heidi Ware, Second Vice Regent Johanna Myers, and Darla Treat Courtney escorted visiting state regents from Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, and Virginia to Harewood and Happy Retreat, where they were treated to special tours of these historic homes led by Walter Washington and Bee Line Daughter Marjorie Gaestel, who also serves Friends of Happy Retreat as its historian and archivist. At Happy Retreat, our guests were also able view the estate Showroom, which is currently being restored using funds from a DAR grant sponsored by Bee Line, and the collaborative colonial herb garden, which was donated and is being maintained by Bee Line.

State Historian and Bee Line member Darla Treat Courtney presided over the "Celebrating Achievement" awards luncheon. Then on Saturday afternoon, Heidi Ware and Darla Treat Courtney presented a program on how to prepare more effective responses for the annual Chapter Master Report required by National. The session was well attended and well received, with lots of questions and shared ideas.

The keynote speaker at Saturday night's banquet was Nancy Shirm Wright, Organizing Secretary General, whose program focused on how committee activities can provide opportunities to support education. She ended her presentation by demonstrating how some committees that are not obviously focused on education can nonetheless present valuable opportunities for learning. Her example featured a project managed by Bee Line's Project Patriot Chair Jean Slonaker—who developed a series of seasonal gift bags for military children in nursery classes at Fort Meade. The gift bags were filled with literacy-related items that were both educational and fun, and that included items for family-focused activities.

The conference ended with the memorial service, which included a tribute to our own recently deceased member Joyce Jackson.



Bee Line Takes National Award in American Heritage

Bee Line Chapter is proud to congratulate a group of our members who achieved a National first place award in the category for group drama. This effort was managed by JoAnn Bailey and responds to this year's American Heritage theme, "Stars and Stripes Forever in Our Hearts Through the Arts."



Other members of the group are Marilyn Bremilst, Sharon Carrigan, Barbara Siebenmann, Jean

Slonaker, Darla Treat Courtney, Heidi Ware, and Marge Zimmerman.

The play, titled "Did She Make It," contemplates whether the United States' first national flag was in fact created by Betsy Ross, as is traditionally claimed by her family, or whether this long-held piece of our national lore is basically fiction. The play explores these themes using a combination of factual information interwoven with fictional conversations and activities. However, the fictional components are based on as much fact as possible.



JoAnn Bailey, who chaired the team of Bee Line Daughters who created our award-winning play

JoAnn Bailey will accept the award from the National chair in June at Continental Congress. Bee Line hopes to debut the play at the Eastern District Meeting in July.

Bee Line Presents Three Hannah White Arnett Medals

The medals were given in appreciation for these members' consistent support for Bee Line-sponsored events over a period of several years. That support includes participation in grave markings, in our chapter's centennial celebration, to our booth at the county fair, and in general working side by side with Bee Line Daughters whenever the need or the opportunity arises. This interaction has made it possible for both organizations to accomplish more together than we could have achieved working alone. It has also raised the

visibility of both groups within our respective communities.

A case in point for this relationship is the Wysong Family Reunion held during the summer of 2023. On that occasion, Regent Ware offered a program tracing the contributions of five Wysong brothers to the cause of American Independence. She followed each of the five brothers through their wartime service, ranging from paying the Revolutionary-era supply tax to active service in both the Continental Army and in local militias representing Virginia and Pennsylvania. She calculated that between the five Patriots, they covered a combined distance of roughly 2,100 miles, traveling in all sorts of weather and often on foot.



SAR compatriots Mike Benson, Stephen Englebright, and Marty Keesecker receive Hannah White Arnett bronze medals from Bee Line Regent Heidi Ware at the 2024 WVSSAR state conference in April.

As part of this event, Benson, Englebright, and Keesecker appeared in period dress, demonstrated and explained how typical articles of clothing were worn, and discussed the weapons and other items that would have been part of their kits.

As a result of this joint activity, SAR recruited several new members, some of whom were installed at the WVSSAR state conference. At least one new DAR member was also recruited, with others expected to follow. Neither the quality of the program nor the resulting gains in membership would likely have occurred without the contributions of these three SAR members to what was initially a DAR project.

The Hannah White Arnett medal is a new DAR recognition. It may be awarded to a member in good standing of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) or of the General Society, Sons of the Revolution (S.R.), for unselfish devotion,



tireless efforts, and assistance to the DAR; and who has dedicated his time, energy, talents, and/or resources to the organization in support and furtherance of the DAR mission of historic preservation, education, and patriotism. A compatriot may receive the bronze medal for work at the local level, and the silver medal for work at the state level. The gold medal is awarded at the National level at the discretion of the President General.

Bee Line Delivers Comfort Loveys for Military Children

May is the month of the military child, and Bee Line celebrated by sending 20 hand-crocheted comfort loveys for newborns at Fort Meade. This effort has been managed by Project Patriot Chair Jean Slonaker, who personally delivered the items to the Family Advocacy Program under the Army Community Support Office.



Bee Line Project Patriot Chair Jean Slonaker holds two of the hand-crocheted loveys donated to newborns at Fort Meade.



A sampling of the loveys donated to military children at Fort Meade.

Each lovey was accompanied by a gift tag that included the name of the crafter who created the item, plus the name of veteran she honored. Associate member Dee Clark (who lives in Kansas) honored her husband who served during the Vietnam War, and Darla Treat Courtney honored her father who served during World War II in the European Theater.

Comfort loveys are appropriate for children aged 12 months or older. They serve as cozy, cuddly objects that can act as sleep cues for older babies and toddlers. Experts advise that the best time to introduce a child to a lovey is when the child is about 6 months old, an age when the baby can begin to view it as a friend. However, such

items should not be left in a bassinette or crib before a child's first birthday as they can pose a smothering risk. Once past this crucial age, loveys can offer a sense of security for youngsters and can ease separation anxiety.

Bee Line Welcomes "Flat Lafayette"

In the tradition of "Flat Stanley," Bee Line Chapter is playing host to "Flat Lafayette," who loves travel and wants to visit as many DAR chapters as possible during this bicentennial observance of his farewell tour of the country he helped to found during his incarnation as the Marquis de Lafayette.

Bee Line Chapter is hosting Flat Lafayette #2, one of 5 emissaries traveling about nationwide. He came to us from the Goshen Mills Chapter in Gaithersburg, Maryland. Since his arrival, Flat Lafayette has experienced one of our chapter meetings, met a local author, and been toured through several area landmarks. He spent an afternoon at the decades-old Charles Town Race Track; visited Happy Retreat, the historic home of Charles Washington; and took an auto tour of other nearby Washington family sites. When traveling past Harewood, the historic home of Samuel Washington, he recalled that the house contained a marble fireplace that he had long ago gifted to Samuel's brother George—the General, you know.

Flat Lafayette was happily surprised to find so many reminders of the Washingtons, several of whom he had known personally so long ago. Charles Town's streets still bear the familiar names of family members, and citizens—particularly the women of this interesting DAR group—seemed highly knowledgeable about many of the battles, debates, victories, and defeats that had been part of his life during the American Revolution.

As for more recent history, Flat Lafayette also visited sites associated with America's tragic Civil War. He stood solemnly in the Jefferson County courtroom where John Brown was tried, climbed the steps to the old town jail where Brown awaited his fate (the building is now a post office), and walked past the Gibson-Todd House, built on the grounds where Brown was hanged. He also visited Civil War battle sites at nearby Harpers Ferry and Bolivar Heights.

During his visit with the women of Bee Line, Flat Lafayette confessed that he was astonished to learn how the roles of women had changed since



Bee Line Daughters shown behind Flat Lafayette as he makes a stop in Charles Town before heading out west to New Mexico

his time. True, as women we are still wives and mothers in keeping with his time, but we are also professional women of all sorts. We are doctors, lawyers, architects, nurses, musicians, business owners, and teachers. Some of us have served in the military (which he found truly astonishing!), while others are conservationists and farmers. Some have held key roles with government agencies, and some have even run for public office! In his own time, Flat Lafayette had been acquainted with women of extraordinary talents—Martha Washington, for example. But he couldn't help but be surprised by the roles we play in the modern world.

Flat Lafayette's next stop will be the Zia Chapter in Albuquerque, New Mexico—very different from the areas he has known either in the past or during this new century he is exploring. The Daughters of Bee Line will miss him and his charming French accent, but it really is time for us to get back to our jobs and our volunteer duties, not to mention the upcoming convening of DAR's 133rd Continental Congress. Bon voyage, Flat Lafayette! Enjoy your adventures!

Bee Line Recognizes Local JROTC Cadet

Each year, Bee Line Chapter in Charles Town recognizes a local high school student for exceptional performance in a Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) program. The honoree receives a certificate, a medal, and a cash award.



Regent Heidi Ware presents this year's JROTC award to Allie Hickman, a recent Jefferson High School graduate.

This year, Regent Heidi Ware presented the chapter's annual JROTC recognition to Cadet Allie Hickman, a graduating senior at Jefferson High School. Allie has received several recognitions for her performance in the Air Force JROTC and has also been recognized as an honor roll student. She plans to attend college in the District of Columbia, where she will major in political science and international affairs. She hopes eventually to pursue a career in the intelligence field with the Air Force.



Blackwater Chapter

Blackwater Chapter members voted unanimously to sponsor a young person to attend the Youth Leadership Camp at Camp Conley this June. The camp, for military dependents ages 9-14, will afford these participants the opportunity to learn many valuable life skills that they will use for years to come!

Blackwater Chapter Vice Regent Daryla Rapp and Regent Cathy Hebb presented DAR Women in American History awards to Dorothy Carr and Deana Canfield for their 30+ years of dedication to the Hinkle House Food Pantry in Parsons.

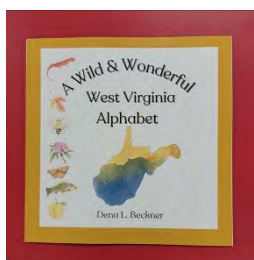


At Blackwater Chapter's April meeting held at Blackwater Lodge, our speakers were Veronica Staron, director of the Blackwater Ministerial Association Food Pantry, and association member, Pat Cooper. These ladies gave a most informative account of what the food pantry is, what it does, and exactly what it means to the people of the northern Tucker County area. At the meeting's conclusion,





chapter members presented Veronica and Pat with the items they donated for the food pantry.



Blackwater Chapter purchased copies of the recently published *A Wild & Wonderful West Virginia Alphabet* for each of the Pre-K and Kindergarten classes in Tucker County. Author Dena Helmick Beckner is a Tucker

County High School graduate (who also is a former middle school math student of Regent Cathy

Hebb). Dena enthusiastically read her delightful book, which took 4 years for her to both write and illustrate, to each of these classes as she and Cathy toured the schools that day. At the



day's end, Dena was presented with a congratulatory note from the chapter as well as a mug which reads, "This is what a published author looks like." Blackwater Chapter members congratulate Dena Beckner on her outstanding accomplishment!



Captain James Allen Chapter

The Captain James Allen Chapter set up a table at the Veterans' Resource Fair May 2, 2024, at Glen Jean Armory in Fayette County, WV. The chapter donated 2 gift cards as door prizes, and provided patriotic-themed giveaways (pens, pencils, candy, bookmarks, small toys, and copies of the U.S. Constitution) to appeal to visitors of all ages. Literature from NSDAR was made available for those with questions about our mission in regard to veterans and active military families. We received several ideas for future chapter activities from other organizations serving these groups.



Margaret Rusnak, Teresa Noland and Samantha Shleser (pictured L to R) were in attendance to talk with all who visited our booth.



Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter

The Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter will commemorate the 250th anniversary of the Battle of Point Pleasant in October 2024. The chapter, in coordination with the Battle Days Committee, the Point Pleasant Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, and the Point Pleasant Society of the Children of the American Revolution, will host a weeklong event at Tu-Endie-Wei State Park, Point Pleasant, WV.

This annual commemoration was first held by the Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter after their founding regent, Mrs. Livia Nye Simpson Poffenbarger, convinced Congress to provide funding for a monument at the newly established state park. Mrs. Poffenbarger was instrumental in establishing the park, saving the Mansion House and beginning a memorial service.

The dates are October 5th through the 13th.



The schedule includes the opening of a time capsule from 1974, the 200th anniversary of the battle, living history portrayals, an encampment, a play about the events surrounding the battle, lantern tour and parade. On October 10, the actual anniversary of the battle, a memorial service will be held at the Magazine from 10:00 until noon. Immediately afterwards, the chapter will host a reception in the park for all attendees. That evening there will be a colonial ball from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Every state officer and chapter are urged to attend the 250th celebration. For more information, contact Diana Cromley, regent, diana_cromley@yahoo.com or Darlene Haer, Treasurer, dhaer@suddenlink.net.



Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter



WVDAR State Regent Jane Larke; Barbara Channell, regent, Col. Morgan Morgan; America 250! National Vice Chair Mindy Davis; and America 250! State Chair and Central District Director Georgette Ward.

The Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter, Fairmont, WV, on May 5, 2024, dedicated the very first America 250! Patriot Marker in West Virginia.

Members Patriot flags line the walkway where the chapter gathered at Prickett's Fort State Park along with fellow Daughters from around the state as well as other organizations from near and far to kick off America 250.

It has taken a lot of effort from many within the community to make this endeavor happen.

Mountaineer Drums and Fifes and WVSSAR



Col. Morgan Morgan Chapter NSDAR Daughters L-R: Sandy Kisner, Tammy Rumor & Willow, Barbara Channell, regent, Resa Smith, Beth Niggemyer, Pattie Norman, and Donna Woodburn

led off the opening of the ceremony followed by Barbara Channell, regent, and Sandy Kisner, Col. Morgan Morgan Chapter, and Franchesca Aloï singing the National Anthem.

Mountaineer Drums and Fifes



WVSSAR Color Guard

Barbara Channell, regent, introduced our special guests who provided brief greetings on this joyous occasion. WVDAR State Regent Jane Larke; America 250! National Vice Chair, Past Vice



WVDAR and WVSAR chapters L-R: Rebecca Davis, Col. Zackquill Morgan; Rev. Tim Maxwell, Chris Vincent, WVSAR; Pattie Norman, Col. Morgan Morgan; and Rudy Vincent WVSAR



Franchesca Aloï

President General, Honorary State Regent Mindy Davis; and America 250! State Chair and Central District Director Georgette Ward.

Chapter members along with special guests unveiled the marker together while each holding individual ribbons.



Wreath presentations were conducted after the unveiling by the following: Pattie Norman, Col. Morgan Morgan; Rebecca Davis, Col. Zackquill Morgan; and Rudy Vincent, Chris Vincent; and Rev. Tim Maxwell, George Rogers Clark Chapter, WVSAR.

Appreciation remarks, benediction, and honor salute were done by Beth Niggemyer, Resa Smith, and WVSSAR Color Guard closing out the end of the ceremony followed by a small open house inside Prickett's Fort, where refreshments were provided as well as a display set up for all to look at.



Display



Daniel Davisson Chapter

Daniel Davisson Chapter Recording Secretary Doris Dean presented the DAR Historic Preservation certificate and pin to the board members of the Clarksburg History Museum in April. Regent Laura Fullen and Dean prepared the documentation for the award.



June will be a busy month for our chapter members. We are preparing Flag Day displays for three local libraries, donating baby items for women veterans at the Louis A. Johnson VA Hospital, and presenting gift bags to new United States citizens at the naturalization ceremony in Clarksburg.



Elizabeth Zane Chapter



The Elizabeth Zane Chapter had five members attend the 119th WV State Conference: Regent Chris Mundy, Vice Regent Carolyn

Crozier, Registrar Georgette Ward, Denise Mundy, and Linda Shomo.

During the April meeting the chapter donated a copy of the *Genealogical, Burial, & Service Data for Revolutionary War Patriots Buried in West Virginia*: by the West Virginia State Society Daughters of the American Revolution book to the Upshur County Library along with a desktop "America 250" flag and several children's books.



Three members attended the 5th anniversary of the Tanner's Cross Roads Chapter in Spencer. Those attending were Regent Chris Mundy, Treasurer Teresa Smith, and Registrar Georgette



Ward.

The chapter has been on a membership roll since January 1. We have had 8 applicants verified since the beginning of the year.



General Andrew Chapter

Our Chapter had 5 members attend the WVDAR State Conference in Martinsburg. Those attending were Regent Suzanne Cronquist, Judy Deegans, Debbie Phillips, Karen Lee McClung and State Chaplain Barbara Holt. Attendees especially enjoyed the field trip and memorial service to the historic Morgan Morgan Cabin. Both Barbara Holt and Debbie Phillips are Morgan descendants.

This Spring, our chapter had a program honoring our namesake, General Andrew Lewis. Our speaker was Dr. Kim McBride, a noted archeologist and historian in our community. Lewis had been a surveyor and discovered the Lewis Spring in 1751 around which Camp Union (later to be Lewisburg) was formed. Lewis would serve as a captain in Gen. George Washington's Virginia Regiment during the French and Indian War. We learned about Lord Dunmore's War and the role of Col. Lewis (later General Lewis). Camp Union served as a troop rendezvous point and training center. Col. Lewis and his troops departed from Camp Union on September 12, 1774, on the march to Point Pleasant along the Ohio River Valley for battle with Shawnee and other tribes under the leadership of Chief Cornstalk. It was a decisive victory for Col. Lewis and his men. Lord Dunmore and Chief Cornstalk signed the Treaty of Camp Charlotte which allowed peace and continuing settlement in the area south of the Ohio River. Fort Savannah (of Lewisburg) was established in 1776. Dr. McBride updated us on recent efforts to improve the restoration of the historic Lewis Spring House and



grounds by the Greenbrier Historical Society and other West Virginia preservationists. We will invite Dr. McBride again in the Fall to learn more about preservation efforts.



James Wood Chapter

James Wood Chapter observed their annual Guest Day April 13, 2024. We are honored to have a visit from State Regent Jane Larke. With the state regent's project focusing on literacy, our program "The Importance of Reading to Children" was presented by Mrs. Janet McCauley of Ripley. Mrs. McCauley is a retired first-grade teacher and reading specialist. She is a volunteer for Read Aloud West Virginia. We are thrilled that Mrs. McCauley will be making her presentation at the West Virginia Breakfast at Continental Congress.



Also at our Guest Day, Matthew Taylor of Williamstown High School shared his Good Citizens Essay. He is our chapter winner and will be attending Marshall University in the fall studying medicine.



The JROTC of Parkersburg High School presented colors. Avery Barton was chosen as cadet of the year and was awarded a certificate and medallion.



We continue our support of our youth and will be sponsoring two rising seniors from Parkersburg High School to Rhododendron Girl's State.

At our May 4 meeting, we enjoyed a wonderful, covered dish luncheon.

Daughters shared family heirlooms including World War II ration stamps, jewelry and an ice delivery placard. We will meet again in September for our annual dues tea.



We will honor the Revolutionary War Patriots buried in Wood County on Memorial Day with a service at the Parkersburg City Park. Captain James Neal SAR will join us.



Matthew French Chapter

City of Princeton Mayor, David Graham, read and presented the Constitution Week Proclamation to Nell Bowman, Constitution Week Chair. Matthew French



Nicole Bowman, Princeton Mayor David Graham, Nell Bowman



Poster displayed at the Princeton Public Library

Chapter DAR member Nicole Bowman and Nell's husband Ron attended the meeting. Nell and Nicole created a Constitution Week poster that was displayed at the Princeton Public Library commemorating the signing of the Constitution.

Six members and one prospective member attended the Constitution Week work party to prepare the school packets. The chapter prepared school packets for 33 first-grade classrooms and 29 fourth-grade classrooms in Mercer County. A flag coloring page, flag, flag decal, and pencil were given to 825 first graders. A Constitution Week 8-page booklet, flag, and pencil were distributed to 791 fourth-grade students.

To celebrate America 250!, two of our American Patriots were remembered: Matthew French (DAR) and General Hugh Mercer (SAR). Thirty-three first-grade and 29 fourth-grade teachers received a digital informational sheet about these American Patriots to share with their students.



Starting at 2:00 pm, the Matthew French Chapter DAR and the General Hugh Mercer Chapter SAR set up stations on the lawn at McNutt House. Attendees

"Colonial girls" making whirligigs

made fabric dolls and whirligigs and shot marbles. The SAR set up an encampment and shared stories about serving in the militia, weaponry and various battles and skirmishes. Also, attendees learned about colonial times—food, dress, and chores—and the hardships men and women endured securing our nation's freedom during the American Revolution.

Individuals toured the Dr. Robert B. McNutt House. They learned about the colonial era up to the 1860s. In the DAR Sitting Room is a permanent display honoring Matthew French and our chapter's Patriot Tree. General Hugh Mercer's display is in the entryway.

Bells Across America was celebrated inside the McNutt House due to the heavy rain. Stella Moon, regent, welcomed those attending the celebration. Debbie Gillespie, member, shared the history of Constitution Week. Michelle Sparks, registrar, explained what Bells Across America is. At 4:00 pm, 14 attendees rang bells in the DAR office while four SARs and two youth rang the outside bell at the Fredeking House, adjacent to the McNutt House, for one minute. Then Nell Bowman, Constitution Week chair, and Nicole Bowman, historian, led the recitation of the Preamble. Closing remarks were given by Pat Mick, secretary.



General Hugh Mercer Chapter SAR members ringing the bell at 4:00 pm

A pristine set of Franklin Heirloom Dolls Little Maids of the 13 Colonies was donated to the Dr.



Franklin Heirloom Dolls Little Maids of the 13 Colonies

Robert B. McNutt House. The set is valued at approximately \$500. The dolls, in their original boxes, had never been opened until displayed on the parlor's fireplace mantel. Each doll is named and represents one of the first thirteen colonies to sign the Constitution. There is a brief bio on each doll. During the Open House tours, the dolls' stories are



told. The collection enables us to preserve the history of colonial America and share how women aided in securing our nation's freedom.

The dolls were a collection of Susan Santon, a departed Daughter of our chapter. Her niece, Ann Fredeking Graham, inherited Susan's collection. Three daughters, Cathy Matherly, Pat Mick, and Stella Moon, purchased and donated a curio cabinet to display the dolls.

The McNutt House was decorated for an 1840s Christmas, similar to when the McNutt family lived there. Individuals touring the house learned about colonial America to the late 1850s when Giles County, Virginia (Mercer County, West Virginia), was being settled by our forefathers. In the DAR Sitting Room, Matthew French Chapter's Patriot Tree, created in 2022, is displayed year-round to honor our daughters' American Patriots. Each patriot's name is printed on a patriot silhouette.

Several items were sold during the tour: 1) The McNutt House-Matthew French Chapter ornament, 2) a book on the Battle of Pigeon Roost, 3) homemade crafts, 4) themed baskets, and 5) homemade hot rolls and jelly.

Stefanie Kopp, a teacher at Athens Elementary School, received Matthew French's Sunshine Box.

Stefanie Kopp, Athens Elementary School



JoAnna Fredeking's home decorated for July 4. Photo by Tammie Toler, Princeton Times

JoAnna Fredeking was presented with a Flag Certificate to honor the Fredekings celebrating American Independence every day. As the seasons change, so do the decorations. The one constant is the U.S. Flag and other patriotic memorabilia interspersed among the seasonal decorations.

Donna Brewster, a member of the Summers County Historical Society and an immediate past regent, is known for her passion in researching and recording Summers County history. She has written two books, *Summers County One Room*

Schools and Gone but Not Forgotten in the Pipestem District. She co-authored *The History of Historical Hinton, West Virginia, ABC Coloring Book.* Donna is an avid genealogist, recording the Brown, McKenzie and Brewster family histories. Her historical preservation extends to structures, too. She and her husband had a one-room cabin restored on the Brown-Brewster Farm. In 2016, they were recognized as West Virginia History Heroes.



Regent Stella Moon presents Donna Brewster the Women in American History award.

Heather Farley and Stella Moon presented a program on the Boston Tea Party. The Matthew French Chapter received a certificate of participation from the Boston Tea Party Ships and Museum for donating loose tea that was thrown into the Boston Harbor as part of the 250th anniversary reenactment of the Boston Tea Party on December 16, 2023. Following the presentation, a Southern Style Tea Party was held in support of all patriots. The daughters enjoyed Swedish Cream with fruit and Ammonia Crackers, desserts of that era and sipped on a variety of teas, including the five teas from the Boston Tea Party Collection.

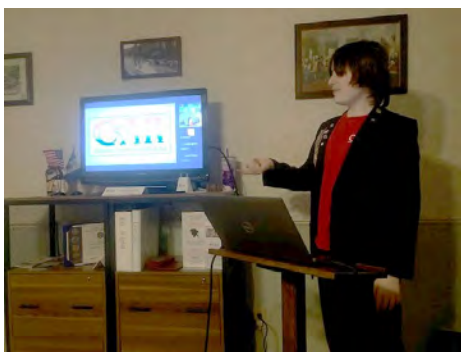


Stella Moon, regent, Jim Wood, SAR member, Opal Morgan, new member, Greg Morgan, husband and SAR member, Barbara Wood, member, Michelle Sparks, registrar.

Will Barton, incoming WV C.A.R. president, and Karen Seguin-Barton, incoming WV C.A.R.



senior president, highlighted the C.A.R. and shared how the chapter is able to re-establish the Margaret McKenzie C.A.R.



Will Barton speaks about the C.A.R.

The Matthew French Chapter welcomed new member Opal Morgan. She; her husband, Greg Morgan, a member of the General Hugh Mercer Chapter SAR; and daughter Olivia, have participated in several joint DAR-SAR events prior to Opal being installed as a member.

Cynthia Masterson, an associate member, presented Lafayette's Farewell Tour, retracing his tour from July 1824 to September 1825 in the 24 states. Lafayette received a hero's welcome with many honors and monuments presented to commemorate and to memorialize his visit. The ladies enjoyed the gingerbread cake, a recipe of General Washington's mother Mary, and French pastries to commemorate this occasion.

Stella Moon, regent; Michelle Sparks, registrar; Karen Seguin-Barton, C.A.R. chair; her son Will; and her mother Eleanor Seguin, an associate member, attended the WVDAR



Above: Stella Moon, Jane Larke and Michelle Sparks. Right: Karen Seguin-Barton, Will Barton, and Eleanor Seguin. Conference Photography



State Conference. Karen served as page and sang in the WVDAR Chorus. The chapter received many awards, including 1st place for its digital scrapbook. Donna Brown was recognized for literacy promotion. Heather Farley completed the New Horizons course and is a Triple Crown winner.

Cynthia Masterson provided a video program that highlighted Bernardo de Galvez contributions

to the American Revolution. His actions aided the American war effort and made him a hero to both Spain and the newly independent United States.

On behalf of the chapter, Heather Farley delivered donuts to Mercer County's elementary schools and cookie trays to the middle and high schools to show our appreciation for their dedication in teaching our youth.



Teacher Appreciation Week



Ohio Valley Chapter

Ohio Valley Chapter and the Dunstan Chestnut

On Saturday, May 18, 2024, members of the Ohio Valley Chapter gathered at the St. Marys City Park for the planting and dedication of a beautiful Dunstan Chestnut Tree in a grassy cove overlooking the swimming pool. Roberta Gellner, chapter Conservation chairman, organized the event and arranged for the placement of the tree.

The Dunstan Chestnut Tree is a hybrid of the Chinese Chestnut and the American Chestnut. The American Chestnut was the most important food and timber tree species in the Eastern hardwood forest. It was almost completely destroyed by a bark fungus accidentally introduced from the Orient in 1904. Within 40 years, over 30 million acres of chestnut trees were killed from Maine to Georgia and west to the Mississippi.



Luella Raper, Neoma Spratt, Lee Eddy, Pat Bills, Blye Grove, Susanna Pierce, Tina Seese, Linda Poynter, Marilyn Rogers, Frannie Weekley, and Roberta Gellner.



The chestnut was an amazingly useful tree. Its nuts were eaten by people, game and wildlife. Its beautiful, rot-resistant lumber was used for everything from furniture to fence posts, and its tannin was used in the tanning industry. During the Great Depression, the loss of the chestnut tree had a devastating effect on the people and wildlife of the Appalachian Mountains.

After years of research, the hybrid Dunstan Chestnut is providing hope that a resurgence of the beloved chestnut will be a possibility in West Virginia. With the planting of this tree, it provides us with an opportunity to watch it grow and become one of many chestnut trees in our homeland.



Old Hickory Chapter

Our State Conference started on April 4 with a cold snowy drive to Martinsburg. That evening we had a wonderful dinner at the Barn at Mahogany Hill in Inwood. The dessert table was outstanding with so many types of rich goodness including Barby's Frankenbrittle. On Friday morning, we made our way to Bunker Hill and the historic Morgan Morgan Cabin. Home of the first white settler in what is now West Virginia in 1728. For Cameo Club, we went to the Purple Iris at Hartwood Mansion. Friday evening was opening session and business session on Saturday morning. After lunch was awards time, and Ronald "Trey" Greer III, sponsored by Old Hickory Chapter, was awarded the DAR Good Citizens Award. Trey is a senior at



Seated L-R: Selma Humphreys, Grace Arthur, regent, Jane Larke, state regent, Debbie Burge, Joanna McKown; Back L-R: Sandra Isner-Johnson, state vice regent, Betty Burge, Ericka Chevront, JoAnn Jones, Rachel Tillinghast, Brenda Chevront, state parliamentarian

Ripley High School. Old Hickory member Joanna McKown was a Triple Crown winner and completed the Committee Leaders course. JoAnn Jones also completed the Committee Leaders course. The memorial service was held on Sunday morning with the WV State Chorus singing several beautiful songs led by Selma O'Dell Humphreys, State Choir director and Old Hickory chaplain. After the closing business session, we sang "Blest Be the Tie that Binds." Until we meet again!

In April of 2023, Old Hickory Chapter member Gloria Batten received a message that Blennerhassett Chapter member Ruth Wiseman Hawkins, age 98, would like to meet her. This meeting started a project to obtain a proper grave marker for their Revolutionary War ancestor, Caleb Wiseman. Pvt. Wiseman enlisted in Lancaster County, PA, just two days after the declaration of war and served two years under Capt. Abraham



SAR presenting Gloria Batten and Ruth Hawkins the Henry Knox Achievement Metal

Dehuff's Battalion of Musketry. He moved his family to West Virginia following the war. When Wiseman passed away in 1835, he only had a stone with his initials carved in it for a marker. Along with members from the Capt. James Neal Chapter, WVSSAR, a ceremony with musket salute was held on April 21, 2024, at the Ott Cemetery, Palestine, Wirt County, to honor Pvt. Wiseman. In addition to Old Hickory and Blennerhassett, wreaths were placed by members from Capt. James Wood, Col. Morgan Morgan, Return Jonathan Meigs Chapter (OH), and John Hanson Chapter (MD). Gloria and Ruth were also presented the Henry Knox Achievement Medal from the SAR for their work on this project.

On April 27, several members of Old Hickory attended the 5th anniversary of Tanner's Cross Roads Chapter in Spencer. They are our Lantern Chapter and started with then Old Hickory Chapter member, Vickie Fulks Baker, as their first



Seated: Jane Larke, state regent. Standing: Debbie Burge, JoAnn Jones, Brenda Chevront, Joanna McKown.

regent. Steel Hollow Estates was the beautiful venue for the celebration with several special guests, including our State Regent Jane Larke. Old Hickory Chapter members attending: Brenda Chevront, Joanna McKown, Debbie Burge and HODAR Joe Burge, JoAnn Jones and HODAR Jack Green.

Plans for summer include: Memorial Day, Flag Day, Continental Congress, 4th of July Parade, Western District Meeting, Korean Veterans event and chapter meeting on August 3.



Pack Horse Ford Chapter

Pack Horse Ford Chapter commemorated the Boston Tea Party 250th anniversary in December. The chapter's float in the Shepherdstown Christmas parade was a replica of the "ship" named Eleanor, one of the original ships in the Boston Tea Party.



The float was made and pulled by chapter member Kim Sencindiver. Members tossed Christmas trinkets to the crowd lined along

the parade route.

Over twenty members and guests gathered for a tea in the home of chapter member Rosalind Grenfell in Shepherdstown. West Virginia State Regent Jane Larke attended the tea.

Members of the chapter's Boston Tea Party Commemoration Committee included Patricia

Wilkinson, Rosalind Grenfell, Lois Kimble, Marilee Cunningham, Patricia Toffling and Katherine Genung. Dressed in period clothing, Toffling greeted each guest with a decorated card listing the historical teas and a raffle ticket to win a door prize. Refreshments were made by Judi Yost, Kathy Kline and Patricia Wilkinson. Tea and cookies were served on china. All in attendance received a door prize.



Samplings of each of the six documented historical teas, like those thrown overboard in 1773, were tasted by the group. The six teas included Bohea China Black Tea, Oolong Loose Tea, Congou Black Tea, Souchong Black Tea, Singlo Green Tea and Hyson Greene Tea. Grenfell, Wilkinson, and Genung made the teas by pouring hot water over loose tea leaves inside a strainer and then the hot teas were served from china tea pots. Lois Kimble gave a brief program on the different teas sampled. Tea was only available in loose form in 1773. Tea bags were developed 125 years later, around 1908, by Thomas Sullivan, a New York merchant.

Marilee Cunningham gave a program on the history of the Boston Tea Party. The colonists' growing dissatisfaction with British policies, such as the imposition of taxes without representation, had fueled a spirit of rebellion. The Tea Act of 1773 became the catalyst for an event that would resonate throughout history as the Boston Tea Party.

Our chapter contributed 90 handmade Christmas stockings for veterans at the Martinsburg Veterans Affairs Medical Center. This





event is organized annually by the chapter's DAR Service for Veterans Committee, which makes purchases and organizes supplies for the stockings. Committee members include co-chairs Cheryl Brown and Marianne Caruso, Darla Ambrose, Susie George, Lois Kimble, Kathy Olson, and Kim Sencindiver.

Gifts and funds were donated by generous members of the chapter. Stocking stuffers included Cheryl Brown, Darla Ambrose, Lois Kimble, Marsha Krashoc, Kathy Sholl, Patricia Toffling, Ann Lake, and Mary Jane Wood.

Christmas stockings included items such as water bottles, combs, socks, soap, shampoo, body lotion, toothpaste and toothbrushes, puzzle books, decks of playing cards, fingernail clippers, candy, winter hats, pens and paper, Christmas cards made by local students, and Patriot Bucks for veterans to purchase items at the VAMC store.

Of special note this year was the presentation of a DAR certificate of award to Wilburta Booze for her unfailing support of the veterans' Christmas stocking project. She served as the VAMC point of contact for 13 years.



Pack Horse Ford Chapter celebrated 108 years of service during a luncheon at the Bavarian Inn on Saturday, February 24,

2024. The chapter was organized in Shepherdstown on George Washington's birthday on February 22, 1916, by Anna "Pink" Chapline Phillips.

Regent Cindy Nicewarner opened the luncheon with the ritual. First Vice Regent Lois Kimble gave the blessing. In 2026, the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution will be celebrated. To jump start the anniversary celebrations, Chapter

Historian Kathy Klein gave the introduction to the program, "The Road to Revolution." This program chronicles a small segment of the pivotal events in 1774 that emboldened colonists to continue on the Road to Revolution and to declare their independence.

The Intolerable Acts of 1774 was given by Librarian Patricia Toffling. The First Continental Congress information was presented by Registrar Lauren Turco. The Battle of Point Pleasant was told by Second Vice Regent Cheryl Brown. The Articles of Association was given by First Vice Regent Lois Kimble. Galloways Plan of Union was presented by member Susan Benson.



Following the program, the traditional candle lighting ceremony was led by Historian Kathy Klein.

Member Becki Hill, M.D., lit the first candle, which represented the past. She read the poem, "Pack Horse Ford" written by Grace Yoke White, the eighth chapter regent. The second candle was lit by member Judi Yost. This candle represents the chapter's present for all current chapter members who continue the tradition of service begun by the DAR founders. The third candle was lit by Johnna Nicewarner representing the chapter's future for the next generation of women who will walk in members' footsteps.



Over 80 local families, teachers, guests and members of the Pack Horse Ford Chapter attended the reception for the DAR American History Essay Contest on Saturday, March 9, at the Train Station in Shepherdstown. Taped music written by John Philip Sousa welcomed winners to the American History Essay Contest reception.



Chapter Chair Susan Benson and committee members distributed contest rules, collected essays from students, arranged for the



judging of essays, and organized the reception. There were 63 essays from four schools with 10 students earning awards consisting of first, second, and third place. Seventh grader Macie White also won first place at the state level and for the East Central Division.

Monetary awards were presented to three Jefferson High School United States Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) cadets on Tuesday, May 2 at Jefferson High School.

First Vice Regent Lois Kimble presented three cadets with DAR awards during the JROTC awards ceremony. The recipient of the DAR Good Citizen Pin, certificate, and \$250 was awarded to Cadet Malanna Yates, a junior in the program who served as a fight sergeant this year, responsible for molding nearly 20 first-year cadets.



The recipient of the Bronze JROTC Medal, certificate, and \$250 was awarded to Cadet Faith Foglesong, also a junior who now serves as the deputy cadet corps commander.



For the first time in 2024, the Dorrene Gageby Hale Scholarship award was awarded by the Pack Horse Ford Chapter to Cadet Meredith Hunt. Meredith plans to attend Bethany College and major in biology.

Meredith was selected for this scholarship based on her outstanding academic achievement and leadership within the



Corps of Cadets. The scholarship was started by the Hale family in memory of Dorrene Gageby Hale who was an honorary chapter regent of Pack Horse Ford Chapter.

Our chapter has supported these young members in the community for many years as JROTC cadets take their first steps in service to our nation.

Deceased Honorary Chapter Regent Dorrene Hale was honored with a grave marking ceremony on Saturday, May 4. Due to rain, the ceremony was held indoors at the Uvilla United Methodist Church in Shenandoah Junction. Dorrene is buried beside the church marked with the newly installed DAR plaque. DAR members traveled from across the state of West Virginia to pay their respects to the family.

During the ceremony, violinist Sam Lake played several compositions including *Day by Day*, *Amazing Grace*, *Star Spangled Banner*, and *It is Well with My Soul*. Sam is past state president of the National Society Children of the American Revolution and current member of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution (NSSAR). The processional was led by General Adam Stephen Chapter, NSSAR Color Guard, and Chapter Registrar Lauren Turco carried the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution Flag.

The invocation was given by Chaplain Kathy Sholl. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Chapter First Vice Regent Lois Kimble. The welcome and remembrance was given by Regent Cindy Nicewarner. A reception immediately followed the ceremony, prepared by chapter members Darla Ambrose and Ann Lake.





South Branch Chapter

Our program for September 2023 was given by Ed Cole, Sons of the American Revolution and caretaker of Oak Hill Cemetery, a historic Black cemetery located in Moorefield, WV. Generations of African American families are buried there, with some of the earliest recorded graves dating from the late 1800s. Mr. Cole has identified 325 unmarked graves, using ground-penetrating radar.



There are also 125 graves that are only marked with a stone or a metal plate, as well as sites with traditional gravestones. For our day of service in October 2023, four members of the chapter met with Mr. Cole at the Oak Hill Cemetery and cleaned the gravestones, assisting with his

effort to make the cemetery a memorial garden. Also in October, items donated by "Lifted Hands," a local non-profit organization, totaling over \$4,000 were delivered to the VA Center in Martinsburg by Vice Regent JoeAnn Eye and member Carmen Silliman.



South Branch Valley Chapter serves four counties: Hardy, Grant, Pendleton and Hampshire.



One of the many committees we are actively involved in is the Community Classroom. This committee seeks out the needs of schools/students in our area of service, rotating counties each year. In October, Pendleton County Middle/High School was the recipient of active wear as

requested by the school and delivered by Regent Judy Bowyer and member Judy Mathias.

West Virginia State Regent Jane Larke and Eastern District Director Margie Ways were guests for the November meeting. State Regent Larke reviewed her three state projects: to digitize our

history and store them in the archives at Marshall University, to update chapter webpages to make them attractive to members and non-members, and to promote literacy by encouraging early childhood involvement. 312 books collected by chapter members were presented to State Regent Larke. These books were donated to the Grant, Hardy, and Hampshire counties' Head Start programs. Eastern District Director Margie Ways discussed the Read Aloud WV program. Currently two members of our chapter volunteer for this program. It is rewarding to read to elementary school students and see their enthusiasm each week as we promote literacy by sharing our love of reading and books with the children.

March 2024 began our regular meetings with an interesting program given by Irene Mongold, chaplain for our chapter. She gave a presentation on Washington's Flag (also called the Pinetree or Appeal to Heaven Flag) which flew over the ships that transported the pilgrims to the new colonies and predated the Stars and Stripes and was the flag Washington carried into battle.

We gained a new member in March as Betsey Orndoff-Sayers was given the oath of membership by Regent Judy Bowyer and Chaplain Irene Mongold. Certificates were awarded to Katherine Hefner and Pat Williams for 40 years of service and Diana Alt for 65 years of service. Sadly, we mourned the loss of Janie Lester, who died March 1, 2024. She had been an active member of our chapter for 25 years.

April brought another fresh face to our chapter with the oath of membership being given to Hayley Craig by Regent Judy Bowyer. April was also the month of the WV State Conference with four members and one page traveling to Martinsburg. As always, the conference was an exciting and informative meeting and enjoyed by all attendees. Our chapter was delighted to set up for Saturday morning's breakfast with the theme of "Breakfast with a Book." Vice Regent JoeAnn Eye designed the centerpieces, with members Susan Sprague and Bonnie Myers helping to put everything in place that morning.

The book *Genealogical, Burial & Service Data for Revolutionary War Patriots Buried in West Virginia*, the project of former State Regent Cheryl Brown was presented to the six public libraries serving our four counties: Capon Valley Library and Hampshire County Library in Hampshire County,



Hardy County Library in Hardy County, Pendleton County Library in Pendleton County, Grant County Library and Alleghany Mountain Top Library in Grant County.

Looking ahead, plans are being made to present the Good Citizen award to six deserving graduating students in May and to attend the Eastern District meeting being held in Jefferson County July 27, 2024.



Tanner's Cross Roads Chapter

Members of Tanner's Cross Roads Chapter of The Daughters of the American Revolution held a 5th-year anniversary celebration on Saturday, April 27. The celebration took place at Steele Hollow Estates in Spencer with a program presented by the North Carolina Chapter 97 of National Sojourners. Sojourners in colonial uniform presented their "Build a Flag" presentation where the U.S. Flag literally takes shape stripe by stripe and star by star before your very eyes. This is a wonderful program



Seated: Ellen Platt, State Regent Jane Larke, Tanner's Cross Roads Regent Kathy Kidd, Susan Tucker; Standing, Kate Short, Sheryl Sergent, Susie Wyatt, Linda Dolan (Betsy Ross) Vickie Baker, Helen Snyder, Sarah Nicholson, Barbara Ashley, Melba Starcher, Bonita Schreckengost, Carla Hicks. Not pictures members Jane Wyatt and Dianna Baker

for those of all ages and particularly the youth of our Nation to gain new insights about the flag to which we are so privileged to pledge our allegiance. And, if you listen closely, you will hear a beautiful soliloquy known as "Old Glory Speaks." At the end of the

program the Sojourners presented A Toast to the Flag to Regent Kathy Kidd. Betsy Ross, portrayed by Tanner's Cross Roads member Linda Dolan, was



available for pictures. The luncheon was attended by West Virginia

State Regent Jane Larke and many members of West Virginia chapters. Tanner's Cross Roads was organized in 2019 with 12 organizing members; to date the membership is 40.

Tanner's Cross Roads America 250 Celebration Grant was used to purchase Patriot Garden Flags. Along with a local business donation, 30 flags were purchased. Flags will be displayed at events and patriots graves.



Presentation of "Toast to the Flag" to Tanner's Cross Roads Regent Kathy Kidd





Wheeling Chapter

The Wheeling Chapter has taken advantage of the vast knowledge of its members, during the first months of this year. Secretary Barbara McFarland, gave a presentation about her experiences visiting light houses across the country at the February meeting. Recording Secretary Roseanna Keller and her writing partner, Gary Rider, showcased their new book *Memories of Fostoria Glass* at the April meeting. The book details their interviews with former employees of Fostoria Glass. They will also have another volume of the series *Marshall County Patriots and Heroes* coming out at the end of May. It will be the 14th book of veterans interviews the pair has published.

However, the most significant event occurred just days after State Conference, when the Wheeling Chapter lost one of its shining stars with the death of Debi McClelland Smith. She was the daughter of DAR member, Joan McClelland, and served as Wheeling Chapter Regent from 2005-2010, 2016-2017 and 2019-2022. She was also a former WVDAR Chaplain and WVDAR Vice Regent, among many other offices and chairmanships.



Debi was a faithful caretaker for WVDAR's Peter's Cottage at Tamassee when it was a DAR School. Before the cottage was restored by the Brown Administration, Debi would make many trips on her own to weed flower beds, mulch and do other chores. Several times, she would stop on her way to pick up other WVDAR members for the Founders Day Celebrations.

She was the driving force behind the restoration of the Fort Van Metre monument that was dedicated in November and was making plans to clean and repair the Madonna of the Trail. The Madonna had been previously restored, in 2017, under Debi's leadership and a NSDAR grant.

On April 20, 2024, the Wheeling Chapter gathered with Debi's family and friends for her memorial service. They were joined by Mindy Davis, honorary state regent; Vickie Baker, state organizing secretary; Tina Seese, Northern District

director; and Joan Gibson, Woodburn Chapter regent. As part of the service, the DAR members followed the family and processed to the altar to place roses in her honor.

As a tribute to Debi, the Wheeling Chapter will be working to complete the many projects Debi was working on at the time of her passing, including, a collaboration with the Woodburn Chapter this fall to dedicate a plaque to honor the 200th anniversary of Gen. Lafayette's tour when he stopped in Wheeling.



William Henshaw Chapter

The William Henshaw Chapter, NSDAR was well represented at the 119th State Conference of the WV State Society, NSDAR, held in Martinsburg, April 5-7. April 5 was the 125th anniversary of the William Henshaw Chapter, the first in the state of West Virginia. The Friday evening WVDAR 125th Banquet was hosted by the William Henshaw Chapter members. Regent Julia Gates sat at the head table with the other honored guests. Decorations for the table were assembled by chapter members, and ten members of the chapter and their husbands were gathered to commemorate the anniversary. Birthday cake was served as the dessert following the meal.

The conference continued on Saturday with business sessions. The Celebrating Achievement Awards Luncheon was hosted by Ye Towne of Bath Chapter, Gail Potter, regent. Chapter member Heidi Wilkinson was honored for her DAR Leadership Training Award. Chapter Recording Secretary and Literacy Chair Deborah E. Hammond was awarded by Cindy Kolsun, state regent's literacy project chair, for her efforts to promote literacy through her writing, book events and early childhood education efforts.

Following the luncheon, voting was conducted by delegates to the conference and workshop sessions on genealogy and writing winning reports were offered.

The Saturday evening dinner, Friendship Blooms in WVDAR, was hosted by the Shenandoah Valley Chapter, NSDAR, Jerell Wright, regent. The William Henshaw Chapter was awarded nineteen awards preceding the dinner. These included *Stars and Stripes* newsletter contributions for an article on the naturalization



ceremony hosted by the chapter; Deborah E. Hammond, State Regent's Project-Early Childhood Literacy; Deborah E. Hammond, Literacy Promotion; 1st-Literacy Promotion for the chapter; 1st-State Regent's Project-Early Childhood Literacy; 3rd place, American History Spot Announcements; Honorable Mention-American History Spot Announcements; Carolyn Scheydt-Patriot Records Project Indexing; Honorable Recognition-American Heritage Program-Evening with Martha; 1st place-Commemorative Event-Stars and Stripes Forever; 1st Place-Commemorative Event-American Indian Citizen Act; Most Garden Flags-Constitution Week; Honorable Mention-Providing Support to Veterans; Joanne Krishack-Outstanding Registrar; 1st place-Service to America Volunteer Hours; 1st-Most Flag Codes/Literature Presented; 3rd-Outstanding Chapter-



American Indians Committee; Laura Shifflet-Chapter DAR School Chair; and Most Student Participation Student Essay Contests. Congratulations to all members for this memorable showing.

In addition to the certificates of award, the chapter placed 2nd in the state, small chapter category for the William Henshaw Chapter press book and 2nd in the state, small chapter category for the William Henshaw Chapter scrapbook. Congratulations to Deborah E. Hammond, Public Relations chair, and Jaqueline Richards, historian, for your efforts.

Sunday brought the annual memorial service for the conference and the closing business session, which completed the work on state bylaws changes. The conference concluded with a singing of "Blest Be the Ties that Binds." On behalf

of the William Henshaw Chapter, NSDAR, a hearty word of thanks to all conference organizers and participants. In addition to being an excellent learning opportunity, the conference brings conferees from across the state to discuss practices of their chapter and to share ideas for community service to our counties and to the state as a whole.

WVDAR Website

<https://wvdar.org>

DISTRICT NEWS

Eastern District – July 17, 2024

TBA

Central District – August 24, 2024

St. Thomas a Becket Church
75 Old Cheat Road, Morgantown, WV

Northern District – August 10, 2024

TBA

Southern District – August 17, 2024

Jesse, WV



Western District

July 20, 2024

Elizabeth Memorial United Methodist Church

108 Oakwood Road, Charleston, WV

Registration: 9:00 a.m.

Luncheon: \$35

From the Editor

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

The deadline for the next issue is:

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Note: The Fall newsletter will come out in early October.

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April 11-13, 2025

