



West Virginia DAR News

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

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



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State Regent's Message

Dear West Virginia Daughters,

Our Eastern District chapters really rolled out the carpet for us and our visiting guests during our 119th WVDAR State Conference. Thank you to all who planned, worked and participated this year. I know everyone had a great time. We conducted important society business and still had a lot of time for fun and socializing. An important reminder to chapters, because of our recent bylaws changes, is that to remain in good standing (which affects the ability to have representation at state conference) chapter dues must be paid to our state treasurer by December 1. There is no time extension, so make a note of this on your calendars.



After seeing so many of you at our spring conference, we headed to Continental Congress. It's amazing that we are now beginning the third year of the Larke Administration. I am looking forward with much anticipation to all the upcoming events and activities, as this year promises to be a busy one.

I am grateful that we were able to meet with so many daughters this summer during district meetings. I am especially appreciative of our wonderful district directors for their leadership. Your efforts are not overlooked...thank you. It's always fun to share news, changes, and progress from the state and national organizations with our district members. And congratulations to all those chapters and individuals who received awards from national!

Speaking of news from the state, I promised at our district meetings that I would share the link for a portion of the State Regent's Project that is complete, digitization of our own history, our state conference proceedings. The digitization of all of the state conference proceedings that Marshall University has entered into their system is complete. You are able to access this site at: <https://mds.marshall.edu/wvdar/>.

We continue to work on all aspects of our project for this administration and I encourage you to continue to impact our early childhood education project within your own chapters. Doing so will enhance development of our youth and lay a strong foundation for the success of future generations.

This summer, we also squeezed in a picnic in Fayetteville to commemorate the 200th Anniversary of Lafayette's Farewell Tour. Thanks to that committee (Mickie Richardson, chair) for planning it. We wavered back and forth all morning with rain concerns, but it turned out beautifully.

*****Here's a good news flash***** Two new WVDAR chapters are being proposed! One will be located in Northern District, and the other in Eastern District. I have appointed Gloria Batten and Helene Kerns, respectively, as the organizing regents for the new chapters. Initial paperwork is currently being done on these chapters as we begin the process. Please send these ladies any information on prospective members of whom you might be aware.

Finally, Northern District has already started planning for our 2025

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State Conference that will be held in Bridgeport, WV, at the Bridgeport Conference Center from April 11-13, (executive board will arrive April 10). Our hotel block at the Wingate by Wyndham-Bridgeport is secured, and you are now able to make your hotel reservation. The price for a room is \$89+taxes per night and we think it's going to be awesome. Please call the hotel and use the following information to make your reservation. **Group name: WVDAR State Conference; Block Code: 041025WVA; Phone: 800-228-1000** (central office) or **304-808-1000** (local number). The last day to make reservations at the block rate is **March 9, 2025**.

Best wishes for a wonderful 2024-2025 DAR year as we further the goals of promoting education, historic preservation and patriotism together.

With love and appreciation,

Jane



Congress Events

JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST

Even though June 2025 may seem far away, it's never too late to think about Breakfast. The WV State Society is once again planning the WV Breakfast during Continental Congress. The event will be Wednesday, June 25, 2025, at the historical Army and Navy Club. This is open to both NSDAR members and guests. As you finalize your plans for Continental Congress, I hope you include the WV Breakfast.

Any questions, contact Sandra Isner-Johnson, state vice regent, at sisnerjohnson@gmail.com.

From the Desk of the State Historian

Daughters, with school back in session, it's time to consider nominating a teacher from your area for DAR's Outstanding Teacher of American History Contest. This contest honors full-time teachers of American history and related fields for grades 5 through 12. The application form and instruction

sheet are available through the Historian General's Office on the DAR Members website at <https://www.dar.org/sites/default/files/members/darnet/forms/HG-4000.pdf>. A judging sheet is also available at <https://www.dar.org/sites/default/files/members/darnet/forms/HG-4003.pdf>.

Nominations must be forwarded to the Historian General prior to **December 15, 2024**. All nominations must first be directed to the state historian, who will organize a committee to select a statewide nominee. The committee will be approved by the state regent. If your chapter plans to nominate a teacher, please notify me by email no later than **October 31, 2024**. Nominations should be in my hands no later than **November 20, 2024**. Keep in mind that physical nomination packets are required. Packets arriving late at any level will automatically be disqualified.

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

Independent of the National contest for outstanding teachers, WVDAR plans to continue offering statewide recognitions encouraging chapters to honor local teachers of history and social studies. This program is entirely a state effort and is not affiliated with the National contest. Nominations for WVDAR recognitions for teachers in grades 5 through 12 are due to the state historian by **February 15, 2025**, and recipients will be announced during state conference. To nominate a teacher, please send me a letter of recommendation from your chapter plus a letter of recommendation from a member of your community who is not a member of DAR (e.g., a parent, another teacher, or a school administrator).

Please contact me directly if you have questions.

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Welcome New Members
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Nancy Hapney*

Wheeling

*Brenda Frohnappel
Teresa Lange*

William Henshaw

Lois Howard

Ye Towne of Bath

Carol Suker

**Junior*

Conservation Committee

How Did Your Garden Grow?

After all the hard work so many of us put into keeping our pollinator and vegetable gardens thriving during this extremely dry summer, the Conservation Committee would like to encourage the members and chapters to send in their favorite photos and stories of success. Photos (and captions) of flowers, bat boxes, butterfly gardens, bird watering stations, prize zucchinis, etc., are all welcome!

A conservation tip for fall: Leave Your Leaves! The National Wildlife Federation suggests leaving leaves and twigs in garden beds, around trees, and in other areas to provide cover for wildlife to survive in the coming cold months. The invertebrates (butterflies, moths, fireflies, etc.) that help our summer gardens need those leaves this winter for cover to survive until next spring. So, instead of disposing of all of your leaves, rake them into a specific area—the leaf mulch is good for your yard and the insects.

Meg Ashby, WVDAR Conservation Committee



America 250! Committee



Celebrate Stars & Stripes Forever

The America 250! Celebration Grants are almost over. If your chapter has not taken advantage of the \$500 available to celebrate the upcoming birthday of our country now is the time to do so. The deadline for the final report is February 28, 2025.

Choose a project or event that supports the NSDAR America 250! vision of celebrating the 250th birthday of the United States of America and the Patriots who achieved American independence.

Projects, events, or activities considered for grants must support the NSDAR America 250! vision of celebrating the 250th birthday of the United States of America and the Patriots who achieved American independence.

All celebration events, including pre-revolution (i.e., the Boston Tea Party), must include activities and information related to the recognition of specific proven Patriots—thereby making a connection with the mission of the grant program and time period.

These one-time \$500 grants are designed to help DAR chapters celebrate America's 250th birthday with vibrant and visible participation within their communities.

More information can be found on the members website under America 250! Celebration Grants or contact the American 250! State Chair Georgette Ward at gwardezchapter@gmail.com



Blanche L. Reymann Scholarship

The West Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution awarded the 2024-2025 Blanche L. Reymann State Scholarship to Grace Estep from the University of Charleston. The scholarship was awarded to Ms. Estep at the Western District Meeting of the WVDAR on Saturday, July 20, 2024, at the Elizabeth Memorial United Methodist Church in Charleston, West Virginia.

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 3.75. 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."

Grace will be using the scholarship toward her tuition for her final semester this fall.



DAR Library Outreach Committee

The DAR Library Outreach Committee works with the DAR State Librarian to encourage chapters to support community, public, and school libraries in many ways. Recently, State Librarian Gail Potter sent chapter regents an email with suggestions from the national committee. Gail challenged chapters to report their projects (with photos if available) so that WVDAR chapters can get the recognition they deserve at State and East Central Division levels. And if the project is extremely unique, it may be highlighted at Continental



Congress 2025!

There is also a DAR Library Book Club with information available under the committee page on the DAR Members website. The Fall 2024 reading list is posted and there are plans for upcoming virtual events. Consult the website for more information.

Finally, I am available through email for any assistance you may need with this committee for ideas, reporting, etc. My email is librariansue72@gmail.com. There is still time to make WV "Sparkle and Shine" in planning, executing, and reporting activities in 2024!

Susan L. Garrett
WV DAR Library Outreach
Committee Chair

200th Anniversary of Lafayette's Farewell Tour



DAR Service to Veterans Committee

Thank you for all you do in support of veterans. As we near the end of the year our thoughts begin to turn toward reporting and, in the case of DAR Service for Veterans, the many volunteers in our communities. There are some important dates to remember if you plan on sending in a nomination for a veteran volunteer, a youth volunteer or a DAR Service for Veterans Award. Nominations are due to me by December 15. If I receive multiple nominations, a panel will review the packages, and a state winner will be sent to the division vice Chair by January 15.

These awards are generally very competitive, so I also wanted to suggest that you get on the DAR website, members section. Under Resources, then Forms and Publications and then DAR Service for Veterans you will find all the forms as well as the judging sheet. The judging sheet is a critical aid in preparing your nomination package. The same judging sheet and criteria are used at all levels of the organization.

I look forward to receiving many nominations!

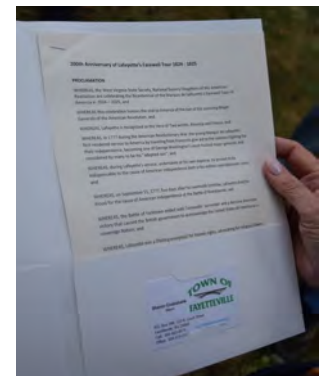
Heidi Ware



WV DAR celebrated the 200th anniversary of the Marquis de Lafayette's farewell visit to America in Fayetteville on August 18, the kickoff weekend of this national event. West Virginia 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. Along with various sandwiches, salads, fruits, and chips, we enjoyed homemade Lafayette gingerbread served with fairy butter and traditional French mocha dessert swirls. This gingerbread was served to Lafayette by Martha Washington when he visited her home.





Mayor Sharon Cruikshank presented WVDAR with a proclamation declaring the day at time to celebrate Lafayette's Farewell Tour. Dr. Lewis Cook, from the Fayetteville Historical Society, spoke to the group 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 Channell, Stella Moon, Mickie Richardson, and Carolyn Scheydt.



Recipes at the Lafayette Commemoration

from Stella Moon

Cinnamon Walnut Swirls

1 egg
 8 teaspoons water, separated
 1/4 cup sugar
 1/4 cup brown sugar
 1/4 cup finely chopped walnuts
 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
 1-sheet of a 17.3-ounce package Pepperidge Farm® Puff Pastry, thawed
 1 cup confectioners' sugar

Heat the oven to 400°F. Beat the egg and 3 teaspoons water in a small bowl with a fork. Stir the granulated sugar, brown sugar, walnuts, flour and cinnamon in a small bowl.

Sprinkle additional flour on the work surface. Unfold the thawed pastry sheet on the work surface. Roll the pastry sheet into a 12 x 10-inch rectangle. Brush the pastry sheet with the egg mixture. Sprinkle the granulated sugar mixture on the pastry. Starting at a long side, roll one side of the pastry to the center. Roll the opposite side to the center and press the rolls together. Cut the pastry into 12-14 slices. Place the slices, cut side down, onto 2 baking sheets. Brush the slices with the egg mixture.

Bake for 15 minutes or until the pastries are golden brown. Let the pastries cool on the baking sheets on wire racks for 10 minutes.

Place the confectioners' sugar into a medium bowl. Stir in the remaining 5 teaspoons of water, 1 teaspoon at a time, until the mixture is desired consistency. Drizzle over the pastries.

Cranberry Orange Dessert Swirls

Stir 1/3 cup chopped cranberries and the grated zest from 1 orange into the granulated sugar mixture.

Mocha Dessert Swirls

Stir 1 tablespoon unsweetened cocoa powder into the granulated sugar mixture. Sprinkle 2 tablespoons mini semi-sweet chocolate chips onto the granulated sugar mixture before rolling up the pastry. Five teaspoons of coffee or espresso may be substituted for the water stirred into the confectioners' sugar.

Lafayette Gingerbread

There are several variations of Lafayette Gingerbread credited to Mrs. Washington. This recipe differs slightly from the Mount Vernon recipe which is a modern adaptation of the 18th-century original. The adapted recipe is on the Mount Vernon website.

3 cups flour, plus more
 2 tablespoon ground ginger
 1½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
 1 teaspoon baking soda
 1 teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg
 1 teaspoon ground mace
 1 cup raisins
 ¾ cup buttermilk
 1 tablespoon grated orange zest
 1/3 cup fresh orange juice
 1 stick unsalted butter, softened
 ½ cup packed dark brown sugar
 1 cup unsulfured molasses



Heat oven to 350°. Whisk flour, ginger, cinnamon, baking soda, nutmeg, and mace in a bowl. Stir raisins, buttermilk, orange zest, and juice in another bowl. Using an electric mixer, beat the butter and sugar in a bowl until fluffy. Stir in molasses. Add eggs, one at a time. Add dry and wet ingredients alternately, beginning and ending with dry ingredients, mixing until smooth. Pour batter into a greased and floured 9x13-inch baking pan. Bake until knife inserted in center comes out clean, 40-45 minutes. Let cool before slicing; serve with Fairy Butter or whipped cream, if you like.

Fairy Butter

- 4 large hardboiled-egg yolks
- 5 teaspoons orange-flower water
- 6 tablespoons sugar (preferably superfine)
- ½ cup unsalted butter, softened

Mash the egg yolks with the orange-flower water. Add the sugar, and mix to a smooth paste. Work in the butter until the mixture is smooth, and set aside in a cool place for 2-3 hours. Press the butter through a strainer into a small serving bowl. Store in an airtight container in the refrigerator for up to 3 days.

Note: For the orange-flower water, I mix 3 teaspoons orange juice with 2 teaspoons water.

Whipped Cream

- 1 cup heavy cream
- 1 tablespoon confectioners' sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Whisk cream in a chilled glass or metal bowl with an electric mixer until frothy. Slowly add confectioners' sugar and vanilla; beat until soft peaks form.

Lafayette Gingerbread

One of the better-known-family-connected gingerbread recipes is attributed to George Washington's mother, Mary Bell Washington, who is said to have



served it to the Marquis de Lafayette in the 1780s when he visited her in Fredericksburg toward the end of her life. It came to be called Lafayette Gingerbread in honor of the beloved French general. (www.mountvernon.org)

Fairy Butter

“Fairy butter” is a pale, yellow-confection that accompanied sweet breads such as scones, gingerbread, and cakes during colonial days. Colonial cookbooks fancifully described fairy butter as safe havens for gossamer-winged fairies.

Mocha Dessert Swirls

During the 1760s, colonists refused to drink tea as a show of allegiance to the ideal of “a free nation.” As their relationship with the British Empire worsened, colonists replaced tea by drinking more alcohol, coffee and chocolate. These drinks played critical roles in the American Revolution. Americans’ infatuation continues today with alcohol, coffee and chocolate, not tea. The struggle for independence transformed the colonists’ drinking habits in the name of liberty, forever changing American palates and transforming American culture. Chocolate was found in candies, cakes, and pastries, too.



Note: The Mocha Dessert Swirls were made for the Grand Return Tour of the Marquis de Lafayette in Fayetteville. The Matthew French Chapter served the Cinnamon Walnut and Cranberry Orange Swirls with the Mocha Dessert Swirls and the Lafayette Gingerbread for their Grand Return Tour of the Marquis de Lafayette program presented in March 2024 by Cindy Masterson, an associate member.



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

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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.





2024-2025 DAR American Heritage Contest

WOW! We already have at a beautiful Fiber Arts entry from Carolyn Scheydt!

Our theme this year is *'Memorial Continental Hall: Our Monument to the Patriots of the American Revolution'*

Suggestions for incorporating the theme:

How does Memorial Continental Hall honor our patriots? How does our first building show the nation our pride in what our ancestors fought for? How does it embody the spirit of the Revolution and leave a legacy for future generations? Are there parts of the building that specifically represent our Patriot ancestors to you? Your personal, creative interpretation of the theme is an important part of the contest so be sure to express it in your narrative.

The American Heritage Committee was established to preserve our rich and diverse American heritage through artistic endeavors. There are numerous ways our talented and creative Daughters can participate in the committee as we **"Rejoice in Our DAR Ties of Service and Friendship"**.

Please note that there is an entry form that must be completed and accompany your entry that is found on the committee page on our DAR website. Please, only a single entry per member will be accepted.

While most of the entries are to be submitted by email to the email shown on the committee website: <https://www.dar.org/members/committees/service-committees/american-heritage/committee-overview> Please do copy our state chair (Anna Chandler at hilltopannie58@outlook.com) so that she can keep track of your entries for our state records.

Due to the high volume of **Fiber Arts Entries**, ALL Fiber Arts entries are first judged at the STATE LEVEL. Each fiber arts entry must be emailed to your STATE CHAIR (*see exception) before January 18, 2025. State chairs will send ONLY the best entry to the national vice chair. * Exception: All members-at-large are to send their Fiber Art entries directly to the national vice chair of Fiber Arts.



Junior American Citizens Committee

2024-2025 Contest Theme

Sailing with the Stars and Stripes to Celebrate the 250th Birthday of the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps

Guidelines and New Requirements for the Submission of Winning Entries

The JAC Contest is open to all students in public, private, parochial, and sanctioned home schools in grades preschool through 12; however, preschool and kindergarten students may participate only in the banner and group community service project contests. Participation is not limited to students in a JAC Club or a classroom; youth groups such as scout troops, C.A.R. societies, and service organizations as well as individuals may also participate in the contests.

The ART CONTEST includes five categories:

- poster
- banner
- stamp
- photographic essay
- digital art

A winner will be selected in each grade level and category.

Students compete as individuals only in poster, stamp, digital art, and photo essay; in the banner category only groups may enter, groups being defined as three to five students.

Preschool and kindergarten students may compete in the banner category only.

The artwork may be submitted using any form of drawing or painting.

The artwork does not have to have the actual theme on the artwork but would follow the theme.

Chapter chair: Submit a 3x5, 4x6, or 5x7 color photograph or color copy of the winning entry for each grade level and group level in each category. Up to three photographs may be used for the banner. Please send all photos for the photo essay contest. Attach an entry form to the back of each photo or copy. Entries may be submitted electronically as determined by the national vice chair for the Art Contest. DO NOT SUBMIT ORIGINAL ENTRIES. Chapter chair will retain original winning entries until notified.



The CREATIVE EXPRESSION CONTEST includes two categories:

- poetry
- short story
- graphic novel/comic

Students compete as individuals only—group entries are not allowed.

Preschool and kindergarten students may not compete in the Creative Expression Contest.

The graphic novel/comic does not have to have the actual theme on the novel but should follow the theme.

Chapter chair: Submit a copy of the winning entry for each grade level and group level in each category. Attach an entry form to the back of each entry or scan as an Adobe PDF file and submit via email to the state chair (include a scanned copy of the entry form with the file). DO NOT SUBMIT ORIGINAL ENTRIES. Chapter chair will retain the original winning entries until notified.

The COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT may be an individual or group entry for students in grades 1-12. Preschool and kindergarten students may compete as a group only. A group must be comprised of three (3) or more students. Groups may be mixed ages.

Chapter chair: Submit a copy of the winning project for each grade level and group level in individual and group categories. Attach an entry form to the back of each entry or scan as an Adobe PDF file and submit via email to the state chair (include a scanned copy of the entry form with the file). Please be sure to list the name of the group and all student names for the group entries. DO NOT SUBMIT ORIGINAL ENTRIES. Chapter chair will retain the original winning entries until notified. The Community Service Project does not need to follow the theme, but special consideration will be given for those who are able to incorporate it into their project.

JUDGING AND AWARDS:

Sponsoring chapters will select one winner from each category and grade in three levels: gifted, general, and special needs. (Special care should be taken that these category levels for judging not be made public or given to the news media.)

Note: At the chapter level, students may enter all contests in which they are eligible to compete; however, only ONE individual entry per student

should be advanced to the state level. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in disqualification of all entries submitted by the student.

Winning entries at the chapter level will be forwarded via email, CD, color copy, and/or 3x5, 4x6, or 5x7 photograph, to the state for judging, state winners will be forwarded to the division for judging, and finally, division winners will be forwarded to the national vice chairman of Art, Creative Expression, or Community Service Project for national judging. Certificates will be presented to the winners at each level.

At the national level, first, second, and third places and honorable mention certificates will be presented. Each first, second, and third place winner will receive an award medal as well for art and creative expression category. In the Community Service category only, 1st, 2nd, 3rd place, and honorable mention groups will be awarded a group certificate suitable for framing and a certificate for each participant – no medals.

CONTEST DEADLINES ARE AS FOLLOWS: All chapters and states should adhere to the national deadlines. Please do not set earlier deadlines.

By January 1: Chapter chair sends first place winning entries to the state chair. Chapter chair will retain original entries and forward a copy to the state chair.

By January 15: State chair sends first place winning entries to the division vice chair.

By February 1: Division vice chairs send first place winning entries to the national vice chairs.

By February 15: National vice chair sends first, second, third, and possibly honorable mention winning entries to the national chair.

By March 1: National chair announces winners. Certificates will be mailed in a timely manner.

ATTENTION CHAPTERS: BE SURE TO PUT A CHAPTER CONTACT WITH PHONE NUMBER AND CHAPTER DEADLINE ON ALL INFORMATION YOU DISTRIBUTE.

Be sure a teacher cover letter is included with all entry forms that explains the code for the three judging levels (to comply with Federal Regulations).



Patriot Records Project Committee



New to the Patriot Records Project Committee page on the DAR members website (members.dar.org) is an instructional video recorded by National Vice Chair Rebecca Vajdak. Her video is only 20 minutes. It demonstrates using the project's index to find information that may assist a

current or prospective member find that elusive fact they need to break down a brick wall. The video can also be used to train registrars or anyone interested in researching the Patriot Records Project index.

The Patriot Records Project is continually adding new names to the index. Be a part of the team and add Service to America hours as you read documents and index names from almost two hundred years ago, preserving valuable information for future generations. To volunteer for the committee, send your name and national number to patriotrecords@nsdar.org. We look forward to hearing from you.



Volunteer Genealogists Committee

Did you know that if you have completed GEP 1, 2, and 3, you can be a DAR Volunteer Genealogist? With this designation, you can assist your own chapter with new applications and supplementals. You are also qualified to present paper parties or genealogy workshops to prospective members or to those members who want to work on supplemental applications. You can also volunteer your time to assist other chapters with applications. Pins can be earned for helping resolve AIR letters, giving workshops, and/or reviewing supplementals. If you have questions about how to earn the different volunteer genealogist pins or want to volunteer to help other chapters, please contact me at sarnoldwv17@gmail.com.

The WVDAR State Supplemental Review Team has been busy, reviewing 120 supplementals since May of last year. Approximately half of them have been submitted to National. It is currently taking about 2 years for supplementals to be verified at National, due to a tremendous backlog created by

Your Protocol Minute



"PROTOCOL may be defined as the ceremonial forms and courtesies which are established as proper and correct... or as the proper etiquette for recognizing and honoring those in positions of leadership."

- ◆ Members should rise whenever the President General or State Regent is presented or introduced. This is not to honor the person, but is a deserved courtesy in recognition and tribute to her high office and to her sash.
- ◆ Address the chair only. There is only one presiding officer—address that person only. (Do say—*Madam State Regent or Madame Regent or Madam District Director*—whoever is presiding. Do not say—Madam State Regent, Mr. Mayor, Honored Guests, Daughters, etc., or give a roll call of everyone present.)
- ◆ It is important to be seated ten minutes before any meeting or business session begins as a courtesy to the presiding officer and guests.
- ◆ Please silence your cell phones and avoid texting messages during your meetings. If the phone call is important, please quietly leave the room during a break in the meeting to make your phone call. Thank you for your consideration of others.

If you ever have any questions about protocol, such as order of introductions or layout of a head table at an event, please feel free to reach out to me! My email address is charmla4u@yahoo.com or call my cell phone at 304-629-6228.

Best regards,
Charla Nutter McNaboe

Covid and then the threat of a price increase last year. We encourage anyone wishing to submit a supplemental to send it to our team first for



review. We are hoping that the extra pairs of eyes looking at them will help decrease the number of AIR letters and speed up the verification process. Supplementals and their documentation can be sent to Patsy Adkins, state registrar, at connectedhearts@gmail.com for distribution to the team.

Finally, if your chapter needs a program this year, I have developed a presentation titled "Will the Real James Dunn Please Stand Up?" that details how to separate two men with the same name in the same location. This is an actual case study with a DAR ancestor. Depending on the time and location, I would be happy to present this in person or via Zoom. Please feel free to get in touch with me at the above email address if you are interested.

Susan Arnold, State Chair

New State Appointments

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WITH THE CHAPTERS

Anne Bailey Chapter

Anne Bailey Chapter was host chapter for the Western District meeting, which was held at Elizabeth Memorial United Methodist Church in Charleston on July 20, 2024. Decorations were provided by Vice Regent Stephanie Shahbandy. Attendees were given a poppy pin as a gift, but in



lieu of other gifts, a donation was made to the Imagination Library in honor of State Regent Jane Larke and Western District Daughters. Chapter member Nickie Evenson, district treasurer and acting director, was elected director for the next term.



On August 18, chapter members Mary Johnson, regent, and Patsy Adkins, state registrar, attended the WVDAR 200th anniversary celebration in Fayetteville of Lafayette's farewell tour in 1824-1825.

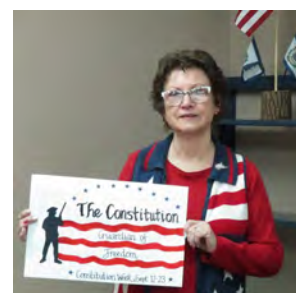
Mary followed up with a stop at the New River Gorge National Park and Preserve.

For the month of September, the chapter had a Constitution Week display at the Cross Lanes Library, thanks to the efforts of Nickie Evenson.



Anne Royall Chapter

The Anne Royall Chapter promotes Constitution Week each year by having a banner displayed across Main Street in Harrisville. This year, chapter member Cheryl Haught, shown at right,





received a first place state award in the Constitution Week poster contest.



Bee Line Chapter

Bee Line and the County Fair: A Chapter Tradition

Members of the Bee Line Chapter love the fair, and hosting a booth at the Jefferson County Fair has become a chapter tradition. There are good reasons for this. Among these are participation in such heritage activities as animal husbandry, food preservation, horticultural projects, and a range of traditional crafts and skills; old-fashioned fun at the carnival, including decadent fair food; participation in patriotic activities; and of course, time and fun with family and friends.

For Bee Line members, the fair is often a family event. Take the Ware family, for example. Bee Line Regent Heidi Ware serves on the fair board of



The Bee Line fair booth at the Jefferson County Fair, including George Washington himself!

directors as its secretary and is the superintendent of the Herb Department. Her daughter-in-law Andrea is a fixture during fair week, assisting her

children with getting ready to show their animals. Her husband Joe can be found performing any number of last-minute tasks or just spending time at the family base located between the livestock barns. Joe's daughter Kera has long been an assistant superintendent in the Herb Department, and niece Liz Ware Ruffner and her husband Larry are caretakers for the fairgrounds. Liz and her sister Marika Ware Milburn are also much in demand to sing at various fair venues—and all that just scratches the surface of the Ware family's commitment to the fair and its activities. The Wares are among the few local families who can boast a fifth generation exhibiting at the fair. Kera is a Bee Line associate, and Andrea, Liz, and Marika are all chapter members.

The Ishman/Duncan family is similarly involved. Jane Ishman was a longstanding member of the fair board, and she helped to create its

Mother and daughter Bee Line members, Jane Ishman and Heather Duncan, standing in front of the fair logo that Jane helped to design.



mission statement and the fair logo, among a long list of other achievements and contributions. She did everything from helping to promote the fair through public relations and signage, to procuring a new PA system, to developing ways to generate income through use of the fairgrounds during the lengthy off-season. She also contributed personally to such labor-intensive tasks as building, painting, repairing, and woodworking—when and where needed. Jane's daughter Heather Ishman Duncan is a co-superintendent of the Horse Department, and her grandchildren (Heather's daughters) are heavily involved with showing livestock. Both Jane and Heather are Bee Line members.

Other Bee Line members either hold or have held key roles at the fair. Margaret Liskey is yet another fair board member, is a co-superintendent of the Horse Department, and serves on the Building & Grounds and Education Committees. Loretta Shade plays a key role in overseeing 4-H activities and exhibits and in general helping



young people make the most of their fair experience.

Still other members have caught the fair bug in more recent years. They show up with exhibits for the various departments, support the Bee Line fair booth, or drop in to enjoy the atmosphere and the community bonds the fair encourages. Member Jerrine Oleen comes all the way from Kansas to host the booth—and to enjoy watching her grandchildren participate in what the fair has to offer.

The Bee Line booth is located among the commercial exhibits, and its purpose to educate fairgoers about DAR in general and Bee Line in particular. Since the Bee Line booth is typically shared with the General Adam Stephen Chapter of SAR, it offers an opportunity for couples representing the two societies to work together. Couples Amy and Ryan Stottlemeyer, Darla Treat Courtney and Duke Courtney, Linda Myers-Hart and Dan Hart, Deidre and Jack Johnson, and Heidi and Joe Ware all showed up to support their love for both the fair and the core values of DAR and SAR.

For those among our members who are somewhat new to the fair experience, participation in this annual event truly offers new opportunities for growing their own interests and for sharing with family and friends. For example, Darla Treat Courtney and her daughter Mary Pat Courtney are now regular fair exhibitors, something neither did before joining Bee Line. Mary Pat, in her turn, has successfully encouraged a non-DAR friend to become an exhibitor—a process that helps keep the fair relevant.

Each year, Bee Line Daughters and their families take home dozens of ribbons and prizes for their efforts. From great-grandparents down through the youngest fair participants, Bee Line families have found the annual county fair to be a place to work together, play together, and learn subtle lessons about living as part of a vibrant community—including how to win and lose gracefully and how to say good-bye to a beloved animal that has been reared for market.

Ultimately, participation in the fair is about being good citizens and being encouraged to thrive, individually and as part of a community. What could be a better lesson in American values?

Bee Line Celebrates 100 Years with Dorothy Davenport

This summer, Bee Line Chapter had the great good fortune to celebrate a very special birthday with one of our members. Joining with family and friends for a potluck picnic at the home of Heidi Ware, our birthday party for Dorothy Matilda Milliken Davenport was far and away a highlight of our year.

Dorothy is an inspiration to our chapter in countless ways. Still an active member attending many of our meetings and functions, she has not only provided us with a fine example, she has brought her three daughters into our chapter—Margaret Ester “Meg” Davenport, Alice June Davenport McCarthy, and Geneva Milliken Davenport—each of whom has contributed her own unique set of skills, talents, and interests to our efforts.

Born on a small Illinois farm homesteaded by her family during the 1860s, Dorothy moved to another farm purchased by her parents in 1929, the same year the Wall Street Crash of '29 ushered in the Great Depression. But despite the challenges, little “Doll” enjoyed an idyllic rural childhood where she loved the animals, the sense of freedom,



and the companionship of lots of cousins. In nearby Hopkins, Illinois, she and her younger sister attended a one-room school until they graduated from the 8th grade, followed by 4 years of study at Princeton Township High School. Dorothy loved 4-H, the county fair, and playing

clarinet in the Princeton Tigers Marching Band. Life was full of farm chores, family gatherings, and school activities.

In December 1941, when bombs fell on Pearl Harbor, Dorothy’s world changed. Though she continued her studies, she also took on duties as a Candy Stripper and volunteered to roll bandages for the Red Cross. After graduation, she attended the University of Illinois at Champaign, where she worked toward an education degree and met a nice young man who would become her husband. Dorothy married John Scott Davenport in 1948, and they started their family in Iowa City, Iowa, where



John taught at the State University of Iowa.

During their long marriage Dorothy and John would have 4 children: Douglas, Alice, Meg, and Geneva. They spent most of their children's growing-up years in Cincinnati, Ohio, but they ultimately made homes in several states—including New Mexico, Utah, and New Jersey as well as in Iowa and Illinois during their early years together. In 1978, they converted to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, and John would pursue a passion for genealogy. As time passed, the couple traveled coast to coast to visit their children and their six grandchildren, and along the way they joined DAR and SAR.

In 2007, Dorothy and John moved to West Virginia and settled into retirement at Reilly House on Altona Farm near Charles Town. They became friends and neighbors with Altona's owners, Henry and Faye Davenport, who shared their surname but were not related.



Dorothy participating in the presentation of a Good Citizenship Award

John died in 2013, at the age of 83, and with the help of her children, Dorothy has continued to live "on the farm."

In terms of the changes she has witnessed during her century of life, Dorothy has gone from depending on a horse and wagon on her parents' farm through a transportation revolution that has turned dirt roads into

highways and put at least one automobile in almost every driveway. She has lived under the administrations of 17 American presidents, starting with Calvin Coolidge. She has seen the world's population grow from about 2 billion people to almost 8 billion.

Dorothy has watched Americans march to war during World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and the numerous smaller conflicts associated with the Cold War, the War on Terror, and civil and political unrest around the globe. She has witnessed in real time the Red Scare, the Women's Movement, and the Civil Rights Movement. She has seen humanity take its first steps toward leaving its home planet and moving cautiously into space. She has experienced changes in technology

that have literally placed the world and its knowledge at our fingertips. And she taken all these things in her stride, using the Milliken rolling pin inherited from her great-grandmother to make pies, biscuits, and cookies for three generations of her family.



Dorothy holding the Milliken rolling pin

Dorothy became a Daughter in 1987, transferring her membership to Bee Line in 2009. Her Patriot is Michael Mills (1729-1821) of Hartford County, Connecticut. Mills served as a captain of militia for several short terms of duty during the American Revolution. Between 1779 and 1791, he was also a civic leader who served twelve terms as the Norfolk representative to the General Assembly of Connecticut. He is credited by DAR for civil, patriotic, and military service during the Revolutionary era. Leave it to Dorothy's Patriot to be an overachiever. Like Patriot, like Daughter.



Bee Line families surrounding Dorothy to celebrate her 100th birthday

Bee Line Honors Veterans and Patriots

Bee Line Chapter participated in a series of spring and summer activities honoring veterans, including Patriots of the American Revolution. These events range from taking part in Memorial Day activities, to honoring local Revolutionary War Patriots, to serving as hostesses for a memorial service for the families of recently deceased veterans, to providing special support for women veterans.



Adam Stephen Memorial. The first of these events was a memorial service honoring Adam Stephen, a General officer in the Continental Army during the American Revolution. The annual Adam Stephen memorial is conducted in coordination with the Founders Day / Martinsburg Heritage Fair & Festival celebrated at the historic Roundhouse and at other locations around the city. Gen. Stephen made his home in Martinsburg, and the memorial is sponsored by the General Adam Stephen Chapter, National Society Sons of the American Revolution (SAR). Three



Bee Line Daughters Heidi Ware, Amy Stottlemeyer, and Darla Treat Courtney place wreaths at a memorial service honoring Revolutionary War Patriot Adam Stephen.

Bee Line Daughters took part in this event: Heidi Ware, Bee Line regent, who laid a wreath on behalf of the chapter; Darla Treat Courtney, West Virginia DAR state historian, who laid a wreath on behalf of the West Virginia State Society of DAR (WVDAR); and member Amy Johnston Stottlemeyer, who laid a wreath on behalf of the General Adam Stephen Association.

Memorial Day Parade. Two Bee Line Daughters joined the Sons of Adam Stephen Chapter SAR to participate in the Sharpsburg (MD) Memorial Day Parade—the nation’s oldest continuously observed Memorial Day commemoration. Amy Stottlemeyer waved from the cab of the truck pulling the SAR float, while Darla Treat Courtney wore colonial attire and greeted the crowds from atop a hay bale on the float itself.

Memorial Day Service. Several Bee Line Daughters took part in a traditional Memorial Day Service held at Edge Hill Cemetery in Charles Town. Marilyn Bremilst, an Air Force veteran, laid a wreath for Bee Line, and Darla Treat Courtney laid another on behalf of WVDAR. Chapter Regent Heidi Ware and members Linda Coyle Myers-Hart, Lynn Stanley, and Lynn Welsh also attended.

VAMC Memorial Service. A few days later, Bee Line Daughters were once again able to support the VAMC Memorial Service for deceased veterans.



Members Linda Coyle Myers-Hart, Marilyn Bremilst, Darla Treat Courtney, Heidi Ware, Lynn Welsh, and Lynn Stanley at Edge Hill Park, honoring and mourning U.S. military personnel who died while in serving in the U.S. Armed Forces.

This was the first such service since the onset of COVID. As a chapter, Bee Line provided refreshments for the families, and five members—Marilyn Bremilst, Sharon Criswell, Lynn Stanley, Darla Treat Courtney, and Heidi Ware—served as hostesses.

West Virginia Fest at Happy Retreat. On June 15, Bee Line Daughters played a major role in supporting historic Happy Retreat’s participation in West Virginia Fest activities in Charles Town. West Virginia Fest is a street festival honoring the city’s rich history. Happy Retreat, the home of Revolutionary War Patriot Charles Washington, youngest brother of President George Washington, was open for the occasion. Visitors were offered tours of the grounds and mansion, with several of the docents dressed in 18th-century attire. Bee Line Daughter Marjorie Gaestel, who is also a Happy Retreat board member and director of the site’s docents, designed a program around the use of herbs during the colonial era. Herbs were featured in ceramic pots placed throughout the house and in floral arrangements. In addition, the site’s colonial herb garden—designed, installed, and managed by Bee Line—was highlighted as part of the tour. Bee Line members Sharon Criswell, Darla Treat Courtney, and Heidi Ware served as docents during this event.

Fourth of July Parade. In July, two Bee Line Daughters, Amy Stottlemeyer and Darla Treat Courtney, joined the Adam Stephen SAR Color Guard by participating in the annual



Shepherdstown Fourth of July Parade. Dressed in colonial attire, Stottlemeyer and Treat Courtney sought to represent all those women who watched their fathers, brothers, husbands, and sons march off to establish a new nation while they themselves worked to preserve the home front.

VAMC-Martinsburg Women's Boutique. Bee Line honors women veterans by supporting the women's clothing closet at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC) in Martinsburg. Two of our members, Jean Slonaker and Darla Treat Courtney, regularly volunteer at the designated Women's Boutique, which offers clothing and personal care items to women veterans—all without charge. Volunteer duties include accepting donations from individuals and businesses, performing basic housekeeping duties and stocking racks and shelves to keep the merchandise neat and appropriate to the season, and helping women veterans find selections that will suit their needs. The Boutique is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 10 am to 2 pm, and there is no means testing for women veterans to use this service.

Veteran Moms Baby Shower. The annual veteran moms baby shower is similarly available to all women veterans who are either pregnant or have recently given birth. It is a once-a-year event supported by patriotic organizations throughout the area. Contributed items include diapers and wipes, infant wear, personal care items appropriate for infants, nursery furnishings, and anything else a new baby or its mom might need. Bee Line has



Member Marilyn Bremilst delivers contributions for the veteran moms baby shower. These items were provided by her faith community.

participated in the baby shower since 2018 and claims the honor of being the first such group to become involved. In 2018 only seven veteran moms in the Martinsburg catchment area were honored. This year, as many as 50 veteran moms are expected to participate. Bee Line's contributions to the shower are managed by member Darla Treat Courtney, but she is supported by a large number of chapter Daughters who are eager to support this thoroughly joyful event. At the time this article went to press, we had already collected over \$1,500 worth of donations, with more to come. The shower is planned for September 26 at VAMC-Martinsburg.



Blackwater Chapter

Blackwater Chapter celebrated its 90th Anniversary with a luncheon on June 1 at the St. Paul's United Methodist Church social hall. Vice Regent Daryla Rapp and her committee worked hard to plan an eventful afternoon for everyone. Highlights included the presentation of the \$500 Good Citizens Award and the \$1,200 Sue Ann Silk Memorial Scholarship to Laney Burns and Hannah Cousins, 50 years of membership certificate to Frances Adams, and special state recognition awards to Terri Lawrence for her work in transcribing old journals and manuscripts at the Hacker's Creek Pioneer Library and to Phyllis Garcia for being one of the top registrars in the state last year. Phyllis' program, "WW II: Letters





from Dad," was and resonated in the room, to many an eye. be a beautiful with chapter all the DAR came to important event with us!



very moving with everyone bringing a tear It turned out to day to celebrate members and sisters who celebrate this



Blackwater Regent Cathy Hebb and Terri Lawrence joined WV State Regent Jane Larke in representing Blackwater Chapter at the West Virginia Breakfast at the 133rd Continental Congress and during many of the events throughout the week. All three ladies marveled at the

various events, saying Continental Congress truly was an experience they will never forget!

Blackwater Chapter members wrote notes of thanks and appreciation to the 105 veterans who will be going to Washington DC on the upcoming Honor Flight from the North Central West Virginia Airport in Clarksburg on Saturday, September 14. The cards were designed and donated by Blackwater Chapter member Titi Ferguson and husband, John. Our members also donated over 3 dozen children's books for State Regent Jane Larke's Early Childhood Literacy Project which are to be given to the children who will receive Christmas gifts courtesy



of the St. Paul's Methodist Church Toy Giveaway in Parsons this December.

Blackwater Chapter members celebrated 13 new



American citizens at the naturalization ceremony at The Jennings Randolph Federal Building in Elkins on August 9, 2024. Blackwater Chapter serves as one of the sponsoring NSDAR chapters of this prestigious event. The Honorable Thomas S. Kleeh



presided, saying this ceremony is "the highlight of his year!" It truly was a joy to see how excited and proud all of these new citizens were when they were pronounced "United States citizens"! We were very proud to represent the DAR at this event.





Blennerhassett Chapter

July means Stars and Stripes and the all-American Jeep.

It was a beautiful sunny day in Parkersburg's City Park, and it was filled with red, white, and blue and Jeeps all decked out in their finest.

Blennerhassett Chapter, NSDAR, celebrated America 250 with a fun day in the park hosting the Stars and Stripes Jeep Show. We had crafts for sale to benefit our projects, life size cut outs of Lafayette and de Galvez, games for kids and a scavenger hunt with a Jeep themed prize. The chapter worked with the Ohio Valley Jeep Club to set up the show and to collect items or cash donations for the Louis A Johnson VA Hospital in Clarksburg, WV, as their entry fee. The total value collected was \$1,500.00.

Prizes were awarded to the oldest Jeep, and the one that traveled the furthest. The entrants voted on Most Modified, Most Patriotic, People's Choice and Veterans' Choice. Our oldest Jeep was a 1948 Jeep in original Army condition owned by Doug Bradshaw while George Hinchcliffe traveled 135 miles to claim that prize. The People's Choice award went to Dallas Hinchcliffe. Most Modified was awarded to Josh Hopkins and the most patriotic was won by prospective member, Breanna Valluzzi. The veterans were able to vote for a Veterans' Choice award which went to John Davison. Our scavenger hunt was won by Blennerhassett Daughter and Jeep club member, Jo Ann Backus.

It was a lovely and exciting day to be in the park. Good times were had and there could possibly be more to come. A great way to raise supplies for the VA Hospital.



Cheat River Chapter

Supporting Our Heroine: Our chapter proudly recognizes one of our own members, Grace Moreno, who is currently serving on active duty in the Air Force. We have been sending her care packages and heartfelt cards to show our support. Special thanks



to Debbie Taylor for creating an additional care package to send to Grace.

Teacher Appreciation: To honor Teacher Appreciation Week, we drew names of all teachers in Preston County and awarded twelve of them with a \$25 Amazon gift card each. It was a small token of our immense gratitude for their dedication and hard work.

Community Engagement: In June, our members actively participated in the Kingwood Summerfest Street Fair. We set up a booth to promote DAR, engage with the community, and hand out patriotic items, fostering a sense of national pride.



American Revolution Experience: Members and friends of our chapter visited Fort Necessity Battlefield in Farmington, PA, to see the traveling

American Revolution Experience exhibit.

Themed Meeting: Our June meeting embraced a Native American theme. We enjoyed a potluck dinner at our regent's home, followed by an enlightening guest talk about Native American arrowheads and early habitation in the area. It was a memorable evening of learning and fellowship. Evie Durst, the daughter of member Maureen Durst, presented her social studies fair project and speech, which was about DAR.



Historical Portrayal: At our July meeting, JoAnn Peterson captivated us with a portrayal of Abigail Adams, bringing history to life and enriching our appreciation for our nation's founding figures.

DAR Book Club: We've been gathering half an hour before our regular meetings for the DAR book club, where we are currently



reading *Founding Mothers* by Cokie Roberts. It's a wonderful way to engage with each other and deepen our understanding of the women who shaped our country.

Excursion to Washington, D.C.: In July, our chapter organized a chartered bus trip from

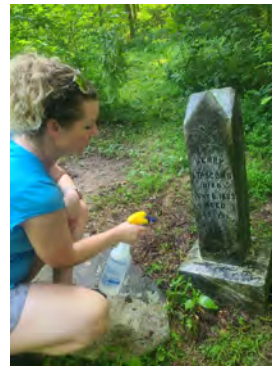


Kingwood to Washington, D.C. We toured the DAR Constitution Hall, explored the period rooms, and marveled at the Sewn in America exhibit. It was an inspiring and educational experience for all who attended.

Colonial Program for Students: Members presented a program on the life of a colonial child and George Washington's literacy at the summer reading program for Preston County Schools on several occasions throughout the summer. During these programs, they showed examples of colonial dress, demonstrated games children would have played, talked about chores and day to day life, and made butter with the students.



Grave Cleaning: Members and their families and friends met up to clean the grave of Patriot



Ambrose Lipscomb, who is buried in a rural, hard-to-reach area of Preston County. They also cleaned graves of his relatives buried nearby, and trimmed branches and weeds to make the area more accessible for others who may be searching for his grave.

Plant Exchange: For pollination and conservation efforts, Sherry Fields arranged a plant exchange where members brought plants, bulbs, and seeds from their own gardens to exchange with each other.



Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter

In March 2024, the Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter, NSDAR, decided to participate in the National Project Patriot. After conducting some research the chapter adopted the Lewis B. Puller-class expeditionary sea base USS *Hershel "Woody" Williams* (ESB 4) ship. We selected this ship because the ship is named after Hershel Woodrow Williams who was born in Quiet Dell near Fairmont.

There are two crews aboard the ship with each serving six months at sea. Presently the Gold crew is aboard. On June 29 the chapter members wrote and sent 130 "Thank You for Your Service" cards to the Gold Crew. Three care packages were mailed to the Gold Crew on July 10. Many thanks are expressed to full and associate chapter members who supported this project. We



L-R: Donna Woodburn, Resa Smith, Patty Hought (Project Patriot Committee Chair), Beth Niggemyer, Barbara Channell (chapter regent), Deborah Layman, and Pattie Norman with items purchased for care packages.



want to acknowledge the Fairmont Super Walmart and Sam's Club in Morgantown for donating gift cards used toward the purchase of items for the care packages.

We followed a suggested list of items to send to active military. A sampling of items sent in the care packages included *Wonderful West Virginia* magazine (January-June 2024), Q-tips, pipe cleaners, Chapstick, toothbrushes and toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo/crème rinse, Ziploc bags, sunscreen, Febreze, playing cards, adult coloring books and coloring pencils, Sudoku/crossword puzzle books, pens and pencils, nuts, chewing gum, dried fruit, beef jerky, aerosol air freshener, pretzels, coffee, tea, mints, various hard candy, protein bars, dried fruit, drink flavor packets, and many other items.



Members packing care packages. L-R, Debbie Layman, Barbara Channell, Patty Haught, Beth Niggemyer, and Resa Smith.

The Gold Crew Commander sent the following email to the Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter.

Good Day Patricia. I'm emailing in regards to the care packages that we just received. Thank you so much for that. The sailors have received and are very humble and thankful. Those packages have brought some good morale and just knowing the support from back home is there. We, as the gold crew, thank you and all who contributed for this.

Having heard how much the Gold Crew appreciated the cards and care packages, the Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter will repeat our efforts for the Blue crew in October.

Chapter Regent Barbara Channell met with the Marion County Commission on August 8 to accept the



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Economic Development Grant awarded by the WV House of Delegates to our chapter in the amount of \$1,000.

Debbie Layman and Beth Niggemyer (pictured mailing



her letters) prepared letters and cards for the Honor Flight veterans traveling from Clarksburg to Washington, DC, in September.

Our chapter attended the Marquis de Lafayette WV State DAR picnic in Fayetteville on August 18. Afterwards some of our members stopped to view the plaque at the New River Gorge National Park overlook.

L-R: Pattie Norman, Beth Niggemyer, Resa Smith, Sandy Kisner, flat Lafayette, Barbara Channell, and Patty Haught.



L-R: Barbara Channell, Pattie Norman, Sandy Kisner, and Beth Niggemyer.



L-R: Beth Niggemyer, Patty Haught, Pattie Norman, and Barbara Channell.

Six chapter members and two HODARs, Rudy Vincent and Lloyd Smith, attended the Central District Meeting on August 24 in Morgantown wherein Regent Barbara Channell accepted several awards on behalf of our chapter.



L-R: Resa Smith, Pattie Norman, Beth Niggemyer, and Patty Haught



Sandy Kisner

Our chapter has plans for the next quarter including Constitution Week, Bell ringing on September 17, combined picnic with the George Rogers Clark SAR Chapter, continuing with Project Patriot in the fall for the Hershel "Woody" Williams Blue Crew, attending the Wheeling event to honor Marquis de Lafayette and attending Battle



Days in Point Pleasant.

Our registrar, Pattie Norman, has been busy completing membership applications for Janet Brooker, Ashley Maxwell, Sharon Ball, and Patty Hermosilla. In addition our chapter has accepted two transfer members, Denise Noseworthy and Ceci Hanson, from Texas.



Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Col. John Evans Chapter

Four members of the Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Col. John Evans Chapter visited the American Revolution Experience Traveling Exhibit on June 26, 2024, while it was on display at the Fort Necessity National Battlefield in Fayette County, Pennsylvania.

Presented jointly by the Daughters of the American Revolution and the American Battlefield Trust, the interactive, traveling exhibit featured



L-R: Nancy Mosser, Susan Arnold, Peggy Johnson, Brenda Fisher

digital kiosks and storyboard panels that shared the emergence of a new nation, the United States of America, while adding the personal stories of 23 everyday people not well known to history. Included in those stories were those of Button Gwinnett and Peggy Shippen Arnold, the wife of Benedict Arnold.

In addition to viewing the special exhibit, the members watched a film about the history of Fort



Necessity, visited the park's museum, and walked out to see the reconstructed fort, where interpreters donned in colonial garb explained the significance and history of the site. The battle, which took place on July 3, 1754, was an early battle in the French and Indian

War, and it resulted in the surrender of British colonial forces under Col. George Washington to the French and Indians under Louis Coulon de Villiers.

Afterwards, the group enjoyed lunch together at the nearby Braddock's Restaurant and Tavern and discussed plans for hosting the Central District Meeting in August.



Elizabeth Zane Chapter

The Elizabeth Zane Chapter has been busy this summer. In August members attended the naturalization ceremony at the Randolph County Federal Court House. The next day we participated in the French Creek Pioneer



Reunion and set up an information table about the DAR and a table with a PEP (Portable Education Program) Museum box on Colonial Kitchens. Visitors enjoyed examining the items that would have been found in a colonial kitchen. Two weeks later we had 9 members/associates attend the Central District meeting held in Morgantown. Members attended the





Buckhannon City Council meeting in September to watch the signing of the Constitution Week proclamation. On September 11, members distributed cookies to all of the first responders in Buckhannon in honor of Patriots Day.



General Andrew Chapter

Honoring Lafayette 1824-2024: Regent Suzanne Cronquist attended the August ceremonies in New York City to kick off the 200th anniversary of General Lafayette's return to America. Many DAR Daughters from across the country joined with the American Friends of Lafayette (AFL), military and diplomatic representatives from France and the United States, to celebrate the "Hero of Two Worlds."



NYC Reenactment of Lafayette returning to America. August 16 (1824-2024)

Virginie de Pusy Lafayette, a descendent of the Marquis, DAR Daughter, and member of the Rochambeau Chapter (France), participated in the welcoming ceremonies along with two of her daughters. Participants walked from the NY Harbor landing site to the Court House in NYC in what we would know today as the NYC "ticker-tape parade" route. The 3-day celebration included receptions and educational lectures.

Vice Regent, Judy Deegans represented the chapter at the WVDAR Lafayette ceremony on



Suzanne Cronquist, NVC Franco-American Memorial Committee and Patti Maclay, national chair, in NYC

August 18 in Fayetteville.



Left: Vice Regent Judy Deegans in Fayetteville with Lafayette

Celebrating America 250! With SAR: Karen Lee McClung represented our chapter at the SAR ceremony for the dedication of the SAR America 250 bench placed on the grounds of the North House Museum in Lewisburg.

Seventieth Anniversary of General Andrew Lewis Chapter: At our November meeting we will celebrate the 70th anniversary of our General Andrew Lewis Chapter (Founded 13 October 1954 - Mrs. Wilson P. Phelps, Founding Regent).



James Wood Chapter

James Wood kicked off our new year on Saturday, September 14, with our Dues Tea. Ellie Hines, our delegate to Rhododendron Girls State shared her experience. Ellie represented our chapter well. She was elected auditor and was installed by Senator Joe Manchin.

A highlight of our summer was attending the West Virginia Breakfast at Continental Congress. Janet McCauley, a volunteer with Read Aloud West Virginia and a retired first-grade teacher and



reading specialist presented a program on "The Importance of Reading to Children." She discussed how vocabulary and comprehension skills increase with children being read to at an early age and on a daily basis.

Our chapter is fortunate to have an endowment that provides funds for scholarships



for graduating high school seniors. We renewed five scholarships for students who have maintained a 3.0 grade point average. We awarded six new scholarships to graduating seniors. The scholarship is renewable for four years as long as the required GPA is met. We are so proud that we can provide support for these outstanding students.

We prepared Constitution educational packets for fourth- and fifth-grade students at an elementary school. The packets obtained fun and educational materials about the United States Constitution.

As part of the America 250 Committee project, we are going to place a granite bench at Parkersburg City Park beside our present memorial with the names of Revolutionary War Patriots buried in Wood County. When working on the state regent's project, we located thirteen additional patriots that needed to be added to the memorial. The names will be engraved on the seat of the bench. We are excited to complete this project and honor our patriots.

James Wood is very proud of our Daughter Julia Hoffman as she was elected Northern District Director at the Northern District Meeting, August 10. She was given the oath by State Regent Jane Larke.



Matthew French Chapter

For Memorial Day, Matthew French daughters placed flags on graves of departed daughters and veterans.

The chapter was honored to have State Regent Jane Larke attend and participate in our events on June 13. First, Flag Day was celebrated by 28 youth at the Wade Center in Bluefield. The youth learned about the history and symbolism of the flag, the Pledge of Allegiance, and the *Star-Spangled Banner*. Members of the local Mercer County American Legion Post 54 taught the students the correct way Interviews, 5) Constitution Week Committee-3rd

to fold a flag. The youth completed a flag inspired wind spinner craft. A Trivia Quiz was a fun way for them to show what they learned. Congratulations to Heather Farley, vice-regent, and the American Legion for teaching the history and care of the flag. The youth and staff received flags, pencils, and flag decals. Patriotic cookies were enjoyed by all.

The Wade Center's flag was retired by the American Legion. The Matthew French Chapter presented them with a new flag, which proudly waves over the land of the free and the home of the brave. Jane presented the Wade Center and the



The Wade Center and Mercer County American Legion Post 54 receive flag certificates from State Regent Jane Larke.

Mercer County American Legion Post 54 with flag certificates for displaying the American flag.

To promote the State Regent's Literacy Project, 40 books and 9 educational items, children's clothing and other items were donated to Mary's Cradle. Jane presented the director with a literacy certificate for promoting literacy. Next, we enjoyed lunch at the Fincastle Country Club, followed by a visit to the Dr. Robert B. McNutt House. The chapter gave Jane a tour of the house. Jane learned its storied history and how the chapter works with the Old Town Princeton Foundation to preserve the house.



Mary's Cradle-Promoting the state regent's project-early childhood literacy



On June 14, the chapter participated in West Virginia Day Trolley Tour, sponsored by the Princeton Railroad Museum. The trolley visits six sites. One is the Dr. Robert B. McNutt House. The



WV Days Trolley Tour

chapter and the General Hugh Mercer Chapter SAR promoted Flag Day, colonial era activities such as doll making, toys and games, and the hardships our ancestors endured to settle this land and to fight in the American Revolution. Approximately 112 individuals participated in the activities and toured the house.

At the chapter's June meeting, Nell Bowman presented "D-Day-Liberation of France." Nell's father was active in this event. He served for four years and was in the 79th Division. Many pictures and maps were shown to tell the detailed story of D-Day. Nell showed a picture of her father and a friend of her father at the time who was killed in action.

In July, JoAnna Fredeking was inducted as a new member. She has supported the Matthew French Chapter for 50-plus years and is now a member. Stella Moon shared information about the 125th Anniversary DAR Hospital Corps. There were no nurses from Mercer County, but there were two nurses from West Virginia in the corps.

The Matthew French Chapter attended the Southern District meeting hosted by the Captain James Allen Chapter in Beckley. Members attending were Donna Brewster, JoAnna Fredeking, Pat Mick, Stella Moon, Karen Seguin-Barton, and Michelle Sparks. Our chapter received the following NSDAR awards: 1) Blue Ribbon for the Chapter Achievement Award Fifty Members or Less, 2) Spread the Sparkle Challenge, 3) Zero Drops and Resignations, 4) Constitution Week Committee-East Central Division for Outstanding Number of Radio Announcements and Media

Place East Central Division for Outstanding Chapter Activity, and 6) Constitution Week Committee-2nd Place East Central Division for Outstanding Chapter Report. The American History Committee recognized Barbara Wood and Heather Bostic for an Outstanding Program in American History-A Woman's View of the American Revolution. The chapter received the following awards from the WV State Society NSDAR: 1) Certificate of Commendation-Small Chapter for Teacher Aids on Patriots, 2) West Virginia State Historian-Best Chapter Report, Small Chapter, 3) Scrapbook Small Chapter Category-1st Place, and 4) West Virginia Historic Preservation Committee Certificate of Excellence for the Preservation and Maintenance of the Dr. Robert B. McNutt House. A lovely time was had



Jane Larke presents the West Virginia Historic Preservation Committee Certificate of Excellence for the Preservation and Maintenance of the Dr. Robert B. McNutt House to Stella Moon, regent, and JoAnna Fredeking, member.

by all members who enjoyed the warm hospitality of the Captain James Allen Chapter.

The chapter held a work party in August to prepare the Constitution Week's educational materials for the first and fourth grade students in Mercer County Public Schools. There are 792 first-grade students in 36 classes and 758 fourth-grade students in 30 classes. First graders receive a flag coloring sheet, pencil, and flag. A Constitution Week Activity Booklet, pencil and flag are given to fourth graders.

Nell and Nicole Bowman prepared a Constitution Week poster displayed at the



Constitution Week Poster

Princeton Public Library. On Monday, September 16, the City of Princeton presented a Constitution Week Proclamation to the chapter.

Due to inclement weather, the Matthew French Chapter and the General Hugh Mercer Chapter SAR hosted Bells Across America on September 20 for Mercer

and Straley elementary schools' 120 fourth graders and 8 teachers. Students participated in outdoor demonstrations for making a cloth doll, shooting marbles, playing with a buzz saw, and learning what life was like for soldiers and citizens during the colonial era. They were excited to receive a bell, a buzz saw, marbles (boys) and a doll (girls).



Ringling the bells on September 17 at 4 pm

Students toured the 1840s home of Dr. Robert B. McNutt, a prominent physician and business man. They were amazed to learn that no one lived here during the American Revolutionary War. Their patriots lived on Wolf Creek, VA, twenty-five miles away or on Clover Bottom, in Bluefield, VA, approximately 12 miles away.

During the Civil War, the house was used as headquarters for Lt. Col. Rutherford B. Hays and Sgt. William McKinley. Both later served as Ohio governors and U.S. presidents. In May 1862, the house was used as a temporary hospital for wounded Federal soldiers. The oldest home in Princeton has withstood fire, war, and neglect. Restored to its pre-Civil War grandeur, the house was listed on the National Historic Register on July 25, 2001.

It is a privilege for our chapter's office to be housed here. We collaborate with the Old Town Princeton Foundation to preserve the house for future generations.

WVVA-TV highlighted our Constitution Week and Bells Across America's events. Olivia Morgan and Junie Wood, future CAR members, demonstrated the crafts and games for the TV



Junie Wood and Olivia Morgan explaining the crafts to the WVVA-TV reporter.

reporter. They are our TV stars. Greg Morgan, SAR secretary-treasurer, JoAnna Fredeking, Old Town Princeton Foundation president, and Stella Moon, chapter regent, were interviewed, too.



Old Hickory Chapter

It was a busy summer for the Old Hickory Chapter with many events planned. On June 14 we waved the flag in front of the City Building for



Flag Day in Ripley. Those pictured were Mary Pistelli, JoAnn Jones, Gerry Chapman, Joann Clarkson, Rachel Tillinghast, guest Ruth Hawkins, Blennerhassett Chapter, Gloria Batten, Gayle Thompson, and Debbie Burge. Mayor Carolyn Rader, member of Old Hickory, was also there getting ready the July 4th Parade.

Brenda Chevront, state parliamentarian and



Left: Grace Arthur, Lt. Col. Matthew Isner, Sandra Isner-Johnson



honorary chapter regent; Grace Arthur, chapter regent and state page; and Sandra Isner-Johnson, state vice regent and honorary chapter regent, attended Continental Congress, June 26-30. The DAR Distinguished Citizen Medal was presented to Lt. Colonel Matthew Isner, brother to Sandra Isner-Johnson and cousin to Grace Arthur.

July 4th is a special day in Ripley with the biggest small-town parade in the USA. Always a great turnout with WOWK-TV Channel 13 always there to broadcast the parade. Those participating were Lora Dyer, Debbie Burge, Marjie Parsons, Joann Clarkson, JoAnn Jones, Megan Wray, and Mary Pistelli. Three of our members, Debbie Burge, Lora Dyer, and Joann Clarkson, were docents at the Heritage House during the Cedar Lakes Craft Fair. Regent Grace Arthur and her family participated in the 4th of July parade in Washington, DC. Chaplain Selma Humphreys helped carry the giant flag down

Below: Mayor Carolyn Rader



Melisa Tolley, Mary Pistelli, Lois Durst, Brenda Chevront, Cookey Gunter, JoAnn Jones, Kay Hill, Gerry Chapman, Debbie Burge, Selma Humphreys, Doris Conger, Rachel Tillinghast, Marjie Parsons.

Constitution Avenue! They received a beautiful pin for participation!

On July 6, five members traveled to the DAR Museum in DC by bus, hosted by the Cheat River Chapter. We were all impressed by the house beautiful especially the beautiful library. Those making the trip were JoAnn Jones, Selma Humphreys, Rachel Tillinghast, Betty Burge, and Gloria Batten. We had dinner at Old Ebbitt Grill and the food was wonderful along with the atmosphere.

The Western District meeting was held at the Elizabeth Memorial UMC in Charleston on July 20, 2024. We had eight members attending: Heather Harrison, Brenda Chevront, Ericka Chevront,

Selma Humphreys, Debbie Burge, JoAnn Jones, Sandra Isner-Johnson, and Joanna McKown. The chapter received several award certificates for many service hours and projects.



L-R: Brenda Chevront, Ericka Chevront, Selma Humphreys, Debbie Burge, JoAnn Jones, Sandra Isner Johnson, and Joanna McKown

On July 27, we honored our Korean War Veterans with a memorial service. Our 91-year-old Gerry Chapman's husband served along with the fathers of Selma Humphreys and Kay Hill. We had a great turnout with thirteen members present.

The Cemetery Documentation and Preservation Workshop was held in Ripley and was sponsored by the Jackson County Historical Society. Documentation on how to clean and preserve the old stones found in cemeteries in the area. A demonstration on how to reset a stone that had fallen was presented at the Old Settlers Cemetery in Ripley. Many of our members attended and in the afternoon of August 3, we had the Middle East Veteran Memorial program at the Gazbo on the courthouse lawn. Attending were Gerry Chapman, JoAnn Jones, Mary Pistelli, Rachel Tillinghast, Sandra Isner-Johnson, and Chris Landis.

Our first meeting was held at Ravenswood on August 10. Our theme for the meeting was Education. School supplies were donated by chapter member and Community Service Awards were presented to Jessica Isner and Cheryl Miller. Gloria Batten won the Summer Flag Challenge. This year's summer challenge was to give a flag certificate, Flag Code booklet, and a take a photo of their Flag from their business, home or



wherever they flew the red, white, and blue. Our Flag chair, Debbie Burge, keeps coming up with unique challenges for us, every summer.

Several of our members attended the celebration on August 18 at Fayetteville for the bicentennial of Marquis de Lafayette's farewell tour. On the courthouse lawn stands of statue of General Lafayette to honor a great man who gave so much to our country during the Revolution. The picnic lunch followed at the Town Park.

The chapter waved flags in front of City Hall on September 11, 2024. We must never forget what happened on this day 23 years ago.



Mary Pistelli, Joe Burge, Point Pleasant SAR, Debbie Burge, Jo Morgan, Gayle Thomason, Bryan Thompson, Captain James Neal SAR, and Gerry Chapman



Shenandoah Valley Chapter

WVDAR State Conference



WVDAR State Conference Committee: Heidi Ware, Barby Frankenberry, Jane Larke, and Margie Ways

Shenandoah Valley Chapter members attended the WVDAR State Conference held April 5-7, 2024, at the Holiday Inn, Martinsburg. Chapter members Barby Frankenberry and Margie Ways served on



1st Row: Tina Marquart, Carol DeHaven, Jerell Wright, regent, Jane Larke, WVDAR state regent, Barby Frankenberry, Margie Ways, and Sylvia Rhodes; 2nd Row: Karsen Wright, page, Susanne Horner, Alice Cogle, Sally Greenfield, Penny Hoeflinger, Deanna Kay and Mary Wright, page

the State Conference Committee. Eastern District chapters hosted the various dinners and events.

Naturalization Ceremony

Shenandoah Valley Chapter hosted a reception for the newly naturalized citizens on Friday, April 26, 2024, at the Federal Court Building, Martinsburg. Jerell Wright, chapter regent, gave a congratulations response to the new citizens.



Regent Jerell Wright



L-R: Margie Ways, Sally Greenfield, Penny Hoeflinger, and Tina Marquart

Memorial Day Wreath Laying

Shenandoah Valley Chapter participated in the May 27, 2024, Memorial Day Remembrance ceremony presented by the 2024 Memorial Day





Committee. Barby Frankenberry and Margie Ways, chapter members, serve on this committee. Jerrell Wright laid the wreath in memory of the fallen.

Annual Veterans Thank You Dinner

Barby Frankenberry, past curator general, honorary state regent, and chapter treasurer, coordinated and hosted the Annual Veterans Thank You Dinner June 4, 2024, at the Arden United Methodist Church in Martinsburg. It is our chapter's honor to thank these veterans for their service. More than a hundred veterans and guests attended the event. The Blue Gray chorus, made up of veterans themselves, entertained the attendees with an array of patriotic songs. Chapter members provided the desserts to accompany the dinner.



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Line Chapter. The meeting was held at the Independent Fire Hall in Ranson. Margie Ways, Eastern District director and the Shenandoah Valley Chapter registrar, presided over the meeting.

Jane Larke, WVDAR state regent, gave an update on her projects and presented numerous certificate awards for the Eastern District chapters.

Berkeley County Youth Fair

Jerrell Wright, regent Shenandoah Valley Chapter NSDAR, and John Augustine Washington C.A.R.



Eastern District Meeting

Shenandoah Valley Chapter members attended the July 27 Eastern District Meeting hosted by the Bee



Kathy Porter, Tina Marquart, Margie Ways, State Regent Jane Larke, Chapter Regent Jerrell Wright, Barby Frankenberry, and Sally Greenfield

members provided chapter information, history of the Boston Tea Party, made cards for military, and shared our chapter recipe book during the Berkeley County Youth Fair held during the first week of August 2024. Members of the C.A.R. provided face painting.

Restoring the Watkins Ferry Historical Sign

Shenandoah Valley Chapter members gathered along Route 11 North in Berkeley County on Tuesday, August 13, 2024, to see the newly renovated Watkins Ferry sign. The Watkins Ferry sign was placed in this location in 1937 by the Shenandoah Valley Chapter. "This sign,



First row: Henry and Della Wright, John Augustine Washington C.A.R. members; second row: Susanne Horner, Jerrell Wright, Regent, Barby Frankenberry, Deanna Kay, Margie Ways, and Sylvia Rhodes; back row: Nigel Wainwright and Sally Greenfield



which was erected in 1937, is located just before the Maryland state line along Route 11 and shares the history of the act of the House of Burgesses in 1744. This act established a landing across the Potomac River near the home of Watkins, who operated the ferry. The landing was the entrance of Braddock's Road, which leads to what is now Berkeley County. George Washington traveled this road in 1755 during the march to Fort Duquesne." (*The Journal*)

A project of restoring the sign was presented to the chapter earlier this year by Deanna Kay, chapter historian. Kay, a descendant of Evan Watkins who operated the ferry, reached out to Nigel Wainwright who repairs historical signs for Antietam Battlefield as to the cost and time for repairing the sign. The chapter approved the project, and Mr. Wainwright began the repair during the Spring of 2024.



Before and after photos



Tanner's Cross Roads Chapter

The year 2024 is a milestone for Tanner's Cross Roads Chapter. The members celebrated their 5-year anniversary on April 27, 2024, with many in attendance. The celebration was held at the Steele Hollow Estates, in Spencer, WV. Everyone was



State Regent Larke with Betsy Ross (Linda Dolan)



Build a Flag by Sojourners

entertained by a "Build A Flag" program presented by The North Carolina Chapter 97, National Sojourners. Betsy Ross (portrayed by Linda Dolan) was also attending the celebration.



L-R: members of Tanner's Cross Roads in attendance. Ellen Platt, WVDAR State Regent Jane Larke, Kathy Kidd, Susan Tucker, Kate Short, Susie Wyatt, Linda Dolan, Vickie Baker, Helen Snyder, Sarah Nicholson, Barbara Ashley, Melba Starcher, Bonita Schreckengost and Carla Hicks.



Wheeling Chapter

Usually, the summer months provide a break from DAR activities, but not this year. The Wheeling Chapter has been busy with a number of activities.

In July, Wheeling Chapter Recording Secretary, Roseanna Keller took a car full of donations to the Louis A. Johnson VA Center in Clarksburg, including handmade quilts, handmade lap throws, puzzles, toothpaste, deodorant, toothbrushes, combs, denture cleaner tablets, shampoo and conditioner, razors, shaving cream, socks, underwear, t-shirts, puzzle books, cards, pens, Chapstick, soap, gum, handmade prayer pockets, and assorted greeting cards. We also 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*. The presentation was the second in a People's University on Dunmore's War by the Ohio County Public Library. The events leading to Dunmore's War played out in our area. Wheeling's Fort Henry, built in the summer of 1774, was constructed with Dunmore's support as he planned his expedition to the Ohio River Valley. This local connection is of great interest in our community, and much of the story has not been told.



In August, we hosted the 76th Northern District Meeting on August 10 at the Wheeling Country Club. For many in the chapter, it was the first district meeting they attended. Eighty DAR members attended. Our guest speakers were Roseanna Keller and Gary Rider who talked about stories from the fourteen (14) volumes of veterans' stories they have completed over the years. The Wheeling 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.

During Labor Day weekend, the Wheeling Chapter participated in Fort Henry Days at Oglebay Park.



William Henshaw Chapter

Despite the date on the calendar, the William Henshaw Chapter continues its work of service during the long months of summer recess. Eight members of the chapter recently attended the Eastern District Meeting of the WVDAR, held in Ranson on July 27, 2024. The hostesses for the day's event were the Bee Line Chapter members.

Chapter Regent Julia Gates and seven members of the chapter attended the meeting and received information on revised state Bylaws, following action at the national level, as well as information on Eastern District projects such as the purchase and distribution of the WVDAR Patriot Burial Books, a project of the former State Regent Cheryl Brown. Members were treated to a



L-R: Eileen Southerly, Shelley Hamilton, Carolyn Scheydt, Andrea Duckworth, Pam Brush, Joanne Krishack, Deborah E. Hammond, and seated, Julia Gates, regent

message by State Regent Jane Larke and a play performed by the Bee Line Chapter members entitled "American Heritage Play." A courtesy resolution was read by Chapter Regent Julia Gates, and awards were distributed to the participating chapters by State Regent Jane Larke.

The William Henshaw Chapter was the recipient of five certificates of award, including the 2nd Place, Scrapbook, and 2nd place, Press book, awards. A certificate of award was provided for Eastern District Division for Outstanding Chapter for the American Indians Committee. The chapter also was awarded a Certificate of Commendation-Small Chapter for Patriot Marker Rededication, Membership Committee award for Spread the Sparkle Challenge, and an award for the Master Reports Committee, Blue Ribbon Award for the Chapter Achievement Awards, Chapters, Fifty Members or less. The certificates represented extensive work by the members of the chapter and a commitment to excellence by the chapter. These awards were in addition to those given to the chapter at the annual WVDAR conference in the month of April

The final component of the event was the Memorial Service which honors each year the member Roll Call of Departed Daughters. The William Henshaw Chapter lost former regent, Nancy Myers, this past year. She was honored by remarks from Chapter Registrar Joanne Krishack.

July 10 and August 11 Executive Committee meetings rounded out the activity of planning for the beginning of the chapter service year which begins at the September 7 meeting of the chapter.

Finally, on September 13, members of the William Henshaw Chapter visited the Monarch Family Support Center for Berkeley County, where they donated 40 backpacks, pajamas, books, stuffed animals, and toothbrushes.





DISTRICT NEWS

Eastern District

The 77th Eastern District Meeting was hosted by the Bee Line Chapter at the Independent Fire Hall in Ranson on Saturday, July 27, 2024. The meeting was called to order by Margie Ways, Eastern District director. Heidi Ware, Bee Line Chapter regent brought greetings. The highlight of the old business was the picture presentation of the chapters delivering the purchased WVDAR patriot burial books to the Eastern District libraries. Twenty-two books were delivered in total. Tina Seese, Northern District director and Chair of the WVDAR State Nominating Committee, presented information on applying for a WVDAR State Office. Margie Ways and Sally Greenfield presented the district bylaw changes recommended by the Eastern District Bylaws Committee. The membership approved the changes. Sally Greenfield, Chair for the Eastern District Nominating Committee, presented the 2025-2028 slate of officers selected by the committee. The following members were nominated and approved by the membership: Judy Bowyer, district director, South Branch Valley Chapter, Jerell Wright, secretary, Shenandoah Valley Chapter, and Bonnie Myers, treasurer, South Branch Valley Chapter. The Eastern District membership approved the slate of



2025-2028 Eastern District officers: Judy Bowyer, director, Jerell Wright, secretary, and Bonnie Myers, treasurer

officers and Jane Larke installed the new officers for the 2025-2028 term. Jane Larke presented the State Regent's Message describing the events she attended during the past year and updated the members on her State Regent Projects. The Bee Line Chapter entertained the attendees during



WVDAR State Regent Jane Larke presents her message. Also pictured: Margie Ways, Eastern District director, Sally Greenfield, Bylaws and Nominating Committee chair, Jerell Wright, Shenandoah Valley Chapter regent

lunch with their NSDAR National American Heritage Award Winning Play, "Did She Make It." The meeting came to conclusion with an invitation from Darlene Frederick, regent Highlands of the Potomac, to the 2025 Eastern District Meeting. Sharon Carrigan, Bee Line chaplain presented a beautiful memorial service for 13 Eastern District Daughters that passed away during the past year. The day was concluded with members holding hands and singing "Blest Be The Tie That Binds."



Western District

The Western District Meeting, held July 20, was hosted by the Anne Bailey Chapter at Elizabeth Memorial United Methodist Church in Charleston. Fifty-six people registered for the meeting, with only a few of them not attending.

The district meeting was led by Nickie Evenson, district treasurer and acting district director. State Regent Jane Larke gave a report of activities over the course of the previous year and updated members on upcoming events and changes in committee chairs. Joanna McKown of Old Hickory Chapter provided a program on the DAR Museum.





The slate of officers for the 2025-2028 term was elected, they being Nickie Evenson of Anne Bailey Chapter, district director; Linda Quinn Keeling of Kanawha Valley Chapter, district secretary; and Sheila Stevenson of Westmoreland Chapter, district treasurer. They were given the oath of office by State Regent Jane Larke but will not take office at the end of next year's Continental Congress.



Allison Kessinger, chaplain of Anne Bailey Chapter, provided a moving memorial service for the 12 district Daughters who passed away in the previous year.

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 Winter newsletter will come out in early February.

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