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THE WEST VIRGINIA STATE SOCIETY

of the

**National Society
Daughters of the American Revolution**

**96th, 97th, 98th
Annual State Conferences**

2001-2004

Compiled and Edited

by

**Mrs. William H. Van Voorhis
State Recording Secretary**

**OUR FAMILY TREE – ROOTS FROM THE PAST,
LINKING TO THE FUTURE**

National Theme

**SHARING OUR HERITAGE,
MAINTAINING OUR OBJECTIVES**

State Theme

**This Eighth Edition
of the
West Virginia Triennial Proceedings
is
dedicated to the
Daughters
West Virginia State Society, NSDAR**

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

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all

THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

Oh, say can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars thro' the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air
Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there.
Oh, say does that Star-Spangled Banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

Oh, thus be it ever when free men shall stand
Between their loved homes and the war's desolation;
Blest with vict'ry and peace, may the heav'n- rescued land
Praise the Pow'r that hath made and preserved us a nation!
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just;
And this be our motto, "In God is our trust!"
And the Star- Spangled Banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

- Francis Scott Key

THE AMERICAN'S CREED

I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people, whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic; a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a perfect Union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it; to support its Constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies.

- William Tyler Page



MRS. CHARLES L. SILLIMAN

STATE REGENT
2001 - 2004

West Virginia State Society
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PRESIDENT GENERAL

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2001 – 2004

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AMERICAN REVOLUTION

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West Virginia Chorus	Mrs. Loring H. Vance
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West Virginia Cottage at Tamasee	Mrs. Terry Kornegay
.....	Miss Jean Ann Elliott
West Virginia DAR News	Mrs. Clifford Eddy
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.....	Mr. Charles L. Silliman
.....	Mr. James E. Wallace
.....	Mr. Terry Kornegay
.....	Mr. Robert H. Frankenberry

NATIONAL AND STATE MEETINGS

111 th Continental Congress	July 3 – 7, 2002
Washington, DC	
112 th Continental Congress	July 9 – 13, 2003
Washington, DC	
113 th Continental Congress	July 7 – 11, 2004
Washington, DC	
96 th State Conference	October 26 -28, 2001
Southern District – Hostess	
Holiday Inn, Bluefield, WV	
97 th State Conference	October 25 – 27, 2002
Western District – Hostess	
Marriott Town Center Hotel, Charleston, WV	
98 th State Conference	October 24 - 26, 2003
Central District - Hostess	
Ramada Inn, Morgantown, WV	

DISTRICT MEETINGS

2001 Eastern	July 21, 2001
Hostess Chapter - Ye Towne of Bath	
Asbury Methodist Church, Charles Town, WV	
Western	July 27, 2001
Hostess Chapter - Buford	
First United Methodist Church, Huntington, WV	
Southern	July 28, 2001
Hostess Chapter -John Cooke	
Holiday Inn, Bluefield, WV	
Northern	August 3, 2001
Hostess Chapter – James Wood	
Blennerhassett Hotel, Parkersburg, WV	

	Central	August 4, 2001
	Hostess Chapter – Elizabeth Cummins Jackson Church of Christ, Grafton, WV	
2002	Eastern	August 3, 2002
	Hostess Chapter – Beeline Asbury Methodist Church, Charles Town, WV	
	Central & Northern	August 16, 2002
	Hostess Chapters – Hagans-Evans and Ohio Valley Pete Dye Golf Club, Bridgeport, WV	
	Southern & Western	August 17, 2002
	Hostess Chapters – Charleston Humphrey’s Restaurant, Charleston WV	
2003	Eastern	July 19, 2003
	Hostess Chapter – Fort Ashby Trinity UMC, Fort Ashby, WV	
	Central	July 25, 2003
	Hostess Chapter – Elizabeth Zane Chapel Hill UMC, Buckhannon, WV	
	Northern	July 26, 2003
	Hostess Chapter – Mound Special Events, Glendale, WV	
	Southern	August 1, 2003
	Hostess Chapter – Matthew French Princeton Presbyterian Church, Princeton, WV	
	Western	August 2, 2003
	Hostess Chapter – Colonel Charles Lewis Trinity UMC, Point Pleasant, WV	

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

2001	Days Inn, Flatwoods, WV	June 22, 23, 2001
	Holiday Inn, Bluefield, WV	October 25, 2001
2002	Charleston Marriott, Charleston, WV	October 24, 2002
2003	Hampton Inn, Buckhannon, WV	June 20, 2003
	Ramada Inn, Morgantown, WV	October 25, 2003

SUMMER TRAINING

2002	Pete Dye Golf Club, Bridgeport, WV	June 22, 2002
2003	Jackson’s Mill 4-H Camp, Weston, WV	June 21, 2003

CHAPTERS AND REGENTS

Anne Bailey	Mrs. W. Frederick Craig
Anne Royall	Mrs. Walter Whippen and Mrs. Dale Keith
Barboursville	Mrs. Violet Hysell
Beeline	Mrs. Charles Printz
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Charleston	Mrs. Louise P. Ratcliff
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Colonel Morgan Morgan	Miss R. Marlene Jones
Colonel William Lowther	Mrs. Bradley A. Kelley
Colonel Zackquill Morgan	Mrs. Wayne Cline
Daniel Davisson	Mrs. B. P. Tonelli
Elizabeth Cummins Jackson (disbanded July 13, 2003)	Mrs. William Korth, Jr.
Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans	Mrs. William H. Van Voorhis
Elizabeth Zane	Mrs. Virgil Greenleaf
Elk River	Mrs. Virginia Carr
Fort Ashby	Mrs. Berle Collett and Mrs. Richard J. Watro
General Andrew Lewis	Mrs. Donald Farlow and Ms. Mary Frances Bodemuller
James Barbour	Mrs. Charles Boyles and Mrs. Herbert Holbert
James Wood	Mrs. David Lucas
John Chapman	Mrs. Richard F. Alley
John Cooke	Mrs. Leonard Lusk
John Hart	Mrs. Jerry Bidlack
John Young	Mrs. Michael L. White and Ms. Mary Blaine McLaughlin
Kanawha Valley	Mrs. Carl Blankenship and Mrs. Thomas L. Collins
Matthew French	Miss Marguerite Miller
Mound	Mrs. Arthur C. Bonar
Ohio Valley	Mrs. Robert Nalley
Pack Horse Ford	Mrs. James P. Reinhart
Peters Mountain Chapter	Mrs. Robert Allen
Phoebe Tucker Cunningham	Mrs. Paul S. Evans
Shenandoah Valley	Mrs. Robert H. Frankenberry
South Branch Valley	Mrs. Loring H. Vance
Trans-Allegheny Chapter	Mrs. Fay Heavner
Westmoreland	Ms. Kathleen W. Bledsoe
Wheeling	Mrs. Robert D. McClelland
William Henshaw	Mrs. Julia Gates
William Morris	Ms. Robin Comer
Ye Towne of Bath	Mrs. George Linaweaver

**West Virginia State Society
National Society Daughters of the American Revolution
NINETY-SIXTH STATE CONFERENCE
BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING**

Friday, October 26, 2001

The Board of Management, West Virginia State Society, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, met at 1 o'clock p.m. in Summit A-B, Holiday Inn, Bluefield, West Virginia.

The meeting was called to order by State Regent Mrs. Charles L. Silliman. State Chaplain Miss Frankie K. Cline gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Mrs. Theodore Garrett, Eastern District Director.

The State Regent welcomed everyone to the State Board of Management Meeting. She introduced the following: Chaplain General, Past Organizing Secretary General and Honorary State Regent, Mrs. Joel M. Wagoner; Honorary State Regent Mrs. Jack R. Adams; Past Vice President General, Honorary State Regent Mrs. Randall G. Rumberg; the State Officers and State Parliamentarian Mrs. Cora P. Teel.

State Recording Secretary Mrs. William Van Voorhis, called the Roll of West Virginia's National Officers, Honoraries, State Officers, District Directors and Chapter Regents. National Officer 1, Honoraries 2, State Officers 10, District Directors 3, and Chapter Regents 13.

Mrs. Silliman asked for and received verification that a quorum was present.

The minutes of the last Board of Management meeting held October 27, 2000 were read by the State Recording Secretary, and approved as corrected.

The State Regent asked for the report of the Finance Committee. Mrs. James Wallace, State Chairman Finance Committee, distributed copies of the proposed budget and explained her figures.

The State Recording Secretary was asked to read the Recommendation from the Executive Committee.

RECOMMENDATION:

"that the report of the Finance Committee be accepted with the stipulation that we further investigate the State Regent's allotment and give her the amount to which she's entitled in next year's budget." Mrs. Van Voorhis moved the adoption of the recommendation from the Executive Committee. The motion carried.

The next order of business was the reports of the State Officers. The State Vice Regent was asked to assume the chair. The State Regent gave an abbreviated report, deferring her official report until Saturday morning's business session. The State Chaplain gave her report in full. The State Recording Secretary asked that those in the assembly help her with counts and the names of people who are recognized, so that as much information as possible can be recorded in the proceedings. The State Treasurer distributed the Treasurer's report and provided explanations. The State Librarian gave a short report. The remainder of the officers deferred their report until Saturday's business session.

Unfinished business, the State Regent mentioned the following items for sale: Cookbooks, Ancestor Books, and Peters Cottage Pins. It was stated that the West Virginia Centennial Pin costs \$45.00.

New business - Mrs. Cora Teel, State Parliamentarian, was asked to read the Standing Rules for the 96th State Conference. The Rules were read, and Mrs. Teel moved that they be adopted. Mrs. Terry Kornegay seconded the motion. The Rules were adopted.

The next order of business was the topic of District Meetings. The July date for Continental Congress has presented the need for some changes in scheduling. The following Recommendations were presented by State Vice Regent Mrs. Gilkeson:

RECOMMENDATION I

"that District Meetings for 2002 be changed in the following manner: Eastern District be held on Saturday, August 3, 2002. That Central and Northern District Meetings be combined to meet on Friday, August 16, 2002; that Southern and Western District Meetings be combined and

held on Saturday, August 17, 2002. The logistics of the meeting are to be worked out by the District Directors and hostess Chapters.” Mrs. Gilkeson moved for the adoption of this Recommendation. The Recommendation was adopted.

RECOMMENDATION II

“that a Summer Board of Management Meeting be held in the Summer of 2002 at the same location as the Eastern District Meeting, the Meeting to begin at 1:30 p.m. on August 3, 2002 or after the adjournment of the Eastern District Meeting. State Chairmen will be invited to attend and allowed to report.” Mrs. Gilkeson moved for the adoption of this Recommendation. The Recommendation was adopted.

RECOMMENDATION III

“that the West Virginia State Society Bylaws be changed to allow more flexibility in selecting the date of the State Conference.” Mrs. Gilkeson moved for the adoption of this Recommendation. The Recommendation was adopted.

The next order of business to come before the Board was the Proposed Bylaws Amendments. Mrs. Randall G. Rumberg, State Chairman Bylaws, read the Proposed Bylaws Amendments for the 96th State Conference, as follows:

In accordance with the West Virginia State Society NSDAR Bylaws, Article XVI, Amendments, Sec. 1, the following are the PROPOSED AMENDMENTS to the West Virginia State Society NSDAR Bylaws to be presented for consideration and action by the State Conference during a business session at the 96th State Conference in Bluefield, WV, October 26-28, 2001.

AMEND Article XI, Committees, Section 1, by adding the sentence **She shall appoint three members of the Long Range Planning Committee.**

EXISTING LAW

Section 1. At the close of the State Conference at which she is elected, the incoming State Regent shall appoint the following committees: Finance, Resolutions, and Credentials.

THE SECTION WILL THEN READ:

Section 1. At the close of the State Conference at which she is elected, the incoming State Regent shall appoint the following committees: Finance, Resolutions and Credentials. **She shall appoint three members of the Long Range Planning Committee.**

RATIONALE: To implement a new committee and allow each State Regent to determine part of its composition.

Mrs. Rumberg moved for the adoption of the amendment as proposed. The proposed amendment was adopted.

AMEND Article XI, Committees, by adding a new section 5, Long Range Planning Committee

Section 5. (a) The Long Range Planning Committee shall consist of nine members, each of whom shall serve no more than nine years. Each district shall be represented by at least one member.

(b) At the beginning of a new administration the State Regent shall appoint three (3) new members to the committee with the three completing the longest term retiring.

(c) Should a vacancy occur in the membership of the Committee, the State Regent shall appoint a new member to the Committee, whose appointment shall expire at the time of the member she is replacing.

(d) The State Regent shall appoint a chairman of the Committee from the six (6) members already serving. Should a vacancy occur in the chairmanship, the State Regent shall appoint a new chairman to serve the balance of the unexpired term. This chairman shall also be named from those who have completed at least three (3) years on the committee.

- (c) Any member who misses two (2) consecutive meetings of the Committee without just cause will automatically be retired from the Committee. The State Regent shall appoint a replacement to fill the unexpired term.

RATIONALE: To authorize a new committee to provide a continuing assessment of the future needs of the State Society to ensure its viability and to recommend measures to be taken and methods for implementation, including financing.

Mrs. Rumberg moved for the adoption of the Amendment. Mrs. Robert Nalley seconded. Motion carried.

The State Regent related the following information from the National Board of Management Meeting October 3-6, 2001:

- There is a new Care Bears Pin for sale as a fundraiser for our schools. The pins are selling for \$25.00. An award will be given for most pins sold.
- The new ritual is available from "The Store" for \$3.00.
- Chapter Chaplain forms are available online. When submitting names for birthday cards for either 90 or 100 year olds please make sure the address is correct, because some have been returned more than once. Procedure for reporting a death – send to State Chaplain and State Regent. The State Chaplain then reports to the State Organizing Secretary.
- Updates on Membership will automatically be sent to the State Registrar, State Regent and State Membership Chairman. When sending or requesting information about a chapter member include chapter code and Nat'l #.
- A book will be compiled - "DAR Women Who Have Served in Military Service".
- National Parliamentarian requests two copies of a chapter's amended bylaws.
- The American Indian Scholarship is back under the American Indian Committee per the endowment of a \$60,000 bequest.
- Chapter Achievement Award measures the health of a chapter and its goals. There is a new form, some dates have changed. Use the member count as of 1/1/01, which is listed with your chapter in the Directory. Regent or Chairman and Treasurer must sign the form.
- New subscription rate for the Magazine is \$18.00 (1st of year).
- Schools Directory will be available soon. School Supper will be July 5.
- Lineage Research had 247 requests for assistance between January and July.
- The Patriot Index is being put on CD.
- We have lost 43,000 members in 17 years. Last # 807324, 1672 applications received, 1534 accepted, new ancestors 103, record copies processed 4,205, supplementals unresolved 63.
- A Bylaws change – that when attending a member's funeral, pins may be worn.
- Pins may be worn with pantsuits, however no sash. "Pantsuits" does not include casual slacks, sweaters or jeans.
- A complete security system is in effect at Headquarters. The Board of Management was issued badges and required to walk through a metal detector. Visitors must sign in at the front door.
- The Women's Issues Committee is new and wishes to address issues important to women. Please offer Committee Chairman Mrs. Fish your suggestions. Take time at meetings to discuss concerns.
- The President General's Project is to increase membership and preserve our data. More revenue will be derived from a Master Index for each state that will be available eventually. There can be an ancestor database online for members.
- Performances in Constitution Hall will raise funds for the victims and families of the September 11 tragedy

Congress information was given as follows: Opening night July 3rd at 7:00. July 4, Celebrate, July 5 and 6 Business session 9:00 am and evening session 7:00. July 7 Memorial 9:00 am. Schedule

box tickets with State Vice Regent Mrs .Gilkeson. State Registrar Mrs. McCullough is in charge of the West Virginia bus. She stated that at this time there is no confirmation of rooms at J. W. Marriott. She is continuing to work on the arrangements. West Virginia Congress Breakfast will be on July 4 at J.W. Marriott. West Virginia seating will be on floor, section #8.

The State Regent announced that the National Board dates are as follows: December 8, 2001, February 1-3, 2002 and April 13, 2002.

The State Regent asked for the Recommendations from the Executive Committee. The State Recording Secretary read the following:

RECOMMENDATION:

“that the chapters be assessed thirty-five cents per member, to be effective for the year 2002-2003” The Recording Secretary moved for the adoption of this Recommendation The motion carried.

The State Recording Secretary read the following Recommendations from the Executive Committee to the Bylaws Committee:

RECOMMENDATION:

“that Article IV, Section 4, be amended to read: One-fourth of the State dues shall be paid to the State Regent to defray her expenses to the National and State meeting and for expenses pertaining to her office to the amount of the above sum.

The Recording Secretary moved the adoption of this Recommendation. Mrs. Gilkeson read the Bylaws Section in question and clarified this assessment. Motion carried.

RECOMMENDATION:

“that the Bylaws Committee look at Article IV, Section 2, and insert the word ‘dues’ to show that the \$3.40 is dues.” The Recording Secretary moved the adoption of this Recommendation. Motion carried.

The State Regent asked for announcements. It was stated that there will be a meeting of the Bylaws Committee following adjournment of the Board of Management meeting. Miss Cline gave the benediction. The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Ann Wade Van Voorhis (Mrs. William)
State Recording Secretary

OPENING SESSION

Friday Evening October 26, 2001

The 96th Annual State Conference, West Virginia State Society, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution was called to order at 8:30 p.m, Friday, October 26, 2001 in Summit Room C-D, Holiday Inn, Bluefield, West Virginia.

Musical selections were provided by Mrs. Loring H. Vance.

The Assembly Call was given by the Princeton High School JROTC Color Guard, under the command of Major Grace.

The State Regent, National Officers, Honorary State Regents, Conference Guests, and State Officers entered in procession, escorted by the pages.

The State Regent, Mrs. Charles L. Silliman called the 96th State Conference to order. The State Chaplain, Miss Frankie Cline, gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United State of America was led by Mrs. Clifford Righman, State Librarian. The American’s Creed was led by Mrs. Lyle C. McCullough, State Registrar. The National Anthem was led by Mrs. Robert H. Frankenberry, State Corresponding Secretary.

The colors were posted. Mrs. Silliman thanked the JROTC for their participation and also expressed her appreciation to Mrs. Vance for the beautiful music prior to our opening session.

Mrs. Terry Komegay, General Conference Chairman and Southern District Director, welcomed the Daughters and Conference guests and introduced the Regents of the Hostess Chapters – Captain James Allen, General Andrew Lewis, John Chapman, John Cooke, Matthew French and Peters Mountain.

The Honorable Bob Wise, Governor of West Virginia, was unable to attend. He sent the following greetings, which were read by Mrs. Roy A. Gilkeson, State Vice Regent.

GREETINGS FROM THE GOVERNOR

As Governor of the State of West Virginia, I am pleased to welcome the West Virginia Daughters to the 96th State Conference of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution.

Your ongoing efforts to cherish, maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom and to foster patriotism and love of country and state are truly inspiring. Especially in times like these, it is important to remember those who have fought for our freedoms in the past and those who continue to do so in the present.

Again, thank you for all you do. Welcome to Bluefield and best wishes for a successful conference.

*Very truly yours,
(signed) Bob Wise*

Mrs. Robert W. Watkins, President General, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, sent greetings. Her letter was read by Mrs. Michael Braniff, State Treasurer.

GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT GENERAL

Dear West Virginia Daughters

It is a pleasure to greet you on the occasion of your State Conference.

As you meet to celebrate the achievements of your chapters, we want to express our gratitude to each member whose creative talents and energy have so generously contributed to the success of the NSDAR.

The recent attack on America's freedom has brought into sharp focus the climate of complacency in regard to our national defense. We now call on each of you, as members of the DAR, to lead the way in promoting patriotism. Patriotism should not be merely a reaction to tragic loss but a loyal and sustained belief in the principles of our Constitution. Let us resolve that we will share the message that "freedom is not free" and should never be taken for granted. As DAR we believe that only by the teaching of American History can our citizens understand and appreciate the reasons why we are Americans. As dedicated members, you have never failed to respond to the goals we have envisioned and we know that you will continue to be faithful to our objectives.

I challenge you now to take up the goal of reaffirming your chapters: by strengthening your fellowship, by reaching out to new ideas, by mentoring those who want to learn the work, and by promoting membership within your communities. Let us be positive in our attitudes and proactive in our approach to needed change, with the confidence that our combined efforts will ensure the future growth of our beloved society.

*Faithfully,
Linda Tinker Watkins
President General*

The State Regent, on behalf of the West Virginia State Society, will respond to the above communications with an official letter of appreciation.

The State Regent introduced the Honorable Robert Perkinson, Mayor of Bluefield, who extended greetings to the Daughters and a gracious welcome to Bluefield. The State Regent presented Mayor Perkinson with a gift.

Ms. Kim Bowman, Holiday Inn Sales Representative, extended her welcome, and a response was given by State Vice Regent, Mrs. Gilkeson.

At this time, the State Regent introduced Honorary Vice President General, Miss Virginia Bondurant Johnson, who brought greetings from the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution.

Mrs. John A. Davis, Senior State President, Children of the American Revolution was introduced by the State Regent. She brought greetings from the C.A.R.

Mr. Richard D. Brockway, President, West Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution, was unable to attend, but he sent a special greeting, which was read by Mrs. Richard Ford, State Historian.

Carmen G. Silliman, State Regent, WVDAR

It is indeed a pleasure for me, as President of the West Virginia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, to send greetings to you for your opening session of your Ninety-sixth State Conference. We of the SAR have a close tie with you of the DAR and enjoy participating together. Just recently I was at Pt. Pleasant ceremonies with WVDAR Vice Regent Gilkeson and at Yorktown with NSDAR President General Watkins.

Unfortunately I cannot join you at your Conference in Bluefield because the SAR is also having their Central District (Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, West Virginia) Meeting at the same time. Therefore, Chancellor General NSSAR, Raymond Musgrave, Vice President General NSSAR, John Smith as well as myself, will be there representing West Virginia along with others. It is also being hosted in West Virginia – Huntington. I do hope that our organizations will get together at other functions in the future without conflicting dates. Best wishes for a successful conference!

In the Spirit of Patriotism,

Richard D. Brockway, President

WVSSAR 2000-2002

Mrs. Silliman expressed her appreciation for the friendship and support of the Honorary State Regents. She introduced Miss Jean Ann Elliott, Honorary State Regent, who spoke for the others. Miss Elliott extended her greetings to the State Regent and to the Daughters. The following Honorary State Regents were introduced:

Mrs. Virginia Bondurant Johnson, Honorary State Regent, Honorary Vice President General; Mrs. Jack R. Adams, Honorary State Regent; Mrs. Joel M. Wagoner, Honorary State Regent, Past Organizing Secretary General, Chaplain General; and Mrs. Randall G. Rumberg, Honorary State Regent, Past Vice President General.

The State Regent introduced our Conference guest, Mrs. Ted Morton, Jr., State Regent of South Carolina and her husband, who accompanied her to West Virginia.

The State Regent continued with introductions of representatives from other patriotic and hereditary societies in West Virginia – Mrs. Roy A. Gilkeson, State Regent, Daughters of the American Colonists and Miss Jean Ann Elliott, State President, Daughters of the Colonial Wars.

The State Officers were introduced, as was State Parliamentarian Mrs. Cora Teel. The West Virginia Daughters who have been appointed by the National Society to National Committees were introduced, as follows: Mrs. Cora P. Teel, National Chairman, Insignia; Mrs. Roy A. Gilkeson, National Vice Chairman Christopher Columbus Essay Contest; Mrs. Randall G. Rumberg, National Vice Chairman, Members-at-Large Membership; National Vice Chairman, East Central Division Mrs. Robert Nalley, President General's Project; Mrs. Robert Belcher, Good Citizen's; Mrs. Eldon L. Rutledge, Volunteer Information Specialists; Mrs. Lyle C. McCullough, Americanism and DAR Manual for Citizenship; Miss Jean Ann Elliott, The Flag of the United States of America; Mrs. Robert B. Fish, Women's Issues; Mrs. Terry Kornegay, American History. Mrs. Ebb J. Cummings, DAR Scholarship, was absent.

State Regent Mrs. Silliman introduced our speaker for this evening, Mrs. Presley Merritt Wagoner. Following her address, Mrs. Wagoner was presented with a gift from the State Society. The State Regent announced that the Outstanding Teacher of American History will be recognized at the Saturday Luncheon.

The District Directors were asked to stand as they were introduced. Mrs. Silliman presented Mrs. James Wallace, Central District Director; Mrs. Ted Garrett, Eastern District Director; Miss Charla Nutter, Northern District Director; Mrs. Terry Kornegay, Southern District Director; and Mrs. John Hendrickson, Western District Director. At this time the State Chairmen were asked to stand and be recognized. Each of them will be formally introduced tomorrow.

Those who have been members fifty years or more were asked to stand and be recognized. Honorary State Regent and Honorary Vice President General Virginia Bondurant Johnson, Honorary State Regent Mrs. Jack Adams and Mrs. Percy Gillie were welcomed by the State Regent. Members attending State Conference for the very first time were asked to stand. They were welcomed by the State Regent.

The State Regent presented Mrs. John Davis, State Chairman of Pages who was asked to introduce the other Conference Pages - Ms. Charla Nutter and Mrs. Roger Hefner. Mrs. Hefner is the daughter of, and served as the personal page for, the State Regent. It was announced that a reception will be held immediately following the retiring of the colors in Summit AB. The morning session will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. in Summit CD. The processional will form at 8:45 a.m.

The State Regent thanked the Southern District Chapters for being the hostesses for the reception tonight. The colors were retired, and the Conference was recessed until 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning.

(Approved by Mrs. Roy A. Gilkeson, Mrs. James E. Wallace and Mrs. Theodore E. Garrett)

Ann Wade Van Voorhis (Mrs. William)

State Recording Secretary

MORNING BUSINESS SESSION

Saturday, October 27, 2001

The business session of the 96th State Conference, West Virginia State Society, Daughters of the American Revolution convened Saturday morning, October 27, 2001 at 9:20 a.m. in room Summit C-D in the Holiday Inn, Bluefield, West Virginia..

The State Regent, National Officers, Honorary State Regents, State Officers and Conference guest entered in procession, escorted by the pages and flag bearers with music provided by Mrs. Loring Vance.

The meeting was called to order by the State Regent Mrs. Charles L. Silliman. The invocation was given by State Chaplain Miss Frankie Cline. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Mrs. David Collins, State Chairman American Indians. The American's Creed was led by Ms. Kathy Robertson, State Organizing Secretary. Mrs. Loring Vance, Regent South Branch Valley Chapter and State Chairman American Heritage/Conservation and WVDAR Chorus led the assembly in singing "America the Beautiful"

The Colors were posted.

Mrs. Russell Linger, State Chairman Credentials Committee gave a preliminary report . At this time total members registered - 106 . This includes National officers -2 , Past National Officers - 1, National Vice Chairman - 5, Honorary Conference guests -1, State Officers - 10, Honorary State Regents - 5, District Directors 5, State Chairman - 36, Chapter Regents - 17, Delegates -58, Alternates - 11, Members - 14, Pages - 3, Guests - 3, Voting strength of 57. Mrs. Linger moved that the credentials report be adopted. The report was adopted.

Mrs. Silliman requested and received verification from the State Recording Secretary that a quorum was present.

State Parliamentarian Mrs. Cora Teel recommended to the Conference that the Standing Rules on page 15 of the program, and read at the State Board of Management, be adopted as the Standing Rules of the 96th State Conference. The Standing Rules of the Conference were adopted.

The State Conference Chairman, Mrs. Terry Kornegay, presented the Congress Program and moved that it be adopted as the official program of the 96th State Conference. The Program was adopted.

State Regent Mrs. Silliman appointed Mrs. Roy A. Gilkeson, Mrs. James Wallace and Mrs. Theodore E. Garrett to approve the Friday night, Saturday night, and Sunday morning minutes.

Mrs. Silliman introduced Conference Guest Mrs. Ted Morton, State Regent South Carolina, who extended greetings to the assembly.

State Regent Mrs. Silliman introduced the Honorary State Regents: Mrs. Joel M. Wagoner, Chaplain General, Past Organizing Secretary General and Honorary State Regent; Miss Virginia

Bondurant Johnson, Honorary Vice President General, Past Vice President General and Honorary State Regent; Mrs. Randall G. Rumberg, Past Vice President General and Honorary State Regent; Mrs. Jack R. Adams, Honorary State Regent; and Miss Jean Ann Elliott, Honorary State Regent.

Mrs. Silliman presented the National Chairman, National Vice Chairman and National Vice Chairmen East Central Division, as follows:

National Chairman Insignia, Mrs. Cora P. Teel; National Vice Chairman Christopher Columbus Essay Contest Mrs. Roy A. Gilkeson; National Vice Chairman Members-at-Large Membership – Mrs. Randall G. Rumberg; National Vice Chairmen East Central Division — Mrs. Terry Kornegay – American History; Mrs. Lyle D. McCullough – Americanism and DAR Manual For Citizenship; Mrs. Robert Belcher – DAR Good Citizen; Mrs. Ebb J. Cummings – DAR Scholarship; Miss Jean Ann Elliott – Flag of the United States of America; Mrs. Robert Hollandsworth – National Defense; Mrs. Robert Nalley President General's Project; Mrs. Eldon L. Rutledge – Volunteer Information Specialists; Mrs. Robert B. Fish – Women's Issues.

Mrs. Randall Rumberg, State Chairman Bylaws, was asked by the State Regent to read the proposed bylaw amendments. She read as follows:

In accordance with the West Virginia State Society NSDAR Bylaws, ARTICLE XVI, Amendments, Sec 1, the following are the PROPOSED AMENDMENTS to the West Virginia State Society NSDAR Bylaws to be presented for consideration and action by the State Conference during a business session at the 96th State Conference in Bluefield, WV, October 26-28, 2001.

AMEND Article XI, Committees, Section 1, by adding the sentence **She shall appoint three members of the Long Range Planning Committee.**

EXISTING BYLAW

Section 1. At the close of the State Conference at which she is elected, the incoming State Regent shall appoint the following committees: Finance, Resolutions and Credentials.

THE SECTION WILL THEN READ:

Section 1. At the close of the State Conference at which she is elected, the incoming State Regent shall appoint the following committees: Finance, Resolutions and Credentials. **She shall appoint three members of the Long Range Planning Committee.**

RATIONALE: To implement a new committee and allow each State Regent to determine part of its composition.

Mrs. Rumberg made a motion to adopt the amendment as proposed. Motion carried and the Recommendation was adopted.

AMEND Article XI, Committees, by adding a new **section 5, Long Range Planning Committee**

Section 5. (a) The Long Range Planning Committee shall consist of nine members, each of whom shall serve no more than nine years. Each district shall be represented by at least one member.

(b) At the beginning of a new administration the State Regent shall appoint three (3) new members to the Committee, with the three completing the longest term retiring.

(c) Should a vacancy occur in the membership of the Committee the State Regent shall appoint a new member to the Committee, whose appointment shall expire at the time of the member she is replacing.

(d) The State Regent shall appoint a chairman of the Committee from the six (6) members already serving. Should a vacancy occur in the chairmanship, the State Regent shall appoint a new chairman to serve the balance of the unexpired term. This chairman shall also be named from those who have completed at least three (3) years on the Committee

(e) Any member who misses two (2) consecutive meetings of the Committee without just cause shall automatically be retired from the Committee. The

State Regent shall appoint a replacement to fill the unexpired term.

RATIONALE: To authorize a new committee to provide a continuing assessment of the future needs of the State Society to ensure its viability and to recommend measures to be taken and methods for implementation, including financing.

Mrs. Rumberg made a motion to adopt this Recommendation. Motion carried and the recommendation was adopted.

The State Regent asked Mrs. Robert Walthall if there were Resolutions. There were no Resolutions.

State Regent asked the Recording Secretary to give the recommendations from the State Board of Management.

RECOMMENDATION I:

That the chapters be assessed thirty-five cents per member to be effective for the year 2002-2003. The Recording Secretary moved for the adoption of this Recommendation.

The rationale was asked for, and State Vice Regent Mrs. Gilkeson spoke on the rationale. This is a one-time assessment which will allow an additional amount to be allotted to the State Regent to help defray her expenses to the National and State meetings, according to the bylaws. There was a vote and the Recommendation was adopted.

RECOMMENDATION II

That District Meetings for 2002 be changed in the following manner: Eastern District Meetings be held on Saturday, August 3, 2002; that Central and Northern District Meetings be combined to meet on Friday, August 16, 2002, and that Southern and Western District Meetings be combined and held on Saturday, August 17, 2003. The logistics of the meetings to be worked out by the District Directors and hostess chapters. The Recording Secretary moved for the adoption of this Recommendation. The motion carried and the Recommendation was adopted.

RECOMMENDATION III

That a Summer Board of Management Meeting be held in the Summer of 2002 at the same location as the Eastern District Meeting. The Meeting to begin at 1:30 p.m. on August 3, 2002 or after the adjournment of the Eastern District Meeting. State Chairmen will be invited to attend and allowed to report. The State Recording Secretary moved for the adoption of this Recommendation. The motion carried and the Recommendation was adopted.

RECOMMENDATION IV

That the WV Society Bylaws be changed to allow more flexibility in selecting the date of the State Conference.

The State Recording Secretary moved for the adoption of this Recommendation. The motion carried and the Recommendation was adopted.

State Regent Mrs. Silliman announced that Mrs. Morton, our guest from South Carolina, and Mrs. Wagoner will judge the Press Books this afternoon and that the winners will be announced at the banquet tonight.

State Vice Regent Mrs. Gilkeson assumed the chair and the State Regent gave her report in full. Each State Officer gave a report except State Librarian, which will be filed at a later date.

The State Treasurer Mrs. Braniff distributed copies of the Treasurer's Report for period covering 7/1/2000 through 6/30/2001 and explained her figures.

Finance Committee Chairman Mrs. James Wallace presented the budget for the year 2000-2001 and moved for its adoption. Motion carried.

The State Chairmen gave their reports and announced the awards presented.

Before recessing for lunch the State Regent asked for announcements. The Recording Secretary asked those who have not yet submitted a report to her to please do so, so that it can be entered into the Proceedings.

Regents were reminded to pick up their packets and awards.

The meeting was recessed until 2:15 p.m

AFTERNOON BUSINESS SESSION

October 27, 2001

The business session reconvened at 1:45 pm Saturday afternoon in room Summit C-D for receiving the reports of the District Directors and Chapter Regents.

Following the reports, Mrs. Gilkeson reviewed the findings of the Survey taken at the District Meetings. She reported on the number of members at each meeting taking part in the Survey. There were 139 surveys completed. In her opinion, the findings are not conclusive. In March, 2001, a questionnaire was sent to a random number of members of the West Virginia State Society in order to determine "who we are" as we begin the 21st Century. Mrs. Gilkeson gave a brief summary of the responses. Because there were not enough members surveyed, she feels that the summary is not a true reflection of "who we are". She continued the report by giving a brief synopsis of the Daughter 2000 Profile resulting from a nationwide survey of NSDAR members. She concluded her report by stating that the State Society needs the Long Range Planning Committee, which will assess the future needs of the Society and will then follow a recommended course of action.

The reports completed, the State Regent asked for announcements. Mrs. Kornegay, Conference Chairman, reminded everyone to turn in their name tag holders before leaving so that they can be reused.

Chapters are asked to submit a short history of the chapter to the WV DAR News. Names of new 50-year members should be submitted to Mrs. C. M. Myers, Chairman Fifty-Year Club.

The Chairmen who are entitled to a Directory but did not receive one, should see Mrs. Frankenberry, State Corresponding Secretary. The State Regent reminded everyone that pictures would be taken in front of the fireplace, beginning at 5:30.

The meeting was recessed until 10:00 Sunday morning.

Ann Wade Van Voorhis (Mrs. William)

State Recording Secretary

AMERICAN MUSIC SHOW BANQUET

Saturday Evening, October 27, 2001

The American Music Show Banquet was held in Summit A-B-C-D, Holiday Inn, Bluefield, West Virginia, at 7:00 p.m. October 27, 2001.

Musical selections were provided by Mrs. Loring Vance.

The State Regent, Honorary State Regents, State Officers and Conference guest entered in Procession, escorted by the color bearers and pages.

The invocation was given by State Chaplain Miss Frankie K. Cline. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. James Harbert, State Chairman Flag of the United States of America. The singing of "God Bless America" was led by Mrs. Loring Vance, State Chairman American Heritage, WVDAR Chorus and Regent South Branch Valley Chapter.

The colors were posted. Dinner was enjoyed.

State Regent, Mrs. Charles L. Silliman, introduced those seated at the head table: Miss Virginia B. Johnson, Honorary State Regent, Honorary Vice President General, and Past Vice President General; Mrs. Jack R. Adams, Honorary State Regent; Mrs. Randall G. Rumberg, Honorary State Regent and Past Vice President General; Miss Jean Ann Elliott Honorary State Regent; Mrs. Ted Morton, Jr., State Regent South Carolina; Mrs. Roy A. Gilkeson, State Vice Regent; and Mrs. Terry Kornegay, Southern District Director and State Conference Chairman.

Mrs. Silliman continued with the introductions of the State Officers, State Parliamentarian, National Chairman, and National Vice Chairmen.

The drawing for the baskets donated by each District was held at this time. Central District Basket went to Dorothy Sodosky, Eastern District Basket went to Doris Bias, Northern District Basket went to our State Regent, Southern District basket went to Frances Weekley and Western District Basket went to Lee Eddy. Nancy Edwards won the quilt.

Mrs. Silliman thanked the Chapters for contributing the baskets, the proceeds from which will benefit the Pages by providing financial help with Conference expenses.

It was announced that the Junior Sales Table took in \$914.00.

Mrs. Ebb Cummings made a presentation to Peters Mountain Chapter, saying, "They are small in number, but they do so much (for the schools)" and presented them with "Sally, the School Bus".

Mrs. Silliman reminded District Directors that the line-up for the processional for the Memorial Service will begin promptly at 8:45, and further stated that any remaining reports would be given at the Sunday morning business session.

Mrs. Loring Vance was in charge of the musical program for the evening. A singing group consisting of Jennifer Buckland, Chris Phillips, Jewell Ann Ramsey, and Mary Jane Buckland entertained with several selections. Next on the program was a beautiful piano duet by Mrs. Linda Hendrickson and her mother, Mrs. Cleek. The WVDAR Chorus entertained with several selections. The final presentation was THE BRASS.

Mrs. Silliman thanked the Conference guests for judging the Press Books. Winners were as follows: Third Place – Barboursville Chapter, Second Place - Buford Chapter, First Place – Ye Towne of Bath Chapter and Honorable Mention – Westmoreland Chapter.

It was announced that the Prayer Breakfast is a buffet, and there will be no formal program. The Matthew French Chapter was thanked for being the hostess Chapter for the breakfast.

(Approved by Mrs. Roy A. Gilkeson, Mrs. James Wallace and Mrs. Theodore E. Garrett

Ann Wade Van Voorhis (Mrs. William)

State Recording Secretary

MEMORIAL SERVICE

October 28, 2001

The Memorial Service of the West Virginia State Society Daughters of the American Revolution was held on Sunday, October 28, 2001, in Summit A-B, Holiday Inn, Bluefield WV at 9:00 a.m. State Chaplain Miss Frankie K. Cline presided. The WV DAR State Chorus, under the direction of Mrs. Loring Vance, provided special music. Mrs. Janie Eayres provided piano accompaniment.

State Regent Mrs. Charles L. Silliman presented a tribute to the departed Daughters. The Roll Call of the Chapters named the following:

CENTRAL DISTRICT, Mrs. James Wallace, District Director

Colonel Morgan Morgan

Jane McIntyre Meyer	433864	05/25/01
Wanda Henderson Levelle	669551	10/01/01* *** +

Colonel Zackquill Morgan

Mildred Wilfong Hancock	426714	05/28/01* ** +
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Daniel Davisson

Ethel Stout Bolte	473994	02/11/01
Neva Stewart Weeks	481469	05/03/01* ***

Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans

Mary Edith Eddy Bishoff	418491	12/20/99
Dora Sheppard Hennen	284343	12/04/00****
Nellie Strouss Sleeth	471736	12/02/00
Gladys Davis	422029	01/03/01
Jean Louise Martin Garner	602408	01/10/01
Virginia Wood Gaston	324505	08/12/01
Annie Laurie Porter	298048	08/23/01

Elizabeth Zane

Virginia Cade Harris	662056	03/28/01
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James Barbour

Ena Hershman Shaw	532425	02/09/01
Beatrice Wilson Ramsey	646297	03/08/01
Winona Steward	719205	07/02/01

John Hart

Grace Daniels	584600	07/ /99
Mary Gibbons Mahoney	527713	05/23/99
Mary Elizabeth Rowan	600538	10/02/00
Sofronia Brownfield	556529	01/ /01
Clara Butcher Hickman	490877	03/16/01
Elva Zickefoose Daniels	582903	06/01/01+

Trans Allegheny

Edith Steele Vandervort	456063	10/19/00
Josephine Pressau Cronin	399610	03/01/01****

EASTERN DISTRICT, Mrs. Theodore E. Garrett, District Director**Shenandoah Valley**

Katherine B. VanMetre	296514	11/06/00****
Elizabeth Ann Seibert	645354	11/30/00+

South Branch Valley

Agnes Reid Strawerman	606669	10/17/00
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William Henshaw

Mary Virginia Dean Barrat	300367	01/27/01****
Elizabeth Miller Glasscock	451670	11/26/00
Charlotte Saylor Smith	449800	03/02/00

Ye Towne of Bath

Julia Hardin Ringer	666992	03/24/01
Dorothy Michael Crouse	650642	05/09/01
June Brakeall Castagna	490883	06/05/01

NORTHERN DISTRICT, Mrs. *Charles Nutter* John R. Hendrickson, District Director**Anne Royall**

Juanita Dell Waller Smith	718904	12/04/00
Katherine McFarland Lefever	749375	02/04/01
Charlotte Snyder Smith	449800	03/02/01

Blennerhasset

Laura Rector Hedrick	540872	12/05/00
Mary E. Clark Hill	452720	02/04/01
Lucille Wigal Dawkins	518391	02/17/01
Annetta May Richardson	782103	04/13/91
Hazel Jean Bargeloh Sams	562692	06/06/01* *** ++

Colonel William Lowther

Gladys Davis Norris	598872	03/29/01
Viola Louise Baker Davis	674153	06/ /01

James Wood

Ruth Harper Lowrance	662443	12/13/00
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Mound

Mary Hubbs	501024	11/ /00
Ruth Kimble Barcus	780021	01/01/01

Ohio Valley

Ruth Boggs Gilligan	631899	11/13/00
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Wheeling

Betty Jamison Biggerstaff	471747	04/03/00
Hester Bosley Byrum	712887	10/18/00
Georgia Irvin	578936	03/03/01
Helen Rubright Knierim	668214	04/30/01
Elizabeth Stizel Kline	388101	08/18/01****
Sarah Ann Ryder	396925	10/03/01* *** *****

SOUTHERN DISTRICT, Mrs. Terry Komegay, District Director**Captain James Allen**

Betty Ferguson Weatherford	599693	02/27/01
Mary Mildred Hall Crook	699345	02/27/01
Ruth Meador	665879	02/28/01
Rosetta Maud Daniels Moye	770715	08/25/01

General Andrew Lewis

Marjorie Rigg Crawford	427956	11/11/00
Mary J. Wilson	588064	07/25/01
Anna Margaret Field	560767	09/12/01
Rutg S, Zicafoose	617911	09/20/01

John Chapman

Martha Easley Scott	460369	07/01/00
Margaret H. Henderson	396899	02/03/01****
Bradie Gartin Moore	418493	02/23/01
Mary Witten Kahle Morgan	285525	02/23/01****

Matthew French

Jacqueline Boyst Delp	506350	04/23/01
Frances E. Terry	310984	05/03/01****
Louisa Shelton McClaugherty	430407	07/21/01

Peters Mountain

Marguerite Spangler Spain	745887	10/21/01
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WESTERN DISTRICT, Miss Charla Louise Nutter, District Director**Anne Bailey**

Pauline Smith Young	626217	08/02/00
Margaret McCoy Warner	707509	10/10/00
Anne Calvert Patchell Crum	562482	12/01/00

Barboursville

Lucille Henderson McConkey	320881	09/24/00****
Marguerite Hickman Johnston	457562	07/14/01
EmmaJean Huffman Allred	707581	05/06/01

Buford

Mary Sue Jennings Marshall	493074	02/12/01
Brenda Wickline Odell	672185	03/28/01

Charleston

Cara Mitchell Blair	502464	04/01/01
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Colonel Charles Lewis

Mildred Chapman Gibbs	615910	11/14/00
Anna Lee Musgrave Tallma Collins	306243	01/14/01****

John Young

Zelema Mariam Woodall	612118	11/06/00
Hazel Parkin Hedrick	614814	01/02/01
Mary Louise Camp Kiccollin	783859	02/03/01
Mamie Young	540018	02/25/01
Mary Elizabeth Taylor Watkins	752571	04/15/01

Kanawha Valley

Ruth Mae Meade Bias	711130	10/11/00
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William Morris

Nellie Morris Crow	175864	11/20/00
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MEMBERS AT LARGE

Katherine Hawkins Thomas	606925	02/04/00
Former member, West Augusta		
Ireta Watson Goodwin	404811	05/19/00****
Madelyn McMaster Crum	502461	06/09/00****
Former members, Ravenswood		
Ruth Hylton Oakley	377982	02/21/01****
Former member, Princess Aracoma		
Carrie Sinsel Fast	652601	05/04/01*
Former member, Elizabeth Cummins Jackson		
Marjorie Miller Luttamus	473516	05/09/01****
Mildred Hughes Prichard	516919	10/08/01* ***
Former member, West Augusta		

*former chapter regent

**charter member

***former state officer

****fifty year member

+chapter officer

++district director

SUNDAY MORNING BUSINESS SESSION

October 28, 2001

The Sunday morning session of the 96th State Conference reconvened in Summit C-D, Holiday Inn, Bluefield, West Virginia at 10:00 a.m. October 28, 2001, with State Regent Mrs. Charles L. Silliman presiding.

The invocation was given by Miss Frankie K. Cline, State Chaplain. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Mrs. Michael Braniff, State Treasurer. The American's Creed was led by Miss Sally O. Cyrus, Regent of Westmoreland Chapter. The singing of West Virginia Hills was led by Mrs. Loring Vance, State Chairman American Heritage, State Chairman WVDAR Chorus and Chapter Regent South Branch Valley.

The colors were posted.

The minutes of the previous day's business session were read by Mrs. William Van Voorhis State Recording Secretary and approved as read.

The State Regent called for the report of the Credentials Chairman. In the absence of Mrs. Linger, the final credentials report was given by Mrs. Frederick Valentine as follows:

National Officers	2	
Past National Officers	1	
National Chairman	1	
National Vice Chairmen	5	
Honorary Conf. Guests	1	
State Officers	10	
Honorary State Regents	5	
District Directors	5	
State Chairmen	36	
Chapter Regents	17	
Delegates	71	
Alternates	15	
Members	22	
Pages	3	
Guests	3	
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Total	197	
Duplicate Regis.	- 67	
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Total Registration	130	
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Voting Strength	63	
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The Report was signed by Mrs. Linger, Credentials Chairman. Mrs. Randall Rumberg moved that the final report of the Credentials Committee be accepted. Motion carried.

The State Regent asked Mrs. Robert H. Walthall, Jr., Resolutions Chairman, for the Courtesy Resolutions. The Resolutions were presented as follows:

Whereas:

The hour having arrived for the adjournment of the West Virginia organization National Society Daughters of the American Revolution,

Whereas:

The meetings have inspired us with renewed enthusiasm to carry on the work of our Society;

Be it Resolved:

That our State Regent, Mrs. Charles L. Silliman, be extended sincere thanks and appreciation for her time and talent in planning and conducting our Ninety-Sixth State Conference; and to her family for their dedication to West Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution for this past year;

Be it Resolved:

That thanks be tendered to Mrs. Terry Kornegay, Conference Chairman and Director of Southern District, and to Chapters with their Committees who have given so untiringly of their time and talents for the success of this Ninety-Sixth State Conference;

Be it Further Resolved:

That appreciation be expressed to the Pages whose services contributed to the success of the Conference;

Be it Further Resolved:

That this assembly express its indebtedness to Ms. Kim Bowman and the staff of the Holiday Inn, Bluefield, for the courtesies extended;

Be it Further Resolved:

That this Society expresses warmest appreciation to outstanding speakers and guests:

Mrs. Joel M. (Presley) Wagoner, Chaplain General

Mrs. Henrietta Rosson Morton, State Regent, South Carolina

The Honorable Robert Perkinson, Jr., Mayor, City of Bluefield, West Virginia

Miss Virginia B. Johnson, Honorary Vice President General, NSDAR

Mrs. Jack R. Adams, Honorary State Regent

Mrs. Randall G. Rumberg, Honorary State Regent

Miss Jean Ann Elliott, Honorary State Regent

Be it Further Resolved:

Our thanks to Mrs. Loring H. Vance and WVDAR Chorus for providing music throughout the conference, and to Becky Leach for a special program, and to distinguished guests who contributed so delightfully to the conference programs,

Be it Further Resolved:

That appreciation is extended to the Honor Guard Assembly call by the Princeton Senior High School ROTC Color Guard;

Be it Further Resolved:

Our heartfelt thanks to Miss Frankie K.Cline, State Chaplain for an impressive memorial service and inspirational devotions throughout the Conference;

Be it Further Resolved:

That sincere appreciation include all listed on the last page of the program book, and State Chairman of National Committees listed on pages 18 and 19.

Mrs. Walthall moved for adoption of the courtesy resolutions. Motion carried. Mrs. Silliman thanked Mrs. Walthall and the Resolutions Committee.

Mrs. Jack Adams asked to be recognized. She expressed her appreciation to the members for all of the help she received during this Conference weekend, with her luggage, etc. She said that it would have been difficult had she not had assistance. She received a standing ovation.

The State Regent expressed her thanks to Mrs. Kornegay, Conference Chairman and Southern District Director, and to Ms. Kathy Robertson, along with the Chapter Regents of Southern District.

The State Regent also expressed her thanks to Mrs. Loring Vance and Mrs. John Hendrickson for the wonderful music; to Mrs. John Davis and her Pages; Mrs. Donald Davis for keeping us straight according to protocol, Bill, of Convention Photography for his wonderful photographs and for all that has been done by the Southern District daughters.

The State Treasurer announced that the quilt brought in \$190.00 and the baskets \$483.00.

Mrs. John Hendrickson, Western District Director extended the following invitation: "On behalf of all the chapters in Western District, I extend a cordial invitation to attend the 97th Annual State Conference on October 25 to 27, 2002 at the Charleston Marriott, Charleston, West Virginia."

The Assembly rose, joined hands and sang "Blest Be the Tie that Binds"

The benediction was given by the State Chaplain, Miss Frankie Cline. The Pages retired the colors, and State Regent Mrs. Silliman declared the 96th State Conference adjourned.

(approved by Mrs. Roy A. Gilkeson, Mrs. James E. Wallace and Mrs. Theodore E. Garrett)

Ann Van Voorhis (Mrs. William)

State Recording Secretary

NINETY-SIXTH STATE CONFERENCE – OCTOBER 27, 2001 STATE OFFICERS' REPORTS

STATE REGENT

In the short span of six months I have learned more about the workings of the National Society than I knew in the past forty-two years of membership.

Grateful thanks goes to past State Regents and State Officers for being so patient with me, and I know you are not finished with me yet. Advice and suggestions mean you care, and I want you to care. I have received no criticism, just good advice.

Traveling around the state and getting to know members has been most rewarding. Your State Regent started off by attending her own chapter meeting and installing the new officers of South Branch Valley. I represented the State Society at the Memorial Day Services at Grafton as the guest of the Elizabeth Cummins Jackson Chapter. This is an event that releases all the patriotic responses you have in your heart. Everyone should attend at least one time.

John Young Chapter was next, where the State Regent was hosted by Mrs. Cleo Sears and treated to a lovely dinner with the new chapter officers at the home of Miss Virginia Johnson and the next day installed the new chapter officers at their chapter meeting.

A summer State Executive Committee meeting was held in June for the purpose of discussing plans for the next three years and to work on the best use of our district meetings, which are poorly attended.

September saw me visiting the Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans and the Colonel Zackquill Morgan Chapters at a joint Constitution Week Luncheon. Elk River and Phoebe Tucker Cunningham met jointly to celebrate this event.

I have attended three National Board Meetings, all five district meetings, been a guest at four chapter meetings and attended the Tamasee School Spring Meeting. Finally, seeing our own West Virginia Josephine Peters Cottage was a big plus and being with the children on campus, seeing where they live, made Tamasee become a realization, not just some place in South Carolina.

A state directory is finished and one issue of the WV DAR News has been published, along with two circular letters.

Your State Regent is most concerned about the membership of the National Society and will make increasing membership her top project and #1 priority for the next three years. The push is now on. We have a new committee at National known as the Chapter Revitalization Committee, and they have a suitcase full of ideas and "will travel".

We have an organization that is needed by our nation. If you have asked, "What can I do to help soften the tragedy of September 11?", you can perpetuate the memory and spirit of those who forfeited their lives **because** we are free, and there are people in this world who will continue to try to take away our Freedom. Our soldiers are out there again fighting for you. You can re-dedicate yourselves to the objectives of DAR. You can promote an enlightened public opinion and foster true patriotism and love of country. Each one tell one. If you have not invited someone to visit your meetings, make that your winter, spring, summer and fall project. Thank you.

Carmen G. Silliman (Mrs. Charles L.)

STATE VICE REGENT

In April this officer attended Continental Congress where President General Mrs. Dale Kelly Love installed her as the State Vice Regent, West Virginia State Society Daughters of the American Revolution. During Continental Congress, she also attended the Vice Regent's luncheon at the Mayflower.

In May she installed the officers of the Kanawha Valley Chapter and reported to the chapter on the events during Continental Congress.

She participated in the WVDAR Executive Committee Meeting on June 22-23, 2001 at the Days Inn Conference Center at Flatwoods. In July and August she traveled to Berkeley Springs for the Eastern District Meeting; to Huntington for the Western District Meeting; to Bluefield, VA for the Southern District Meeting; to Parkersburg for the Northern District Meeting; and to Grafton for the Central District Meeting. She helped conduct workshops on the role of chapter regents and distributed materials to all new chapter regents. On October 7, 2001, she was privileged to represent the State Society at Battle Days in Point Pleasant. On October 25, 2001, she attended the second WVDAR Executive Committee Meeting at the Holiday Inn in Bluefield, where she reported on the survey taken at the district meetings. At the request of the State Regent, she is serving as Chairman of the newly created Long Range Planning Committee.

This office has no job description, except to assist the State Regent in whatever way possible. Thank you Madam Regent, for making me feel that my assistance has been both helpful and welcome.

Shirley M. Gilkeson (Mrs. Roy A.)

STATE CHAPLAIN

It has been a year constituted of the pleasures of meeting many new daughters, serving the State in a new role and also the sadness encountered with the death of so many WV State Daughters, some especially close to this officer.

The State Chaplain planned and conducted members of the Colonel Zackquill Morgan Chapter in a memorial Service for a charter chapter member in May. The State Chaplain assisted the Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter in conducting a memorial service for the former State Chaplain, Wanda Levelle, in Fairmont in early October. The State Chaplain attended and presented a memorial carnation on behalf of the State Society during the visitation for a former chapter regent and 50-year member in Mannington.

This State Chaplain attended two district meetings this year. It is the goal to attend all district meetings at least once during the term of office.

There has been a total of ninety-six deaths of West Virginia Daughters for the 2000-2001 year. This includes three not reported earlier. Thirty-three chapters reported eighty-nine deaths. Five additional deaths occurred who were members-at-large. Central District had the highest number of deaths with twenty-nine. This includes two former members of the now disbanded West Augusta

Chapter who had applied to transfer to member-at-large status. The Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans Chapter reported nine deaths. John Hart incurred four member deaths. Northern District experienced twenty-one deaths with the Blennerhassett Chapter listing five and the Wheeling Chapter six. Eastern District reported nine deaths. Southern District had sixteen deaths and Western reported nineteen. Among the reported deaths were one known chapter charter member, seventeen members of fifty years or more membership, seven reported former chapter regents and two former district directors. Four were reported to have served the State Society as officers. Five of the deceased were serving as chapter officers at the time of death.

It was reported to the State Chaplain that members of the State Society had participated in the commemoration service for the soldiers who fought during the Battle of Point Pleasant. Many other Daughters have participated in commemorative memorial events in their respective areas of the State. This chaplain planned and led the "Moment of Silence" observance for those killed in the September 11 attacks at a Morgantown Long Term Care Facility. The Chaplain also plans and assists in conducting quarterly services of "Memory and Hope" at the same facility for those residents who are discharged or who expire at that institution.

One birthday greeting was sent for a reported 90th birthday celebration.

There are still problems encountered with chapters not utilizing the reporting form, not reporting deaths in a timely manner or when chapters fail to supply necessary information. It would be very helpful if notations were made by the chapter chaplain, or the reporting member, as to whether the deceased had been a regent, state officer, fifty-year member or charter member. It is acknowledged that this information is often not available. This state officer remains ready to assist all chapters and their members in the State in any way possible.

Frankie K. Cline (Miss)

STATE RECORDING SECRETARY

The first official duty of this officer was to attend the Summer Meeting of the Executive Committee held in Flatwoods on June 21, 2001, and take minutes of same. It was my privilege to attend two other district meetings, in addition to my own, in July and August.

My sincere thanks to Barbara Rutledge, former State Recording Secretary, who has helped considerably to make the transition to this office an easy one, and to all others who have so kindly offered assistance.

Ann W. Van Voorhis (Mrs. William H.)

STATE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

It happened at State Conference, I'm Corresponding Secretary now,

So much to learn, information to attain, will I ever learn how?

To Flatwoods I traveled, much planning to do,

We knew we were finished when the shopping was through.

The West Virginia Blue Book now wanted new officers addresses
to include in the 2001 book,

This was exciting, I can hardly wait to look!

Now the real task began for my computer and me,

Waiting and waiting for reports of who the new officers would be.

Carmen and I e-mailed and e-mailed oh so very late,

Typing and correcting, to make my printing date.

I traveled to Parkersburg to attend the Northern District Meeting

To see old friends and new and welcome their greetings!

No supplement this year, our yearbooks are finally complete,

That is until someone tells me "I need to change my street!"

The 96th State Conference is well under way.

The program is finished, I will now enjoy the day!

Barbara M. Frankenberry (Mrs. Robert H.)

STATE ORGANIZING SECRETARY

This officer attended the 95th West Virginia State Conference in Wheeling, WV, the 100th anniversary celebration in Point Pleasant, the State Executive Committee meeting in Flatwoods, WV, and the Southern District meeting. I also participated in a joint bell-ringing with Matthew French Chapter and Peters Mountain Chapter.

I attended a continuing education class pertaining to "on line genealogy."

I have updated files with the disbanding of two chapters and continue updating the files of this office. All chapters have not yet reported a new listing of officers, but I will continue to update as I receive them.

Mary R. (Kathy) Robertson (Ms.)

STATE TREASURER

It is with pleasure and pride that I serve as your State Treasurer. Thank you for trusting me with management of the financial affairs of the State Society.

I am pleased to report that our Society is in good financial condition. Our net worth is over \$74,000, and we have no liabilities. Our reserves are adequate to cover operations, and funds are conservatively invested in interest bearing accounts, as appropriate. Our annual yield is currently down to 3.4% as a result of the cuts to interest rates by the Federal Reserve. It is my anticipation that it will take some time for this situation to recover

A professional audit was performed by a certified public accountant specializing in non-profit organizations at the end of the last term, April 2001. Since we are served by volunteer treasurers with a 3-year term limit, having all our records comply with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), is needed to insure transition from treasurer to treasurer without loss of our financial integrity. A copy of the Independent Accountants Report is attached to this report and no material discrepancies were found. Your previous treasurer, Mrs. Robert Fish, Jr. was an asset to this organization, and I appreciate her gracious assistance in the transition.

The "WV DAR Blanche L. Reymann" CD matured at Huntington Bank and it was closed out to be combined with another CD for the Reymann Scholarship Fund. This transaction was performed to facilitate our accounts being in one statewide bank, - BB & T. I have reconciled each account and the assets are intact and in balance with the current checkbooks.

During the 2001 District Meetings, the West Virginia Daughters dug deeply into their pocket-books to donate funds for the victims of the terrible floods in southern West Virginia. A total of \$2,142.86 was collected and sent to members in the John Cooke Chapter who were most appreciative of our generosity.

This administration has recognized the potential income for our society from sales of merchandise we have on hand (West Virginia Daughters and Their Revolutionary Patriot Ancestors book, the Centennial Ornament, Tamasee School pins, license plate frames, etc. During district meetings alone, nearly \$300 was realized in income from these items. These items would make excellent gifts. Please do your part; treat yourself or make a purchase for a friend.

I submit for your review Statements of Cash Transactions of all accounts of the West Virginia State Society, NSDAR. This report coincides with our fiscal year.

This concludes my report. Madame State Regent, I will be happy to answer any questions that the membership might have. Thank you again for allowing me to serve in this administration. I hereby submit the Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001.

Balance as of June 30, 1999	\$ 6,525.20
INCOME	
1999 DAR Ornament	10.00
Americana Collection	1.00
Bacone College	2.00

Bank Account	2.42
Banking on the Future	36.00
Berry College	1.00
Blanche L. Reymann Scholarship	356.78
C.A.R. National	2.00
Caroline E. Holt Nursing Scholarship	1.00
Chemawa Indian	11.00
Conference Meals	9,089.00
Conference Assessments	290.00
Conference Dues	774.00
Conference Income	108.07
Congress Banquet	520.00
Cookbook	540.20
Crossnore School	1.00
DAR Good Citizens Pins & Certificates	68.00
DAR Library	2.00
DAR School Christmas Fund (Shoe Fund)	947.00
DAR American History Scholarship	1.00
DAR Computerization Project	1.00
DAR Good Citizen Scholarship	1.00
DAR Magazine Co-op	1,152.00
Directory	5.00
Dues	419.50
Dues and Assessments (Application Fee)	10.00
Friends of the Library	200.00
Gifts Received	
Blanche L. Reymann	50.00
Peters Cottage	1,880.00
Shepherd College	600.00
Total Gifts Received	2,530.00
Hillside School	1.00
Hindman Settlement School	1.00
Income Dividend	76.60
Interest Income	938.05
Investment Trust	2.00
Junior Membership	5.00
Kate Duncan Smith DAR School	5.00
National JAC Prize	2.00
NSDAR	
DAR Good Citizen	250.00
DAR Magazine Refund	80.00
Total NSDAR	330.00
NSDAR Archives	1.00
NSDAR Museum Exhibition Fund	1.00
NSDAR Property Maintenance	9.00
NSDAR ROTC Award Program	3.00
NSDAR WW II Book	586.00
Occupational Therapy	1.00
Peters Cottage	552.00
President General's Project 2	12.00
Refund	105.62

Seimes Microfilm	1.00
State Regent's Gift	715.00
State Dues	6,844.20
State Regent's Project	695.00
Tamassee DAR School	65.00
Tea	176.00
WV C.A.R.	77.00
WV DAR News Ads	55.00
WV Daughters Book	74.00
WV Room DAR Museum	69.00
TOTAL INCOME	29,285.44

EXPENSES

2000 State Conference Expenses	11,729.12
Assessment to NSDAR	52.00
Congress Banquet	520.00
DAR Good Citizen's Pins	100.00
DAR Magazine Ad	1,230.00
DAR Schools Christmas Fund (Shoe Fund)	982.00
From Cameo Dues	400.00
From Gifts Received:	
Peters Cottage	1,880.00
Gifts (Other)	600.00
Total From Gifts Received	2,480.00
NSDAR WW II Book	640.00
State Regent Gift	715.00
WV C.A.R.	151.00
From State Assessments	
Award Winners	10.00
Contingency Fund	1,259.00
Postage & Printing	68.66
WV DAR News	2,634.76
Total from State Assessments	3,972.42
From State Dues	
Postage	150.80
Print Proceedings	1,667.25
Printing	456.22
State Committees	386.72
State Officers	280.41
State Regent	2,383.85
Total from State Dues	5,325.25
Scholarships	500.00
Tax	10.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	28,806.79

TOTAL INCOME —TOTAL EXPENSES 478.65

ACCOUNT BALANCES REPORT

AS OF 6/30/01

<u>Account</u>	6/30/01 Balance
<u>Bank Accounts</u>	
Blanche L, Reymann Scholarship Fund	8,000.00
Blanche L. Reymann Scholarship Fund	1,767.36
Cameo Club, WV DAR	00.00
Cameo Club, WV DAR2	4,200.88
Jefferson Security Bank	00.00
The Vanguard Group	21,700.85
West Virginia State Society	00.00
WV DAR Blanche Reymann	4,462.67
WV Room Account	24,992.73
WV DAR Checking	4,216.68
WVSS, NSDAR — Peters Cottage.....	9,224.51
TOTAL Bank Accounts	78,565.68
OVERALL TOTAL	78,565.68

ACCOUNTS BALANCES REPORT

AS OF 10/22/01

<u>Account</u>	10/22/01 Balance
<u>Bank Accounts</u>	
Blanche L. Reymann Scholarship Fund	8,000.00
Blanche L. Reymann Scholarship Fund	6,139.45
Cameo Club, WVDAR	00.00
Cameo Club, WVDAR2	4,219.37
Jefferson Security Bank	00.00
The Vanguard Group	18,897.00
West Virginia State Society	00.00
WV DAR Blanche Reymann	00.00
WV Room Account	24,992.73
WVDAR Checking	2,962.36
WVSS, NSDAR — Peters Cottage.....	9,265.10
TOTAL Bank Accounts	74,476.01
OVERALL TOTAL	74,476.01

Dina Braniff (Mrs. Michael)

STATE REGISTRAR

This officer will have a hard time filling the previous Registrar's shoes. But as I will be working with her sister – Membership Chairman Fran Weekley – and if sibling rivalry means anything, look out Ginger.

This officer attended the Summer Executive Committee meeting and four district meetings.

September 11, 2001 was a terrible tragedy, but it has brought our nation a new sense of Patriotism of which the Daughters of the American Revolution has felt all along.

As you know the registrars are the backbone of the chapters. They are the ones who look for and work hard to get new members. Their time is always open to help potential members establish their ancestries. Those of us who know how hard it is to search for ancestors we will never forget the Registrar who gave their precious time to encourage and work with us. My Registrar, Doris Bias, is with us today.

A registrar should have knowledge of doing research and they must keep in their files short and long application forms. A computer application disk can be obtained from National for a small fee, but remember when copying an application from this disk you must use acid free paper.

The chapter registrar shall report to the Organizing Secretary General, in writing, all changes in membership, marriages, divorces, deaths, resignations, transfers and changes of address as they occur.

There are six awards to be given today to the "Outstanding Chapter Registrars".
Two chapters, with 12-25 members, a tie:

1. Mrs. Daril Stalnaker – Trans Allegheny Chapter
2. Mrs. Chester Bishop – Elk River Chapter

Chapters with 26 – 50 members:

Mrs. Robert Belcher – Westmoreland Chapter

Chapters with 51 – 100 members, a tie:

1. Mrs. John Lowe, Jr. – Pack Horse Chapter
2. Mrs. Cecil Casteel – Hagans-Evans Chapter

Chapters with 150 – 200 members:

Miss Virginia Johnson – John Young Chapter

Thank you. Your awards can be picked up at the awards table. Daughters, new members are needed.

Marion S McCullough (Mrs. Lyle)

STATE HISTORIAN

Elizabeth Furgason Taylor, a teacher at Musselman Middle School in Bunker Hill, West Virginia, is the 2001 WVDAR State Winner of the Outstanding Teacher of American History contest. Elizabeth was sponsored by Shenandoah Valley Chapter. Her dossier was judged and sent to the Historian General. She will receive a Certificate and a Pin from the State Society. Thirty-five chapters reported to the State Historian, three had no report and ten did not respond. Four Revolutionary War Patriots' Graves were marked and five markers were placed by members and/or chapters. This new officer has spent time familiarizing herself with the records and duties of her office. She attended one district meeting and the State Conference.

The following chapters will be recognized by this State Historian for outstanding Historical activities and programs: Ye Towne of Bath, James Wood, Buford, and Blackwater.

Sally A. Ford (Mrs. Richard E.)

STATE LIBRARIAN

The following books were donated:

02/07/01 *The Journal of Greenbrier Historical Society*, Vol. 7-1 and Vol. 7-2 by the General Andrew Lewis Chapter.

05/15/01 *Soloman & Seaberry: Their "Trail of Tears" Led North...How the Osbornes Came to West Virginia*, by the John Young Chapter.

07/17/01 *Jane Mary Sorey and Robert Johnson*, donated by Cleo Zimmer Sears through the John Young Chapter.

The Past State Librarian, Kathryn Waters reported that a new supply of West Virginia book plates have been sent to the NSDAR Library.

The donations of our members and patrons have played a large part in operating our library. You are appreciated.

Louise Righman (Mrs.Clifford L.)

REPORTS OF DISTRICT DIRECTORS AND THEIR RESPECTIVE CHAPTERS 96th State Conference

CENTRAL DISTRICT

The Central District of the West Virginia Society gathered at the Church of Christ, Grafton, with the Elizabeth Cummins Jackson Chapter. Mrs. Mary Jane Korth, Regent, serving as the hostess chapter.

Fifty-five members were present. These included seven State Officers, one Honorary Vice President General, one Honorary State Regent, one National Chairman, three Eastern Division National Vice Chairmen, and thirteen WV State Chairmen.

Mrs. Roy Gilkeson and Ms. Cora Teel conducted a "Workshop" dealing with the responsibilities of the Regent and the basic Rules of Parliamentary Procedure.

An open discussion was held concerning the questionnaire that was submitted by the District Directors. This questionnaire dealt with the structure of District Meetings and what information could be given that would meet the needs of the chapters. Twenty-nine members responded to the questionnaire.

Mrs. Mary Jane Korth, Regent, told of the life of Elizabeth Cummins Jackson for whom the Chapter was named. Mrs. Donna Hoyler discussed the renovation of the Grafton Railway Station. This Railway Station was a main stop on the B & O Railroad's main western line prior to and during the Civil War.

We enjoyed hearing an interesting and informative talk by the State Regent, Mrs. Carmen Silliman.

Miss Frankie Cline conducted an impressive Memorial Service for the twenty-three deceased members of Central District.

Eleven of the twelve chapters of Central District were represented.

Ten of the twelve chapters responded to the District Basket that is on display. Funding from "Voices" sold on these baskets will be used to support the expenses of the Pages. The Hagans-Evans Chapter extended the invitation for the Central District Meeting in 2002.

Cecelia W. Wallace (Mrs. James E.), Director

BLACKWATER CHAPTER

THE WINDS OF CHANGE (so named for the wind mills in Tucker County) became our thoughts with all the changes of this past year. With the year of Millennium 2001 comes the time for the Blackwater Report of accomplishments and goals for the coming year. Our goal is to work for Peace and Unity and AMERICAN SPIRIT. We have had a membership drive and reinstated a young member, Mrs. Leisa Propst. Calls were made to the members that have not attended regularly the past year. Prospective members are encouraged to attend meetings and picnics.

An associate member was added. Mrs. Betty Riley of Davis, WV and she is active in committee work.

Blackwater Chapter assisted with the Naturalization of new citizens and invited others through our newspaper article to attend the meeting at the Federal building – especially our young people.

Our Indian program and minutes have brought awareness of this Nation. A local Native American gave her memories and history of days of long ago. She had a great display of Indian collectibles. Mrs. Sharon Stavrakis is our Chairman.

Blackwater recognized two graduates of Tucker County with Good Citizenship Awards. Miss Michelle Lynn Stump plans to attend Davis and Elkins College and enter their nursing program this fall. Mr. Justin Hamrick was a member of the basketball and track team. We continue to copy cemetery descriptions. Press letters were improved and published as requested.

Our 89 year old, and 66 year chapter member, has been an inspiration to us all in the computer world. She now looks forward to her email letters and especially likes the WV DAR News. She is encouraging to those who say they are too old to learn the computer. Blackwater attends and takes part in National, State and District meetings. So much to give thanks for and may God bless each of you.

Mary Matlick (Mrs. Harold), Regent

COLONEL MORGAN MORGAN

For the year 2000-2001 we opened all meetings in a ritualistic manner and the order of business was followed. We lost one member by death and we gained two new members. We have five applications for membership pending.

Our programs for the year were “Boaz Fleming”, “50th Anniversary of the Korean War”, “Rhododendron Girls State”, “Marion County Museum”, “Mountain Heritage”, “State Insignia”, “DAR Constitution Hall and Museum” and “The Constitution”,

Gregg DeVito, a student at East Fairmont High School and member of the band played the guitar and sang several songs at our annual spring luncheon. The chapter sponsored Heather Morrison, a student at East Fairmont High School, as a delegate to the 2000 Rhododendron Girls State held at Wheeling Jesuit University. Amber VanGilder, a student at East Fairmont High School was presented the Good Citizen Award. A memorial service was held for Jane Meyer, a past regent and 46-year member. We again sponsored Multiphasic Blood Testing at Fairmont General Hospital as a fund-raiser.

The Regent and eight members attended the rededication and ribbon-cutting ceremony for the restored Jefferson Street – High Level Bridge. The Regent led the Pledge of Allegiance during the ceremony. The chapter also participated in the parade with two cars. We also participated in the Veterans Day Parade. We received a letter from the National Chairman of the Units Overseas Committee congratulating our chapter and Captain Matthew Flinders Chapter for joining in the Sister Chapter Plan. Betty Carlton, a member of our chapter is an associate member of the Captain Flinders Chapter in Australia. The Regent and Treasurer presented a program on the DAR at the Busy Bison 4-H Club. Two members attended the State Conference and Continental Congress, and three attended the District Meeting. The chapter received the Chapter Achievement Award, Level 2 for 2000-2001.

Marlene Jones (Miss), Regent

COLONEL ZACKQUILL MORGAN

The chapter currently has nineteen members, two associates, and four prospective members. The chapter conducted a memorial service for Mildred Hancock, a much beloved charter chapter member and chapter vice regent.

The chapter presented an American flag at a local long term care facility and a local Christian school. The former chapter regent has presented over 3,000 flag pins to city and county workers in Monongalia County.

The chapter had an entry in the American History Essay Contest and all students who entered the contest were presented certificates. They sponsored an entry in the Christopher Columbus Essay Contest and awarded her with a certificate. A Good Citizenship Award was presented to a Trinity High School student. A female senior cadet was presented an award at the West Virginia University ROTC Award Ceremony. The chapter did volunteer work with veterans in a local long- term care facility. Mildred Hancock donated hand crocheted lap throws for them.

The national defense program on modern warfare methods was presented by a WVU Army ROTC instructor. He has authored 3 books on warfare.

The chapter participated in commemorative events by marching in the fourth of July parade and the Veterans Day Parade. The Regent participated in laying wreaths at the Court House on veterans day and Memorial Day and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America at the "Let Freedom Ring" ceremony. The chaplain made a new banner to be used for parades.

The chapter observed Constitution Day and Flag Day in conjunction with the Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans Chapter. Our State Regent, Mrs. Carmen Silliman served as guest speaker at the Constitution Day Luncheon. Clothing and labels were sent to Tamassee DAR School and clothing to Crossnore and Hillside Schools.

The chapter had a program on the Korean War and several other interesting programs, utilizing slides and videos from National, as well as local historian Dr. Ken Carvell.

The chapter regent joined with the regent of the Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans Chapter in having the County Commission proclaim the week of September 17 as Constitution Week. "Bells Across America" was observed.

The chapter received at Continental Congress the East Central Award for the highest percentage of DAR Magazine subscriptions, as well as other awards.

The chapter was represented at Central District by the regent and three members. The chapter was represented at the 2000 State Conference by three members. One member of the chapter is a national vice-chairman and another serves as a state officer.

Kathleen Parker-Cline (Mrs. Wayne), Regent

DANIEL DAVISSON

No report. Elinor Tonelli (Mrs. B.P.), Regent

ELIZABETH CUMMINS JACKSON

The Elizabeth Cummins Jackson Chapter currently has seventeen members, three of whom are of junior age. During the past year we lost two members.

Some programs of note included: History of Christopher Columbus, American Indians and National Defense. Constitution Week this year included a signing of the Proclamation by the Mayor of Grafton, with the picture appearing in the newspaper at the start of the week. All of our meetings and special events received newspaper coverage

We have made a special ten dollar donation to the Chemawa Indian School; made and donated five wheel chair bags, along with eleven filled ditty bags to the Veterans Hospital in Clarksburg; contributed a flowering crab tree to the West Virginia National Cemetery, Pruntytown, in memory of our immediate past regent; and through a bequest from a non-DAR person, we were able to purchase an antique secretary for the Anna Jarvis Birthplace.

The State Regent, the chapter secretary, and their husbands rode in the annual Memorial Day Parade here in Grafton and later placed a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier during the ceremony at the cemetery.

For the first time in many years, the chapter received a Level 1 Achievement Award.

It was our pleasure to host the Central District meeting in August.

Mary Jane Korth (Mrs. William), Regent

ELIZABETH LUDINGTON HAGANS-COLONEL JOHN EVANS

It has been a priority of this regent to keep all members abreast of the activities of the Chapter. A Regent's newsletter is an easy method of keeping in touch – reminding members to save stamps, collect labels, donate items for yard sales, etc, thereby giving them an opportunity to participate in some of the chapter activities, even though they are unable to attend meetings.

The chapter had three members attending State Conference in Wheeling in 2000, Continental Congress in April 2001 and Central District Meeting in August.

In April ROTC medals were presented to two WVU cadets – one Army and one Air Force. Patriotism Awards were presented to students at two area schools.

'We attempt to make ourselves visible as DAR members by participating in parades and other community events - Veterans Day, Memorial Day, 4th of July, and Pearl Harbor observance. For a local county event we operated a booth to raise money and to meet and hand out literature to those people who show an interest in DAR, and in the process obtain names of prospective members.

Regents of the two Morgantown chapters met with the County Commissioners and had a Proclamation signed re Constitution Week. Via a letter to the editor, County residents and churches were urged to ring a bell at four o'clock in the afternoon September 17 as part of Bells Across America observance of the 214th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution. The two chapters were extremely honored to have as their guest at their Constitution Day Luncheon our State Regent, Mrs. Carmen Silliman. We remembered the Korean War at our National Defense Luncheon last November. A veteran of that war was our speaker. Members who chose to do so brought a veteran of that war as their guest.. We also remember our veterans at Christmas by taking a monetary donation and the members' donations of comfort items to the Veteran's Hospital in Clarksburg.

Ann Wade Van Voorhis (Mrs. William), Regent

ELIZABETH ZANE

What an awesome experience to be a new chapter regent! Without the great examples of our past regents I would be lost. Heritage is so very important. The Central District meeting and materials obtained there are invaluable.

Elizabeth Zane members continue to help carry out the goals of state and national leadership and to make monetary contributions. Our attendance is small because of age, illness and distance to travel, but our interest and enthusiasm are high. Our members were very excited about the new DAR Magazine and subscriptions tripled.

During the past year our activities have included marking the grave of a deceased member and placing flags on Patriot Ancestors' graves. Local veterans have presented programs on both World War II and Korean War.

Our chapter gave a monetary contribution toward the erection of an all Veterans Memorial Monument at Rock Cave, West Virginia.

The members voted to again work with the American Legion Auxiliary to once again sponsor a girl to Rhododendron Girls State.

Our chapter worked with Blackwater, James Barbour and John Hart Chapters to sponsor the Naturalization program held in Elkins. Our treasurer hosted a luncheon in her home and displayed her husband's vast collection of political memorabilia.

Elizabeth Zane Chapter will be one hundred years old in 2002.

Nancy Greenleaf (Mrs. Virgil), Regent

ELK RIVER

No report. Mrs. Virginia Carr, Regent

JAMES BARBOUR

The James Barbour Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, had a busy, varied and informative year. Each meeting was opened with the Ritual, report from the Defense Chairman and the reading of the report from the President General.

An Indian Moment was read at each meeting and labels were sent to the Chemawa Indian School, along with some personal items for the school.

Donations were made to the Shoe Fund for Tamassee. The VA Hospital at Clarksburg was visited several times and various small articles and reading materials were taken for the patients. Chapter members also rang bells during the Christmas season for the Salvation Army. The chapter also served as hostesses during the Naturalization Ceremony for new citizens at the Federal Building in Elkins. Members attended District, State and National meetings. We purchased and installed two NSDAR Community Emblem signs in the County.

Our chapter was in charge of the Memorial Day Program at the Fraternal Cemetery in Belington. One deceased member's grave marker was dedicated.

Programs were presented on Heritage; Genealogy; Women in History; the Constitution; the Flag; Conservation and the Founding Fathers. We had 260 middle school students to participate in the American History Essay Contest and a certificate of participation was given to each student. Certificates and medals were given to the first place winner and runners-up in each grade. A certificate, pin and cash award were given to the Good Citizen winner. These students and their parents were invited to be our guests at our Heritage Dinner in April. We received one transferred member who has been a DAR member for fifty-three years.

Virginia L. Boyles (Mrs. Charles), Regent

JOHN HART

The Chapter chose as their goal to do more with American Heritage. In keeping with this goal we opened the year with a program "Preservation of our American Heritage" in which members shared points of family preservation.

"Heritage Holidays" was the theme for the Christmas Luncheon. In February we enjoyed the essays presented by the Randolph County students. The March meeting gave us an insight on why we treasure quilts so much as we listened to our speaker and her program "Quilts as a Family Heirloom."

In the spring we had a speaker from Davis and Elkins College who gave the history of the facility. In addition we heard a speaker who spoke on "Russia, the Historical Transition, which made us treasure our freedom and our heritage."

At our summer family picnic we held a "Heritage Auction". "Beverly Days", a week of heritage activities, members served as hostesses for home tours. In September our speaker was a Special Agent from the FBI who talked about the history of the FBI and the need for it. We also had a speaker from the DNR who spoke on "Folk Yarns & Factual Tales of Wildflowers".

We were very much involved in the NSDAR World Book of Remembrance" and many names were sent in to be placed in the book. The members worked hard this year to get the message of our heritage out to the community.

Mary Kay Bidlack (Mrs. Jerry), Regent

PHOEBE TUCKER CUNNINGHAM

No report. Margie Evans (Mrs. Paul S.), Regent

TRANS-ALLEGHENY

No report. Betty Heavner (Mrs. Fay), Regent

EASTERN DISTRICT

The Eastern District, WVDAR, held its annual meeting on July 21, 2001, at Francis Asbury Methodist Church in historical Berkeley Springs, WV. Ye Towne of Bath Chapter served as hostesses. Highlights of the meeting included a workshop conducted by State Officers, a memorial service for departed daughters of the Eastern District, a survey to determine the effectiveness and organization of district meetings, and a free-will offering for flood recovery efforts in Southern West Virginia. Members also voted to support the project of selling voices on a basket of West Virginia wares that will raise money for Pages' expenses at State Conference.

This District Director was unable to attend the state organizational meeting at Flatwoods in June and other district meetings, but does plan to attend the State Conference at Bluefield in October.

Susan L. Garrett (Mrs.Theodore E.), District Director

BEE LINE

With only 55 members, of which only about twelve or thirteen are in this area and are active, we accomplished the following:

We honored three members with 50-year certificates: Mrs. John A. Ward, Mrs. Edward Saville, and Mrs. Ernest Gurman.

Our Chaplain, Joyce Ann McKee Jackson, had an article published in the Jefferson County Historical Society book on her ancestors. We have had four articles read on delegates to the Constitutional Convention. One member not only takes 200 valentines, but addresses them for the patients at Newton D. Baker. This is in addition to candy, toothpaste, toothbrushes and other personal items. We provide a \$1,000 Scholarship to an eligible Senior at the local high school.

The President General's message and an article from the National Defender are read at each meeting. \$300.00 was donated to the DAR Schools and all other required donations. The Indian minutes articles have been read at each meeting.

We had a third place essay winner. We give each winner we select as best a \$50.00 Savings Bond. We gave four this year. Seven members subscribe to the magazine. The State Regent attended the Eastern District meeting in Berkeley Springs.

Many of our members are volunteers in local activities and especially this year since we are celebrating our Bicentennial with activities during the month of October.

We mailed 11 ounces of stamps to the veterans. 852 soup labels and 63 labels for education were sent.

Beth Printz (Mrs.Charles F.), Regent

FORT ASHBY

No report. Shirley Collett (Mrs. Berle), Regent

PACK HORSE FORD

Pack Horse Ford Chapter, NSDAR, had another busy and exciting year. In November, Veterans Day was remembered by having lunch at the American Legion with Colonel Alfred Ring, USMC, Retired. On this 50th Anniversary of the Korean War, he spoke to us of his experience as an officer in combat. He explained the events in chronological order that he was involved in. Christmas was celebrated with a tea, allowing time for members to visit with new members in a most relaxing atmosphere. We were entertained by the most talented William Bland and chapter member, Mrs. Jane Snyder.

The National Defense Chairman presented a reading for the National Defender at each meeting with the exception of our National Defense Luncheon in April. Dr. Robert Wilgoos, Professor of History at Shepherd College, presented a most stimulating talk on the US/China crisis, which was most current and a stressful time for all of us. An outing in May took us to a lunch meeting at the Historic Strasburg Inn in Strasburg, VA. The program was presented by Mrs. Babs Milton, Director of the Museum of the Presidents.

Approximately 35 students from grades 6th and 7th participated in the American History Essay Contest. The Historic Entler Hotel was the setting honoring the winners of the contest. The winners, their parents, and families were invited to a tea where the winners, after reading their essays, were presented awards by the chapter. In June, "The Nifty Fifties" was presented by John Augustine Washington Society, CAR, at our annual picnic. A monetary gift was presented to the Society.

September 2001, Pack Horse Ford provided the proclamation that Mayor Arthur J. Auxer, III, signed proclaiming that Constitution Week would be observed in Shepherdstown. Bells from churches rang at 4 o'clock on September 17th. During this week 6th grade students from the local elementary school prepared statements about the Constitution which was shared with all students during the morning announcements. NSDAR posters were also on display in the hallways.

Many of our members belong to the Berkeley and Jefferson Counties Historical Societies. Many volunteer hours are given to enhance their museum records, serving as docents, etc. in "Sharing our Heritage".

In September members of our Chapter volunteered as docents in the showing of a Chapter member's home during the Berkeley County Historical Society's fund raiser for the renovation of a house that in the future will be an Archive and Genealogical Center and also the home of the Berkeley County Historical Society. We have members who volunteer in local hospitals and help in programs for the aging. July 4th members flew flags at their homes and placed flags at the gates of cemeteries in Shepherdstown where Revolutionary War soldiers are buried. Our church bells rang at 2 o'clock this day signifying the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

Contributions were made to the Tamasee DAR School Shoe Fund. Thirty lbs of clothing and 230 labels were also sent. Kate Duncan Smith received labels and 18 oz. of stamps were sent to wounded veterans. The NSDAR Library received from our chapter the publication "See Shepherdstown III" compiled and written by Historic Shepherdstown Commission. On October 13, 2000, eight new members were added to our membership rolls. Five new members have been added since and three have been approved and await the vote of the National Board of Management in October 2001. The Regent attended both the State Conference and the Eastern District meeting. We emphasize the importance of increasing membership and to enlighten the community of our many and varied activities through the newspaper.

Evelyn H. Reinhart (Mrs. James P.), Regent

SHENANDOAH VALLEY CHAPTER

The Annual Report, Oh, what do I say?

Please give me the courage not to do it in the usual way!

A Dr. Seuss I certainly am not, but what can I lose,

Perhaps another Regent they'd be ready to choose.

Tabitha Porterfield, CAR member who we know is so nifty,

In October showed us how "DAR Rocks & Rolls!" with her project on the 50's!

Off to Wheeling for State Conference members Elizabeth Seibert, Sally Ann Greenfield, Dorothy Myers, Sylvia Rhodes and Barbara Frankenberry, did go.

Meetings to attend, elections to vote, places to see, busy, busy, oh you know!

Our Regent was voted to an office for the State,

As Corresponding Secretary she must work to meet the final dates.

Susanne Horner was our November 2, 2000 hostess and leader,

She showed us "A Capitol Event!" - Hey, what could be neater!

Katherine VanMetre our member and friend

Left this life here on earth November 6, 2000 ever faithful to the end.

Twenty-four days later the phone rang while at school

It's Sally Ann Greenfield telling me Libby Seibert had died, life is so cruel.

We wept and shared memories of the life of our dear one,

God has taken her to heaven her eternal life canvas now just begun.

December 7, 2000 at Charles and Doris Brown's home we met, Garnett

Keisecome shared his "Pearl Harbor's Eye Witness" as we laughed and we wept. "Hearts & Heritage!" was our February 1, 2001 meeting theme.

Belle Boyd's House and Don Woods kept with the Valentine scene.

March 1, 2001 American History Essay Contest winners and parents were invited.

Jan Chancey as chairman made sure none were slighted.

Keith Hammersla, Reference Librarian, took us "Rooting through the Tomes!" using computers and more. Learning about genealogical record technology advances was enlightening and fun galore.

Jan Chancey hosted the Annual Meeting in May,

Her home is located near historic Stonebridge, our lesson of the day.

Sally Ann Greenfield told us of how important this area was to our country.

Perhaps that's part of the reason for our early settlers bounty.

Ye Towne of Bath hosted the Eastern District meeting with a flair,

Making sure their guests were treated with great care!

On September 6, 2001 we gathered on Morgan Morgan's cabin side lawn where we

heard Arianna Price, State RespecTeen Essay Winner tell us where she had gone.

Her winning essay took her on a trip with her Dad to Washington, D.C. where

she was one of three who talked with President Bush about laws that might be.

Five days later our peaceful world that we know came to a most abrupt end.

Terrorists took the lives of many that day and wounded our country's heart that we are now working to mend.

Our October 4th meeting was a tour back in time. With our spouses, friends, other

DAR Chapter and C.A.R. members we saw the sublime.

The work on the Martinsburg Round House is fully in progress. So exciting

to see that this important structure in our community is receiving the best.

Because of the attack on our country that fateful day,

Authorities moved the Naturalization Ceremony forward in time without delay.

Our Regent was a speaker for this special event.

Our Chapter gave each new citizen a commemorative bookmark – a reminder of what this day meant.

Our year has passed by quickly, a lot we have done.

This report is completed – the next one is already begun!

Barbara Frankenberry (Mrs. Robert H.), Regent

SOUTH BRANCH VALLEY

In October five of our members attended our State Conference at which time we were honored to have our very own Carmen Silliman chosen as our State Regent for the next three years. Thank you Daughters for giving us this honor.

In November Robert Mohr was our guest speaker. He enlightened us on the recent and on-going work on Fort Mulligan located in Grant County, one of four counties comprising the South Branch Valley Chapter. A monetary gift to be used for the Veteran's Christmas presents was sent to the VA Hospital in Martinsburg.

Sarah Elizabeth Mallow entered the history essay contest and was chosen for Honorable Mention in the State. Sarah is a fifth-grader from Pendleton County, another of the four counties comprising our Chapter. Sarah was our guest in March and she read her essay. Good Citizen Awards were presented in our county schools in May. A Junior ROTC award was presented to a recipient in Petersburg High School, the only participating school in our area.

April found our State Regent-elect and Chapter Regent off to D.C. for Continental Congress. We were elated to receive an award for the outstanding work of Mary Rowe, our Constitution Week Chairman. In May State Regent Silliman made her first official visit – to the South Branch Valley Chapter. We were delightfully entertained by the authors of "A Place Called Smoke

Hole" as they shared stories of their youth and growing up in Smoke Hole in rural Pendleton County. Election of officers was held, and several of us had to be recycled. In July it was off to Berkeley Springs for our District meeting with District Director Susan Garrett of the South Branch Valley Chapter presiding. The Director also presented a program on the DAR Schools at the chapter meeting in July.

September we observe Constitution Week. Chairman, Mary Rowe, did her usual excellent job: proclamations, radio spots, and displays in the schools and libraries in all four of our counties. She arranged the chapter program in which she involved the community, including the youth.

South Branch Valley Chapter is pleased to have served God, Home and Country and we look forward to another challenging year

Annabelle F. Vance (Mrs. Loring H. Jr.), Regent

WILLIAM HENSHAW

No report. Mrs. Julia Gates, Regent

YE TOWNE OF BATH

The American History Essay winners read their winning essays. A bronze marker was installed in the Old Dutch Cemetery. We had a very informative program on Continental Congress.

"WV Folklore" was given – medicinal cures, household hints and superstitions. American Indian Presentation. Category: WV and local American Indians. An excellent program "The Titanic – display was very impressive.

"Betsy Ross" was presented, a portrayal – very informative and enjoyable. Participated in Veterans Day Ceremony. Winner of Good Citizen Award read her winning essay. Placed roses on a deceased members grave. Attended a 4-H meeting at the Country Inn.

Donated money to Tamasee. Donated money to the bronze marker in the old Dutch Cemetery. Donated money to Mahnes Chapel in memory of deceased member. Donated money to WW II Commemorative Fund.

Lap robes and coupon books were given to veterans. Twenty-five year membership awards were presented to four members. One fifty-year membership award was presented.

Placed roses on deceased members graves on Memorial Day. Placed wreath on Berkeley Springs Memorial on Memorial Day.

Julia H. Linaweaver (Mrs. George), Regent

NORTHERN DISTRICT

This Director began this term of office by working closely with the Regent and members of the James Wood Chapter to prepare for the 54th Northern District meeting in Parkersburg, WV. This Director would once again like to show her appreciation for the hard work and hours that Mrs. David (Patricia) Lucas put in to host such a wonderful event. The District was pleased to welcome many state officers, especially the State Regent. The workshops were conducted by the State Vice Regent, who spoke on "What Every Chapter Regent Should Know", and the State Parliamentarian with a program on "Robert's Rules of Order."

Surveys were distributed to all Daughters to help with the Long Range Planning Committee's decision to maintain District Meetings for 2002-2004.

During the luncheon, "Patsy Cline" wowed the Daughters and guests with many of her famous songs.

The Northern District also got a chance to practice on auctioning a basket as the Basket Chairperson and the District Director created a basket, the proceeds of which would go to the District. Watch out for those Northern District Daughters!

Funds were also allocated for the flood victims in southern West Virginia and to help with the State Regent's Projects.

Thank you to the District Officers, and this Director looks forward to seeing everyone at the Northern District Meeting in Moundsville.

Miss Charla Nutter, Director

ANNE ROYALL

No report. Annetta Whippen (Mrs. Walter), Regent

BLENNERHASSETT

During the past year, the Blennerhassett Chapter enjoyed many wonderful programs, honored our veterans and chapter members, and assisted others in their genealogical work.

Our programs covered a variety of subjects ranging from "Disability Etiquette" and working with the Americans with Disabilities Act to "Period Gardening". The program for our National Defense luncheon was Dr. Bae Suk Lee. Dr. Lee, an anesthesiologist from Marietta, Ohio, spoke about his life in Korea during the Korean War and how he and his family were able to leave there and make a new home in America. The programs that captured the chapter's attention were "The Dangers of Driving Drowsy", and "A Living History", presented by area re-enactors that discussed a little about what life was like for soldiers of the period as well as their adventures on the set of "The Patriot". However, the program that won the hearts of the chapter was a video entitled "The Many Faces of Old Glory" by Van Scott. The tape, borrowed from VFW member Mr. Howard Nichole of Williamstown, was about the history of our flag and why the flag looks the way it does. Copies have been made and placed in the Williamstown schools.

This past year saw the Blennerhassett Chapter honor 21 men and women as part of our contribution to the WWII Memorial in Washington, DC. Sadly, we also had to honor the passing of 5 of our beloved members in our memorial service.

We are proud to report that we have members that regularly work in the genealogy room at the Parkersburg/Wood County Public Library assisting anyone that needs help with their research. One of our hardest working researchers was able to copy the deed books throughout the history of Wood County, and they are now available for others to use at the National DAR Library, WVU-Colson Hall, WV State Archives, Parkersburg/Wood County Public Library, Marietta Public Library, West Augusta Society Library and at Marshall University.

We concluded our regular meetings in May with the installation of new officers. This regent would like to continue the fine tradition set out before her as we head into this new century by utilizing the experience of our older members and the enthusiasm of our newer members.

Randi J. Gray (Mrs.Charles), Regent

COLONEL WILLIAM LOWTHER

The Colonel William Lowther Chapter of the NSDAR held ten meetings and a planning session for the year, with the themes following the requirements of the NSDAR. In October, Miss Charla Nutter presented the program "Examining the Reputation of Christopher Columbus". She enlightened us on several truths about Columbus. In October we also rode in the Apple Butter Festival Parade with signs on the van indicating how proud we are to be a part of the NSDAR.

The Christmas program consisted of dinner at a local restaurant, and \$50.00 was presented to the VA Hospital for comfort gifts. In February, we learned much about our former presidents through a quiz, and a whimsical story entitled "George Washington's Cows" was read and enjoyed. Another interesting program on Family Traditions was presented in March. Each member shared family traditions and discussed traditions of the past. A memorial service was given for two of our deceased members.

The Conservation program was presented by Mrs. Frances Davis, who introduced Miss Amanda Davis, a junior at Doddridge County High School and a member of the FFA. Miss Davis gave a very informational speech on "Reintroducing Elk to West Virginia". It should be noted that Miss Davis won 1st place for her speech at the county level and went on to win 2nd place at the state level FFA.

The annual picnic was held at the Greathouse Pavilion. The chapter presented two Good Citizenship Awards to students from Doddridge and Harrison counties. Installation of officers was held. Five members of the chapter attended the 54th Northern District Meeting held in Parkersburg WV, August 3, 2001 at the Historic Blennerhassett Hotel. We received the Chapter Achievement Award - Level 2. Constitution Week was remembered in churches and schools of the area.

Michelle Kelley (Mrs. Bradley A.), Regent

JAMES WOOD

James Wood started the upcoming year by participating in the Veterans Day Parade and participating in the Veterans program at the City Park.

A combined Christmas dinner with Blennerhassett Chapter and the James Neal SAR was held in December. During the year programs were given on the DAR video on Washington entitled "City Out of Wilderness" and a slide program was presented by local Korean Veterans. Guest day was held with State Registrar Mrs. Robert Nalley speaking on "What it Means to be a Daughter".

The chapter sponsored students to Boys and Girls State, awarded Good Citizens Awards and presented an ROTC Medal. The Flag Committee presented flags to the Parkersburg Country Club and the Blennerhassett Museum.

Our Veterans Committee is very active providing cookies once a month and providing decorations for the holidays at our local VA Clinic. Four new members were given the Oath of Membership this past year. Two members received their 25-year pins and two were given their 50-year pins.

Five scholarships were awarded from the Ellen Scott Stewart Trust and a donation was made to the Friends of Blennerhassett for refurbishing the Putnam-Houser house on the Blennerhassett Island.

A Memorial Service was held in May for three deceased members and the chapter participated along with the Blennerhassett Chapter in a Memorial Service for ancestors on Memorial Day at the City Park.

James Wood hosted the 43rd annual meeting of the Northern District on August 3 at the Historical Blennerhassett Hotel.

The Annual Dues Tea and celebration of Constitution Week was held at the Blennerhassett Museum with Constitution Week displays at the Wood County Library, Walden Books in the Mall and the Blennerhassett Museum. Our goal is for every member to be a membership committee person and to strive for new members and to maintain contact with our aging and homebound members

Patricia Lucas (Mrs. David A.), Regent

MOUND

The Mound Chapter had some very interesting programs. The Constitution Week speaker was Dr. Thomas Michaud of Wheeling Jesuit College. November was Mr. John Maddox, on the Underground Railroad. December meeting was canceled because of the weather. In January Mrs. Thelma Giffin spoke on teaching children music in Public Schools. American History program was given by Mrs. Mick Burke. Health Education Program was an article from "Nurses in Service". National Defense Speaker was Henry Morgan from St. Clairsville VFW, Post 5356.

Monarch Choir was the program for the May Dinner. We had an impressive Memorial Service for Miss Mary Hubbs.

Mound Chapter donated \$140.00 for Tamassee Shoebox Fund. Veterans were remembered with gifts in November.

Several members attended Memorial Services May 30. July 4th Veteran Program was at Moundsville Baptist Church. The November 11th program was at the Court House. Several

members donated quilt squares for the Red, White and Blue Millennium Quilt for the Historical Society. It won 1st prize at the Marshall Co. Fair.

Frances Bonar (Mrs. Arthur C.), Regent

OHIO VALLEY

The Ohio Valley Chapter has been very busy through the past year. We have gained new members and sadly lost some beloved older members.

We are very proud to have one East Central Division Vice Chairman, three State Chairmen and the Editor of the State Newsletter as part of our chapter.

The chapter held all regular scheduled meetings along with one program planning and board meeting. Members of our chapter attended Continental Congress, State Conference, District meetings, other chapter meetings and some special events in which we represented the DAR. Everyone's favorite program was learning how and why the Sistersville Tank Works was asked to build the new boiler for the Cass Scenic Railroad. Our December Christmas luncheon/meeting is in honor of our Veterans. We bring wrapped gifts for the veterans at the VA Hospital in Clarksburg.

We started the new year with the February meeting honoring the students from the 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th grades and High School winners of American History and Christopher Columbus Essay Contests. This year we had a State Winner in the Christopher Columbus Essay Contest and a State 2nd Place Winner in American History Essay Contest. Schools in a three county area participate in these contests, including the DAR Good Citizen Contest. Framed Certificates and pins are presented each year to the winners, and this year our State Winner received a check for \$100.00. Our chapter participates in Memorial Day and Veterans Day programs in both St. Marys and Sistersville. On Flag Day we present a special framed Flag Certificate to a company, organization or private citizen who has displayed and lighted the American Flag correctly throughout the year. We are proud to work with other local organizations in promoting patriotism and preserving historic information.

Membership is an ongoing effort, therefore with each event we participate in we hand out information about the DAR and happily answer any questions concerning DAR membership. We have eight prospective members researching for that elusive Revolutionary War Ancestor.

Ginger Nalley (Mrs. Robert D.), Regent

WHEELING

The October luncheon meeting was held at Sandcrest Farms. Barbara Knutsen, Wheeling YWCA, presented the program "Update Report of the WV State Conference" to be held at Oglebay Resort. Ethel Mozena presented information on "Linage Highlight". The November open luncheon meeting was held at the Christ United Methodist Church. The program "Crossnore Schools" was presented by Suzanne Mozena. Naturalization of new citizens was held on November 3 at the Federal Courthouse in Wheeling. Melissa O'Rourke represented the chapter and welcomed the new citizens, as did three other chapter members.

December's open lunch meeting was held at the Wheeling Country Club. A musical program was presented by Laura and Sarah Mozena, followed by a silent auction by Ethel and Suzanne Mozena. The January meeting was held at the Ohio County Public Library. An educational program was presented by Lavivian Kaltenbach. A tea followed the open meeting in February. The American History Essay Contest Winners provided the program and were presented with certificates.

The National Defense program was presented by Sarah Ann Ryder at the March meeting at the Wheeling Country Club. The open luncheon meeting in April was held at Sandcrest Farm, and the program was presented by Marie Graybill entitled "A Mother's Day Tribute". The two members who attended the 110th Continental Congress in April gave the program "Continental Congress" at the May meeting at Alpha Restaurant.

Installation of new officers took place at the June luncheon meeting at Stratford Springs Restaurant. The new officer's photos were published in the Wheeling News Register. The chapter donated \$1000 to Friends of Wheeling to help restore the mile markers along Route 40, National Road, in

Wheeling. In August the Chapter Regent attended the Friends of Wheeling meeting, and Regent and three members attended the Northern District meeting.

The subject of the September meeting was "Constitution" presented by Ethel Mozena and Ellen Dunable, the Public Relations Chair, who also contacted churches and the media about promoting Constitution Week. The Regent and Chapter Registrar, Judy Fugate attended City Council meeting where the Mayor signed a proclamation declaring September 17-23 as Constitution Week.

A successful genealogy workshop was set up for September 22 by the chapter registrar, with 25 attending, resulting in five prospectives and one transfer.

Joan McClelland (Mrs. Robert D.), Regent

SOUTHERN DISTRICT

The Southern District held its 56th annual meeting at the Holiday Inn, Bluefield, WV, with the John Cooke Chapter serving as hostesses. There were representatives from five of the six Southern District Chapters in attendance, as well as State Officers, State Chairmen, and National Vice Chairmen – a combined total attendance of 33. The State Regent, Mrs. Carmen Silliman was in attendance. It was a disappointment to all that John Cooke representatives were not in attendance due to the devastating floods in Wyoming County just two weeks earlier. The officers of Southern District greatly appreciate the help and cooperation in making last minute changes for plans that had been in the works for an entire year.

The business meeting was conducted with all officers present. Proposed changes to the by laws were discussed and the changes approved. Following the business meeting, the State Regent was introduced, who in turn introduced State Vice Regent Shirley Gilkeson, who spoke on the importance of a chapter regent and gave each member tips on organization. Mrs. Cora Teel, State Parliamentarian, was introduced and spoke on Roberts Rules of Order. Mrs. Barbara Rutledge, State Chairman Awards shared information regarding chapter achievement awards and Dina Braniff, State Treasurer, shared important tips for chapter treasurers, along with the importance of having a Federal identification number.

Mrs. Silliman conducted the afternoon session, sharing information on changes being made by National, information on the changes in the DAR Magazine and information on Continental Congress.

A memorial service was conducted to honor those Southern District Daughters who had died during the past year. The Invitation to the 2002 Southern District Meeting was issued by the Matthew French Chapter.

Nancy Kornegay (Mrs. Terry), Director

CAPTAIN JAMES ALLEN

The Captain James Allen Chapter, Beckley, WV convenes nine times a year on the first Tuesday or Saturday each month from September through June, except January. Each meeting is opened in ritualistic form. The President General's Message is read and a 3-5 minute program is presented on National Defense. Our chapter participated in the NSDAR Chapter Achievement Awards Program and Constitution Week with bulletin boards and a write-up in the local newspaper. Good Citizens from local high schools, chosen by each school counselor, were presented with certificates and pins. Students and parents were invited to a luncheon in their honor. This chapter participated in the American History Contest. These students were honored at a luncheon where they received certificates, pins, and a trophy.

Campbell soup labels were collected and donated to Tamasee. A shoe tree was prepared with tickets costing \$9.00 each. Money collected was sent to Tamasee for shoes. A member and her granddaughter made valentines and delivered one to each patient at the Beckley VA Hospital. They also prepared Christmas boxes for patients at the same hospital. A program was given on the changes taking place at the hospital by a spokeslady from the hospital.

Major Carpenter and a Woodrow Wilson High School student did a program on ROTC at the school. President of Raleigh County's "All Wars Veteran Museum" presented a program. Booklets were distributed at one of the meetings and a report given on the National Cemetery in Arlington, VA. Money was donated to the library of the Chemawa Indians. Money was donated in memory of our deceased members to the Raleigh County Public Library to buy books for the Heritage Room. We are honored to have a member serving the National Society as Chaplain General.

Our chapter motto for 2001-2004 is Expansion and Participation, so our goal for the year is recruiting new members and encouraging every member to play a role, even if it's just to be present.

Joan Sweeney (Mrs. Lloyd), Regent

GENERAL ANDREW LEWIS

The Chapter year began in with Mrs. Joel Wagoner as our special guest and speaker. She gave a most interesting account of the DAR Magazine and its progress. Our October meeting featured Mrs. Constance Haynesworth Grund, a corresponding Docent for DAR who presented a delightful slide tour of our DAR Museum.

In November, the Executive Director of our local North House Museum, presented a program on the planned renovation of the Museum. Christmastime was celebrated early by the Chapter, with a luncheon meeting at an historic landmark which has been converted into a restaurant. Our guest speaker was the Director of the Greenbrier Valley Theatre.

The months of January and February featured our winners of the American History and Good Citizens Essays. Our March meeting featured one of the Historical Society's archivists, describing the history of several of Lewisburg's lots. In May the Chapter took a special tour of Greenbrier Community College and the year ended with a covered dish luncheon in June, 2001.

Donna Farlow (Mrs. Donald), Regent

JOHN CHAPMAN

We had the following programs: "The Star Spangled Banner", DAR Insignia, Tamassee DAR School, American History Chairman's address and readings by the American History Essay contestants.

The American Flag Ritual was given by Mr. David Martens, Princeton Elks Lodge, who traced the evolution of the American Flag. As he explained the history of the seven official flags adopted by our country, assistants entered carrying each of the eight-foot flags and posted them.

Mrs. Fred Thrasher, President of the William Campbell Chapter, Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution, discussed the "Life and Times of George Washington", dressed in colonial attire - very impressive.

The chapter honored three members; two with great sadness, one with great joy. A memorial service was conducted for Mary Louise Taylor, who died October 4, 2001. Mary Louise served as regent of the chapter for twelve years with distinction, devotion, and dedication and was an avid supporter of the state and national societies. The chapter made a \$330 contribution to Tamassee DAR School in her memory and was notified by the WV Cottage Committee that Mary Louise's name would be placed on the Memorial Plaque in the Josephine C. Peters Cottage. Another Memorial Service was conducted for Caralie Garrett, who died March 20. She was past regent and presented the DAR Good Citizenship Awards at the local high schools for many years. On a lighter note, the chapter honored Mrs. Percy (Mary) Gillie, an almost sixty-year member, who served the chapter as past regent, filled offices, chaired committees, and presented programs, by nominating and electing her, by unanimous vote to Honorary Regent for life.

One of the chapter's American History Essay Contestants won third place, state level. The chapter received the NSDAR Chapter Achievement Award, Level 3.

We have sent invitations to join the John Chapman Chapter to sixteen prospective (eligible) members.

Lorraine C. Alley (Mrs. Richard F.), Regent

JOHN COOKE

In November our chapter delivered 70 Christmas gifts to the VA Hospital in Beckley. Even though we have a small number of resident members, our chapter does very well with this project – and enjoy serving the veterans in this way.. We have started a new project of collecting canceled Stamps for the Wounded.

We honored three high school seniors for the Good Citizen Awards. This event is held at the Oceana United Methodist Church with a time of fellowship with the winners and their parents and guests following the presentation.

We have received word that applications for two members have been approved. Also we are asking for a transfer for another DAR member into our chapter. We also have several prospective members working on their papers.

One of our members, who is disabled, uses the internet to help with all inquiries about our chapter. She has been a member just a little over a year.

Since July (the flood) our chapter hasn't been involved very much. We regret not being able to attend the District Meeting. We enjoyed preparing the favors and have received several notes of thanks. Our Chapter would like to thank the State DAR for the gift of love received by four members of our chapter who received damage from the flood. Our area is beginning to come back from the terrible ordeal. However, some must leave the area because their homes must be torn down.

As Regent, I am in the process of putting together a newsletter for our members. It will be called "The Cabin". This will keep our out-of-state members informed about chapter activities. The newsletters will be sent every six months.

Anita Lusk (Mrs. Leonard), Regent

MATTHEW FRENCH

Our chapter emphasizes education. Flag pins were distributed to all first grade students. Matthew French sponsored a second place winner in the fifth grade and an honorable mention sixth grader in the American History Contest, and the DAR Good Citizenship winner was from our chapter. Savings bonds were given to these students.

Copies of the Constitution were distributed to teachers at Princeton Primary. Certificates were presented to straight A students in the middle school and ribbons to the high school students. Constitution Week was observed by ringing the Bells Across America with a tea and a flag raising ceremony by the Girl and Boy Scouts. Peters Mountain Chapter members were our guests. On December 7, our chapter and First Community Bank will host a reception for WW II veterans.

Regular meetings were held and programs presented on timely subjects.

Miss Marguerite Miller, Regent

PETERS MOUNTAIN

Peters Mountain Chapter has had a busy year. We once again focused on Tamassee DAR School. We have four members who belong to the Sunshine Club and send money every month. We have a monthly collection for socks, and during the year we sent 274 pair! We also have a monthly love gift offering and this year we sent \$200.00 to help with their summer project and fall grits and gravy campaign. In addition we sent them 13 bath towels, 81 wash cloths, 2 hand towels, toothbrushes, combs and pencils. At Christmas we sent gifts to Miss Pat Spring and the girls in her All States II cottage of one year. Additionally, the chapter sent soup labels and box tops for education. It was our privilege this summer to host Miss Spring and the All State II girls for a weekend of fun. While in West Virginia we treated them to an evening at Grandview State Park and a peek at West Virginia history by seeing "Hatfields and McCoys" on stage. What an experience! We also sent 46 lbs. to the Tamassee Thrift Shop. The chapter contributed \$56.00 to the shoe fund.

We also supported Crossnore by sending 11 lbs .of misc. items for their Birdcage with a value of \$130.00. We sent 180 washcloths, pens, combs and brushes to Chemawa Indian School. In November we collected items totaling \$411.45 for veterans and took them to the Veterans Hospital in Beckley.

From chapter funds we purchased grave markers for all active members. We placed flags on veteran's graves at three local cemeteries for Memorial Day weekend. Two books were donated to the local library and we made a monetary contribution to the local high school for project graduation.

Two members attended an "on line" genealogy class. Two members attended the 100th anniversary celebration of the Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter in Point Pleasant, and two members attended state board of management in Flatwoods.

After devastating floods hit Southern West Virginia, our chapter assumed responsibility for organizing Southern District meeting for the John Cooke Chapter. We held a Constitution dinner and attended a bell ringing sponsored by Matthew French Chapter

Marjorie Allen (Mrs. Robert), Regent

WESTERN DISTRICT

The Western District meeting was held at the First United Methodist Church in Huntington, WV on Friday, July 27, 2001 with the Buford Chapter serving as our hostesses. During the business meeting the by laws were updated, a questionnaire completed, and other business of the district considered. A workshop was conducted by Mrs. Roy A. Gilkeson, State Vice Regent; Mrs. Cora P. Teel, State Parliamentarian; and Mrs. Eldon Rutledge, State Chairman, Awards Committee.

The Westmoreland Chapter sponsored the sixth grade first place winner in the American History Essay Contest. The Western District chapters take great pride in the efforts of our students in the contests in which they participate. We are grateful for their continued interest in history and the preservation of American ideals.

Linda B. Hendrickson (Mrs. John R.), Director

ANNE BAILEY

All dues and obligations were met. Rituals were followed at all meetings. Minute Messages were given at each meeting on Presidents, Indians and Constitution. Campbell Soup Labels were collected at every meeting and quarters were charged if a member did not bring in labels. The money was sent with the labels to DAR Schools. There was excellent participation in Innisbrook Sales. Gifts, magazines and cupcakes were taken to veterans at Riverside Nursing Home at Christmas and 4th of July. Stamps were collected for the veterans.

Good Citizens Essay Contest winners were from St Albans, Riverside, Nitro and Hurricane High Schools. A luncheon was given in their honor at the St. Albans Woman's Club on March 10. They were invited to read their essays following lunch. Three members attended the Naturalization Ceremony at the Charleston Federal Building in October and April. Five members attended State Conference in Wheeling. The Anne Bailey Chapter received three blue ribbons, two red ribbons and one white ribbon, five awards.

Copy was presented to the State Regent nominating Richard Carvell of St. Albans as a Medal of Honor candidate. ROTC Medals were presented to designated winners from Capital, Riverside, St. Albans High Schools and West Virginia State College. One History Essayist from South Charleston High School was honored at lunch where she read her essay.

The chapter had 100% participation in the President General's Project "Legacy of Love. Constitution Week displays were placed in the St. Albans and Charleston Libraries. Letters were sent to many area churches and schools; church bells were rung and notices were entered in church bulletins. Proclamations were received from the Governor of West Virginia and the Mayors of Charleston and St. Albans. Chapter programs were Patriotic, Historical and Educational. We place emphasis on new members. Patriotism has taken on a new meaning and more people are becoming aware of the significance of DAR.

Kay Craig (Mrs. W. Frederick), Regent

BARBOURVILLE

One or more members have represented our chapter at the 110th Continental Congress, 96th State Conference and 54th Annual Western District Meeting as well as Woman's World Day of Prayer.

We commemorated the 50th anniversary of the Korean War in a program featuring a Korean War Veteran as guest speaker. A major in the US Army National Guard was our guest speaker on Flag Day. He conducted a flag etiquette lesson, showed photographs and discussed places the Flag could be found in Space to a group of 57 children enrolled in the Library summer reading program. We gave them each a US flag, flag etiquette leaflet and a goody bag. We honored Armed Forces Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, Constitution Week and Arbor Day by placing displays in two local libraries. We planted a dogwood tree on Arbor Day in honor of a deceased member. We presented a string orchestra in a Free Community Concert in honor of Veterans on Veterans Day.

Two members filmed the relocation of an historical 200 year old cemetery in our area and presented an oral history and video program at a DAR meeting and invited the public. It was also presented to the Kyowva Genealogical Society. Members held a two-part genealogy workshop with a local 4-H group working it as a contest to make more interesting and challenging. We decorated a horse drawn wagon and rode in a Fall Fest parade contest dressed in period clothing.

We gave four patriotism awards and one Citizenship Trophy in three local schools and had a reception for the recipients and their parents. Our American History Committee person has enrolled four local schools in the American History and Christopher Columbus Essay contests. The regent mails bi-monthly newsletters.

We held two rummage sales and are prepared for the third. We participated in a Craft Sale and in a Genealogy and History Fair & Annual Veterans Appreciation Day. We have one new Junior member and four prospective members.

Our goal is to focus on fund raising and seek new members. We have plans for genealogical workshops for the youth and tea/workshops for prospectives.

Mrs. Violet Hysell, Regent

BUFORD

From October 1, 2000 to October 1, 2001 several of our meetings began with the Posting of the Colors by Color Guards from different organizations and schools in Huntington.

Buford Chapter had three unique programs. The first was highlighting a local Medical Museum, the second an American Heritage theme "Blessed are the Piecemakers for their Children Will Inherit the Quilts", and another on genealogy entitled "Deadly Research: Family Lineage Investigations".

We had outstanding displays for Constitution Week in libraries in four communities in and around Huntington.

One of our members depicted "Molly Pitcher" in reenactments and on historical programs in the schools. Buford recognized three 50-year and one 40-year member. We gave three awards for community service. Our American Indians chairman was recognized for her monthly "Indian Moment" and her monetary match of our monthly gifts for the Indian Scholarship Fund.

The Highlight of the Year was the completion of "The History of Buford Chapter" by our then recording secretary, Caroline Rappold. Most recently we had the opportunity of hosting the Western District Meeting in Huntington. Our membership held its own during this period in spite of losing six, we gained six.

We continue to upgrade our cabin by renovating the bathroom this year.

Miss Sally O. Cyrus, Regent

CHARLESTON

No report. Mrs. Louise Ratcliff, Regent

COLONEL CHARLES LEWIS

Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter was so proud to celebrate their 100th anniversary during this year. A 100-year yearbook was compiled and an anniversary luncheon was enjoyed with 4 districts, several state officers and 15 chapters represented. Miss Virginia Johnson presented an interesting program on memories of years in DAR. We honored our five 50-year members at that luncheon.

The Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter exceeded the required monetary contributions, held a Constitution Week picnic with program, and were represented at Continental Congress, State Conference and Western District. We are proud to have a member of our Chapter serving as National Chairman of Insignia.

We have activated the Fort Randolph Society C.A.R. and are looking forward to many interesting projects with them. National Defense, History and Good Citizen medals were presented with interesting programs given by the winners. Stamps and personal hygiene articles were collected for the Veterans, coupons for the schools, and the Junior members are working on the Shoe Project.

Members are active in many community activities such as the County Library Committee, volunteer at the local Hospital and nursing homes, Women's Club committees, Garden club beautification committee, Battle Days Committee and serve as hostesses for Battle Monument Park during tours. Chapter members on the Artist Series assist with Arts in the Park during the summer for children.

As always, we endeavor to maintain the interior of the Manson House in good clean condition for the approximately 35,000 tourists that visit the house each year. With the help of the State we now have a video of the interior, narrated by members so that you may be in a wheelchair and still see the different floors.

Miss Diana Johnson, Regent

JOHN YOUNG

The John Young Chapter reports compliance with primary National, State and Chapter requirements. In addition, the Chapter accomplished internally generated projects during its fiscal year. In both October 2000 and again in May 2001, the Chapter participated in Naturalization Ceremonies at the United States Courthouse in Charleston. Approximately 300 new citizens received DAR Flag Code booklets and hand-made flag pins from the John Young Chapter.

Honorary President General Mrs. Raymond F. Fleck (Anne) and her husband visited the Chapter in late October, prior to the State Conference. President General Fleck visited two Charleston elementary schools and one high school and gave her performance using musical instruments while entwining historical knowledge of the Revolutionary War. Our meeting in October featured a light luncheon with both President General Fleck and her husband, Raymond – a S.A.R. officer – presenting colors and providing a delightful program. Members brought children and grandchildren to the meeting.

Our members participated in the annual Veterans Day Parade in downtown Charleston. Members rode in vintage cars with Chapter and DAR signage. Programs were held featuring the DAR Insignia, the Washington Monument renovation and three historical re-enactors from the West Virginia Humanities Council's HISTORY ALIVE program. A large turnout toured the historic Norton House in Malden WV.

Three members attended the 2000 State Conference and two members attended Continental Congress. The John Young Chapter received the National award for DAR Magazine subscriptions and a Chapter Achievement Award. Donations were made to Tamassee and to Veteran patients at the Morris Memorial Nursing Home where chapter members host an annual party for 66 veterans.

The chapter purchased a new microfilm reader for the State Archives, and one member donated a new microfilm reader to Archives in honor of Honorary State Regent, Miss Johnson. Several

historical publications and family histories were donated to the State Archives, as well as the National DAR Library.

Awards were presented to area students for the Christopher Columbus Essay contest, the American History Contest and for ROTC. The Chapter endeavors to promote patriotism to all citizens and to encourage membership in the DAR.

Libby White (Mrs. Michael L.), Regent

KANAWHA VALLEY

No report. Janice Blankenship (Mrs. Carl), Regent

WESTMORELAND

The preceding year was a busy one for the Westmoreland Chapter. We started the year out right by sending 6 members to our annual meeting in Wheeling. We continued with our members participating in the annual Veterans Day Parade in Kenova. The Christmas season found us gathering at Rebels and Redcoats for a festive luncheon. We shivered through January and congratulated our American History contest winners in February. We had the best ones in the State. We had programs on Hong Kong, our veterans, and Kosovo. We made our annual pilgrimage to a county cemetery where we had our memorial service at the graveside of one of our deceased daughters. This year we went to Elmwood in Wayne WV. Our annual meeting and installation of officers was actually in Putnam County at the farm of one of our members. At this meeting we also initiated three of 5 new members. This year we passed the shoe for Tamasee, presented HODAR pins, gave the Indian minute and Constitutional Sidelight at meetings, got a number of awards from the State and National Societies and participated in the local Veterans hospital activities. We have several members who are faithful volunteers at the Veterans hospital.

Our goals for the coming years are: Getting more members active, having a workshop for prospective members, provide a display at the Capital for History Day, work with veterans and provide service to the patients, present flag certificates, sponsor an American History Teacher and nominate a History Hero.

Miss Kathleen E. Bledsoe, Regent

WILLIAM MORRIS

No report. Miss Robin Comer, Regent

REPORTS OF STATE CHAIRMEN 96th State Conference

NATIONAL COMMITTEES

AMERICAN HERITAGE AND CONSERVATION

Thirty- four chapters reported. Their activities were many and varied. It is my privilege to share the special recognition given to one chapter for its work – that of Kanawha Valley, who received the East Central Division's "Best Chapter Contest's" Award for their entry in the "Patriotic Poetry Contest" and the manner in which Veterans were honored by the Sissonville Middle School students. Because of this honor from the ECD, this committee awards Kanawha Valley a first place award for a job well done. Second place goes to Colonel Charles Lewis, third place to Blackwater and Honorable Mention to Barboursville and Blennerhassett.

Due to the many changes taking place in NSDAR, this committee has a new look and a new emphasis. The Conservation committee was incorporated with American Heritage this year and its work renamed Environmental Awareness. The new contest categories in Environmental Awareness, in Historic Preservation, and in Cultural Events and Traditions were named in 2001. The American Heritage contests in music, art, drama and literature and poetry will remain. The theme for 2001-2002 is "Family Traditions – Roots of My Heritage". As Daughters of the American Revolution we

share a common heritage, yet at the same time we also have our unique heritages. Therefore, as your chairman for the next three years, I am asking you to find, preserve, and celebrate your heritage.

Annabelle Vance (Mrs. Loring H. Jr.), State Chairman

AMERICAN HISTORY

Seventy-eight American History programs were presented at chapter meetings, and sixteen American History programs were given by members to other groups. Nineteen American History displays were placed in schools and public places. One thousand four hundred twenty-seven students entered the American History Essay Contest from eighty-two participating schools. Thirty students entered the Christopher Columbus Essay Contest from seven participating schools. Five hundred sixty-four American History certificates and seventy-three bronze medals were awarded. One medal for outstanding work in American History was awarded. American History publicity included fifty-six and one-half press inches, nine photographs and twenty radio minutes. Thirty-five West Virginia chapters reported.

Nancy Edwards (Mrs. Clyde), State Chairman

AMERICAN INDIANS

This chair encourages all chapters to plan at least one annual program on American Indians and to make a concerted effort to observe an "Indian Minute" at each meeting.

The National DAR American Indians Committee offers an annual \$400 scholarship to any Native American student, of any age, for post secondary school studies. Applicants must have a minimum 2.75 GPA, demonstrate financial need and show proof of American Indian bloodlines.

At the national level, one major health concern for Native American Indians is the high rate of diabetes. In an effort to combat this disease, the U.S. Department of Agriculture recently (June 2001) donated fruit and vegetable seeds to several Indian tribes to encourage its members to increase the consumption of these foods.

At the West Virginia State level, last August a second annual Pow-Wow was held in Kanawha County. This event was sponsored by the Tribal Council of Appalachian American Indians. In March 2001, at the Pennsylvania State University's main campus, a Pow-wow was held to celebrate thirty years of their American Indian graduate studies programs. Since 1971, more than one hundred eighty Native Americans have earned masters and doctoral degrees and most have returned to their tribal lands to improve the educational levels of their members.

Mary Collins (Mrs. R. David), State Chairman

AMERICANISM AND DAR MANUAL FOR CITIZENSHIP

Twelve chapters were very active and assisted applicants as they prepared to become citizens. They attended the naturalization ceremonies in the United States District Courts of West Virginia. Seven chapters hosted receptions. Chapters distributed 442 DAR Manuals for Citizenship to naturalization applicants and fifty Manuals to schools. There were twenty-nine youth volunteers at ceremonies and eight participated in the actual ceremony. Four students will share this activity with their classmates in middle school. A chapter member gave a welcome address at one ceremony, and one chapter gave each new citizen a carnation tied with red, white and blue ribbon at two ceremonies. Four chapters went together and helped prepare the program for a ceremony in Elkins. They served refreshments after the ceremony. This chairman assisted a chapter in applying for the Medal of Honor Award for a proposed recipient. She also attended the naturalization ceremonies in Charleston.

Catherine Dunn (Mrs. Vernon), State Chairman (1998-2001)

CHAPTER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Chapter Achievement Award form summarizes the activities, monetary contributions, and services rendered by the chapter to the organization (chapter, state and national) and to the community. For the 2000-2001 reporting year, 36 of 43 chapters filed reports. Those chapters receiving recognition are: Pack Horse Ford, First Place; John Young, Second Place; Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans, Third Place; and Ye Towne of Bath, Honorable Mention. The deadline for submitting the Chapter Achievement Award form is January 15, 2002. Please be prompt as this chairman has a deadline to meet. Regents are encouraged to read the form carefully before completing. Be sure you observe the minimum amounts indicated in some areas. Reminder: All chapter monies donated for Chapter Achievement Award status must go through the WVDAR State Treasurer to assure proper credit for the award.

Linda B. Hendrickson (Mrs. John R.), State Chairman

CHILDREN OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Thirty chapters reported. Three chapters have active C.A.R. Societies. One chapter is working to activate a Society. Seven chapters have no Societies but provide programs and money to the C.A.R.

Betty Sue Kauff (Mrs. John R.), State Chairman

CONSTITUTION WEEK AND COMMEMORATIVE EVENTS

The past year 29 chapters celebrated Constitution Week in some manner and 25 signed proclamations were reported. There were many newspaper articles, displays, school projects, ringing of church bells, and special programs at chapter meetings. The chapter regents are encouraged to continue their outstanding celebrations during Constitution Week. I hope that they will have chapter programs on the commemorative events as listed under this committee. Chapter regents will find a letter in their packet regarding the subcommittees of this committee. In addition to Constitution Week, we should recognize Independence Day, Korean War, Patriot's Tower and Washington Memorial Chapel, Louisiana Purchase and Louis & Clark Expedition.

Dorrene G. Hale (Mrs. Donald L.), State Chairman

DAR GOOD CITIZENS

This chairman attended the 95th State Conference, the 110th Continental Congress, the 100th anniversary luncheon of the Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter and the Western District meeting. My thanks to Dorothy Myers for her superb record-keeping.

Reports were received from forty-two chapters, with twenty-seven chapters participating in the program. Fifty-five high schools were contacted. One high school participated for the first time. Fifty-six students were honored as DAR Good Citizens with medals, cash, a savings bond and a scholarship, as well as with luncheons, receptions and dinners.

The State Winner was Angela Nicole Pettus, from Princeton Senior High School – sponsoring chapter, Matthew French. She received \$250.00 from the State Society and a gift from State Regent Miss Jean Ann Elliott. Our goal is to increase student participation by contacting more schools.

Betty Belcher (Mrs. Robert H.), State Chairman

DAR LIBRARY

This state chairman received no reports from chapters regarding DAR Library activity. It is my request that I be advised of donations of books and/or funds.

Lela S. Bonner (Mrs. Robert), State Chairman

DAR MAGAZINE

The new Magazine and Newsletter was unveiled July 4th and is called *American Spirit Magazine*. The \$12.00 subscription rate is for one year of bi-monthly issues. A great deal of information about the magazine may be found on the website *DARMagazine@aol.com*. Articles will focus on issues important to all of us.

A search is on for members who are considered experts in deciphering old-fashioned handwritten pages, to be interviewed for an article on handwriting. Inform me if you know someone with this talent. Members to be interviewed for future articles will include those who are: participating athletes in the Olympic games; professional women athletes; professional entertainers who earn their living as such; professional writers of published books (not hereditary books or family histories); and experienced writers of a minimum of two published family histories, books on genealogy, etc.

A part of the yearly budget for each chapter should be the DAR Magazine Coop project. A chapter check for thirty-dollars should be received by the State Treasurer by December 1 of each year. Chapters sending articles for publication in the Newsletter must send material on a disk or as an e-mail attachment. Members are urged to subscribe to the Magazine – and be sure to look for our WV ad in the 9/02 Issue.

Barbara Fish (Mrs. Robert B.), State Chairman

DAR MUSEUM

As state chairman of this committee, I have composed a letter for chapter regents. They will find this letter in their packets.

Posted on the Internet October 19, 2001 was the following information: The DAR launched a Museum Collection Catalog. A catalog of merchandise inspired by the Collection of the DAR Museum will be mailed to subscribers of the *American Spirit*. The ten page, high quality "test" catalog will be packaged with the Nov/Dec 2001 issue of the magazine. The catalog cover features a beautiful Christmas photograph of the Indiana Room. Inside over fifty merchandise items are featured including gifts for men, women and children, as well as items for the home.

The Museum was founded in 1890. Please support the DAR Museum.

Jenny Hepburn (Mrs. James), State Chairman

DAR SCHOOLS

It was disappointing that this chairman did not attend Founder's Day at Tamasee in 2001 after eight consecutive years, but she did attend the five summer District Meetings.

The National Theme is "Caring for Schools", the symbol is the Care Bear, and a pin will be sold depicting a bear inscribed with the words, "I Care". The WV Daughters have always been supportive of the schools, and this year is no exception. Thirty-five chapters reported; sixteen had programs on the schools, thirty-one made contributions that are on the achievement questionnaire, and most of the chapters contributed to the state project "The Shoe Fund". Labels sent to the schools totaled 7,759; pounds of clothing, 1,763; Shoe Fund, \$1,114; and several chapters had special chapter projects. Peters Mountain Chapter should have a Gold Star on their award. They have nineteen members, and they support several of the schools.

Anne R. Cummings (Mrs. Ebb J.), State Chairman

DAR SERVICE FOR VETERAN PATIENTS

Thirty-six chapters reported. WV Daughters gave 861 hours of service to the Veterans. This is the result of 88 activities with 148 volunteers. Volunteers traveled 3558 miles and collected \$7251.00 in cash, magazines, books, comfort items, food and gifts. Special programs were given in the chapters for and about veterans. Veterans came and spoke about their experiences, and gift drives were held for patients and for residents of the Veterans' homes. Lap robes were made and money was given to the World War II Memorial in memory of our veterans. Our biggest gifts were visiting

and transportation. Goals for the coming year are to keep up our good work and to remember some lonely veteran who needs a smile, a "good morning" and a cookie.

Kathleen E. Bledsoe, State Chairman

THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Thirty-six chapters reported to this state chairman. There was a total of 33 large flags presented, 368 small, and 225 stickers. Flag codes presented numbered 715, flag certification 3, pins 244, and other pieces of literature 309.

During the year presentations were made of small flags with a Pledge of Allegiance card; flag key chains, flag book markers, and flag codes. Chapters had programs about the flag, community activities celebrating Flag Day, and there were many chapter flag activities involving the youth. A Betsy Ross skit was presented. In conjunction with the Cub Scouts, a flag-folding ceremony was held. There was TV coverage on the News. Improper displaying of the Flag was pointed out whenever applicable, and proper protocol was encouraged. Awards were presented by chapters.

This chairman named Ye Towne of Bath as having the best all-around flag program. Ohio Valley for the best all-around community flag celebration, Barbourville for the greatest distribution of flags, and Kanawha Valley for the greatest number of literature distributed.

Rebecca Davis (Mrs. Donald M.) State Chairman 1998-2001

GENEALOGICAL RECORDS

Records were received from the previous state chairman along with work in progress. Since the last report given, there have been no chapter reports received and no awards presented. Members are urged to contribute unpublished records of a genealogical nature so that they can be prepared in proper form for the DAR Library. It will be necessary to find Bible records, wills, obituaries, county and town deeds and any other unpublished records. This chairman is excited about this project, as I hope you will be, and hope to compile a great report to send to the National Chairman.

Thank you, Madame State Regent, for allowing my mother, Carol Massey, to serve as Vice Chairman of this committee. Perhaps I should also thank you for not allowing me to decline your request to serve as chairman of this committee as I was first inclined to do. I'll be learning as I go and look upon this as "getting my feet wet". However, I didn't know I would "get in over my head".

Mrs. Kathie M. Bowling, State Chairman

JUNIOR AMERICAN CITIZENS

This chairman attended the 95th State Conference and the Western District meeting. She is grateful to N. Camille Keller for her previous "Junior American Citizens Report. Ms. Keller reported that during the year there were 26 JAC Clubs with 527 members. One hundred member pins and cards were distributed. Anne Royall is the only West Virginia Chapter participating in the Junior American Citizens Contests. This chapter had four JAC winners. At the national level, two students – Emily Pridemore and Felicia Hardbarger – received a second place award for their joint essay. For this reason, this chairman has recommended that Anne Royall Chapter receive a first place award. It is the goal of this chairman to have more chapters promote the JAC's in their local schools. Many schools have after-school "baby sitting" programs, which provide an excellent opportunity for the advancement of the JAC program. It is the opinion of this chairman that in these "trying times" our children are hungry for ways in which to exhibit their patriotism. Contest entries are due to me from chapter chairman by February 1, 2002.

Linda Parsons (Mrs. Arthur E.), State Chairman

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP

This chairman, newly appointed, has little new material, so will rely on last year's information, which gives a total membership of 91. There are items for sale at the Junior table. Many thanks to those who have graciously donated items – and to those who purchase them. Remember that profits

go to the Helen Pouch Memorial Fund and that the receipt from each purchase gives credit to your chapter. Turn it in to your Regent. Regents, remind members that their donations to this table are needed.

Edna J. Barnes (Mrs. Richard), State Chairman

LINEAGE RESEARCH

As State Chairman Lineage Research, I have taken a "Genealogy on the Computer" class in order to be better informed. Forms for creating an online database for research were received from the National Chairman. These have been made available to each chapter with guidelines for volunteering. I urge each chapter to complete this form and to have a Lineage Research Lookup Volunteer.

Marjorie Allen (Mrs. Robert), State Chairman

MEMBERSHIP

The main concern of any membership chairman is to help prospective members find a chapter close to their home so that they can be active, happy members. She also needs a good working relationship with the chapters. This chairman has begun to implement a "Prospective Member Hotline" to each chapter, which will process referrals at a more efficient rate by using the Internet. To date, this chairman has assisted thirty-nine prospective members, one prospective SAR member and ten chapter registrars with membership questions. Seventeen dropped members of a disbanded chapter have been contacted with the hope of aiding them in joining another chapter. Three have been referred to a chapter near them. This chairman has also been working as the WV contact person for the new DAR Genealogy Look-up Center.

Frances Weekley (Mrs. Gary A.), State Chairman

NATIONAL DEFENSE

National Defense is on the mind of every citizen in the United States due to recent events. Now, more than anytime since Pearl Harbor and WWII people are searching for ways to show their patriotism. We must have informative National Defense programs and invite the public, hand out flag codes so people will display flags correctly, enter the National Defense essay contest, have programs in the schools about History, the Flag and Patriotism and help children have a better understanding of love of country. Provide articles and editorials for your local newspapers.

There has been an increase in National Defense programs during the past year. Programs included speakers on the Junior ROTC program in local schools, about Pearl Harbor and the Korean War given by survivors, and about the FBI Center near Clarksburg. Buford Chapter led in the presentation of ROTC and DAR Patriotism Medals. The 34 chapters reporting had a three minute National Defense Report at their meetings. Our chapters have accomplished much, but we can do better. Report everything you have done, large or small.

Ginger Nalley (Mrs. Robert D.), State Chairman

NATIONAL COMMITTEE WITH SPECIAL RECOGNITION

WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL CHALLENGE

The World War II Memorial Challenge came to an end December 31, 2000. This is my final report for the three years. With a total of 43 chapters in the State, twenty-nine chapters responded to the call for support of the World War II Memorial Challenge – helping to build a monument to honor all the men and women that supported the war effort, at home and on the battlefield. I am very proud of the good job that you did.

Two hundred fifty-one were reported in 1998 and 1999, and one hundred seventy-six were reported in 2000, making a grand total of four hundred twenty-seven. Fifteen West Virginia Daughters were honored. The final WWII Memorial Challenge Book has been printed and was presented

by National Chairman Darla Dean Kemper at Continental Congress, April 2001, along with a check for \$460,000.00 to the National World War II Memorial Committee. Congratulations, Daughters, for a job well done.

Barbara Rutledge (Mrs. Eldon L.), State Chairman

COMMITTEES WITH NATIONAL RECOGNITION COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

Several Chapters gave community awards but did not send the forms to the State Chairman, therefore did not qualify for a national award. Three chapters received certificates from the National Community Service Committee. They were South Branch Valley, Buford, and Ye Towne of Bath Chapters.

Carol Holbert (Mrs. Herbert), State Chairman

DAR SPEAKERS STAFF

This Chairman and her committee are ready to speak at chapter meetings on many topics. This committee has many years of service to the DAR. We love to talk about our organization.

Miss Jean Ann Elliott, State Chairman

VOLUNTEER GENEALOGY

The Volunteer Genealogist Committee is to assist the Genealogy Department in two easy ways: 1. by verifying supplemental application papers while in Washington, D.C, and 2. by helping members properly prepare application papers to be submitted. This chairman has not received any new information from her National Chairman except what is listed on the website. Looking forward to working with you.

Miss Jean Ann Elliott, State Chairman

COMMITTEES WITH STATE RECOGNITION AWARDS

Twelve State Chairmen presented a total of 122 awards. Two State Officers presented a total of 9 awards. There were 4 press book awards. There were 45 1st place blue ribbon awards, 31 2nd place red ribbon, 38 3rd place white ribbon and 25 honorable mention green ribbon awards. Pack Horse Ford had the most awards. All chapters except 4 received at least one award. Three Gold Stars were given for over and beyond the requirements. They were Ohio Valley - WW II Memorial Challenge, Pack Horse Ford - Membership, and Peter's Mountain - DAR Schools.

Following are the awards presented:

Membership Chairman, Frances Weekley awarded:

1 st Place	John Young
2 nd Place	Westmoreland
3 rd Place	Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans, Anne Royall and Pack Horse Ford

Honorable Mention: Ann Bailey, Barboursville, Blennerhassett, Buford, Colonel Charles Lewis, Colonel Morgan Morgan, Daniel Davisson, Elizabeth Cummins Jackson, Elk River, General Andrew Lewis, James Wood, John Chapman, John Hart, Kanawha Valley, Ohio Valley, Pack Horse Ford, South Branch Valley, Trans-Allegheny, Ye Towne of Bath

The Most New Members by Application

Chapters 12- 25 members: 1 st place tie	Trans-Allegheny and Elk River
Chapters 26- 50 members 1 st place	Westmoreland
Chapters 51-100 members 1 st place tie	Pack Horse Ford and Hagans-Evans

Chapters 130-200 members 1st place

John Young

Outstanding Chapter for Each Group

(Same as above)

State Registrar Mrs. Marion McCullough reported the following outstanding Chapter Registrars:

Joy Stalnaker (Mrs. Daril) of Trans-Allegheny

Louella Bishop (Mrs. Chester) of Elk River

Betty Belcher (Mrs. Robert) of Westmoreland

Betty Lowe, Jr. (Mrs. John) of Pack Horse Ford

Hazel Casteel (Mrs. Cecil) of Hagans-Evans

Virginia Johnson (Miss) of John Young

Community Service awards, reported by Mrs. Anne Cummings, as follows:

1st place South Branch Valley

2nd place Buford

3rd place Ye Towne of Bath

DAR Schools Chairman Mrs. Anne Cummings awarded as follows:

1st place Peters Mountain

2nd place Kanawha Valley

3rd place Pack Horse Ford and Colonel Charles Lewis

Flag of the United States of America, Mrs. Dorcas Harbert, Chairman reported:

1st place Best all round chapter program – Barboursville

1st place Best all round Community celebration – Blennerhassett

1st place Distributed greatest number of flags – Ohio Valley

Honorable Mention – Colonel Zackquill Morgan

American Heritage Chairman, Mrs. Annabelle Vance, awarded as follows:

1st place Kanawha Valley

2nd place Colonel Charles Lewis

3rd place Blackwater

Honorable Mention – Barboursville

Honorable Mention – Blennerhassett

Americanism and DAR Manual for Citizenship, Chairman Mrs. Catherine Dunn:

1st place Shenandoah Valley

2nd place Kanawha Valley

3rd place Blackwater, John Hart, Elizabeth Zane, James Barbour

Junior American Citizens, Chairman Mrs. Linda Parsons awarded as follows:

1st place Anne Royall

Service for Veteran Patients, Chairman Kathleen Bledsoe awarded:

Chapters with over 50 members:

1st place Blennerhassett

2nd place Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans

3rd place James Wood

Honorable Mention – Kanawha Valley

Chapters with under 50 members:

1st place Elk River

2nd place Ohio Valley

3rd place Blackwater

National Defense Chairman (past) Mrs. Cecelia Wallace, awarded:

1st place Anne Bailey, Buford, Blennerhassett, Colonel Zackquill Morgan, Hagans-Evans, Kanawha Valley, Shenandoah Valley, James Wood

2nd place Captain James Allen, Colonel Morgan Morgan, John Hart Pack Horse Ford, Ye Towne of Bath

3rd place Blackwater, Peters Mountain, Ohio Valley, Westmoreland
Colonel Charles Lewis

Chapter Achievement Award Chairman Mrs. Linda Hendrickson, awarded:

1st place Pack Horse Ford

2nd place John Young

3rd place Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans

Honorable Mention – Ye Towne of Bath

DAR Good Citizens Chairman Mrs. Betty A. Belcher, awarded:

1st place James Wood, John Hart and Matthew French

2nd place Peter's Mountain and Blackwater

WW II Memorial Challenge Chairman Mrs. Barbara Rutledge awarded:

1st place Ohio Valley

2nd place Ye Towne of Bath, Hagans-Evans, Anne Royall,
Blennerhassett, Shenandoah Valley, Mound, General Andrew
Lewis, James Wood, Pack Horse Ford, Buford,
Westmoreland and Wheeling

3rd place John Hart, Phoebe Tucker Cunningham, William
Henshaw, James Barbour, Kanawha Valley, Peter's
Mountain, Bee Line, Captain James Allen, Anne Bailey,
Elizabeth Cummins Jackson, Barboursville, William
Morris, Colonel Morgan Morgan, Trans-Allegheny,
Colonel Charles Lewis and South Branch Valley

State Historian Mrs. Sally Ford awarded Outstanding Historical Programs as follows:

1st place James Wood Chapter

2nd place Buford

3rd place Blackwater

Literacy Challenge Chairman Mrs. Brenda Durham awarded:

1st place Shenandoah Valley

2nd place Blackwater and Blennerhassett

3rd place Ohio Valley

Press Book Awards were presented to the following:

1st place Ye Towne of Bath

2nd place Buford

3rd place Ohio Valley

Barbara Rutledge (Mrs. Eldon L.), State Chairman

BLANCHE L. REYMANN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Financial Aid Office of Wheeling Jesuit University was informed May 20, 2001, that one of their students would be eligible for this scholarship and was asked to select a local girl who would be graduating in 2002 to be the recipient. June 5 they informed me that their selection was Miss Amy Criniti, a resident of Wheeling and an invitation was extended to her to attend our September 12th meeting. She declined, citing a heavy class load as the reason. The check for \$500.00 was mailed to her. Amy wrote a thank you letter and stated that she was honored to have been selected as the recipient. Her picture and resume appeared in the September issue of WVDAR News. Next year the scholarship will be awarded to a student at the University of Charleston.

Ethel Mozena (Mrs. Harold B.), State Chairman

BY-LAWS

On August 27 and September 16, packets were mailed to each member of the Bylaws committee to review the current bylaws and suggest clarification of the language or changes for amending the current document as it presently exists.

The committee met formally on Friday, October 26 at 3:00 p.m. to begin the process of amendment drafting. There will be several changes to consider before the next state conference. Each chapter will receive notification following the Board of Management's consideration of proposed amendments during the summer meeting. Some changes will be necessary to maintain the fiduciary responsibility of the state society for immediate and long range strategic planning. The committee is committed to addressing these issues for the betterment of the State Society. I would like to thank the Bylaw committee members for their astute input and responsibility to their charge:

Betty Heavner, Betty Reinhart, Nancy Hollandsworth, Cora Teel, Fern Nutter and Ginger Nalley.

Jimelle F. Rumberg (Mrs. Randall G.), State Chairman

CREDENTIALS

The Preliminary Report of the committee can be found in minutes of Saturday's business session and the final report is printed in Sunday Morning minutes.

Betty Linger (Mrs. Russell), State Chairman

FINANCE

The Budget for the year 2001-2002 is based on the present membership of 2171 members. The amounts used for the items are taken from the Register of the State Treasurer and reflect the amounts that were paid for the past fiscal year.

BudgetNotes:

- (1) The cost of printing and mailing was substantially less last year, however, the committee did increase the amount that was used. This enables us to increase the Contingent Fund considerably and gives the State Regent and State Treasurer more flexibility in paying the bills.
- (2) One-third of the cost of printing the proceedings is set aside yearly so that money is accrued to print them at the end of the term of office.
- (3) One-third of the cost of the Audit done at the end of the Treasurer's term of office is set aside yearly.
- (4) We were able to budget an amount to help with the entertainment of the guests who attend our State Conference.

Cecelia Wallace (Mrs. James E.) State Chairman

Committee: Sally O. Cyrus (Miss)

Pat C. Lucas (Mrs. Donald)

Katie Water (Mrs. Robert L.)

Lonnie Jo Watro (Mrs. Richard)

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2001-2002

INCOME:

State Dues	2171 members	@ \$1.25	\$2713.75
State Assessments	@ 2.15		4667.65
C.A.R.	@ .01	21.71	
Award Winners	@ .03	65.13	
WVDAR News	@ 1.25	2713.75	
Postage	@ .08	173.68	
Printing	@ .22	477.62	
Contingent Fund (1)	@ .56	1215.76	
Totals	2.15	4667.65	7361.40
Interest from Accounts		584.00	
Special Assessment: Conference Dues		774.00	\$8739.40

DISBURSEMENTS:

From State Dues:			
State Regent's Allotment		905.00	
St. Officers & Chairmen Expenses	328.00		
WV Tax and Revenue		25.00	
1/3 Printing Proceedings (2)		555.75	
1/3 Audit (3)		500.00	
State Convention Guests (4)		400.00	
Total			\$2713.75
From State Assessments:			
C.A.R.		21.71	
WVDAR NEWS		2713.75	
Printing		477.62	
Postage		173.68	
Award Winners		65.13	
Contingent Fund		1215.76	
Total			\$4667.65
Interest from Accounts		584.00	
Special Assessment: Conference Dues		774.00	
Total Disbursements			\$8739.40

PAGES

I would like to thank the State Society for the support offered to this chairman. I am pleased to report that pages have served on the local, district and state level and that all whom have served have been honored to serve the State Society in this capacity. Even though we are few in number our service is done with great pride. I would like to thank those who have assisted during this Conference and throughout the year. We would like to encourage all of our young members to participate in paging and we are looking forward to a successful year in DAR.

Mindy Davis (Mrs. John A.), State Chairman

PARLIAMENTARIAN

The Parliamentarian gave presentations at all five district meetings about Parliamentary Procedure for chapters.

Mrs. Cora Teel, State Chairman

PROTOCOL

Protocol can be considered as a code which prescribes correct formal procedure. This is my first Conference since being named chairman of this committee. I will attempt to follow the prescribed code in every situation.

Rebecca L. Davis (Mrs. Donald M.), State Chairman

LONG RANGE PLANNING

In March of 2001, a questionnaire was sent to a random number of members of the WV State Society so that we could determine "who we are" as we begin the 21st Century. A brief summary of the responses of the WV Daughters completing this questionnaire tell us the following about our Daughters:

- They are between 60-80 years of age.
- Has been a member of DAR for over 11 years
- Majority under 64 years of age work outside the home.
- 75% belong to other patriotic organizations.
- Majority who completed questionnaire attended at least 4 meetings in 2000.
- Majority held a chapter office in past 3 three years.
- Majority held a chapter chairmanship in the past 2 years.
- 80% attended 2000 State Conference
- 90% attended District Meeting in 1999 or 2000.
- Would like to see promoted by State Society:
 1. Archival preservation of State and submitted chapter records
 2. Membership
 3. Educational issues
 4. Patriotic Endeavors
 5. Organization of State Organizations

I do not feel that this survey is a true reflection of "who we are", because there were not enough members surveyed. I believe that more WV Daughters responded to the survey taken by the National Society last year and would like to give you the results of the report that was distributed at the 110th Continental Congress. This is a brief synopsis of the Daughter 2000 Profile resulting from a nationwide survey of NSDAR members.

- is a chapter member
- joined in 1970-1989
- has at least a college/technical school education
- comes from multi-generational DAR families
- has 1-3 daughters eligible
- served as an officer
- was influenced equally by family/genealogy to join, and
- is influenced by DAR programs and service to remain a member
- is 65-80 years old
- is married/widowed
- is retired
- attended 4+ chapter meetings in '99
- pays dues of \$30-45

I believe that the WV State Society needs a Long Range Planning Committee that will look at the information we have on our members and our chapters and assess the future needs of the WV State Society, study and evaluate issues, future projects and activities as directed by the State Regent, Executive Board, Board of Management of State Conference; and to recommend a future course of action for our State Society.

Shirley M. Gilkeson (Mrs. Roy A.), State Vice Regent and State Chairman

RESULTS OF SURVEY FROM 2001 DISTRICT MEETINGS

Districts reporting: Western, Northern, Eastern, Central

Number of Surveys Completed: 139

1. What do you like best about District Meetings? (top 5 answers)
Fellowship, Sharing information with chairmen and officers, Meeting new people and seeing old friends, Getting information and Planning
2. What do you like least about District Meetings?
Length of meeting, Travel, especially long distances to meetings, Afternoon sessions, Speakers too long, Memorial Service not necessary
3. What information would be most beneficial to you and your chapter?
Committee information, Genealogical/Lineage research, DAR management, DAR Programs, Speakers/Resources
4. Please indicate your preference for meeting format.
No change, Should start earlier, End with lunch, Shorter meetings
5. How can the District Officers help the chapters?
Meet with the Regents often, Send out more newsletters, Small group meetings, Be available as speaker, Visit all chapters in District, Provide information to all district daughters – not just officers, Know what is going on in State and National Societies and keep chapters informed
6. Would a newsletter from the District be beneficial to your chapter?
Yes - 91 No - 29
7. Would you like to have chapter meetings? Yes - 74 No - 29
8. How many district meetings have you attended before this one?
0 to 3 - 58 / 4 to 6 - 29 / 7 to 10 - 13 / 11+ - 28
9. Do you believe District Meetings should be discontinued?
Yes - 15 No - 107

Comments: We could have one centrally located meeting during the summer; have district throughout the year, - one a month; district in July and August not good as long as Cont. Congress is held in July; move State Conf. to April and have summer State Executive and Board of Mgmt meetings – chapters in district could meet and have a workshop; give District Directors more responsibilities in informing and training chapters.

RESOLUTIONS

There were no resolutions other than the Ninety-sixth State Conference Courtesy Resolutions, which can be found in the Sunday Morning Minutes.

Lucille Walthall (Mrs. Robert H. Jr.), State Chairman

WEST VIRGINIA COTTAGE AT TAMASSEE

The Josephine C. Peters Cottage Committee hopes to make improvements to the Cottage at Tamassee during this administration. I have been in contact with the appropriate personnel at Tamassee. They are now working on an estimate to do repair work to the bedroom walls. Additionally, as part of a paving endeavor to the roads on the Tamassee campus, the driveway at the cottage will be paved.

Nancy Kornegay (Mrs. Terry), State Chairman

WEST VIRGINIA DAR NEWS

The West Virginia DAR News is printed two times a year and is mailed to every WV Daughter, Regents of every State and National Officers. The address labels for the WV News arrived from National August 2, 2001. September's WV News was mailed to 2186 Daughters. This Chairman wishes to thank those who submitted copy and encourage Chapters to share their activities and accomplishments. With Mrs. Silliman's approval we request that each Chapter send this Editor a paragraph, limited to three to four sentences, that tells the History of the Name of your Chapter. Limiting the paragraph, while presenting a challenge, is necessary due to the space. The Important One-Liners section will continue for information that is of short length but pertinent. Copy may be

sent by mail, and this Chairman utilizes email daily and will respond to let you know that your copy has arrived safely should you choose to contact me in this manner.

Our State Regent's first Circular Letter was mailed June 21, 2001 to her Board of Management. At that time an address database was set up in order to produce labels for the Circular Letter. Any address corrections or changes that need to be made concerning the Circular may be sent to this Chairman and Mrs. Silliman. The second Circular Letter was mailed September 7, 2001 to 93 members.

My appreciation goes to those Daughters who shared their knowledge with me and made learning easier

Lee Eddy (Mrs. Clifford), State Chairman

WEST VIRGINIA STATE OFFICERS CLUB

The minutes of the annual meeting of the State Officers Club show that Mrs. John A. Davis presided.

The nominating committee report was given by Mrs. Christine Hart as follows:

Mrs. Robert L. Waters, President

Mrs. Anne Cummings, Vice President

Mrs. Clyde Edwards, Secretary

Miss Jean Elliott, Historian

There were no nominations from the floor, therefore the Secretary was instructed to cast a unanimous vote for the officers. Mrs. Waters was presented with the President's pin by Mrs. Davis.

Mrs. Robert L. Waters, Secretary



**West Virginia State Society
National Society Daughters of the American Revolution**

NINETY-SEVENTH STATE CONFERENCE

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

Friday, October 25, 2002

The Board of Management, West Virginia State Society, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, met at 1:40 p.m. in the Cumberland Room, Charleston Marriott Town Center Hotel, Charleston, West Virginia.

The meeting was called to order by State Regent Mrs. Charles L. Silliman. State Chaplain Miss Frankie K. Cline gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Mrs. Theodore Garrett.

State Regent Mrs. Silliman extended a welcome to all in attendance and introduced the Honorary State Regents as follows: Chaplain General, Honorary State Regent, Past Organizing Secretary General Mrs. Joel M. Wagoner; Honorary Vice President General, Honorary State Regent, Past Vice President General Miss Virginia Bondurant Johnson; Honorary State Regent Mrs. Jack R. Adams; Honorary State Regent, Past Vice President General Mrs. Randall G. Rumberg. Also recognized were the State Officers and Mrs. Cora Teel, Parliamentarian.

State Recording Secretary Mrs. William H. Van Voorhis called the Roll of West Virginia's National Officers, Honoraries, State Officers, District Directors and Chapter Regents. They responded as follows: National Officers - 1, Honoraries - 4, State Officers - 8, District Directors - 4, Chapter Regents - 23.

The State Regent asked for and received verification that a quorum was present. The minutes of the Board of Management meeting October 2001 were read by the State Recording Secretary and approved as read.

The State Regent called for the report of the Finance Committee. Mrs. James E. Wallace, Chairman, presented the budget for 2002-2003 and explained her figures. The State Recording Secretary recommended that the report be accepted. The recommendation was accepted.

The State Regent called for reports from the State Officers. Mrs. Silliman gave her report in part and will give a complete report at Saturday's business session. Most of the officers chose to defer reports until Saturday. The State Chaplain encouraged chapters to report deaths to her as soon as possible. The State Corresponding Secretary reported that the Regents' Packets can be picked up tomorrow in room 605. The State Treasurer announced that the treasurer's report form for reporting dues and contributions will be in the Regent's Packet. The State Historian encouraged chapters to consider honoring a history teacher in their area. She can provide the necessary forms. This concluded the officers' reports.

The State Regent related information concerning Continental Congress for 2003. The bus has been reserved by Mrs. Lyle McCullough for the purpose of taking WV Daughters to D.C. An activity for the WV delegation will be a dessert Tuesday evening after the WV bus arrives in Washington. It was verified by Mrs. Wagoner that there will be a Saturday night reception in 2003 and a banquet in 2004. Members wanting to serve on a Congressional Committee must notify the State Regent by December 15, 2002. WV seating will be in Tiers 26. Registration fee per delegate has been raised to \$20.00 if paid with credentials and \$25.00 if paid at time of registration. The increase will pay for extra security.

The State Regent related information from the National Board of Management, as follows: Chapters are urged to recognize History Day - the third Thursday in February. Each state should honor a woman who has contributed to education of American History. Recognize the NSDAR Memorial Bell Tower Project, for which the chairman will provide information. It was announced that three chapters have been linked to the National Web Page: Pack Horse Ford, Westmoreland and Colonel Charles Lewis. Lewis and Clark Expedition - looking for descendants of either. There is a new edition to Patriot Index. Pins rescued from Ebay. Contact CSO for previously worn pins. Care

Bear pins raised over one million dollars. New Handbooks are ready. Birthday card notices sent by 15th of month prior to b'day for recognition. NS revenue down four million. In possession of all signatures of the Signers of the Constitution. Pages can be between ages 18 and 40.

The State Regent called on State Parliamentarian Mrs. Teel to read the Standing Rules printed on page 15 in the Conference Program. At this point, Mrs. Rumberg asked that a change be made in Rule #2 by deleting "chapter regents". Mrs. Robert Nalley's motion to amend Standing Rule #2 by deleting "chapter regents" was seconded by Mrs. John Hendrickson and the motion carried. The Rules were read by Mrs. Teel. Mrs. Roy A. Gilkeson recommended the acceptance of the Standing Rules as corrected. The Rules were accepted.

The dates of the National Board of Management meetings were revealed –December 7, 2002 and February 1 and April 12, 2003. District meetings in 2003 will be held as follows: Eastern July 19, Central and Northern July 25 and 26, respectively and Southern and Western August 1 and 2, respectively.

Central District will host the 2003 State Conference, which will be held at the Ramada Inn in Morgantown October 24 to 26. Conference guests will be the President General and State Regents from Ohio, Delaware and New Jersey.

The State Regent called for recommendations from the Recording Secretary.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the State Regent's Project will officially be the obtaining of the 1930 Census rolls for the State of West Virginia on microfilm to be presented to the West Virginia Archives. The State Recording Secretary moved for the adoption of this recommendation. The recommendation was adopted.

Chairman Bylaws Committee Mrs. Rumberg was asked to read the proposed changes to the bylaws. Each member present was given a handout with the proposed changes. A copy has been attached as part of these minutes. Mrs. Rumberg read the proposed changes and asked for discussion after each change was read. She stated that # 3 was withdrawn by the maker. Following the reading of # 4, Miss Mary McLaughlin, Regent John Young Chapter, called for discussion of the change with respect to the dues increase and voiced her objections – stating that it could create a hardship for the members and suggesting that there might be other ways to obtain the necessary funding. Mrs. Gilkeson, Kanawha Valley Chapter, spoke for the increase and suggested methods of paying. Mrs. Braniff, Blennerhasset Chapter, spoke for the increase, reminding the membership that there has not been a dues increase since 1993. Mrs. Robert Nalley, Ohio Valley Chapter, spoke for the increase. Miss McLaughlin proposed that we not consider the change. A vote was taken. The proposal was voted down. It was clarified that this increase would not go into effect until January 1, 2004. Mrs. Rumberg completed the reading of the proposed changes and recommended the adoption of the changes as presented. Mrs. Nalley seconded the recommendation and it passed.

It was announced that those attending the Tea at the Governor's Mansion must show a picture ID and the appropriate ticket. Members may ride the bus, or there is adequate parking if one chooses to drive. Following the benediction given by Miss Cline, the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m..

Ann Wade Van Voorhis (Mrs. William H.)

State Recording Secretary

Proposed Bylaw Changes for WV DAR Fall Conference, 2002

(As compiled in previous Board of Management Minutes)

Compiled by: Jimelle Rumberg, Bylaws Chair;

Ginger Nalley, Bylaws Committee; Cora Teel, Parliamentarian

Strike through=deleted text Underlines=added text or change in text .

1. Article VIII Section 1. ~~The A~~ State Conference shall be held ~~in the fall~~ annually.

Rationale: That the bylaws be changed to allow more flexibility in selecting the date of State Conference as Continental Congress will be held during the summer months for the next ten years. (Recommendation made by the Bylaws Committee, 10/26/01)

2. ~~Fifty (50) Thirty-five (35)~~ voting members representing at least ~~twenty (20) twelve (12)~~ Chapters present at any meeting of the State Conference shall constitute a quorum." Rationale: This change better reflects a reasonable number of members to constitute a quorum. (*Recommendation made by the Bylaws Committee, 10/26/01*)

3. "That Art. IV, Sec. 4 be amended to read: *one-fourth of the state dues shall be paid to the State Regent to defray her expenses to the National and State meetings and for expenses pertaining to her office to the amount of the above sum.*" (*Motion made by the State Vice Regent during the Executive Committee Meeting.*)

Article IV, Section 4—~~One-third~~ of the State dues shall be paid to the State Regent to defray her expenses to the National and State meetings and for expenses pertaining to her office to the amount of the above sum. *The section would then read:*

"That $\frac{1}{4}$ of the State dues (3.40) shall be paid to the State Regent to defray her expenses to National and State meetings and for expenses pertaining to her office to the amount of the above sum." *Rationale: Withdrawn by the maker* (State Vice Regent) for the following amendment.

4. "That the Bylaws Committee look at Art. IV, sec. 2 and insert the word "dues" to show that the \$3.40 is dues." (*motion made by the State Treasurer "Strike three dollars and forty cents and insert five dollars as the amount of dues" (motion made by the Bylaws Committee 10/26/01. Article IV, Section 2. (Fees and Dues) To defray the expenses of the State work, each Chapter belonging to the State Society shall pay annually to the State Treasurer on or before the first day of December ~~three dollars and forty cents (\$3.40)~~ five dollars (\$5.00) per capita dues for each member on the Chapter roll. Each Chapter shall also pay any ~~And~~ additional assessments based upon membership of Chapters as of January 1 presented by the Finance Committee and approved by the State Conference. Said dues and assessments shall be remitted in one payment. *Rationale:* To clarify the amount of dues per person or per capita and to reflect increases in postage, travel, etc. that is incurred by the State Regent. Last increase in dues was in 1993.*

5. Add to Article XI, Section 5, subsection (f) – Long Range Planning Committee "No member who has served a nine-year term shall be eligible for reappointment until the expiration of one year." *Rationale:* To set a limit of time before re-appointment can be made so that no committee member can serve continuously.

6. Article XIII, Section 2. " Each District shall elect every ~~third year~~ three years, in the year in which the State Regent is confirmed by the National Society, a Director, a Secretary-Treasurer and other such officers as it deems necessary. The term of office shall begin at the close of the Continental Congress at which the State Regent and State Vice Regent are confirmed.

Rationale: Reflects current practice. The district elects the officers 10 months before the installation of the State Regent and it is not in the same calendar year as the confirmation.

7. Article VII, Section 7. [**Strike and substitute**] "She shall submit a statement of the finances of the state at any other meeting of the State Conference, State Board of Management or Executive Committee.

a) The accounting period shall be July first through June thirtieth.

b) An audit of her account shall be made by a Certified Public Accountant every third year or by an auditor approved by the State Board of Management. She shall, after audit in the year of her retirement, turn over to her successor all monies accounts and books of the State Treasury within 60 days. ~~the~~ The auditors report will be placed in the State Files.

c) In case of the temporary inability of the State Treasurer to serve, the Chairman of the Finance Committee is empowered to sign all checks for payment of bills duly authorized. The State Treasurer shall be bonded and/or insured at the expense of the West Virginia State Society for the amount of the society's net worth- ~~determined by the Finance Committee.~~

Rationale : To limit the time when financial books are reasonably turned over due to the fiscal year and need to change the Corporation Authorization Resolution at the bank for check signing. WVDAR needs to utilize GAAP (General Accepted Accounting Principles) standards in accounting. These are changes that have accumulated over the years.

Proposed Amendments

ARTICLE VII – Duties of Officers

SECTION 4. State Recording Secretary

Insert “last” and “of her term” in the last sentence. The sentence would then read: The State Recording Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings of the State Society, the State Board of Management and the State Executive Committee. She shall keep a record of all decisions, orders and proceedings affecting or pertaining to them. She shall certify the endorsement of any candidate for the Office of Vice President General. As soon as practical after adjournment of the **last State Conference of her term**, she shall edit and prepare for publication of the Proceedings.

Rationale: To clarify when the Proceedings are to be prepared.

SECTION 6. State Organizing Secretary

At the end of the section: **She shall assist chapters whose membership falls below the number specified by the NSDAR Bylaws (Art. XIII, Chapters Sec. 19). She shall notify the State Regent of the possible disbandment of a chapter according to the requirements of NSDAR Bylaws (Art. XIII Chapters Sec 19).**

The section would then read: The State Organizing Secretary supervises the organization of Chapters in cooperation with the State Regent and through the Organizing Secretary General. The State Organizing Secretary shall keep a record of the following facts regarding each Chapter of the State Society: name and date of organization; names of organizing members and officers; date of issuance of the charter; and a complete record of all officers. **She shall assist chapters whose membership falls below the number specified by the NSDAR Bylaws (Art. XIII Chapters Sec. 19). She shall notify the State Regent of the possible disbandment of a chapter according to the requirements of NSDAR Bylaws (Art. XIII Chapters Sec. 19).**

Strike and substitute

SECTION 8. The State Registrar shall

- a) Keep a record of all chapters including chapter names, dates of organization, names of all members, with their national number, ancestral lines, date of marriages, divorces, births and deaths.
- b) Keep records of all state officers, past and present, and national officers from West Virginia.
- c) Prepare such data as the State Chaplain may require for the preparation of the necrology to be read at the annual State Conference.

SECTION 9. The State Historian shall

- a) Keep a record of historical and commemorative work done in the state;
- b) Send a report of each state conference for publication in the DAR magazine;
- c) Perform such other historical works as may be designated by the Historian General or by the State Regent;
- d) Prepare the state reports of grave locations, dates and service records of Revolutionary soldiers, sailors and patriots.

SECTION 10. The State Librarian shall:

- a) Have charge of soliciting gifts to the library, negotiating exchanges and purchasing new volumes for the Library of the National Society.

Rationale: These changes were suggested by the National Parliamentarian in a Model for State Bylaws in 1996. They reflect changes in the duties of the offices and eliminate archaic language.

**OPENING SESSION
Friday Evening, October 25, 2002**

The 97th Annual State Conference, West Virginia State Society, National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, met for its opening session Friday October 25, 2002 in Salons A, B and C.

Musical selections were provided by the Sissonville Jr. High Band, under the direction of Gene Warner. The Assembly Call was given by the WV State College Color Guard, under the command of Captain Don Edwards.

The State Regent, National Officers, Honorary State Regents, Conference Guests and State Officers entered in procession, escorted by the pages.

The opening session was called to order at 8:30 p.m. by State Regent Mrs. Charles L. Silliman. The invocation was given by State Chaplain Miss Frankie K. Cline. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by State Librarian Mrs. Clifford Righman. The American's Creed was led by State Organizing Secretary Ms. Kathy Robertson. State Corresponding Secretary Mrs. Robert Frankenberry led the assembly in singing *The Star Spangled Banner*. The Colors were posted.

The State Regent expressed her appreciation to the WV State College ROTC and Captain Don Edwards, as well as Mr. Warner and the Sissonville Junior High Band who entertained prior to the recessional.

Mrs. Silliman presented the General Chairman of the Conference, Mrs. Randall Rumberg, Honorary State Regent and Past Vice President General. Mrs. Rumberg greeted the Assembly and offered her services. She introduced Mrs. John Hendrickson, Western District Director, who in turn introduced the chapters in Western District, - Anne Bailey Chapter, Mrs. W. Frederick Craig, Regent; Barboursville Chapter, Mrs. Violet Hysell, Regent; Buford Chapter, Miss Sally O. Cyrus, Regent; Charleston Chapter, Mrs. Louise Ratcliff, Regent; Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter, Miss Diane Johnson, Regent; John Young Chapter, Ms. Mary B. McLaughlin, Regent; Kanawha Valley Chapter, Mrs. Carl Blankenship, Regent; Westmoreland Chapter, Ms. Kathleen W. Bledsoe, Regent; and William Morris Chapter, Ms. Robin Comer, Regent. Mrs. Silliman thanked Mrs. Hendrickson and the members of Western District for their hospitality, stating that she knows the Conference will be a success because of their endeavors.

The Assembly was asked to stand while a message from the Honorable Bob Wise, Governor of West Virginia, was read by Mrs. Roy A. Gilkeson, State Vice Regent.

GREETINGS FROM THE GOVERNOR

As Governor of the state of West Virginia it gives me great pleasure to welcome the West Virginia State Society of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution to your 97th state Conference. This Society provides many opportunities to cherish our American Heritage of freedom and to preserve our family and local Histories, as well as to share this heritage with others. You are certain to discover the warmth and hospitality of the citizens of West Virginia. I know your stay in our Capital City will be both enjoyable and rewarding. Again, welcome to West Virginia, and best wishes for a successful conference.

Very truly yours, (signed) Bob Wise

The State Regent will send a letter of appreciation to Governor Wise.

The Assembly rose again for a message from Mrs. Robert Watkins, President General NSDAR, which was read by State Treasurer Mrs. Michael Braniff.

GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT GENERAL

Dear West Virginia Daughters:

It is a pleasure to greet you on the occasion of your State Conference. As you meet to celebrate the achievements of your chapters, we want to express our gratitude to each member whose creative talents and energy have so generously contributed to the success of the NSDAR.

The recent attack on America's freedom has brought into sharp focus the climate of complacency in regard to our national defense. We now call on each of you, as members of the DAR, to lead the way in promoting patriotism. Patriotism should not be merely a reaction to tragic loss but a loyal and sustained belief in the principles of our Constitution. Let us resolve that we will share the message that "freedom is not free" and should never be taken for granted. As DAR we believe that

only by the teaching of American History can our citizens understand and appreciate the reasons why we are Americans. As dedicated members, you have never failed to respond to the goals we have envisioned and we know that you will continue to be faithful to our objectives

I challenge you now to take up the goal of reaffirming your chapters; by strengthening your fellowship, by reaching out to new ideas, by mentoring those who want to learn the work, and by promoting membership within your communities. Let us be positive in our attitudes and proactive in our approach to needed change, with the confidence that our combined efforts will ensure the future growth of our beloved society..

Faithfully, (signed) Linda Tinker Watkins, President General

A letter of appreciation will be sent to Mrs. Watkins.

Mrs. Cora Teel, State Parliamentarian, read greetings from the Honorable Jay Golden, Mayor of Charleston.

CITY OF CHARLESTON
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Welcome to Charleston!

On behalf of the City of Charleston, I would like to welcome you to the 97th Annual Conference of the Western District of the West Virginia State Society of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. This organization plays an important role in historic preservation, promotion of education and patriotic endeavors. It is an opportunity to explore and establish lineage and heritage as a descendant of a patriot of the American Revolution.

Good luck with your conference and I hope you enjoy your stay in Charleston.

Sincerely, (signed) Jay Goldman, Mayor

Mr. Greg Haynes, Sales Representative from the Marriott, had extended his greetings during dinner. A response to his welcome was given by Mrs. Gilkeson.

The State Regent introduced Mrs. Joel M. Wagoner, Chaplain General, NSDAR, who brought greetings from the National Society.

Mrs. John Kauff, Senior State President, WV State Society Children of the American Revolution, was introduced. She brought greetings from the State Society and thanked the Daughters for their support.

The State Regent asked Mrs. Braniff to read the greeting from Finlay Coles, State President, Sons of the American Revolution.

Dear Mrs. Silliman:

It is my pleasure to bring greetings to welcome the Daughters of the American Revolution to Charleston for their Ninety-seventh State Conference on Friday, October 25, 2002. I will be attending the Central District Meeting of the NSSAR that weekend in Columbus, Ohio and will not be able to attend your meeting. I wish you a successful meeting and success in your patriotic endeavors in the future.

Sincerely, (signed) Finlay J. Coles, President, WVSSAR

Miss Jean Ann Elliott, Honorary State Regent, was introduced. She spoke for the other Honorary State Regents, extending greetings and wishes for a good State Conference. The State Regent asked each remaining Honorary State Regent to stand as her name was called. Present were Mrs. Joel M. Wagoner, Chaplain General, Honorary State Regent and Past Organizing Secretary General; Miss Virginia Bondurant Johnson, Honorary Vice President General, Honorary State Regent and Past Vice President General; Mrs. Walter L. Spearman, Honorary State Regent and Past Vice President General; Mrs. Jack R. Adams, Honorary State Regent; and Mrs. Randall G. Rumberg, Honorary State Regent and Past Vice President General.

At this time the State Regent introduced the Conference guests, - Mrs. Lyle Hinshaw (Joyce), State Regent of Illinois; Mrs. C. Ray Phillips (Cindy), State Regent of Mississippi; Mrs. Stephen

Hunter (Ann), Past Vice President General and National Chairman National Defense Committee and Mrs. Mark Storage (Ginnie), National Chairman Junior Membership.

In attendance were representatives from other hereditary and patriotic organizations. Introduced were Mrs. Roy A. Gilkeson, State Regent Daughters of the American Colonists and Miss Jean Ann Elliott, State President Daughters of the Colonial Wars.

Mrs. Silliman presented the State Officers as follows: State Vice Regent Mrs. Roy A. Gilkeson, State Chaplain Miss Frankie K. Cline, State Recording Secretary Mrs. William Van Voorhis, State Corresponding Secretary Mrs. Robert H. Frankenberry, State Organizing Secretary Ms. Kathy Robertson, State Treasurer Mrs. Michael Braniff, State Historian Mrs. Richard Ford and State Librarian Mrs. Clifford Righman. Absent was State Registrar Mrs. Lyle McCullough. Introduced as the one we depend on for orderly and proper procedure was the State Parliamentarian Mrs. Cora Teel.

The National Chairman, National Vice Chairmen and National Vice Chairmen East Central Division were introduced as follows: Mrs. Cora P. Teel, National Chairman Insignia; Mrs. Roy A. Gilkeson, National Vice Chairman Christopher Columbus Essay Contest; Mrs. Randall G. Rumberg, National Vice Chairman Members-At-Large - Membership; National Vice Chairmen East Central Division Mrs. Robert Nalley, President General's Project; Mrs. Robert Belcher, Good Citizens; Mrs. Eldon L. Rutledge, Volunteer Information Specialists; Mrs. Ebb J. Cummings, DAR Scholarship; Miss Jean Ann Elliott, The Flag of the United States; Mrs. Robert B. Fish, Women's Issues and Mrs. Terry Kornegay, American History. Mrs. Lyle McCullough, Americanism and DAR Manual for Citizenship, was absent.

At this time the talented Ms Kari Stafford was presented, and with her gifted voice entertained the Assembly with the following selections: *Calling My Name*, *Proud to be an American*, *Amazing Grace* and *God Bless America*.

Mrs. Ann Hunter, who had been presented earlier, was introduced again as our guest speaker. She is well known for her devoted service to the DAR and, at the request of Mrs. Eldred M. Yochim, President General, wrote *A Century of Service; The Story of DAR*. Her topic this evening was *DAR and National Defense*. Her words were powerful and to the point, ending with the simple admonition to the Daughters to "be calm and resolute, support the President and keep faith in America". The State Regent presented Mrs. Hunter with a token of her appreciation.

Mrs. Silliman introduced the District Directors as follows: Mrs. James Wallace, Central District Director; Mrs. Ted Garrett, Eastern District Director; Miss Charla Nutter, Northern District Director; Mrs. Terry Kornegay, Southern District Director and Mrs. John Hendrickson, Western District Director.

At this time, the State Chairmen were asked to stand and be recognized.

Those members whose loyalty and devotion to the Society have spanned fifty or more years were asked to stand. Miss Virginia B. Johnson and Mrs. Jack R. Adams were welcomed. Members attending State Conference for the first time were asked to stand and be recognized. Fourteen were welcomed.

Mrs. John Davis, State Chairman Pages, was recognized. She introduced others serving as pages. In addition to Mrs. Davis, also serving were Miss Charla Nutter, Ms. Shay McGuire, Ms. Dani Gray, Ms. Jessica Davis and Mr. Nik McGuire. The State Regent introduced her husband, Charles L. Silliman.

Announcements were made as follows: The Chapter Regent's Club Breakfast will be at 7:30 a.m. Mrs. Storage will be the guest speaker. The processional will form at 8:45 a.m. in Foyer E F and the morning session will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. There will be a reception in Salons EF immediately following the retiring of the colors. It was asked that those on the platform be allowed to retire first to the receiving line. The Buford Chapter was thanked for being the hostess chapter for the reception. The pages retired the colors.

(Approved by Mrs. Richard Ford, Mrs. John Hendrickson, Mrs. Clifford Eddy)

Ann Wade Van Voorhis (Mrs. William)
State Recording Secretary

MORNING BUSINESS SESSION Saturday, October 26, 2002

The 97th Annual State Conference, West Virginia State Society, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution was called to order at ten minutes after nine o'clock in Salons A, B, & C in the Charleston Marriott Town Center Hotel, Charleston, West Virginia.

The State Regent, National Officers, Honorary State Regents, State Officers and Conference Guests entered in procession, escorted by the pages and flag bearers, with music provided by Mrs. Loring Vance.

The meeting was called to order by the State Regent Mrs. Charles L. Silliman. The invocation was given by Miss Frankie K. Cline, State Chaplain. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Mrs. Michael Braniff, State Treasurer. The American's Creed was led by Ms. Kathy Robertson, State Organizing Secretary. Mrs. John Hendrickson, Western District Director led the assembly in singing "America the Beautiful. The colors were posted.

In the absence of Mrs. Russell Linger, Mrs. Robert Belcher – Credentials Chairman pro-tem was asked to give the Credentials Report. A preliminary report was given as follows: National Officers 2, Past National Officers 4, National Chairman 1, National Vice Chairman 7, Honorary Conference guests 4, State Officers 9, Honorary State Regents 6, District Directors 5, State Chairmen (Nat'l and State Recognition) 40, Chapter Regents 26, Delegates 42, Alternates 15, Members 4, Pages 4, Guests 1, for total registration of 139 with a voting strength of 90. The report was adopted.

Mrs. Silliman requested and received verification from the State Recording Secretary that a quorum was present.

Mrs. Randall Rumberg, Chairman of the Conference Program Committee, stated that the Standing Rules for the 97th State Conference (found on page 15 of the Conference Program) are in need of a correction. The two words "Chapter regents" should be deleted from Rule #2. The rules were read and approved as corrected at the Board of Management meeting Friday, October 25, therefore will not be read at this time.

Mrs. Rumberg presented the Conference Program to the assembly and moved for the adoption of the Program. The motion was seconded and carried.

The State Regent Mrs. Silliman named Mrs. Richard Ford, Mrs. John Hendrickson and Mrs. Clifford Eddy to read and approve the minutes of Friday Night Opening session, Saturday Night Banquet and Sunday Morning Business session.

Mrs. Silliman introduced the Honorary State Regents: Mrs. Joel M. Wagoner, Chaplain General, Past Organizing Secretary General and Honorary State Regent and; Mrs. Walter Spearman, Past Vice President General and Honorary State Regent; Miss Virginia Bondurant Johnson, Honorary Vice President General, Past Vice President General, and Honorary State Regent; Mrs. Randall G. Rumberg, Past Vice President General and Honorary State Regent; Mrs. Jack R. Adams, Honorary State Regent; and Miss Jean Ann Elliott, Honorary State Regent.

Mrs. Silliman greeted the National Chairman, National Vice Chairman, and National Vice Chairmen East Central Division.

The Conference guests were introduced by Mrs. Silliman, and each extended greetings to the assembly. The guests in attendance were Mrs. Lyle Hinshaw, State Regent of Illinois; Mrs. Charlton Phillips, State Regent of Mississippi; Mrs. Stephen Hunter, National Chairman of the National Defense Committee and a resident of Virginia; and Mrs. Mark Storage, National Chairman of the Junior Membership Committee, also a resident of Virginia.

At this time the State Regent asked that the proposed bylaws changes be read by Mrs. Rumberg, Chairman Bylaws Committee. Each proposed bylaws change was read and voted on separately. Each one passed. (Proposed Bylaw changes may be found following Friday, October 25 Board of Management minutes.)

The State Regent asked the Recording Secretary to present the recommendation from the State Board of Management.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the State Regent's Project will officially be the obtaining of the 1930 Census rolls for the State of West Virginia on microfilm to be presented to the West Virginia Archives

The State Recording Secretary moved for the adoption of this recommendation. The recommendation was adopted.

Mrs. Silliman recognized and expressed her thanks to Mrs. John Hendrickson, Western District Director, and her committee for their efforts as hostess and hospitality committee. Mrs. Hendrickson introduced the Chapter Regents in her District.

The guests were asked by Mrs. Silliman to serve as judges of the press books. The winners will be announced this evening.

Mrs. Rumberg was asked to introduce the Conference Committee, Mrs. Robert Belcher, Mrs. Russell Linger, Mrs. Ottis Linger, Jr., Mrs. Loring Vance, Mrs. Richard Barnes, Mrs. John Davis, Mrs. Donald Davis, Mrs. Eldon Rutledge and the Western District Chapters were introduced.

The State Regent called for the reports of the State Officers. The Vice Regent assumed the chair, while the State Regent gave her report. All reports will be filed and included in the Official Proceedings.

Following the State Treasurer's report the State Regent called for the report of the State Chairman Finance Committee, Mrs. James E. Wallace. She presented the budget for 2002-2003 and moved that the budget be approved. Motion carried and the budget was approved.

After completion of the State Officers' reports the State Recording Secretary was asked to read Article VI, section 2 of the bylaws (under Election Laws), which refers to a nominating committee.

"A Nominating Committee should be elected at the State Conference preceding the Conference at which the State Officers are to be elected. This committee shall consist of one member from each of the five districts. The candidate who receives the largest number of votes shall serve as Chairman of the Nominating Committee. Each member shall contact the chapters in her district asking that endorsements for State Officers be submitted to the Nominating Committee Chairman and to each member of the Nominating Committee. The candidate for State Regent shall have the privilege of suggesting the name of a member for the office of State Corresponding Secretary. After obtaining the Chapter endorsements, the Nominating Committee shall meet to make up the slate for election. The report of the Nominating Committee shall be sent out with the Call to Conference."

The State Regent announced that the floor was open for nominations for the Nominating Committee. Mrs. Shirley Gilkeson nominated Mrs. Cora Teel, Western District. Mrs. Nola Parks nominated Mrs. Frannie Weekley, Northern District. Mrs. Annabelle Vance nominated Mrs. Nancy Edwards, Eastern District. Mrs. Nancy Kornegay nominated Mrs. Sally Ford, Southern District. Mrs. Dorcas Harbert nominated Miss Frankie Cline, Central District. The nominations were closed, and the Committee was elected for the purpose of nominating a slate of officers to be elected at State Conference in 2003.

The State Chairmen gave their reports. Following her report, Mrs. John Davis introduced the pages, - Ms. Shay McGuire, Mr. Nik McGuire, Ms. Danielle Gray and Ms. Jessica Davis.

Following the completion of the reports, Mrs. Fran Adams, a former editor of the WVDAR News, announced that she was presenting to the Society Volume I, Number 1 of the WV DAR News.

In the absence of Mrs. Lyle McCullough, Mrs. Ebb Cummings called attention to a book containing obituaries of former members of the Buford Chapter. The chapter received a special Registrar Award for the book.

Mrs. Silliman announced that the District Directors would give their reports at the afternoon business session. She asked that all Regents of their respective districts be present when the director gives her report.

The meeting was recessed at 11:30 a.m., to reconvene at 2:00 p.m.

AFTERNOON BUSINESS SESSION Saturday, October 26, 2002

The Saturday afternoon business session reconvened at five minutes after two o'clock with State Regent Mrs. Carmen Silliman presiding, for the purpose of receiving district reports. The five district directors gave the reports of their respective chapters and received the thanks of the State Regent for their efforts.

Information was related about the tea to be held at the Governor's Mansion and where and when to catch the shuttle.

Photos of officers and chairmen will be taken at 6:00 p.m. A reminder was made to chapter regents to pick up their packets.

Mrs. July Fugate, who conducted the Friday afternoon genealogy workshop was given recognition by her Regent, Mrs. Robert McClelland, as an outstanding Registrar for their chapter. The State Regent expressed her thanks to Mrs. Fugate for conducting the workshop.

Mrs. Cummings announced that members will find information sheets on the registration table regarding the WV bus to Continental Congress in July of 2003.

Mrs. Robert Nalley will send, electronically, copies of the paragraphs, poems and statements from members about "What Freedom means to Me" upon request.

Mrs. Carl Blankenship, Regent Kanawha Valley Chapter, expressed her gratitude and a special thanks to the State Regent for all she has done for her, specifically, and for the State Society. The assembly gave Mrs. Silliman a standing ovation.

There being no more business, the meeting was recessed at 2:40 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning.

Ann Wade Van Voorhis (Mrs. William H.)
State Recording Secretary

GOD BLESS AMERICA BANQUET Saturday Evening, October 26, 2002

The God Bless America Banquet was held in Salons D, E, and F, Charleston Marriott Town Center, Charleston, West Virginia, 7:00 p.m. October 26, 2002. Musical selections were provided by Mrs. Loring Vance.

The State Regent, Honorary State Regents, State Officers and Conference guests entered in Procession, escorted by the color bearers and pages.

The invocation was given by State Chaplain Miss Frankie K. Cline. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Carl Blankenship, Regent of Kanawha Valley Chapter. The assembly sang *God Bless America*, led by Mrs. John Hendrickson, Western District Director and State Chairman of Chapter Achievement Awards.

The colors were posted. Dinner was enjoyed.

State Regent Mrs. Charles L. Silliman introduced those seated at the head table. Mrs. Joel M. Wagoner, Chaplain General, Honorary State Regent and Past Organizing Secretary General; Miss Virginia B. Johnson, Honorary Vice President General, Honorary State Regent and Past Vice President General; Mrs. Walter L. Spearman, Honorary State Regent and Past Vice President General; Mrs. Jack R. Adams, Honorary State Regent; Mrs. Randall Rumberg, Honorary State Regent and Past Vice President General; Miss Jean Ann Elliott, Honorary State Regent; Mrs. Lyle Hinshaw, State Regent of Illinois; Mrs. C. Ray Phillips, State Regent of Mississippi; Mrs. Steven R. Hunter, National Chairman of National Defense Committee and Past Vice President General; Mrs. Mark Storage, National Chairman Junior Membership Committee; Mrs. John Hendrickson, Western District Director, and Mrs. Carl Blankenship, Regent Kanawha Valley Chapter.

Mrs. Silliman continued with the introductions of the State Officers, State Parliamentarian, National Chairman, National Vice Chairmen, and National Vice Chairmen East Central Division.

At this time Mrs. Silliman introduced our speaker for the evening, Colonel Richard Carvell, United States Army (Ret.), is a Viet Nam veteran. He was nominated by the Anne Bailey Chapter for, and subsequently named winner of, the West Virginia State Society Medal of Honor. Mrs. Silliman presented him with a gift and stated that we take courage from his devotion to God, Home and Country.

At this time the State Regent announced the winners of the Press Book awards, as follows:

- 1st place - Buford
- 2nd place - Barboursville
- 3rd place - Westmoreland
- Honorable Mention – Hagans-Evans, Pack Horse Ford and
Ye Towne of Bath

Mrs. Silliman extended her thanks to the Conference guests, who graciously served as judges for the Press Books.

The District Directors took charge of the drawings for the District Baskets. Winners of the baskets were:

- Western District - State Regent Mrs. Silliman
- Central District - Ann Van Voorhis
- Northern District - Linda Parsons
- Southern District - Marjorie Allen
- Eastern District - Nancy Hollandsworth

The baskets earned \$366.00 to help defray the expenses of the pages.

A drawing was held to determine the winner of the membership quilt. The winner was Kathy Robertson, and the quilt brought in \$270.00.

The State Regent asked the District Directors to line up Sunday morning at 8:45 a.m. for the Memorial Service Processional. Members will sit by Districts. The Chapter Regent will place a flower in the vase during the Roll Call of Remembrance.

A thank you was expressed to the Kanawha Valley Chapter and Regent Mrs. Blankenship for hosting the banquet. Appreciation was expressed to Mrs. Vance and to Mrs. Hendrickson for their musical contributions. The State Chaplain gave the benediction. The meeting was recessed until tomorrow at 10:00. The colors were retired.

(Approved by Mrs. Richard Ford, Mrs. John Hendrickson, and Mrs. Clifford Eddy)

Ann Wade Van Voorhis (Mrs. William)
State Recording Secretary

MEMORIAL SERVICE **Sunday Morning, October 27, 2002**

The Memorial Service of the 97th State Conference, West Virginia State Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, was held Sunday morning, October 27, 2002 in Salon D, of the Charleston Marriott Town Center Hotel, Charleston, West Virginia at 9:00 a.m. with State Chaplain Miss Frankie K. Cline presiding. The WVDAR State Chorus, under the direction of Mrs. Loring Vance, provided special music. Mrs. John Hendrickson was at the piano. State Regent Mrs. Charles L. Silliman presented a tribute to our departed daughters. The roll call of chapters named the following:

CENTRAL DISTRICT, Mrs. James E. Wallace, Director

Blackwater

Marie Long Scott	311932	01/08/02*****
Jean Hickman Burns	288493	01/31/02*****

Daniel Davison

Emily Summerville Orme	644181	10/26/02+
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Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans		
Janet Hall Barker	580873	03/27/02
Evelyn Davies Horton	393515	03/23/02**** *
Elizabeth Zane		
Jearl Stump Koontz Turner	799737	06/16/02
James Barbour		
Sarah Mason Sinsel	603076	08/03/01
Mary Gainer Phillips	581056	12/17/01
Audra Gall Lambert	152825	04/01/02****
Edith See Ware	763547	05/19/02
John Hart		
Pauline Enlow Curtis	551381	11/19/02
Willetta G. Hinkle	590953	03/26/02
Sarah Riggle Ward	304247	09/11/02
Phoebe Tucker Cunningham		
Evelyn Self Campbell	618807	05/30/02
Mary Wolfe Hartshaw	615736	06/19/02
Trans-Allegheny		
Alice Lee Vance	408879	09/15/01****
Mary King Holt	533695	08/06/02
Alyce Jarvis	427953	01/09/02
EASTERN DISTRICT, Mrs. Theodore E. Garrett, Director		
Fort Ashby		
Edna Marker Wasson	532901	10/25/01
Bonnie Newcome Harvey	533253	01/27/02
Pack Horse Ford		
Janet Hopkins Hansen	602009	05/09/01
Yvonne Marie Reese Moosy	798808	03/03/02
South Branch Valley		
Mary Louise Kent Stump	437971	08/27/01****
Catherine Snider Dahmer	570326	03/27/02
Frances E. Reeser	595403	07/16/02+
William Henshaw		
Frances K. Gageby	686979	12/25/01
Lillian Shipper	436701	05/20/02
NORTHERN DISTRICT, Miss Charla L. Nutter, Director		
Blennerhassett		
Clarice Underwood Burdette	534460	03/08/02
Ruth E. Schoolcraft	571204	03/01/02
Nellie Lee Cox Hickman	386407	07/13/02****
Glenda Flanagan Skidmore	775004	98/02/02
Colonel William Lowther		
Virginia Stoute Reaser	773935	11/06/01
James Wood		
Emma Brown Mallory	633199	03/24/02
Irene Eberbach Powell	566368	07/13/02
Sybil Brand Cook	474002	02/21/02
Ohio Valley		
Dorothy H. Myers	413813	12/06/00**
Nancy Webb Carpenter	644341	12/19/01
Elah Davis	549549	/ /01

Wheeling

Naomi Guy Hand	454894	11/28/01
Diana Westlake Sutherland	451668	09/08/02

SOUTHERN DISTRICT, Mrs. Terry Kornegay, Director**General Andrew Lewis**

Marian Burt Sayre	374740	09/20/01****
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John Chapman

Mary Louise Taylor	579159	10/04/00***
Coralie Witten Page Garrett	430390	07/01/01****
Barbara Ann Frye	676117	11/01/01
Blanche Rudisett Stringfield	456055	12/12/01
Helen Foree Bell	469257	05/10/02

John Cooke

Eloise Cook Birley	527557	01/24/02*
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Matthew French

Sarah Satterfield Woodyard	556797	10/04/01
Catherine Scott St. Clair	505351	11/01/01

Peters Mountain

Elizabeth Burwell Ballard	515008	11/03/01
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WESTERN DISTRICT, Mrs. John Hendrickson, Director**Anne Bailey**

Mary Ellen Burdette Huey	803191	10/12/01
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Buford

Dorothy Hagan Gibson	666990	06/04/01
Vella Mae Hanshaw	689176	04/28/02
Annie Lyden McPherson McGann	676597	09/28/02

Charleston

Odessa Irene Dodd Harris	489297	08/23/01
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Colonel Charles Lewis

Helen King Starrett	343506	12/17/01****
Genevieve Adkins Thompson	456048	03/27/02
Frances Virginia Dudding	509578	04/16/02
Jewell Bailey Cottrill	509711	05/15/02

John Young

Emily Agnes Young Tincher	693175	04/07/02
Margaret Kelley Marsh	621413	09/10/02

Kanawha Valley

Mary Ellen Prince McCarty	591930	05/18/02
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William Morris

June Logan Haydon	615912	04/10/02
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MEMBERS AT LARGE

Louise Runnion Johnson Smith	654078	01/30/01
Olivene Kyle Builes	616380	04/24/02
Bertie Davis Ellis		09/13/02*****
Dorothy Barrett Nutting	112073	09/13/02*****

* Former chapter regent ** Charter member ***Former state officer

**** 50-year member ***** 60-year member +chapter officer

SUNDAY MORNING BUSINESS

October 27, 2002

The Sunday morning business session was called to order by State Regent Mrs. Charles L. Silliman.

The invocation was given by State Chaplain Miss Frankie K. Cline.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by State Treasurer Mrs. Michael Braniff. The American's Creed was led by State Organizing Secretary Ms. Kathy Robertson.

Mrs. Loring Vance, State Chairman American Heritage, State Chairman of the WVDAR Chorus and Regent South Branch Valley Chapter led the assembly in singing West Virginia Hills. The colors were posted.

The minutes of Saturday's business session were read by State Recording Secretary Mrs. William H Van Voorhis. There were no additions or corrections. The minutes were approved as read.

There were no reports to be given except the final report of the Credentials Committee. Mrs. Robert Belcher, Credentials Committee Chairman Pro Tem reported as follows: National Officers - 2, Past National Officers - 4, National Chairman - 1, National Vice Chairmen - 7, Honorary Conference guests - 4, State Officers - 9, Honorary State Regents - 6, District Directors - 5, State Chairmen (Nat'l and State Recognition) - 40, Chapter Regents - 27, Delegates - 44, Alternates - 21, Members - 10, Pages - 4, Guests - 1. Duplicate registration - 31, Total Registration - 164, Voting Strength - 93. Mrs. Robert Fish moved for the adoption of the Credentials Report. There was a second and the motion carried.

There was no further business to come before the assembly. The State Regent called for the Courtesy Resolutions from Mrs. Robert Walthall, Chairman Resolutions Committee. Mrs. Walthall read the Resolutions as follows:

COURTESY RESOLUTIONS 97TH STATE CONFERENCE 2002

WHEREAS:

The hour having arrived for the adjournment of the West Virginia organization National Society Daughters of the American Revolution;

WHEREAS:

The meetings have inspired us with renewed enthusiasm to carry on the work of our society;

BE IT RESOLVED:

That our State Regent, Mrs. Charles L. Silliman, be extended sincere thanks and appreciation for her time and talent in planning and conducting our Ninety-Seventh State Conference; and to her family for their dedication to West Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution for this past year;

BE IT RESOLVED:

That thanks be tendered to Mrs. Randall G. Rumberg, Conference General Chairman, Mrs. John R. Hendrickson, Director of Western District, and to Chapters with their Committees who have given so untiringly of their time and talents for the success of this Ninety-Seventh Conference;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That appreciation be expressed to the Pages whose services contributed to the success of the Conference;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That this assembly expresses its indebtedness to Mr. Greg Hanes and the staff of the Marriott Town Center-Charleston for the courtesies extended;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That this Society expresses warmest appreciation to outstanding speakers and guests:

Mrs. Joel M. Wagoner, Chaplin General
Miss Virginia B. Johnson, Honorary Vice President General
Mrs. Walter L. Spearman, Honorary State Regent(Added per motion)
Mrs. Jack R. Adams, Honorary State Regent
Mrs. Randall G. Rumberg, Honorary State Regent
Miss Jean Ann Elliott, Honorary State Regent
Mrs. Joyce Schafer Hinshaw, State Regent of Illinois
Mrs. Cindy Segraves Phillips, State Regent of Mississippi
Mrs. Ann A. Hunter, National Chairman of the National Defense Committee
Mrs. Ginnie Sebastian Storage, National Chairman of the Junior Membership Committee
Messages sent by the Honorable Bob Wise, Governor of West Virginia; the Honorable Jay Goldman, Mayor of the City of Charleston, West Virginia
Message sent by Mrs. Robert W. Watkins, President General, NSDAR

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

Our thanks to Gene Warner for Musical Selections by the Sissonville Jr. High School Band

Our thanks to Mrs. Loring H. Vance and WVDAR Chorus for providing music throughout the conference and to Ms. Kari Stafford for a special program, and to distinguished guests who contributed so delightfully to the conference programs;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That appreciation is extended to the Honor Guard Assembly call by the West Virginia State College Color Guard—Captain Don Edwards;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That congratulations is given to Robert W. Wilson for receiving the American History Teacher Award from the WVDAR;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That a special “God Bless America” speech by Col. Richard Carvell, United States Army, Ret., Winner of WVSSDAR Medal of Honor, climaxed the evening with patriotism;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

Our heartfelt thanks to Miss Frankie K. Cline, State Chaplain for an impressive memorial service and inspirational devotions throughout the Conference;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That sincere appreciation includes all listed on pages 16 and 17 in the program book, and State Chairman of National Committees listed on pages 18 and 19 in the program book.

_____ signed _____

Mrs. Robert H. Walthall, Jr. (Lucille)

Mrs. Rumberg stated that Mrs. Walter Spearman’s name should be included on the list of Honorary State Regents. A motion to accept the Resolutions with the suggested change was made by Mrs. Robert Nalley and seconded by Mrs. Donald Davis. Motion carried. The State Regent thanked Mrs. Walthall and the members of the Resolutions Committee. At this time, she also expressed her sincere thanks to Mrs. Rumberg, General Conference Chairman, and to Mrs. John Hendrickson, Western District Director and the Western District Chapters for all of their hard work which helped to make this a wonderful 97th State Conference. Mrs. John Davis and Miss Charla Nutter were also recognized and thanked, and an expression of gratitude was extended to the Conference guests from Mississippi, Illinois and Virginia.

Mrs. Ted Garrett, Eastern District Director issued the invitation to the Ninety-ninth State Conference, which will be in 2004.

The assembly joined hands and sang "Blest be the Tie that Binds".

Miss Cline gave the benediction.

At 10:45 a.m. the State Regent declared the Ninety-seventh State Conference adjourned. The colors were retired.

(Approved by Mrs. Richard Ford, Mrs. John Hendrickson and Mrs. Clifford Eddy)

Ann Wade Van Voorhis (Mrs. William)

State Recording Secretary

NINETY-SEVENTH STATE CONFERENCE STATE OFFICERS' REPORTS STATE REGENT

Traveling around the State to attend chapter meetings and events in which WVDAR is involved continues to be the very best part of this office, in my estimation.

West Virginia History Day in the halls of the State Capitol in February, during the Legislative Session of 2002, seemed an appropriate place for the West Virginia Daughters to provide a booth with information on NSDAR with prospective member forms and handouts of Know The DAR. Pictures and magazine covers of The American Spirit along with bookmarks labeled with the National web site URL were part of the display. Many state historical societies and organizations promoting West Virginia history and genealogy lined the Capitol Rotunda and large crowds observed the displays. West Virginia Public TV captured the day.

March, 2002, was a busy month for traveling – first as a guest with the Illinois Daughters and Mrs. Joyce Hinshaw at their State Conference in Bloomington. A vast amount of Angels collected there and I even had a conversation with Abraham Lincoln who was sitting on a park bench. The South Carolina State Conference followed at Columbia with a visit to the Governor's Mansion and the wonderful southern hospitality provided by State Regent Henrietta Morton who had been our guest at the 2001 WV Conference.

Then I was off to attend the Wheeling Chapter and a wonderful overnight with the Chapter Regent Mrs. Robert McClelland where the chapter held a lovely dinner and invited members of the Ohio SAR.

Attending New Jersey's State Conference with State Regent Mary Bannon brought the excitement of driving in big city traffic and wondering how Mary did a whole state conference in 1 1/2 days. Found out they also have a Fall Forum where they take care of all the paper work.

The WV Daughters of the Mound Chapter and Chapter Regent Frances Bonar gave me a red, white and blue greeting and a big turnout of members. I had an overnight visit to Friendly WV and the cozy farm of Lee and Clifford Eddy. Kanawha Valley Chapter held a lovely May luncheon at the beautiful St. Albans Women's Club, with Regent Mrs. Carl Blankenship and grateful thanks was given to our dear Glenna Prince as she carried on as hostess under instruction from her daughter, Mary Ellen. The weekend of May 8th started off with a 100th Birthday Celebration for Elizabeth Zane Chapter. Mrs. Nancy Greenleaf and Chapter members remembered the chapter's past with a visit by General Washington. Then traveling on to St. Albans where proud moments came when Anne Bailey Chapter honored Colonel Richard Carvell, USA RET, with the Medal of Honor, and Regent Kay Craig held an elaborate ceremony with a lovely party that included members of several DAR Chapters and many friends of the Colonel.

The following day I enjoyed a lovely luncheon and meeting with the Barboursville Chapter and Regent Violet Hysell at the Spring Valley Country Club, then to the Huntington Museum where Buford Chapter Regent, Sally Cyrus, and many guests and friends honored Dr. Joseph Touma with the DAR Citizenship Medal for his outstanding work with the City of Huntington and dedication to helping others become citizens of the United States.

In June a day of training for Chapter Regents and Treasurers with members and State Chairmen in attendance, was held at the Pete Dye Golf Club in Bridgeport with 70 Daughters attending, and all termed it a complete success.

The excitement was building as we packed up and moved out to the Capitol City and the celebration of the Fourth of July during the 111th Continental Congress. Fifty WV daughters joined with guests for a brunch on the morning of the Fourth. Later, I was so proud to praise our State Society during my Regent's report.

It was my pleasure to bring greetings and join with the C.A.R. of the Southern District at their Conference held in our State and to watch these young people shine and be so responsible in their duties to their society.

Combining five district meetings this year into three was a workout for the Directors, but through wonderful cooperation, the meetings came off well, and we enjoyed the visits with members whom we see only at State Conference. Central and Northern Districts really enjoyed being together. I had time to take a break before starting off again representing WVDAR at the Moorefield Middle School 9-11 ceremony, where I spoke to the students about the first patriots who gave their lives for freedom.

Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter held a celebration in the historic Fairmont Women's Club where Miss Marlene Jones, Chapter Regent, and members of Trans-Allegheny and Daniel Davisson Chapters celebrated the 80th birthday of this chapter. The General Andrew Lewis Chapter meeting was held in Lewisburg, where I was the overnight guest of Sally and Richard Ford. The members and their Regent, Donna Farlow, entertained with a lovely lunch and awesome dessert.

I finally had an opportunity to attend my own chapter meeting for the excellent Constitution Week celebration. Mrs. Annabelle Vance, Chapter Regent, District Director Susan Garrett and members of the South Branch Valley welcomed me back.

Leaving home on October 2 for the National Board of Management started a 1700 mile trip to DC; Battle Days in Point Pleasant, where I was honored to join in the service of remembrance of the 1774 Battle; and on to Tamassee Founder's Day with State Cottage Chairman, Nancy Kornegay, Anne Cummings, State Schools Chairman and Advisory Board Member, and State Registrar Marion McCullough. We were so happy to visit our WV Cottage and see the newly painted Blue Room complete with new sink and lighted mirror. The second bedroom will be stripped and repainted this month.

The Spring and Fall issues of the WV News and Circular Letters, with Editor Lee Eddy manning the computer, has kept us busy with the changes in Congress schedules and postage rates. We are finding out that after the printer finishes, our mailings are distributed at the pleasure of the post office.

Only revitalization of chapters and by the membership asking for help when chapters are having problems, can our chapters be preserved. I am always ready to come with state officers and state chairmen to any meeting and work with chapters in trouble.

Carmen Silliman, (Mrs. Charles L.), State Regent

STATE VICE REGENT

In July, this officer attended Continental Congress, helped to host the West Virginia Brunch, joined thousands of others in watching the 4th of July Parade in ninety-plus degrees weather and enjoyed a delightful evening watching the fireworks from the window of the State Regent's room. During Continental Congress, she also attended the Vice Regent's Luncheon at the Hotel Washington. On Saturday morning she gave her report as the National Vice Chairman of the Christopher Columbus Essay Contest from the platform. She also arranged for West Virginia Daughters to sit in the West Virginia Box. She conducted the first half of the WVDAR Summer Workshop in Clarksburg when the State Regent was delayed. She has been in contact with the State Regent often this year by email, has written speeches, and has been told often to be in "charge" while the Regent has traveled out of State. She wrote an article on the Constitution that was published in five newspapers. She prays daily that the State Regent remains in excellent health. It certainly is fun and a pleasure serving as Vice Regent during this administration.

Shirley M. Gilkeson (Mrs. Roy A.)

STATE CHAPLAIN

The State Chaplain assisted the Chaplain of the Pack Horse Ford Chapter in conducting a memorial service for the deceased members of the Eastern District at their District Meeting. She attended a visitation for a member of the Hagans-Evans Chapter in January and presented a memorial carnation on behalf of the State Society.

This Chaplain attended two district meetings this year – the combined Central and Northern meeting and the Eastern were attended. It is the goal to attend all district meetings at least once during this term of office.

There was a total of 65 reported deaths of WV Daughters for the 2001-2002 year, however, this included four deaths which had not been reported earlier. Twenty-nine chapters reported 63 deaths. Two additional deaths reported were members at large. Central District has the highest number, with 18 members expiring. Northern District reported 14 deaths, Western 13, Southern 10 and Eastern 8. (Note: A complete list can be found preceding the Sunday Morning minutes.) Among the reported deaths were 3 known chapter officers, 1 former state officer, 4 former chapter regents, 2 members of 60 years or more, and 3 members of 50 years or more membership.

The State Chaplain attended Continental Congress and participated in the National Memorial Service. She conducted a brief Service of Initiation for new members of the Colonel Zackquill Morgan and the Hagans-Evans Chapters in September. Reports have been received of chapters who have participated in commemorative services in their respective areas of the State, including the service in memory of the soldiers who fought during the Battle of Point Pleasant. This Chaplain planned and led the "Moment of Silence" observance in remembrance of those killed in the 9/11 attack. This took place at a Morgantown Long Term Care Facility. The Chaplain plans and assists in conducting quarterly services of "Memory and Hope" at the same facility for those residents who are discharged or who expire at that institution. Two birthday greetings were sent for reported 90th birthday celebrations. There are still problems encountered with chapters not utilizing the reporting form, not reporting deaths in a timely manner or not supplying all of the necessary information. It would be helpful if notations were made by the reporting member as to whether the deceased had been a regent, state officer, 50-year member or charter member. This State Officer remains ready to assist all chapters or members in any way possible.

Miss Frankie K.Cline

STATE RECORDING SECRETARY

This State Officer has attended all meetings called by the State Regent, keeping minutes of same and accepting reports from officers, regents and chairmen.

She attended the 111th Continental Congress in Washington D.C. and in addition attended the Eastern, Northern and Central District meetings.

Ann W. Van Voorhis (Mrs. William H.)

STATE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

The 2001 State Conference had come to an end,

I was still collecting chapter yearbooks each day as the mail came in.

After the holidays the packets they did come,

Most were complete, and then there were some.....

I cut and I sorted with each area in a neat organized stack,

Finally the due date was past all were ready to mail in a neat little pack.

The West Virginia Blue Book again wanted any changes in addresses for the 2003 book,

This continues to be exciting; I can hardly wait to look!

Now the real task began again for my computer and me,

Waiting and receiving any changes of who the new officers might be.

A supplement was done this year to help make our yearbooks more complete,

That is, until someone tells me "I need to change my street!"

To Charles Town I traveled to attend the Eastern District Meeting,
To see old friends and new and welcome their greetings!
The 97th State Conference is well under way,
The program is finished; I will now enjoy the day!

Barbara M. Frankenberry (Mrs. Robert H.)

STATE ORGANIZING SECRETARY

This officer attended the 96th West Virginia State Conference in Bluefield WV, the 100th anniversary celebration of the Elizabeth Zane Chapter in Buckhannon WV, State Summer Meeting in Bridgeport WV and the Southern District Meeting.

I have kept accurate records for each chapter in the State, making appropriate changes as necessary.

Miss Kathy Robertson

STATE TREASURER

I am pleased to report that our Society is in good financial condition. I do regret, however, that I do not have a financial summary prepared for your review. As soon as possible I will prepare the report and provide each chapter and the Board of Management with a copy. I have reconciled each account and the assets are intact and in balance with the current checkbooks.

Cost saving actions taken by various West Virginia Daughters have helped to stay within the confines of our budget. A bulk mailing permit obtained by Lee Eddy, editor of the WVDAR News, has helped us to keep our postage expenses down while postage rates raised. Our Daughters work hard to stretch our resources. Our State Regent proposed that each District make a basket and offer voices in order to raise monies to help defray conference costs for pages. I am proud to report that we have 4 pages at this conference and last year's proceeds are covering the cost of their meals.

The Vanguard funds as of September were yielding 1.52% income dividends. Our other various accounts, such as the WV Room, Cameo Club, WV Checking and others are yielding .75% income dividends. No increase is expected in the near future.

Our Washington leadership is asking us to turn our attentions to membership retention and gains. With the new "Legacy" procedure, it is easier than ever to get new members for the DAR. Applicants may now join using their mother's, grandmother's or great-grandmother's papers, without having to prove the line. Daughters, use these tools to increase your chapter membership. The rewards will be many.

This administration continues to recognize the potential income for our society from the sale of merchandise we have on hand (West Virginia Daughters and Their Revolutionary Patriot Ancestors Book, The Centennial Ornament, Tamassee School pins, etc.) We also have 2003 Madonna of the Trail Calendars. Any of these items would be appropriate for speaker's gifts and also perfect for the upcoming holiday season gift giving. Please do your part; make a purchase and help us to decrease our inventories.

Dina Braniff (Mrs. Michael)

STATE REGISTRAR

Your Registrar has attended the 111th Continental Congress, State Conferences, 4 District Meetings, and 2 genealogy workshops, 2 DAR Schools (Hindman & Tamassee) and was tour director for the WV DAR Bus.

The WV membership is increasing and there are many pending members. The count will be given by the Membership Chairman, Mrs. Fran Weekley. Changes from Ann Dillion, Registrar General, concerning application papers, have been placed in the Regents' Packets at the district meetings.

Last year I asked each chapter to clip obituaries from the newspapers of any of their members who have passed on. Each chapter will have an obituary booklet with these clippings in the WV Registrar files. One Regent has sent 44 clippings from her chapter of daughters who have left us –

but they will not be forgotten. These are clippings that she kept because of the love and respect she had for her DAR members.

Because she has shared this information for future generations, I want to present to Sally Cyrus, Regent of Buford Chapter a special certificate. The clippings she saved are combined in a booklet and placed in Buford's file for future members to see. A booklet is on display at the Awards table and will be placed in the Registrar's files.

Again, I ask chapters to please mail obituaries to me. The name of the newspaper and the date should also be kept with the clipping. Make your own memory book. We must leave future generations any and all information we have at hand.

Marion E. McCullough (Mrs. Lyle)

STATE HISTORIAN

Robert W. Wilson, a teacher at Parkersburg High School, Parkersburg, WV, is the 2002 WVDAR State winner of the Outstanding Teacher of American History Contest. Mr. Wilson was sponsored by the James Wood Chapter. His dossier was sent to the Historian General to represent West Virginia. He will be introduced at Saturday's luncheon and at that time will be presented with a certificate and pin from the State Society.

Thirty-five chapters reported their activities to the State Historian, 7 chapters had no report and 5 did not respond. Six Revolutionary War Patriots and soldiers' graves were marked and six markers were placed by Daughters or their chapters.

This officer enjoyed attending the Southern-Western District meeting and the celebrations given by the Anne Bailey Chapter, honoring a war hero living in their area and one given by the Buford Chapter honoring an outstanding citizen from Huntington.

The following Chapters will be recognized by this State Officer: Buford, Ann Bailey and James Wood. Chapter activities, historical in nature, during the past year are as follows: Historical programs (Blackwater had twelve, Matthew French eleven, and Daniel Davisson ten); chapters made monetary contributions and donated books to NSDAR Library; placed flags, flowers and wreaths on graves and at markers; Blennerhassett replaced a tombstone of the Revolutionary War Soldier; Pack Horse Ford placed a marker on the grave of Revolutionary war soldier Daniel Hicks and his wife Jane Bucklew Hendricks; Ye Towne of Bath placed a marker for a Revolutionary War Patriot and three soldiers; and James Wood sponsored NSDAR Outstanding Teacher Winner for the State. Sally Ford (Mrs. Richard)

STATE LIBRARIAN

Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans Chapter of Morgantown donated \$25.00 to the NSDAR Library with directions to purchase a book (or books) of their choice.

A book entitled "History of Buford Chapter NSDAR, Huntington WVa", was donated by Mrs. Caroline L. Rappold through the Buford Chapter.

Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter gave a donation of \$200.00 to NSDAR Library in honor of Lois Hart Bumgardner.

Louise Righman (Mrs. Clifford L.)

REPORTS OF DISTRICT DIRECTORS AND THEIR RESPECTIVE CHAPTERS

CENTRAL DISTRICT

Central District is comprised of twelve chapters. This report is based on the records of nine of those chapters. Achievement Awards were received as follows:

Level 1 - Blackwater and Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans

Level 2 - Colonel Morgan Morgan, Colonel Zackquill Morgan, Elizabeth Zane, James Barbour and John Hart

Level 3 - Daniel Davisson and Trans-Allegheny

Two chapters celebrated significant milestones in their history. Elizabeth Zane held a Centennial Commemoration Luncheon on June 8th, while the Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter held an 80-year anniversary observance with a Luncheon on September 14th.

Elizabeth Cummins Jackson participated in the annual Grafton Memorial Day Celebration and Parade with the State National Defense and State Membership Chairmen in attendance. Other chapters participating in celebrations and parades include the Hagans-Evans, James Barbour and Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapters.

Five chapters participated in the U.S. Northern District Court Naturalization Programs. Blackwater, Elizabeth Zane, James Barbour and John Hart have for several years participated in the Naturalization held in Elkins by Judge Robert M. Maxwell. Daniel Davisson Chapter was represented in the court of Judge Irene Keeley at Clarksburg by their regent, Mrs. Elinor Tonelli.

Elizabeth Zane, Colonel Morgan Morgan and Hagans-Evans Chapters each sponsored a delegate to Rhododendron Girls State. Five chapters presented Good Citizenship Awards, and four chapters participated in the American History Essay Contests. Medals and Certificates were awarded at all levels of participation. James Barbour Chapter donated 75 history books to the Philippi Library and in addition made a contribution to the Literacy Program. Veterans were remembered and honored by speaking for programs, and also through donations to the Louis A. Johnson VA Hospital in Clarksburg. Hagans-Evans Chapter mails a newsletter to all members three times a year keeping shut-ins and non-resident members current on chapter activities. All chapters participated in national projects and designed their programs to meet the Achievement Award criteria. Some of the more interesting programs have included speakers on the Constitution, Veterans of the Korean War, Colonial Gardening, Women of the Gilded Age, and the participation of our chapter Revolutionary Ancestors in the War for Independence.

The really good news is that twenty-four new members and two reinstated members have been added to our chapters' rolls. Two applications for membership are pending and about ten prospective members are working on their applications. Hopefully, we can lower the average membership age of 65.

As Director of Central District, I have attended the Centennial Celebration of Elizabeth Zane Chapter and the combined Central/Northern District Meeting held at the Pete Dye Golf Club in Bridgeport. I am proud to submit this summary of the work of the Central District Daughters. They have reached many students and have participated in community projects that give DAR the image of Patriotic Leadership that the Society wishes to project.

Cecelia W. Wallace (Mrs. James E.), Director

BLACKWATER

Membership has been goal #1 for the Blackwater Chapter. We have gained five new members during the year, making a total membership of thirty-eight members. Two members of the C.A.R. have applications pending. All members are working toward again receiving Achievement Award #1 next year, after receiving that award this year. Programs are based on the themes of Historical, Educational and Patriotic. The flag was saluted at each meeting, and a flag program was given by the chairman.

Flags waved at different homes for the appropriate holidays. Prayers were said, flags waved and bells rang at Parson's churches in memory of 9/11. During Constitution Week a program was given explaining Constitution Hall and the importance of preserving our Amendments. A Proclamation was signed. Items were published. National Defense reports were given at each meeting.

DAR Schools were discussed and donations given. Members save cancelled stamps for the Veterans and save labels for the Schools. Two high school students were presented with Citizenship Medals. The chapter makes all required contributions to NSDAR. The Veterans were recognized by monetary donations, books, cards, visits, time volunteered, comfort items, and transportation for medical check-ups.

Cards were sent to the ill. We were saddened by the death of a dear 67-year member, active until her death. She was remembered with flowers.

There were chapter members at District and State meetings. We are planning for our State Regent to attend a luncheon meeting at AdaLand in May 2003 and working with John Hart, Elizabeth Zane and James Barbour Chapter for this event.

Mary Matlick (Mrs. Harold), Regent

COLONEL MORGAN MORGAN

All meetings were opened in a ritualistic manner and the accepted order of business followed. We lost two members – one by death and one by resignation. We gained seven new members and one member reinstated. One application is pending.

Programs during the year were “David Morgan”, “World War II”, “History of Psalms”, Fairmont City Cemetery, “American Costumes”, memorial services for deceased members, Constitution Week observance and our 80th Chapter Anniversary.

Gregg DeVito, student at East Fairmont High School and band member, played guitar and sang at our annual Christmas luncheon. The chapter sponsored Jenna Ann Snyder, student at East Fairmont, as delegate to Rhododendron Girls State. Two Community Service Awards were presented – to Donal “Jack” Squires for service to his country, state and community and to Gena Wagamen, head of Fairmont City Cemetery Restoration Project. Stella Moran and Thelma Given Linn received their 25-year membership certificate. Past Regent, Past Central District Director, Past State Chaplain and 18-year member Wanda Levelle, was remembered with a memorial service.

We again sponsored Multiphasic Blood Testing at FGH as a fund raiser. We participated in the Veterans Day Parade and donated to Project Patriot and the child safety and drug education program. Members attended the District meeting; received Chapter Achievement Award, Level 2; received 3rd place-tie for new members by application; and a letter of appreciation from VAMC in Clarksburg for participation in “Valentines for Vets” program. The highlight of the year was our 80th Chapter Anniversary (July 25, 1922 – to July 22, 2002), celebrated with a luncheon at the Fairmont Women’s Club and with State Regent Silliman as our speaker. She was presented with a check for the State Regent’s Project.

Miss Marlene Jones, Regent

COLONEL ZACKQUILL MORGAN

Through its programs and work, the Colonel Zackquill Morgan Chapter emphasized the motto and purpose of the National Society – Patriotic, Historical and Educational. Meetings were opened with the ritual and a national defense report. All financial obligations were met with regard to dues and assessments. A senior WVU ROTC student was presented with an ROTC medal by the chapter. Good Citizen certificates were presented to students participating in the essay contest.

The annual Constitution Week luncheon with the Hagans-Evans chapter was hosted by Colonel Zackquill Morgan. Guest speaker Ret. Lt. Mac Warner spoke on “Islamic Constitutionalism – a contradiction in terms”. “Bells Across America” was observed on September 17. Chapter Regent appeared at the Monongalia County Commission for purpose of getting a proclamation signed re Constitution Week. We also joined with the Hagans-Evans Chapter for the Flag Day Luncheon and an annual sing-a-long at a local retirement home. Chapter members marked the one-year anniversary of 9/11 by wearing red, white and blue, driving with headlights on and a member led a memorial service at a local long-term care facility.

Donations of clothing were sent to Tamasee, as well as soup labels. Clothing was also sent to Crossnore. The chapter participated in the local Veterans Day Parade, 4th of July parade, placed a wreath at the Court House DAR monument on Memorial Day and Veterans Day. Project Patriot was supported by chapter members, flag pins were presented to various groups in the city, members participated in the National Defense Program “What Freedom Means to Me”, and kept a chapter member who is in a personal care facility aware of chapter activities and news.

Five members attended the Northern/Central District Meeting, four attended the training meeting at Pete Dye Golf Club and one attended Continental Congress, participating in the DAR Chorus,

parade and the National Memorial Service. The chapter was awarded a Level 2 Chapter Achievement Award at Continental Congress.

Programs included National Defense Speaker from WVU Army ROTC program; Stories and Tales of WV by Historian Dr. Kenneth Carvelle; on the flags that have flown over America, presented by Jean Ann Elliott; on Vinnie Ream, designer and sculptor of Lincoln at the US Capitol; memories of Monongalia County and WVU by Rev. Joe Gluck; and chapter member Dr. Joan Gibson's presentation on the flora and fauna of the state. One member serves as a state officer, one serves as chairman of a nationally sanctioned committee and two other as state chairmen.

Kathleen P. Cline (Mrs. Wayne), Regent

DANIEL DAVISSON

During Constitution Week, displays were placed in the windows of the Clarksburg Public Library and the James and Law Company. Dr. Eric Faust, a local minister, spoke on the Constitution at our September 10th meeting. Three of our seven speakers for meetings were members of our chapter. At each meeting we had the President General's message and the National Defense Report.

We donated \$25 to the VA Hospital, purchased a year's subscription to the American Spirit Magazine to be sent to the Hospital, along with over 100 magazines and books. We also donated funds to the American Indian School and collected soup labels. The chapter regent visited four local high schools and presented DAR Certificates for Good Citizenship, awarded an ROTC medal and certificate, and attended a naturalization ceremony. Booklets were distributed to all 36 of the naturalized citizens. A memorial service was held for our deceased members. We honored a member for her 50-year membership in the DAR. This was my first year as regent and look forward to the coming year.

Elinor H. Tonelli (Mrs. B.P), Regent

ELIZABETH CUMMINS JACKSON

No report. Mary Jane Korth (Mrs. William Jr.)

ELIZABETH LUDINGTON HAGANS-COLONEL JOHN EVANS

The chapter has been fortunate in having a monthly news article in a local newspaper – an excellent method of informing the public of our DAR activities. This has created some interest in the chapter. The name of a contact person is always noted.

Level One Achievement Award was received for our efforts. An attempt is made to provide interesting programs. The Executive Director of the National Flag Foundation was our speaker for the Flag Day Luncheon. For the second year we had a Korean Veteran speak at our National Defense meeting. We learned of our Indian Heritage in West Virginia. A "Tour Through the DAR Museum" was enjoyed.

We collect labels, cancelled stamps, pass a child's shoe for the Tamassee Shoe Fund, donate to the VA Hospital, and provide the bronze insignia for the headstone of a deceased member. We attend the various VFW observances on the Court House Square, walk in parades, present 2 Good Citizenship medals, 2 ROTC medals, present the usual for essay winners, and use every opportunity to meet, present literature and talk DAR to people at the large community yard sale in town.

Constitution Week was observed by having two proclamations signed, placing posters in store windows around town, joining with our sister chapter in a Constitution Luncheon, and a "Letter to the Editor" promoting Bells Across America.

Ann W. Van Voorhis (Mrs. William H.), Regent

ELIZABETH ZANE

The chapter had a good year carrying out the goals of state and national and planning and hosting our one hundredth birthday celebration.. The celebration luncheon was held on June 8, 2002 at the French See Dining Hall on the campus of West Virginia Wesleyan College with Speaker Dr. Robert Rupp in costume as George Washington. State Regent Carmen Silliman also spoke to the assembled guests.

Vice Regent Brenda Casto compiled a Centennial Book containing the history of the chapter; stories of Clara Heavner, a member who became state regent from 1919-1922; Elizabeth Zane, heroine of Fort Henry during the Revolutionary War; Elizabeth Cummins Jackson and the Jackson home; the 50th anniversary tea held in 1952; as well as the name of every member who has ever been in the chapter and her patriot ancestor. This book is a time capsule for our chapter.

Our programs have included the celebration of our constitution's founding, paying tribute to James Madison; Korean War memories shared by a veteran of that war; remembering our patriot ancestors, celebrating Christmas, and hours of planning for the centennial observance. Taking our monthly meeting to the assisted living home of one of our members who had moved out of the area was rewarding. We must always find ways to include our aging daughters in our activities.

Elizabeth Zane Chapter sponsored a girl to Rhododendron Girls State this year and worked with Blackwater, James Barbour and John Hart Chapters to sponsor the Naturalization program held at the Jennings Randolph Federal Building in Elkins, WV. As we enter the second century as a chapter we have four prospective members.

Mary Greenleaf (Mrs. Virgil), Regent

JAMES BARBOUR

The chapter opened each meeting with the Ritual, a National Defense report and the President General's message. An Indian moment was read at each meeting and labels were collected and sent to the schools. Donations were made to the Shoe Fund and the USS Stennis. The VA Hospital at Clarksburg was visited and various small articles and reading materials were taken for the patients. Members rang bells during the Christmas season for the Salvation Army and served as hostesses during the Naturalization Ceremony for new citizens. The chapter was represented at District, State and National meetings and at Elizabeth Zane's Centennial Luncheon.

The chapter mourned the death of our last organizing member, Audra Lambert, who was 106 years old and had lived during part of three centuries. We lost three other members during the year.

Seventy-five books were donated to the library at Philippi. Money was donated to the Literacy Movement. Our chapter was in charge of the Memorial Day Program at the Fraternal Cemetery in Belington.

Two hundred fifty middle school students participated in the American History Essay Contest, and certificates of participation were presented to each one. Medals were given to the first place winner and runners up in each grade. Our 7th grade winner from, Belington Middle School, placed 2nd in the State. A certificate, pin and cash award were given to the Good Citizen winner. These students and their parents were invited to be our guests at our Heritage Dinner in April. We have a new member and one prospective working on her papers.

Virginia L. Boyles (Mrs. Charles), Regent

JOHN HART

Our chapter gained five new members, one reinstated and an associate during the year. We have a membership pending and several prospective members. Inactive members were contacted and a special invitation to attend was extended. Notices of meetings have been placed in the newspaper. Two prospective members have attended as a result. Meeting times have been balanced, so that working members may attend.

Meetings include: Visits to Adaland Mansion, the Beverly Family History Research Library and the US District Court of Northern District of WV. We heard a portrayal of "Elkins Women of the Gilded Age", were informed on "Balance and Fall Prevention", heard how a Master Gardener developed a heritage garden at Seneca Rocks, and we honored the middle school winners of the American History Essay Contest. At the first fall meeting a local genealogist provided facts and stories about our John Hart Revolutionary War ancestors.

Along with three other chapters we helped plan the Naturalization Ceremony for new U.S. citizens held each year in Elkins and provided a reception following the ceremony. WVU President David Hardesty and his wife were speakers at this event. Again, after several years, we opened the

DAR room at the Randolph County Historical Society Museum to the public during Beverly Old-Fashioned Christmas in December and Beverly Heritage Day in July. Several DAR members served as hostesses during the Beverly Heritage Day historic homes tour.

Awards received during the year were DAR Good Citizen-blue; National Defense-red; WW II Memorial Challenge-white; Americanism and DAR Manual for Citizenship-white; membership-green and a Level 2 Achievement Award.

Mary Kay Bidlack (Mrs. Jerry), Regent

PHOEBE TUCKER CUNNINGHAM

No report. Margie Evans (Mrs. Paul S.), Regent

TRANS-ALLEGHENY

We were honored to receive 3rd place in the Eastern Region for most new members for chapters with less than twenty-five members. A Level 3 Achievement Award was received. Interesting programs were held. Two of the most interesting were one on DAR Insignia and another about the DAR Schools.

In remembrance of September 11, we visited each of the six elementary schools in our county and arranged for the students to gather around the flag pole and recite the Pledge of Allegiance. This was publicized in the local newspaper and on our local radio station. For Constitution Week we had an article in the newspaper and had a proclamation signed by the Mayor of Weston.

Essay winners were honored – Good Citizen and two American History winners – with medals, certificates and a luncheon, which included the teachers and parents. We lost three members to death this past year. Graveside services were held as two DAR markers were placed

Betty Heavner (Mrs. Fay), Regent

EASTERN DISTRICT

Greetings from Eastern District. I am happy to report on behalf of the Eastern District chapters. Several reported that they fulfilled the requirements of having a Constitutional Minute at each meeting and/or gave a National Defense report.

Several of the chapters collected cancelled stamps and provided gifts to patients at the VA Hospital in Martinsburg. Soup labels were saved for the DAR Schools, as well as Betty Crocker points. Donations to the School Bus Fund for Tamassee were sent, and clothing was donated.

Donations were made to Project Patriot and two chapters participated in a nationalism of new citizens program. Three chapters gave DAR Good Citizen awards. All chapters participated in the American History Essay contest, and five chapters gave special recognition to their winners. One chapter awarded a Junior ROTC Medal.

Constitution Week was celebrated by four of the chapters with proclamations, displays and special programs. One chapter marked graves of four members and one Revolutionary War soldier; several laid wreaths for holidays and placed flowers and/or flags on graves. One chapter recognized three members with 50- year certificates.

Highlights of programs include Indians and Indian culture; literacy, women's health, World War II and Korean Veteran speakers; Civil Air Patrol and the history of the Martinsburg Airport; flag history and flag folding; National Defense after 9/11; history of John Hagan's Tavern; tour of Martinsburg Roundhouse; films and videos

Public school related activities include leading the Pledge of Allegiance and speaking at an assembly on 9/11, reading aloud to third graders, and presentations on patriotism and lineage research, and the presentation of a scholarship to a Shepherd College student. A Social Studies Fair winner was recognized. Other activities include participating in the 200th anniversary of Jefferson County; a combined meeting of three chapters and a C.A.R. chapter; a Korean War 50th anniversary commemorative event for veterans in the four-county area; and sharing items of yesteryear for a heritage "show and tell". Bee Line Chapter hosted the Eastern District Meeting, at which time this district

director was honored to have presided and was grateful for all the support of the members of the Eastern District Chapters.

Susan Garrett (Mrs. Theodore E.), Director

BEE LINE

For a small membership, we are active and accomplish much. All monetary requirements are met, and we received 228 Achievement Award points. Indian minutes were read at each meeting, and one program was a slide show on Indians in Jefferson County. At our Spring Luncheon the speaker, Douglas C. Fargo, a veteran, spoke on his experiences in the Korean War. A newly produced video of Jefferson was shown, a compliment of the Jefferson Co. Historical Society. Another video, titled "Petticoat Pioneers", showed us the accomplishments of women in the United States.

One member reads to a third grade class in the area. A \$1,000 Scholarship is given to a student at Shepherd College. Labels are saved for the DAR Schools. One member visits Newton D. Baker Hospital regularly and takes candy and cards. We sent seventeen ounces of stamps for the veterans. Three fifty-year certificates were presented to Ann Gurman, Margaret Saville and Reba Pestun.

The Constitution and its fifty-five signers was the program in September. We also watched a video on the "Treasures of Hillwood", home and museum of Marjorie Merriweather Post. We since have taken a tour, which is wonderful.

Beth Printz (Mrs. Charles F.), Regent

FORT ASHBY

No report. Lonny Watro (Mrs. Richard), Regent

PACK HORSE FORD

At each meeting at least five minutes was devoted to a National Defense Report. Programs of special interest were "How Indians Influenced the Early Settlers with their Knowledge of Survival"; "National Defense after 9/11"; "History of John Hagan's Tavern, Circa 1774"; and C.A.R.'s presentation "How Smart are You Regarding our Nation's Flag?". Our September program "What it Means to be an American" stirred interest and led to focusing on Constitution Week. Mayor Auxur, of Shepherdstown, signed a proclamation, church bells rang at 4:00 p.m. on the 17th and schools displayed posters during this time. We rang church bells on July 4 and placed flags at Shepherdstown cemeteries where Revolutionary soldiers rest.

American History Essay winners and their families were entertained. Our sixth grade essay winner won first place in the State Competition. A Patriotism Award was presented to a senior at Jefferson High School. October found us dedicating DAR markers to four deceased members, and a reception for the families followed. The following month markers were dedicated to Sgt. Daniel Hendricks, Revolutionary Soldier and his wife, Jane Buckles Hendricks, at the Old Hendricks-Buckles Cemetery.

Our chapter provided docents during visitation to our Archive Room at the Historic Entler Hotel during the 200th Anniversary Celebration of Jefferson County. Members walked in the Christmas Parade and gave flags to children along the parade route. Thirty-four ounces of stamps went to Stamps for the Wounded. A box of Christmas gifts went to our local Veterans Hospital. Cards and a monetary donation were given to Project Patriot programs. Campbell labels were sent to the DAR Schools, and a donation to the Shoe Fund and clothing were sent to Tamasee. A monetary donation was made to the local C.A.R. chapter. Over 1100 hours have been donated to the community by volunteers at hospitals, CASA and nursing homes.

Approximately 105 hours were donated to historical events as speakers and docents. Many hours are volunteered in helping in research, typing, planning and editing publications for the Historical Societies of Jefferson and Berkeley Counties. The "Lemon Family Tree" by Vivian Park Snyder and Elizabeth Snyder Lowe was donated to the DAR Library. A chapter fundraiser pays the rent of Archive Room and supports our chapter activities. A member's recovered pin is on display in the Room.

Betty Reinhart (Mrs. James P.), Regent

SHENANDOAH VALLEY

October, 2001, members, spouses, guests, C.A.R. members and families, and guests from William Henshaw and Ye Towne of Bath chapters toured the Martinsburg Roadhouse led by Project Architect, Matthew Grove. A reception and meeting in the Belle Boyd House followed. Chapter Regent was speaker during the Naturalization Ceremony in Martinsburg. The chapter presented commemorative bookmarks to each new citizen. In November, in the home of Mrs. Jerry Horner, Kenneth LeMaster, Seaman First Class, Retired, U.S. Navy, told of his experience on the USS Pennsylvania during WW II. A wreath was laid during the Veterans Day Observance in Martinsburg. December 6, Mrs. Charles Brown hosted the Christmas meeting. Members viewed her collection of patterned glass. A favorite cookie and recipe from each member's past was shared.

February 2002, a practical nurse presented the program about keeping a healthy heart, especially if you are a woman. In March, the WV first place Social Studies Fair winner spoke on the "Signatures of Sacrifice" – what happened to the men who signed the Declaration of Independence? In April, spouses and guests from the C.A.R. and William Henshaw Chapter toured the Crim de La Crim antique store on Queen Street in Martinsburg, where the meeting was held. May found the American History Essay Contest winners honored at a reception. Awards were presented. Good Citizens were recognized at the three county high schools. Memorial Day Observance at Martinsburg's War Memorial Park was attended. In August we attended the Eastern District meeting, and later in the month Susanne Horner and Barbara Frankenberry place the Constitution Month Display, showing the Founding Fathers of the Constitution, in the foyer of the Martinsburg/Berkeley Co. Public Library. The September chapter meeting was held at the new intermediate school where member and school Librarian Kathy Gess gave the program on "C is for Constitution!" This month found members serving as hostesses for the Historical Society Historic Homes Tour.

The DAR School Bus has "driven" through each meeting, collecting a total of \$152 for Tamassee. 1040 labels were sent to DAR Schools, and 2805 BC Points have been sent to KDS. The chapter became a part of the "Project Patriot" endeavor.

Barbara M. Frankenberry (Mrs. Robert H.), Regent

SOUTH BRANCH VALLEY

The chapter observed the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War in November. An invitation was extended to all Veterans of that war who reside in our four county area to attend a reception and program in their honor. A former Korean War Marine pilot was the guest speaker. All veterans present were presented a certificate of appreciation and Korean War pins were presented by a Korean War POW.

State Regent and chapter member Carmen Silliman made a presentation on tracing your lineage at Moorefield Middle School in March.

Good Citizens were recognized and a junior ROTC Medal was presented

The winner of the American History Essay contest and her family were guests at a meeting where she was presented her pin and certificate. An interesting program on American Indians, focusing on the Navajo and Hopi Indians, was presented by Mr. and Mrs. Hetzel Dove for the May program. They are local residents who spent ten years working with these Indians on their reservations in Arizona. In July we honored America with a program on the history of our flag.

Constitution Week was recognized with displays in libraries and schools, public service announcements, proclamations, ringing of bells and a newspaper article. A Constitution Minute was read and was extended to the reading of the Articles.

An interesting feature this year was "Show and Tell" of heritage items at each meeting. These varied from pictures and a report on the old custom of Kris Kindlin" to 10-inch long hat pins of yester-year.

Annabelle Vance (Mrs. Loring H.), Regent

WILLIAM HENSHAW

Our September meeting was on the Constitution, with Mr. Williams Copenhaver of Stephen City, Virginia, providing a very good program. The October program was about Literacy, presented by Mr. Evans Tennant. November's program was about State Conference. Sylvia Rhodes was the speaker. In December, our Christmas meeting, we had a lovely Dutch Treat Luncheon at Hoss's.

February's program was a film on the History of Berkeley County, and in March Donald Dirting spoke on the watershed of the county. In April we honor our American History Essay winners with a Tea. We had a 3rd place State winner. A total of 426 essays was turned in. In May, the Civil Air Patrol presented a history of the Martinsburg Airport – about how it was started and what the Civil Air Patrol does. The June meeting closed out our year. We had a Dutch Treat Luncheon.

Our chapter helped with the Tea following the Naturalization Ceremony.

Mrs. Julia K. Gates, Regent

YE TOWNE OF BATH

One of our members went to each of the local schools and lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag on 9/11, and it was well received in the schools and in the community. A local 4-H club presented a program on the proper folding of the flag.

The members enjoyed bringing an item to the meetings in order to share the ancestral or family history with everyone. We were entertained during the year with several patriotic musical programs. We had a very informative program on Continental Congress. The winner of the Good Citizen Award read his winning essay, and the American History Essay winners read their winning essays.

We donated money to Tamassee and to Mahnes Chapel in memory of a deceased member. We collected and sent stamps to the Wounded Veterans. We placed roses on deceased members' graves, and a wreath was placed at Berkeley Springs Memorial on Memorial Day.

Julia Lineweaver (Mrs. George), Regent

NORTHERN DISTRICT

My head spins, after reviewing the activities of the Northern District Daughters. They are time travelers, stewards of their community, heralds of good deeds, providers of information, students of the arts, and educators of DAR.

How to begin? As Maria VonTrapp taught us, "if you read, you begin with A-B-C...", so off we go to the very beginning. This District Director would like to thank the Central District Director and her Daughters for their support in the combined District Meeting at the Pete Dye Clubhouse in Bridgeport. A big thank you to the members of the Hagans-Evans Chapter for co-sponsorship of this event.

Now – on to the highlights of each chapter. Just like "the little engine that could" is how I describe the Anne Royall Chapter. I take pride in their continued work to restore the former Harrisville Elementary as a Living Museum. They remember veteran patients with gifts and the children at Tamassee with labels and cards. They took part in Bells Across America as they commemorated Constitution Week.

I am envious of Blennerhassett's being able to experience life in the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries – and to taste food from the 1700's. Good preservatives! They received a battle report from the front lines during the Revolution; spoke with John and Abigail Adams and traveled with Lewis and Clark. I thank them for their support.

The Colonel William Lowther Chapter was named for the first sheriff of Harrison County, which at the time extended from present day Clarksburg to the Ohio River. This year the chapter gained one new member, and two prospective members are being assisted with their papers. During the year, members toured the Doddridge County Museum, learning the history of West Union; listened to member Leona Carpenter's infamous Flag Etiquette Program, presented two Good Citizen Awards and worked with local elementary school in remembering September 11.

The James Wood Chapter was instrumental in the creation of the Genealogy Room at the Wood County Library, and they purchased the "Complete Universal Microfilm System". This chapter donated toward the refurbishing of "Maple Shade" on Blennerhassett Island. In celebration of their 100th Anniversary they sponsored the musical "1776" presented by the local actors guild and invited WV DAR members.

The Mound Chapter honored two of its members as 50-year members this year. Twenty members were honored with certificates of 20 plus years of membership.

Membership is growing as they have two pending members. They will host the 2003 Northern District meeting. All are invited.

Ohio Valley Chapter is planning their 50th Anniversary celebration in January 2003. The chapter co-hosted the Northern/Central District meeting in July. Flag preservation and proper display remains a strong program as chapter member, Mrs. Ross Hart, presented several flag programs to area students and clubs. Chapter Regent and four members assisted the State Regent in Charleston as they recognized State History Day. Mary Todd Lincoln lunched with chapter members and guests as part of the History Alive program. Many thanks to this busy chapter.

The Wheeling Chapter shook things up a bit when they held their first evening meeting in 10 years, but it paid off when 48 members, prospective members and guests attended to hear Ohio County Superintendent of Schools speak. As a former C.A.R. member, thanks from the bottom of my heart, goes to the chapter who, along with Eleazer Zane SAR, St. Clairsville OH, sponsored a new C.A.R. Society with twenty -three eligible children. Thanks to all the ND chapters for their help this year.

Miss Charla Nutter, Director

ANNE ROYALL

This chapter continues to work with the Museum Committee to restore the former Harrisville Elementary School as a Living Museum to the people of Ritchie County.

We collect Campbell Soup labels for Tennesse. We honor veteran patients by presenting Christmas presents and Valentine Day love gifts. Constitution Day was commemorated by ringing bells to recognize the Bells Across America campaign. The chapter was honored to have at a dinner meeting, along with guests from the Ohio Valley, Colonel William Lowther and John Young Chapters, Honorary Vice President General and WV Honorary State Regent Miss Virginia B. Johnson as our speaker.

Annetta Whippen (Mrs. Walter), Regent

BLANNERHASSETT

During this past year, we experienced the past and supported our community, in addition to taking care of other Chapter business. We experienced life in the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries by: Tasting foods of the 1700's. Receiving a report from the Revolutionary War battlefields. Seeing life in 1776 from the eyes of John and Abigail Adams, Thomas Jefferson and Ben Franklin. Traveling across the country with Lewis and Clark.

We supported the Parkersburg and surrounding communities by: Contributing to the new Genealogy Room at the Wood County Library. Contributing to Project Patriot. Collecting money for the flood damaged McDowell County Library. Supporting education through DAR sponsored school programs. Learning of wonderful educational experiences at Williamstown Elementary School's Camp Echo. Writing a letter in support of a grant to restore the Cooper Cabin in Parkersburg's City Park. Chapter business included: The Chapter Regent attended her first State Conference. She also attended the combined Northern/Central District Meeting with her daughter serving as Page. The Chapter lost a charter member and a current officer. The Chapter gained new members through monthly work at the Wood County Library.

Randi J. Gray (Mrs. Charles), Regent

COLONEL WILLIAM LOWTHER

Our chapter gained one new member this year, and two prospective members are being assisted with their papers. In March we toured the Doddridge County Museum and learned about the settling of West Union and the history of the West Union name.

Chapter member, Leona Carpenter, presented a flag etiquette program in May. Our chapter presented two DAR Good Citizen Awards to high school students in Harrison and Doddridge Counties, and we worked with the local elementary schools in remembrance of the anniversary of 9/11. Michelle Kelley (Mrs. Bradeley A.), Regent

JAMES WOOD

The chapter was represented by five members at the State Conference held in Bluefield in October 2001. In November members participated in the Veterans Day Parade and attended the ceremony held at the City Park on the 11th. Our chapter, along with Blennerhassett and James Neal SAR held a combined meeting in December.

During the year we contributed to various projects, such as purchasing "Complete Universal Microfilm System" for the Genealogy room in the Wood County Library. A donation was made to help refurbish the Putnam-Houser house "Maple Shade" on Blennerhassett Island. The chapter made a donation to sponsor the production of the musical "1776" presented by the local Actors Guild, with all DAR members within the state invited.

Our chapter participated in, and presented awards to the winners of, the American History and Christopher Columbus Essay Contests and the Good Citizens Contest. The ROTC Bronze medal was awarded to a Parkersburg High School student.

We had a program on the "Bicentennial Anniversary of the Lewis and Clark Expedition". The National Defense program centered on the ROTC at Parkersburg High School. A program presented on "Women of the Revolution" utilized a cassette tape from National. A memorial service was held on Memorial Day with Blennerhassett also participating, at the Revolutionary War Memorial at the City Park.

Two members received their 25 year pins and one for 50 year membership. The chapter sponsored students to Boys and Girls State. Five college scholarships were given to students. The chapter was honored to have sponsored the Winner of the State American History Teacher of the Year award, who was Woodrow Wilson of PHS. We were represented at the Northern District Meeting in Bridgeport. Members participated in Project Patriot. The Veterans Committee furnished cookies and decorations for special occasions at the local Veterans Clinic. Displays for Constitution Week were at local libraries and Waldenbooks Store in the Mall. The Annual Dues Tea and Celebration of Constitution Week were held with twenty members attending.

Patricia Lucas (Mrs. David), Regent

MOUND

We had a year of great programs. In October, we had an American Indian program by Marlina Pomcress of the Indian Council of Morgantown. In November, we had a joint meeting with the Marshall County Historical Society with speaker, Sullivan Yoho, who spoke on the Invasion of Normandy. In November the Regent attended the Veterans program and placed a flower in the wreath. In December, at our Christmas luncheon, a rep from the Florist Shoppe showed us ideas for Christmas decorations.

In January the Marshall County School Superintendent gave a talk and showed slides of the new Moundsville Junior High School. February was History Month with the winning students reading their essays. March was Health Month. Alta Bonar, LSW, gave a talk on state programs for the elderly and disabled. In April, the program was about September 11, and members read various articles written about it. The May meeting we had with us our State Regent, who was the guest of honor. She was presented with a patriotic throw.

Twenty certificates were presented to members with twenty or more years of membership. Two members have fifty years of membership. We have one transfer member and two memberships pending. Alta Sue Bonar, chapter member, received the Community Service Award for placing the marker of 1812 for Daniel Terrill, her great-great-great-great-great Grandfather.

Chapter regent attended the Memorial Service at the Court House and the 4th of July Program honoring Veterans at the Moundsville Baptist Church. She also attended the 9/11 Memorial Service at the Moundsville Fire Department and the June workshop and the August District meeting.

Frances Bonar (Mrs. Arthur C.), Regent

OHIO VALLEY

I look back over the year with pride. Eight of our members attended State Conference in Bluefield, and everyone participated in the weekend's activities. We honored Veterans in November and December by attending Memorial Services and then visiting Nursing Homes to visit Veteran residents, as well as our usual trip to the VA Hospital in Clarksburg. We remember homebound members and non-residents with Christmas cards. In February we received the good news that our Christopher Columbus Essay winner was the State winner and will now compete in East Central Division and that our Good Citizen Essay Contest winner was also State and Division winner and will now compete nationally. Our State winner receives a \$100 check.

Five of our members were in Charleston for History Day helping our local Historical Society and assisting the State Regent with the DAR table. March found us at Wells Inn hosting a luncheon, followed by a History Alive Program by Arla Rolston in character as Mary Todd Lincoln. In May we participated in Memorial Day services. The Chapter Regent was asked to place the DAR wreath at the National Cemetery in Grafton by the Elizabeth Cummins Jackson Chapter. Our Flag Co-Chair, Mrs. Ross Hart, widely known for her knowledge of the flag code, selects from surrounding communities those who have demonstrated proper display and lighting of the flag throughout the year. On Flag Day they are recognized and presented with a framed certificate as a way of thanking them. Mrs. Hart, assisted by chapter members and the Pleasants Co. VFW, arranged for flag retirement programs for schools. For her efforts she has been featured with a front-page picture and article in the Parkersburg paper.

The chapter was represented at the June Workshop in Bridgeport and at Continental Congress in July. Two chapter officers, Ginger Nalley and Lee Eddy, Regent and Treasurer, respectively, along with Patricia Bills, member, attended the WV Brunch, watched the July 4th parade, and the fireworks later, from the 15th floor of the J.W. Marriott. Meetings were attended, ending with the Memorial Service Sunday.

The Ohio Valley Chapter, together with the Hagans-Evans Chapter hosted the combined Central/Northern District Meeting August 16 at the Pete Dye Golf Club. A Dues Tea was hosted in September by chapter officers. Four members attended the September meeting of Anne Royall Chapter. Miss Virginia Johnson was the speaker. The Constitution Week program was given by Ms. Bills - Internet and Our Rights. Fund-raising projects through the year will help fund our 50th Anniversary in January.

Ginger Nalley (Mrs. Robert), Regent

WHEELING

The October meeting, at the Belmont Hills Country Club, was attended by 23 members. The program was given by Sue Abraham, Clerk of US District Court on "The Naturalization Process". Mrs. Marie Greybill, National Defense Chair, attended the Naturalization of 20 new citizens in October at the Federal Court House. Along with July Fugate, she presented new citizens with a Citizenship Packet. State Conference was attended by the chapter regent and three members.

The November evening meeting was attended by members, spouses and friends. Mr. Lawrence Miller, Ohio County Superintendent of Schools was speaker. The chapter was represented on Veterans Day at the Greater Wheeling Soup Kitchen to serve 200+ veterans. A C.A.R. Chapter was

formed through the efforts of Judy Fugate, chapter registrar, with help from the regent and the SAR Chapter from St. Clairsville, Ohio. Plans for an organizational meeting with approximately 23 children were made.

A silent auction was held in December to raise money to sponsor two girls to Girl's State. \$209.00 was raised. In January Sue Mozena presented a program on "The DAR Schools". Chapter regent and Ellen Dunable, Public Relations Chair, wrote a news article and took photos of the (Wheeling) Madonna of the Trail, and through their efforts it is featured on a 2003 Calendar. February found us at the Ohio County Public Library for the essay contests. We had two State Honorable Mention winners.

In March we had our Veterans Program - a program on Veteran Services was given by the Veteran's Coordinator and a WV Army National Guard representative. In April the chapter hosted an "Open House" for State Regent Mrs. Silliman at the home of Chapter Regent Joan McClelland. Members of the Ohio SAR were present. Mrs. Silliman spoke on Project Patriot. Mrs. Mozena gave a brief history of Sandscrest, the original home of the McCulloch Family. A U.S. Flag that flew over the Capitol was presented to our chapter by two U.S. Army Recruiters. A "Welcome Ceremony" was held for a new member, June Wheeler. The chapter donated \$100 to Project Patriot.

In May our chapter Conservation Chair, Janet Patterson, presented two Conservation Medals and Certificates, a first for this chapter. In June reports were given and upcoming events were discussed. Three members attended the Training Workshop in Bridgeport, and in July four attended Continental Congress. September 11th we met at Sandscrest to observe this day with a special program. A message was read from President Bush. Mrs. Graybill read the meaning of "TAPS", with a High School Band member playing "Taps". A program by Dan Fugate US Probation Officer was on "The Constitution and the Bill of Rights". For Constitution Week a display was placed in the Ohio County Public Library.

At the Fort Henry Days observance members and C.A.R. members manned a table and fielded 127 inquiries about DAR and C. A. R. We have six new members, one transfer and one pending. We subscribe to the American Spirit Magazine for the Ohio County Library. Two girls were sponsored to Rhododendron Girls State. A \$300 scholarship went to a student at Fairmont State. 101 lbs of clothing went to Tamassee and 163 lbs and 70 box tops to Crossnore. Bacon was sent 70 lbs of clothing. 2lbs. of stamps went to the Veterans, and 608 labels were collected for the Schools. Goals for the coming year have to do with membership, Veterans, and the C.A.R.

Joan McClelland (Mrs. Robert D.), Regent

SOUTHERN DISTRICT

The chapters of Southern District have been very active. They have each met all program requirements and had many interesting programs.

Additionally, our chapters have ridden in parades and given away flags and flag pins. We have honored Good Citizen winners, our American History essay contest winners and have placed flags in cemeteries to honor our veterans. We have collected soup labels, labels for education, and money and socks for Tamassee. We have supported Tamassee's Chapters for Children, their Grits & Gravy Project and their Sunshine Club, as well as the children's individual needs both by chapters and by individual members. We have collected comfort items needed by Veteran's hospitals and washcloths for Chemawa Indian School. We participated in 9/11 memorials.

We have entertained our fellow DAR Chapters and our State Regent. Additionally, we supported Project Patriot and the crew of the USS Stennis - one chapter showing total support by sending \$25 for each of their 16 members.

We are working on projects to mark ancestor's graves and to replace Revolutionary War soldiers' markers, which have long since disappeared from the cemetery.

Nancy Kornegay (Mrs. Terry), Director

CAPTAIN JAMES ALLEN

Our primary goal is new members. For Constitution Week we had displays at public schools, in the public library and at the bank. One of our special projects was a Christmas Auction, which netted over \$400 for chapter operating expenses. We also collected data so that we might award service certificates.

Some interesting programs had to do with students. We had an ROTC program given by Cadet Smith. We sponsored the American History Essay Contests and had a Good Citizen from each high school. Other programs include our National Defense program given by a Lt. Colonel stationed in Beckley. He talked about the steps being taken to protect our country following 9/11. Another program was an historical report on the "Early Life of George Washington and his Childhood Pals".

The Registrar is working on new leads as well as old ones. We have three pending and another is to be reinstated.

Joan Sweeney (Mrs. Lloyd), Regent

GENERAL ANDREW LEWIS

The chapter year began in September with an interesting program – "Historical Overlook of Alderson Women's Prison", given by Charlotte Melton, Program Director. Our October program featured an educational and interesting film on Tamasee School, presented by Sally Ford. November's program, "Have Fun with Your Roots", was given by the chapter regent. Members were encouraged to bring pictures, documents or items belonging to an ancestor and share their stories. In December, to get us in the Christmas Spirit, Rev. Julian Sulgit and Lara Nunley entertained members with their musical talents at Tavern 1785 in downtown Lewisburg, where after lunch we went out onto the porch and watched the Christmas Parade and waved to the crowds and people on the floats as they passed by. January's program, lead by the chapter regent, chapter genealogist, Mary Frances Bodemuller and member, Ethel McCraw, was informal with members sharing their own experiences in genealogical research, success stories, skeletons and failures. Several people in the chapter found that they shared the same ancestor and were related to each other. The months of February and March featured the winners of our American History and Good Citizens Essay Contests. In April, Gary Cooper gave a most interesting and informative slide show about the Greenbrier River Watershed. Our May meeting featured Tate Hudson, State President of the WV Colonial Dames. Tate shared original letters written by Thomas Jefferson. She told an interesting story of how the letters came to her family. Tate traces her bloodline to Thomas Jefferson and the letters were written by Jefferson to another ancestor of Tate's. Our guest speaker in June was Roger Hershberger, from Waynesboro, VA, who teaches history at Stuart Hall in Staunton VA. Mr Hershberger spoke about the Lewis and Clark Expedition, the people, the Louisiana Purchase and what eventually happened to some of those individuals on the expedition. We ended the year with State Regent Mrs. Carmen Silliman as our special guest and speaker. She gave an interesting account of her experience at Continental Congress.

Donna Farlow (Mrs. Donald), Regent

JOHN CHAPMAN

The chapter met all financial obligations, including the \$2.00 per member for the President General's Project for the betterment of the Society. We heard the President General's Message and the National Defense Report at each meeting. Constitution Week Luncheon and George Washington Luncheon were observed in September and February, respectively. In April we honored five American History Essay Contestants. Four subscriptions to The American Spirit were sent to two local high schools and two local libraries. We took in two new members during the year. In November members attended the American Legion's Veterans Day Memorial Service. Also in November the chapter has an auction with chapter vice regent as Auctioneer. The December Christmas Tea program was a medley of Christmas songs by a local vocalist. Three chapter members gave the

February program at the George Washington Luncheon - "Salute to George Washington, Father of our Country". The March meeting provided an American Heritage theme. Presented by Margaret Meador, former Home Extension Agent, she traced the history of quilts from 3400 B.C. through the Middle Ages, Colonial America, 19th Century, 20's and 30's and the 60's (collector's items of the future).

Bronze medals and gift certificates to a local bookstore were given to students who participated in the American History Essay Contest. Five students read their winning essays. A Community Service Award was presented to Dr. Hubert E. Kiser, Jr. a local orthodontist, for his many talents and contributions to the City of Bluefield. He was given the DAR pin and certificate.

June was the annual carry-in picnic. Two members attended Western/Southern District meeting in August. Constitution Week was observed in September. In October a yard sale raised funds for Historical Preservation projects. The October meeting program topic was "Revolutionary War Battlefields". Throughout the year the chapter worked diligently on an Historical Preservation project to celebrate and honor our area's two Revolutionary War Soldiers: Richard Bailey, buried on Leatherwood Farm in VA and John Bailey, buried in an unmarked grave not quite 1 1/2 mile from Richard. We have hopes and dreams with regard to their gravesites that may or may not be realized.

Lorraine C. Alley (Mrs. Richard F.), Regent

JOHN COOKE CHAPTER

In December our chapter delivered 79 Christmas gifts to the VA Hospital in Beckley. This is a project that we do every year. We collect and send cancelled stamps to Stamps for the Wounded. Our chapter participated in "Project Patriot" by sending over 100 "thank you" notes for Stennis personnel currently serving on the aircraft carrier. A member who is a teacher included some of her students in this project.

We honored three High School Seniors for the Good Citizen Award. A DAR Insignia was placed at the gravesite of one of our deceased members, Eloise Cook Birley, who passed away in January. We are working on applications for new members. We are excited about having an SAR chapter in the area. Some brothers and fathers of members are making application.

The Newsletter we were planning last year has become a reality. The non-resident members enjoy receiving it. It allows us to keep our members better informed of our activities. Members who were flooded last year are gradually getting back to normal. Thank the Lord for his many blessings.

Anita Lusk (Mrs. Leonard), Regent

MATTHEW FRENCH

Three Good Citizens were recognized at a reception in their honor, with their parents as guests. They also were recognized at the schools' Awards Assemblies. 119 students received American History Awards for straight A's. 306 flags were given to first graders. Students who entered the essay contests were given certificates. A Princeton High School senior was given a scholarship. Bronze Medals were awarded to deserving JR ROTC students. 750 soup labels were sent to Tamassee.

Members manned a booth at the Athens Town Fair. Veterans were given a flag pin on a red, white and blue ribbon. Constitution Week was observed by "Ringing Bells Across America" celebration. Peters Mountain Daughters, and Boy Scouts were invited guests. The Boy Scouts conducted a flag raising ceremony, bells were rung at four o'clock and a reception followed. Daughters rode in a decorated car, two members and two students dressed like Uncle Sam marched along the parade route and distributed flags and flag pins. On December 7th we sponsored a reception at the Memorial Building for WW II veterans. The Commemorative Community flag was donated to the WW II Museum, housed in the Memorial Building.

Our registrar was a guest at a memorial service for Todd Beamer at the Emmanuel School of Religion in Johnson City, Tennessee. Litz Walthall, Jane's adopted daughter became a naturalized citizen and her mother and grandmother had a luncheon in her honor. A patriotic basket was

assembled and voices were sold with proceeds to be used for our scholarship fund. A memorial service was held for Mrs. Louisa S. McClaugherty, former State Organizing Secretary and Chairman for the Anna Jarvis Restoration Project. Students at Glenwood collected aluminum cans and presented our chapter with \$50.00

Miss Marguerite Miller, Regent

PETERS MOUNTAIN

At each of our regular meetings we have a Constitutional minute, a National Defense report and a President General's message. We hosted a dinner for our chapter's Good Citizen's winner and presented her with a \$50.00 Savings Bond, pin and certificate. Again, we placed 300 flags on graves at local cemeteries for Memorial Day. We honored our veterans with \$100 worth of items taken to a local veterans hospital. We are in the process of helping Mrs. Sandra Ball Comer, of Missouri, mark her ancestor's grave in Monroe County.

Two members attended the 100th anniversary of Elizabeth Zane chapter in Buckhannon, and three members attended the Summer Training meeting in Bridgeport. Four members attended the joint Southern/Western District meeting. We attended a joint "Bell Ringing" with Matthew French Chapter. We are proud to have had 100% participation in Project Patriot by sending \$25 per member for a total of \$400 for our "enduring freedom". We sent 182 washcloths to Chemawa Indian School. Living up to our "school bus award", we sent 591 lbs. of items to the Thrift Shop at Tamassee, 1200 soup labels, and 218 labels for education. And, of course, we sent 161 pair of socks to keep their feet warm. We sent \$100 to the Chapters for Children Project, (Crusader Level) \$149 for their Grits and Gravy Program, and \$50 to assist Tina Youghman's trip to the Bahamas. We also had a member send \$100 to assist in Tina's trip. And we sent \$25 in honor of our regent, Marjorie Allen. We have 4 members belonging to the Tamassee Sunshine Club. We are proud to give Mrs. McCullough \$100 for the Tamassee Shoe Fund.

Marjorie Allen (Mrs. Robert), Regent

WESTERN DISTRICT

The Western District held a joint meeting with the Southern District at the Humphreys Restaurant in Charleston on Saturday, August 17, 2002 with the Charleston Chapter serving as the hostess chapter. During the meeting the business of the district was completed as well as a planning session for the state conference. There were several state officers and state chairmen in attendance, some of whom addressed the assembly. Western District is pleased to have sponsored three first place state winners in the American History Essay Contest. They were sponsored by the Colonel Charles Lewis, John Young and Buford Chapters. The Western District chapters take pride in the efforts of our students in the contests in which they participate. We are grateful for their continued interest in history and the preservation of American ideals. The Western District chapters are to be commended for their efforts to promote these contests.

Some of the many activities of the chapters include saving and sending soup labels to the DAR schools; collecting stamps for the veterans; promoting the Good Citizens program, as well as the Good Citizenship/Patriotism Award program, in the schools; presenting ROTC Medals; observing Constitution Week with programs, displays, proclamations, radio spot announcements; honoring veterans with flag placement, gifts, visits; Naturalization ceremonies; dedicating grave markers; making monetary donations to various projects; and having interesting, worthwhile projects.

Linda B. Hendrickson (Mrs. John R.), Director

ANNE BAILEY

All dues and obligations were met; rituals were followed at all meetings. Minute Messages were given on Presidents, Indians and the Constitution. Campbell Soup labels were collected and sent to DAR schools. Members who did not bring soup labels were charged a quarter, which was also sent to the schools. Gifts, cupcakes and magazines were taken to Riverside Nursing Home the Fourth of July and Christmas. Stamps were collected for the Veterans. ROTC Medals were presented to Capitol High School and West Virginia State College.

Our Good Citizen Essay Contest winners were from St. Albans, Riverside and Nitro. They were honored at a luncheon at the St. Albans Woman's Club where they read their essays and were presented with Good Citizen's Pins and Certificates.

Three members attended the Naturalization Ceremony at the Charleston Federal Building in October and April. For Constitution Week a display was placed in a window at the St. Albans Library. Letters were sent to many area churches and schools, reminding them of Constitution Week. Proclamations were received from the Governor of West Virginia and the Mayor of St. Albans.

The highlight of the Anne Bailey Chapter year was the Medal of Honor Ceremony held in St. Albans to honor Colonel Richard Carvell, U.S. Army (Ret.) on June 8. The Pt. Pleasant S.A.R. participated, the Buford Chapter gave us huge support, and wonderful refreshments were served to approximately 250 people. Colonel Carvell will be the guest speaker at the WVDAR State Conference Banquet, and I am sure everyone will enjoy hearing this West Virginia native.

Kay Craig (Mrs. W. Frederick), Regent

BARBOURSVILLE CHAPTER

The Barboursville Chapter made packs to donate to the Veterans Administration for homeless veterans; donated books, puzzles and gardening tools to the Barboursville Veteran's Home; held a veteran's awareness week and honored chapter member veterans; presented four Patriotism Awards at local schools; donated money to help send an Indian student to summer camp; collected soup labels for DAR schools; and held a Flag Day workshop for children at the Barboursville Library. The chapter was in 175 local radio spot announcements from September 9th to the 17th. The regent was instrumental in getting the city council and mayor to proclaim Constitution Week. The chapter received one new member.

Mrs. Violet Hysell, Regent

BUFORD

The Highlight of Buford Chapter's year was winning a National Americanism Award for Dr. Joseph B. Touma followed by a reception at the Huntington Museum of Art. Buford also had the WV DAR eighth grade American History Essay Winner. Several other awards were given - Christopher Columbus, Good Citizen, Good Citizenship and the Junior ROTC and Senior ROTC Awards.

We have had excellent publicity in six different written sources, plus TV coverage. The chapter has excellent programs, good attendance and much enthusiasm at our meetings. Chapter members participated in many outside events. Highlights include: Battle Days at Point Pleasant, with one member portraying Molly Pitcher for the school children and another serving as a tour guide. Others attended over the weekend. Three carloads (10 members) visited Hindman Settlement School in Kentucky. Two genealogy workshops were held gaining two new members and six prospects. We were given a new Buford Chapter DAR Flag for our cabin. An American Flag with a stand was presented to the Huntington Museum of Art on Flag Day. We had a book "History of Buford Chapter" accepted by NSDAR. The new DAR Logo Banner was used when 8 members participated in the Veteran's Day Parade. Ten members were present for the wreath laying at the Memorial Day service. A Chapter News letter was mailed to all members.

Buford was represented at all state and district meetings. We had six members attend Continental Congress with two first timers. We welcomed two new members and other have papers pending. We have one State Officer, 3 National Vice Chairmen EC Division, and 4 state chairmen.

Miss Sally O. Cyrus, Regent

CHARLESTON

In October, 2001 six members attended Battle Days in Pt. Pleasant, honoring the first battle of the American Revolution.

Activities for the year included: a display at the South Charleston Public Library on the Constitution of the United States; distributed a basket of fruit and gifts to the veterans at the Huntington Veteran's Hospital; awarded a Jr. ROTC medal at Riverside High School; and served as the hostess of the combined Western/Southern District meeting on August 17, 2002.

Mrs. Louise Ratcliff, Regent

COLONEL CHARLES LEWIS

The Chapter exceeded the required monetary contributions, participated in Constitution Week and assisted with Battle Days activities. We gained two new members, one of which was a Junior member. The 101st Anniversary Luncheon was held in June. The program, "Saving Buffington Island", was presented by Keith Ashley. The fifty year members were recognized. Junior members assisted with decorations and name tags. Junior members also placed flags on the graves of deceased members in local cemeteries during Memorial weekend. Refreshments were served during the Lantern Tour and after the Memorial Service during Battle Days. The Regent laid a wreath on behalf of the Chapter during the Memorial Service.

Betty Crocker coupons and Veteran stamps were collected. Socks were sent to the Native American children. The Fort Randolph Society C.A.R. was approved by Washington. The Society has met several times and members attended the Mid-Southern Regional Meeting in Charleston in July.

The Chapter continues its responsibility to maintain the interior of the Mansion House at Tundie-Wei. In addition to acting as hostesses, Chapter members act as guides for all tours. Approximately 40,000 people tour the house each year. During the past year the Chapter raised funds to replace Ann Bailey's monument at the Park. The new monument is complete and will be dedicated on October 4th.

Members are active in the Artist Series, Battle Days Committee, County Library Board, Historic Landmark Commission and various other county organizations.

Miss Diana L. Johnson, Regent

JOHN YOUNG

Patriotic events were uniquely remembered when the John Young Chapter members not only participated in the Veterans Day Parade by riding in vintage cars, but also continued their tradition of handing out Flag Code booklets as well as beautiful needlepoint flag pins to two hundred naturalized citizens during the October and April naturalization ceremonies at the Federal Court House in Charleston. In addition, veterans were visited at a hospital in Milton.

Researchers will find three microfiche readers given to the West Virginia State Archives by members of our chapter. One was given by Mrs. Cleo Sears in honor of Daughter Virginia Johnson; another given by Claudette Roberts in memory of her mother; and a third given by our members, purchased from bazaar proceeds.

Honorary Vice President General and Honorary State Regent Virginia Johnson was honored as a recipient of the WV Division of Culture and History's "History Hero" award during the 2001 Legislative Session. In presenting the award Commissioner Nancy Herholdt cited Virginia's contributions to the preservation of WV History through genealogical research and donations to the State Archives.

American History Essay Contest winners were Austin Jones, of South Charleston and Kayla Ann Wilson, of Charleston, winning first and second place respectively. Both attend John Adams Junior High School. Cadet Major Krystal D. Pearson, Senior at George Washington High School, was the 2001-2001 recipient of our chapter's presentation of the ROTC bronze medal.

To celebrate Constitution Week Governor Bob Wise and Mayor Jay Goldman issued proclamations recognizing 215th anniversary of the signing of the U.S. Constitution. Framed pictures entitled

"The Signing of the Constitution" were given to schools in Kanawha County. South Charleston Public Library had a bulletin board display of adult and children's books about the Constitution, as well as commemorative posters. Sh - We're Writing the Constitution by Jean Fritz and We the Kids by David Catrow were donated by the chapter to the Library.

Goals for the coming year are achieving greater participation from members, increasing membership and developing alternative sources of revenue.

Ms. Mary McLaughlin, Regent

KANAWHA VALLEY

The chapter held a wreath-laying ceremony at the Revolutionary War Monument located in downtown Charleston on November 11, 2001. The State Regent Mrs. Charles L. Silliman, was a guest of the chapter for its May meeting. At the September meeting the Blanche L. Reymann Scholarship was awarded to Ms. Andrea Childers. Other activities include decorating a window at the St. Albans Public Library for Constitution Week; participation in several naturalization ceremonies; donations of clothing, toiletries, books, and games to the Veterans Home in Barboursville and the Veterans Hospital in Huntington; collecting stamps for the veterans; and sending soup labels and monetary gifts for the shoe fund to Tamassee.

Janice Blankenship (Mrs. Carl), Regent

WESTMORELAND

Our chapter had a busy year. Eleven members attended our annual meeting at Bluefield. We also participated in the Kenova Annual Memorial Day Parade and placed a wreath at the Veteran's Memorial Arch in Huntington on Memorial Day. We rang in the Christmas Season and New Year at a holiday luncheon at Rebels and Redcoats, a local restaurant. We had to give up our January meeting because of nasty weather but welcomed our essay winners at a reception at our February meeting.

We had programs on the Constitution, our Coast Guard, and Beech Fork State Park. We had our annual pilgrimage to a local cemetery for our memorial service for deceased members. This year we dedicated three DAR grave markers. We remembered Pearl Harbor, learned about state parks, attended state and district meetings, and one member attended Continental Congress. We have several sets of membership papers pending, and our goal for the coming year is membership.

Ms. Kathleen W. Bledsoe, Regent

WILLIAM MORRIS

The chapter met monthly, September 2001-June 2002. Meetings were held at 12 noon at Dockside Bar & Grill, located in the Travel Lodge in Charleston. We were guests of the Charleston Chapter at their April meeting. All enjoyed a book review by Mrs. Nellie Edelman of the William Morris Chapter. Mrs. Goldie Lee Cleek, Mrs. Linda Hendrickson and Ms. Robin Comer represented the chapter at State Conference October 2001 at the Holiday Inn in Bluefield.

Programs and presenters were: Freedom of Religion, Reverend Jack A. D. Lawrence; DAR Schools, Mrs. Ebb J. Cummings, State Chairman, DAR Schools; A Christmas Program by chapter members Mrs. Cleek and Mrs. Hendrickson; The Civil War, Ms. Beth Ann White; and Kanawha Valley Women, Ms. Pat Pleska.

The chapter's Memorial Scholarship Fund sponsored one student during the 2001-2002 school year. We were invited to attend two Army ROTC "Dining Out" Awards Banquets. The two schools sponsored by the chapter were South Charleston and Nitro High Schools. Member Mrs. Adele Hagerman presented an award to one student from each school.

Ms. Robin Comer, Regent

REPORTS OF STATE CHAIRMEN 97th State Conference

NATIONAL COMMITTEES

AMERICAN HERITAGE AND CONSERVATION

This year 36 chapters reported – a few simply filed a *NO REPORT* on their form, but this gave West Virginia credit when we reported to the East Central Division. So, please ladies, if you can find absolutely nothing to report mark your report form NO REPORT and send it in.

It was interesting to read the many and varied activities in which we were involved throughout the state. I wish I had time to share all of them, but it must suffice that I touch on just a few. They range from serving on the Board of Directors of historical societies, to participating in cider-making (and getting to sample the finished product), to renovating the kitchen of a restored chapter log house, to a program detailing the history of the Sistersville Tank Works, or organizing, participating and inviting a local folklorist to participate with them in the old custom of Pelzing, also known as Kris' Kindlin' or Bellsnickingling.

In the first alternate ritual for our chapter we recite “..yea, I have a goodly heritage” from Psalm 16:6. We do have a goodly heritage, but unfortunately much of it is being lost. So my challenge to each and everyone of you is to actively participate in its preservation. Some of us can do more than others as was noted by the activities reported, but my challenge is that each chapter do *something*. In our chapter we initiated a “Show and Tell” with each meeting and it has been a delight. From turn of the century pictures to 9-inch hat pins, we have been entertained and educated. No matter what you choose to do, please report it. Let's have 100% reporting this year.

Annabelle Vance (Mrs. Loring H.), Chairman

AMERICAN HISTORY

There were 125 American History Programs reported, 25 American History Programs given for other groups, and 29 American History displays in schools and other public places.

American History Essay Contest – 1172 students entered, 105 schools participated, 810 certificates were presented, 43 bronze medals were awarded by chapters, 4 silver medals and certificates were awarded to state winners, 15 second, third and honorable mention students were sent a copy of the Constitution and a letter of congratulations by the State American History Committee, and 104 certificates for outstanding work in American History were presented by chapters.

American History Publicity – 357 press inches, 2 radio minutes, 10 TV minutes, 2 spot announcements.

Nancy J. Edwards (Mrs. Clyde), Chairman

AMERICAN INDIANS

This chair encourages all chapters to a) plan at least one annual program on American Indians, and b) make a concerted effort to observe an “Indian Minute” at each meeting. This chair received 36 American Indian chapter reports, with six chapters reporting “no activities”. Of the 30, a) 12 chapters had one annual program on the American Indians, b) 15 chapters reported observing an Indian minute at each meeting, c) 6 chapters had other related activities, d) 7 chapters reported collecting Campbell's Soup labels and e) 9 chapters donated \$17.00 or more to Indian schools.

In December 2001, this chair had the opportunity to tour a Native American Clothing Exhibit at the museum at the South Charleston Public Library. The curator explained the significance of various clothing items and Indian artifacts.

The National Society announced a new scholarship called the *Francis Crawford Marvin American Indian Scholarship* valued at \$500. Applicants must prove American Indian blood lines and be a full-time student enrolled in a two or four-year college or university, and have a 3.0 GPA. Deadline for applications for the Fall Semester is February 2001.

November is observed as American Indian Heritage Month, and in November this Chairman will present the American Indians Program at the Buford Chapter in Huntington. She will relate her 12-month experiences as a VISTA Volunteer on the Crow Indian Reservation in Southeastern Montana.

Mary C. Collins (Mrs. R. David), Chairman

CHAPTER ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

I regret to report that chapter achievement reports were not received from all WV chapters. Of the 42 chapters, 36 were submitted on time and were forwarded to the EC Division Vice Chairman by the deadline. One (1) report was submitted too late to be sent in; five (5) chapters submitted no report.

The top four chapters in each level are:

Level 1:	First Place	Pack Horse Ford
	Second Place	John Young
	Third Place	Kanawha Valley
	Honorable Mention	Westmoreland
Level 2:	First Place	Colonel Zackquill Morgan
	Second Place	Barboursville
	Third Place	Anne Bailey
	Honorable Mention	Shenandoah Valley
Level 3:	First Place (tie)	Charleston and Daniel Davisson
	Second Place	Trans-Allegheny
	Third Place	Anne Royall

(No Honorable Mention - only four chapters in Level 3.)

I encourage the chapters to complete the report as soon as possible after the first of the year. The reporting period is March 1, 2002 through February 28, 2003. I must have the reports no later than March 1, 2003.

Linda B. Hendrickson (Mrs. John R.), Chairman

CHILDREN OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

I am happy to report that only through the help of the West Virginia Daughters, the West Virginia C.A.R. hosted a successful Mid-Southern Regional Meeting in Charleston this past summer.

Thirty-seven chapters reported; several not having a local C.A.R. chapter, responded with financial help to National, and others assisted by providing programs. We have three DAR chapters supporting active C.A.R. Societies; another is in the process of organizing one. Letters were sent to DAR chapters urging their support for C.A.R. National Project for September 11. I feel we are on our way to helping WV C.A.R. back to the front again.

DAR Chapters reported as follows: Chapters reporting – 33, Chapters with active C.A.R. Societies – 3, Chapters working to activate Societies – 1, Chapters with no Societies but providing programs and money – 7, Daughters serving as Lifetime National Promoters – 1.

Betty Sue Kauff (Mrs. John R.), Chairman

CONSTITUTION WEEK AND COMMEMORATIVE EVENTS

The chapters, on a whole, did a very good job on Constitution Week. Various events were planned. There was a Proclamation signed by the Governor of West Virginia, and four chapters had local proclamations signed. There were many displays at public school libraries, malls and newspaper offices. Chapters observed the week with luncheons and guest speakers. Articles were written for the newspapers, bells were rung, bookmarks distributed to schools, announcements made over the PA systems at schools and essay contests. Numerous awards were given to various Chapters and will be distributed at State Conference. Two chapters tied for First Place – Buford and Kanawha Valley. There was a Second Place Tie – Pack Horse Ford and South Branch Valley. Four chapters

received Third Place – Elizabeth Cummins Jackson, Anne Bailey, Hagans-Evans, and Shenandoah Valley. There were numerous Honorable Mentions.

There were not many activities in the Commemorative Events area. South Branch Valley received First Place for their Korean War Commemoration. Several tied for second and third place. I urge chapters to have programs on the Lewis & Clark Expedition and to support the National Patriots Bell Tower at Valley Forge. Chapters reported flags being flown on July 4 and the ringing of bells. Many participated in various patriotic parades during this reporting period. Keep up the good work.

Dorrene G. Hale (Mrs. Donald L.), Chairman

DAR GOOD CITIZENS

This chairman attended the 96th State Conference in Bluefield, participated in a local Veterans Day parade, attended the training meeting in Bridgeport, the Southern/Western District meeting in Charleston and had an article in the WV DAR News. West Virginia Daughters reported as follows:

41 chapters in the State - 35 participated

121 high schools in the State – 66 schools contacted

3 high schools participated for the first time

55 students participated in the scholarship portion of the program

60 students were honored as DAR Good Citizens with certificates, pins,

Savings Bonds and cash

Total value of awards given was \$2243.48

Students were honored by the chapters at luncheons, receptions, school assemblies and graduation. Five chapters reported press coverage and one sent articles to the newspaper.

The State winner was Meghan Brooke Phillips. She was from Magnolia High School in New Martinsville, and the sponsoring chapter was Ohio Valley. She was sent \$250.00 from the WV State Society.

Awards presented will be noted in the Awards Chairman's Report.

Betty A. Belcher (Mrs. Robert H.)

DAR LIBRARY

This chairman wishes to report the following:

A book was approved, donated and accepted by the National Librarian, August 2, 2002. Donor and author is Carolyn Rappold, Buford Chapter.

A donation of \$25.00 was sent by the Hagans-Evans Chapter to the National Library with instructions to purchase a book, or books, of their choice.

Please notify this state chairman of any member or chapter donations to the DAR Library in order to receive chapter credit. Thank you.

Lela S. Bonner (Mrs. Robert), Chairman

DAR MAGAZINE

The year 2001-2002 was a banner year for the DAR Magazine. It has been redesigned with attention directed to history and genealogy, education and our schools; women's family, health, career and volunteerism issues; patriotism; antiques and architecture; collecting; computers and the internet; books; and more, - object being to communicate not only within our membership but to raise visibility of our Society in the community. The two publications implemented are a) The DAR Magazine, "*American Spirit*", published bimonthly and mailed to all subscribers, it provides articles and information on the DAR objectives and other features. It showcases NSDAR to the general public and it contains commercial advertising, and b) "*Daughters of the American Revolution Newsletter*", containing DAR chapter, state and national information and advertising, published six times a year and mailed with the magazine to all current magazine subscribers.

Every member is encouraged to subscribe to the magazine. It is an ideal gift for family members

and friends. Chapters are encouraged to donate a subscription to genealogical, high school, college, and community libraries. Subscription blanks are available on the DAR web page or from the magazine office. Subscriptions (\$18.00 per year) and advertising support all DAR magazine expenses.

The March, 2002, report from the magazine office gives WV credit for 346 subscriptions. I challenge each chapter to add five subscriptions to its list this year.

Ads from individuals, chapters, states and commercial businesses are welcome. Encourage businesses in your community to advertise in our publications. You may show support by contributing to the DAR Magazine Endowment Fund. A \$100 donation will enable you to purchase the Endowment Pin from J.E. Caldwell.

There will no longer be a charge for submissions to State Activities or With the Chapters. Limit reports to 200 words. Send information about your chapter's activities, and pictures, too. Directions for submission are in the Newsletter. Each chapter is expected to send forty dollars per year to the State Treasurer as part of the Magazine's Co-op advertisement project. Budget this item, and mail by December 1.

The WV State Society received the DAR Magazine Committee Continental Congress Award for States with 100% Participation for Magazine Advertising for the year 2001-2002. The State Chairman also received a DAR Magazine Committee Certificate of Appreciation for Outstanding Support. For the current year thirty-eight of our chapters have made this commitment. I hope all chapters will choose to send their donation so that we again may have 100% participation.

I am pleased to serve the State Society as the DAR Magazine Chairman. Be sure to look for our West Virginia ad in the September/October issue.

Barbara Fish (Mrs. Robert B.), Chairman

DAR MUSEUM

Reports received from thirty-five chapters are as follows:

Contributions to: Friends of the Museum were made by John Chapman, Blackwater, Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans, Peters Mountain, Kanawha Valley, and Colonel Zackquill Morgan.

Contributions to: Give a Book were made by Blennerhassett, Hagans-Evans, James Barbour, and Pack Horse Ford.

Use of programs or slides: Ye Towne of Bath, Hagans-Evans and Colonel Morgan Morgan.

Nineteen chapters contributed to the Exhibition Fund. One chapter, Shenandoah Valley, has a Correspondent Docent. A total of seven chapters bought merchandise from the Museum Gift Shop. Fourteen chapters had no report.

This Chairman attended State Conference and Continental Congress.

Jenny Hepburn (Mrs. James), Chairman

DAR SCHOOLS

The DAR School Chairman attended the three District meetings and Founders Day at Tamassee. "Caring for Schools" is the national theme and a bear pin is being sold inscribed with the words "I CARE". The West Virginia Daughters have always been supportive of the DAR Schools and the approved schools.

Thirty-five chapters reported. Nineteen had a program on the Schools. Labels numbering 6,496 were sent to the schools. 581 pounds of clothing were donated. Twenty-nine chapters made contributions as shown on the achievement questionnaire. The state project Shoe Fund was down on donations.

Awards presented by this chairman are listed in the report of the Awards Chairman.

Anne R. Cummings (Mrs. Ebb J.), Chairman

DAR SERVICE FOR VETERANS

From the thirty-six chapters reporting, I found that WV Daughters gave 4,932 hours of service to veterans; with 125 activities and 127 volunteers. The volunteers traveled 6,191 miles and collected \$518.00 in cash/canteen; \$377.00 in food; \$3,360.45 in comfort items; \$2629.00 in magazines and books and \$1,841.66 in gifts. One hundred seventy-four point five ounces of postage stamps were collected. We have one member on active duty and 18 veterans.

Special programs were given in the chapters for and about veterans. Displays were put up, wreaths were laid and memorial services were held. Veteran's Day, Memorial Day and the 4th of July parades were participated in as well as the National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans and Valentines for Veterans.

Our members took the time to make cards, buy gifts, make cookies and deliver apples to our veterans. Our members also took veterans shopping, to appointments and to church. Two of our members got their 500- hour volunteer awards in April.

Goals for the coming year are to keep up the good work and to remember the gift of time to our veterans is greatly appreciated. Awards presented by this chairman can be found in the report of the Awards Chairman.

Ms. Kathleen E. Bledsoe, Chairman

THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The total number of flags presented during the year is as follows:

Large flags – 7 Small flags – 887 Table size – 299 Braille – 1

Patriotic Literature distributed:

Flag codes – 1018 Flag certificate – 1 Flag pins – 2,668

Other literature – 1013 (such as The Pledge and Book Marks, 25 grave flags and 8 5x13 classroom flags)

Total chapters participating in Flag Committee activities:

Pledge of Allegiance recited at meetings - 36 chapters

Flag Facts presented at meetings - 36

Members encouraged to fly the flag - 36

Involved youth in Chapter activities promoting the flag - 9 Hours - over 5

(by learning the American Creed, 4-H and Cub Scouts were presented with flag codes and information on how to retire a flag and fold a flag, Flag Facts given ROTC)

Best All-Around Community Flag Celebration - Blennerhassett "The Many Faces of Old Glory" Made video copies to present to schools.

Chapter with Largest Number of Flags Distributed – Colonel Zackquill Morgan

Chapter distributing largest amount of Patriotic Literature – Kanawha Valley

On State Level: Special "Flag of the USA" Activity: Colonel Zackquill Morgan pinned flag pins on firemen and policemen to commemorate terrorist attack.

Dorcas Harbert (Mrs. James), Chairman

GENEALOGICAL RECORDS

The purpose of this committee is to collect unpublished records of a genealogical nature and prepare them in proper form for use in the DAR Library. Chapter members are urged to copy or make abstracts of certain types of records in the chapter's area with the expectation that eventually all such records will be copied or abstracted. Reports from the chapters reveal the following:

Thirty-five of the chapters in West Virginia have members who are actively participating in the President General's project. Ninety pages of miscellaneous genealogical records have been sent to the State Chairmen. Four members are participating in "Book Worm" projects. Members of Blennerhassett work on compiling and copying the deed books for Wood County. They have completed volumes 7 & 8 and they are ready to be shipped out. Each volume contains 100 pages.

Ohio Valley has seven members who volunteer with two local historical societies and work on

pursuing genealogical records. They are also working on a 10- volume set of death records from a local funeral home.

The work of this committee is never far from my thoughts. Often I go to bed with more ancestors than I think healthy. Thanks to all who have been helpful.

Mrs. Kathy Bowling, Chairman

JUNIOR AMERICAN CITIZENS

This chairman attended the 96th State Conference, the Summer Workshop in Bridgeport and the Western District meeting in Charleston. During the 2001-2002 year there were six JAC clubs in our state with two of these being new clubs. Although we did receive a *Third Place Award for Category B, States with the Largest Number of Clubs*, this is certainly not enough and I want to encourage all JAC chairmen to get out and start new clubs. One hundred and fifty member pins and cards were distributed last year. We need more!

I am in the process of personally trying to contact all JAC chairmen. I have made the effort by first sending out a joint email to the Daughters asking for the names and addresses or phone numbers of their chapter's JAC chairman. Ten chapter members responded. The information sent out from National stated that all schools should be contacted by September 1. It is my own personal opinion that this date is too early. We need to let our teachers get at least one grading period under their belt before we approach them with a new endeavor. However, the JAC program would be an excellent "after school" addition in those schools which have such programs. Also, it would fit nicely into any Boy Scout or Girl Scout program. So, I want to encourage the development of new programs throughout our state. We are living in a time when patriotism is "popular" and the JACs are needed. Contest entries are due by 2/1/03.

Linda Parsons (Mrs. Arthur E.), Chairman

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP

Juniors have had a banner year. Thanks to membership participation in sales and donations, we were fortunate enough to make nearly nine hundred dollars at last year's Conference, thereby sending \$467.92 to the Helen Pouch Memorial Fund, while retaining monies to order future sales items.

Twenty-one Junior members are serving in vital positions in their local chapters. Only twenty-six of forty chapters reported on their Junior activities this past year. Please be certain that you have sent your information in this coming year so that you will receive proper credit. Thank you for your support. Please take time to visit our display. We have many new items and would like for you to see them!

Edna J. Barnes (Mrs. Richard), Chairman

LINEAGE RESEARCH

As State Lineage Research Chairman assistance has been given to members requesting help. A news flyer was sent to all chapter regents. This contained new web sites for genealogical research. All members were encouraged to become a Look-Up Volunteer.

National Awards were given to Virginia Bias and Doris Bias, Barbourville Chapter, as Look-Up Volunteers from West Virginia by Glenda Thompson, East Central Division Lineage Research Chairman. This chairman encourages all Daughters to sign up as a Look-Up Volunteer. It is not too late to do so.

Marjorie Allen (Mrs. Robert), Chairman

MEMBERSHIP

A membership chairman must have a working relationship with each chapter. The main concern of any membership chairman is to help prospective members find a chapter close to their home so they can become active members. This chairman has been trying to keep up with all changes that National has implemented this year. We now have an E-Membership Management Website where we can track our prospective members applications and know the day they are approved. We can also check out the number of current members' we have and the ones we have had since our chapter began. The chapter profile on each chapter and each member has come in handy with membership questions. This chairman participated in a Membership Workshop on June 22. She has been the WV contact person for the DAR Genealogy Look-up Center. She has made 133 referrals to WV Chapters, 4 to other states and 1 S.A.R. referral. We have 83 new members this year, an increase from last year. One member is a very special 100 year old member, Agnes Hardin Hallor, from Blackwater Chapter. A Family Tree Membership quilt has again been donated. The quilt designates each new member with a special hat. Proceeds go to the State Regent's Project.

Frances Weekley (Mrs. Gary), Chairman

PUBLIC RELATIONS, MOTION PICTURES, RADIO AND TELEVISION

Thirty-six chapter reports were received; five had nothing to report. In the Print Media category, there were 239 articles published and 156 photographs. The Radio category showed 47 announcements, and 7 had some form of TV coverage. Eleven chapters have a chapter newsletter and 2 have their own Fact Sheet. Eight chapters initiated publicity for Independence Day and 5 for the 225th Anniversary of the American Revolution. None of the chapters presented an award to the media or media personnel. The reports showed that there were 35 letters, e-mails and/or phone calls to the media.

Patricia J. Marx (Mrs. John E.), Chairman

NATIONAL DEFENSE

Reports were received from thirty-six of the forty-two chapters. All thirty-six completed the required three-minute National Defense Report at each meeting. Twenty-eight Good Citizenship Medals were presented by fourteen chapters. Seventeen Bronze ROTC Medals were presented by eleven Chapters and Hagans-Evans presented two gold ROTC Medals. Twenty-three chapters donated the \$2.00 to the National ROTC Awards Program. Two chapters – Kanawha Valley and Ye Towne of Bath, reported sending editorials, letters and press clippings for the National Defender. With all of the wonderful work being done, only six chapters reported having National Defense Programs during the year. Make sure to report all of your programs and events on the Master Questionnaire. See Awards Chairman's report.

Ginger Nalley (Mrs. Robert), Chairman

COMMITTEES WITH NATIONAL RECOGNITION

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter presented two Community Service awards: one to Donald Squires and one to Jena Wagamen. These awards had been requested through deceased member, Wanda Levelle.

John Chapman Chapter presented a Community Service award to Hubert Kiser in June 2002.

Carol Holbert (Mrs. Herbert), Chairman

DAR SPEAKERS STAFF

This Chairman would like for chapters to know that she and her committee are available to speak on a variety of topics. When planning your meetings, please feel free to contact this committee and utilize their many years of service to the DAR.

Miss Jean Ann Elliott, Chairman

LITERACY CHALLENGE

Please see Awards Report. Brenda Durham (Mrs. Ed), Chairman

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION SPECIALISTS

Please see Awards Report. Miss Monica A. Brooks, Chairman

PRESIDENT GENERAL'S PROJECT

The President General's Project will address three of the most critical issues facing our National Society.

1. Membership Development will be encouraged through building of new chapters and replacing chapters that have been disbanded.
2. Preservation of Genealogical Data will be addressed by making sure all applications, supplements and documents are microfiched. As members of NSDAR we are well aware of the importance of preserving our heritage.
3. Development of Revenue Sources may be done by increasing research request fees for the DAR Library. New subscriptions to the "American Spirit" magazine and additional sales at the expanded DAR Museum Shop will also increase revenue.

This is a great opportunity for members to help strengthen our National Society. When all our efforts, both large and small, are combined much can be accomplished for the Society. Remember, \$6.00 is the amount for each member to contribute over the three year term

Patricia Daugherty (Mrs. David), Chairman

VOLUNTEER GENEALOGY

Information about this committee may be found on the DAR web site and by contacting this chairman. This committee of volunteers may assist the Genealogy Department by verifying supplemental applications while in Washington D.C. and by helping members properly prepare application papers to be submitted.

Miss Jean Ann Elliott, Chairman

COMMITTEES WITH STATE RECOGNITION

AWARDS

Eleven State Chairmen of National Committees and 2 State Chairmen of Committees with National Recognition reported 248 awards and 24 special awards. One State Officer gave one award. This chairman gave one 1st place award to American Indians Chairman, Dr. Mary Collins for the first report sent to me. Seventy-four of the awards were 1st Place; 55 were 2nd Place; 46 were 3rd Place and 68 were Honorable Mention. Buford Chapter had the most awards with 15 and Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans and Kanawha Valley Chapters tied for 2nd Place with 14 each.

State Registrar, Mrs. Lyle McCullough, presented a Special Registrar Award to Sally O. Cyrus, Buford Chapter, for her contribution of WV Daugher's obituaries.

Other awards presented were as follows:

American Heritage and Conservation – Mrs. Loring H. Vance, Chairman

1st Place (blue): Buford, Hagans-Evans, Ohio Valley, Pack Horse Ford, Shenandoah Valley, and South Branch

2nd Place (red) Barboursville, Colonel Zackquill Morgan, Mound
3rd Place (white): Colonel Charles Lewis, Elizabeth Cummins Jackson, John Hart
Honorable Mention (green): Bee Line, Blennerhassett, Captain James Allen,
James Barbour, Peters Mountain, General Andrew Lewis

American History and Women in History – Nancy Edwards, Chairman and Nancy
Largent, Vice Chairman

American History 1st Place: General Andrew Lewis
2nd Place: Daniel Davisson
Women in History 1st Place: Buford, Colonel Charles Lewis
2nd Place: Hagans-Evans
3rd Place: Tie – Beeline and Ohio Valley

American Indians – Mrs. R. David Collins, Chairman

1st Place: Hagans-Evans
2nd Place: Buford
3rd Place: Bee Line
Honorable Mention: Anne Bailey, Captain James Allen,
Colonel Charles Lewis, James Wood, Peters Mountain

Americanism and DAR Manual for Citizenship – Mrs. Edmund B. Collins, Chairman

1st Place: Tie – Anne Bailey and Buford

Chapter Achievement Award – Mrs. John R. Hendrickson, Chairman

Level 1: 1st Place: Pack Horse Ford
2nd Place: John Young
3rd Place: Kanawha Valley
Honorable Mention: Westmoreland
Level 2: 1st Place: Colonel Zackquill Morgan
2nd Place: Barboursville
3rd Place: Anne Bailey
Honorable Mention: Shenandoah Valley
Level 3: 1st Place: Tie – Charleston and Daniel Davisson
2nd Place: Trans-Allegheny
3rd Place: Anne Royall

Children of the American Revolution – Mrs. John R. Kauff, Chairman

1st Place: Shenandoah
2nd Place: Ohio Valley
3rd Place: Colonel Charles Lewis

Constitution Week and Commemorative Events – Mrs. Donald Hale, Chairman

Constitution Week only:

1st Place: Tie – Buford and Kanawha Valley
2nd Place: Tie – Pack Horse Ford and South Branch Valley
3rd Place: Elizabeth Cummins Jackson, Anne Bailey, Hagans-Evans,
Shenandoah Valley
Honorable Mention: Captain James Allen, James Wood, Colonel Morgan
Morgan, Matthew French

Commemorative Events only:

1st Place: South Branch Valley
2nd Place: James Wood
3rd Place: Ohio Valley, Hagans-Evans, Matthew French, Kanawha Valley

Constitution Week and Commemorative Events

3rd Place: Barboursville, Blennerhassett
Honorable Mention: Colonel William Lowther, Colonel Zackquill Morgan,
Blackwater

DAR Good Citizen – Mrs. Robert Belcher, Chairman

1st Place: James Wood, Ohio Valley

2nd Place: Peters Mountain

3rd Place: General Andrew Lewis, James Barbour

Honorable Mention: Anne Bailey, Blennerhassett, Buford, Mound,
Ye Towne of Bath

Honorable Mention is given to Juanita Berdine, DAR Good Citizen
Chairman of the Phoebe Tucker Cunningham Chapter.

DAR Schools – Mrs. Ebb J. Cummings, Chairman

1st Place: Peters Mountain

2nd Place: Kanawha Valley

3rd Place: Bee Line

Honorable Mention: Matthew French

DAR Service for Veteran Patients – Ms. Kathleen Bledsoe, Chairman

Chapters of 51 Members and over:

1st Place: Kanawha Valley

2nd Place: Blennerhassett

3rd Place: Hagans-Evans

Chapters of 50 Members and under:

1st Place: Ohio Valley

2nd Place: Westmoreland

3rd Place: Elk River

Honorable Mention: Matthew French

The Flag of the United States of America – Mrs. James Harbert, Chairman

1st Place: Blennerhassett – Best All Around Program

2nd Place: Colonel Zackquill Morgan – Largest # of Flags distributed

3rd Place: Kanawha Valley Chapter – Largest distribution of literature

Honorable Mention: Colonel Zackquill Morgan

Membership – Mrs. Gary Weekley, Chairman

Most New Members by Application:

Chapters with 12 to 25 members:

1st Place: Trans-Allegheny, Colonel Zackquill Morgan

2nd Place: John Cooke

3rd Place: Fort Ashby

Chapters with 26 to 50 members:

1st Place: Colonel Morgan Morgan

2nd Place: Anne Royall

3rd Place Elizabeth Zane, General Andrew Lewis, Ohio Valley,
Westmoreland

Honorable Mention: Anne Bailey, Barboursville, Blackwater, Colonel
William Lowther, Daniel Davisson James Barbour, William Morris,
Shenandoah Valley

Chapters with 51 to 100 members:

1st Place: Pack Horse Ford

2nd Place: Wheeling, John Hart

3rd Place: Hagans-Evans, Kanawha Valley

Honorable Mention: Buford, Blennerhassett, John Chapman, Colonel
Charles Lewis, Captain James Allen

Chapters with 100 to 150 members: 1st Place: John Young

Largest Percentage Increase in Membership:

Chapters 12 to 25 members:

1st Place: Colonel Zackquill Morgan

2nd Place: Trans-Allegheny, John Cooke, Fort Ashby

Chapters 26 to 50 members:

1st Place: Colonel Morgan Morgan, Anne Royall

2nd Place: General Andres Lewis, Ohio Valley, Elizabeth Zane,
Westmoreland

Chapters 51 to 100 members:

1st Place: Pack Horse Ford, Wheeling, John Hart

2nd Place: Hagans-Evans, Kanawha Valley, Buford, Blennerhassett,
John Chapman

Chapters 150 to 200 members:

1st Place: John Young

Largest Increase by Reinstatement of Members:

1st Place: John Young, John Hart

2nd Place: Blackwater

Honorable Mention: Blennerhassett, Colonel Charles Lewis,
Colonel Morgan Morgan, Colonel Zackquill Morgan, Elizabeth
Zane, Trans Allegheny, Anne Royall, Bee Line, Buford
Captain James Allen

Outstanding Registrars of the Year:

1st Place: Virginia Johnson, John Young (10 new, 4 reinst'd)

Betty Lowe, Pack Horse Ford (7 new)

2nd Place: Grace Vincent, Colonel Morgan Morgan (7 new)

3rd Place: Judy Fugate, Wheeling (6 new)

Madeline Crickard, John Hart (5 new, 3 reinstd)

Randa Watson, Anne Royall (4 new, 1 reinst'd)

Joy Stalnaker, Trans-Allegheny (3 new, 1 reinst's)

Nancy Fox, Colonel Zackquill Morgan (3 new, 1 reinst'd)

Hazel Casteel, Hagans-Evans (3 new)

Margie Coffee, Kanawha Valley (3 new)

Honorable Mention: Arlene Drake, John Cooke (2 new), Pat Valentine,
Elizabeth Zane (2 new, 1 reinst'd), JoAnn Bowen, Ohio Valley (2 new),
Betty Belcher, Westmoreland (2 new), Tillie Goode, Buford (2 new), Eleanor
Johnson, Blennerhassett (2 new, 1 reinst'd) Elizabeth Greever, John Chapman
(2 new), Lonnie Waltro, Fort Ashby (1 new), Virginia Gillespie, Anne Bailey
(1 new), Doris Bias, Barboursville (1 new), Sharon Stravakis, Blackwater (1
new, 2 reinst'd), Fern Nutter, Colonel William Lowther (1 new),
Elizabeth Davis, Daniel Davison (1 new), Cleo Lieving, Colonel Charles
Lewis (1 new, 1 reinst'd), Virginia Tabb, Bee Line (1 reinst'd), Linda Whitman,
Captain James Allen (1 reinstated).

Membership Chairman's Special Awards:

Blue Feather Award – for the oldest new member:

Award presented to Louise Righman, Blackwater, for being instrumental in
the membership of 100 year old Mrs. Agnes Hardin Hallor

DAR Family Tree Award – Chapters that have increased and maintained the most members:

Colonel Morgan Morgan and John Young

Revitalization Award-Anne Royall

Innovative Ideas for Membership Award (suggested by National)

1st Place: Wheeling, Hagans-Evans, Ohio Valley, Blackwater, Westmoreland, Colonel Morgan Morgan, Blennerhassett, Buford, Colonel Zackquill Morgan, James Wood, Kanawha Valley, Peters Mountain, Shenandoah Valley, Ye Towne of Bath, Captain James Allen, Colonel Charles Lewis, General Andrew Lewis, John Cooke, John Hart, John Young, Pack Horse Ford, South Branch Valley, and Trans-Allegheny

Overall Best Membership Promotional Activity:

1st Place: John Young

2nd Place: Pack Horse Ford, Colonel Morgan Morgan

3rd Place: Wheeling, John Hart

Referral of Members/Prospective Members to Other States:

1st Place: Shenandoah Valley, Daniel Davisson

National Defense – Mrs. Robert Nalley, Chairman

1st Place: Anne Bailey, General Andrew Lewis, Hagans-Evans

2nd Place: Barboursville, Charleston, Colonel Zackquill Morgan, Daniel Davisson, John Young, Kanawha Valley, Mound, James Wood

3rd Place: Bee Line, Blennerhassett, Buford, Colonel Charles Lewis, James Barbour, Matthew French, Pack Horse Ford,

Shenandoah Valley, South Branch Valley, Ye Towne of Bath

COMMITTEES WITH NATIONAL RECOGNITION

Literacy Challenge – Mrs. Ed Durham, Chairman

1st Place: South Branch Valley – 185 hours

2nd Place: Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans – 118 hours

3rd Place: Captain James Allen – 106 hours

For the largest % of members participating in Literacy Work:

1st Place: Colonel Zackquill Morgan (10%)

Literacy Committee Contest for Outstanding Service of a Member

1st Place: Martha Hupp, Hagans-Evans

2nd Place: Mrs. Woolford Murphy, Bee Line

Volunteer Information Specialist – Miss Monica A. Brooks, Chairman

1st Place: Lonny Watro, Fort Ashby – Web page development and design

2nd Place: Barbara Fish – For use of the WV List to inform Daughters of DAR events/activities

3rd Place: Ginger Nalley – For use of the WV List to inform Daughters of DAR events/activities

Scrap Book Awards

1st Place: Buford

2nd Place: Barboursville

3rd Place: Westmoreland

Honorable Mention: Blackwater, Hagans-Evans, Ye Towne of Bath

Barbara Rutledge (Mrs. Eldon L.), Chairman

BLANCHE L. REYMANN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

This scholarship is awarded to a West Virginia girl attending one of the private colleges or universities in the State. This is done on a rotating basis. She should be a senior, in the upper third of her class and in need of financial aid.

This year's recipient is Andrea Childers, a senior at the University of Charleston. She was chosen by the Director of Financial Aid.

Mrs. Blankenship, Regent of the Kanawha Valley Chapter, presented Andrea a check in the amount of \$500.00 at their September 14th meeting. In 2003, the Scholarship will be awarded to a student attending Alderson Broaddus College.

Ethel D. Mozena (Mrs. Harold B.), Chairman

BYLAWS

The Bylaws Committee met formally Friday, October 26, 2001 at 3:00 p.m. to begin the process of amendment drafting. Each chapter and member received notification of proposed amendments in the September 2002 issue of the WV DAR News. Changes are necessary to maintain the fiduciary responsibility of the state society and to comply with the new format of a summer Congress. There were also several clean up issues concerning duties of officers that were suggested by the National Parliamentarian in a model for State Bylaws in 1996. These changes mostly eliminate archaic language. The Bylaws committee is committed to addressing these issues for the betterment of the State Society.

I would like to thank the Bylaw committee members for their astute input and responsibility to their charge in 2001 and in 2002: Betty Heavner, Betty Reinhart, Nancy Hollandsworth, Cora Teel, Fern Nutter and Ginger Nalley.

Jimelle F. Rumberg (Mrs. Randall G.), Chairman

CREDENTIALS

Final Credentials Report found in Minutes of Sunday October 27, 2002

Betty Belcher (Mrs. Robert), Chairman Pro Tem

FINANCE

Proposed Budget for 2002-03 found on following page.

Cecelia Wallace (Mrs. James E.), Chairman

PARLIAMENTARIAN

The Parliamentarian worked with the Bylaws Committee on the Amendments to be presented at the 2002 State Conference.

Mrs. Cora P. Teel, Parliamentarian

PROTOCOL

This chairman assists with processions and seating arrangements at State Conference and helps, when possible, with questions relating to protocol.

Rebecca Davis (Mrs. Donald L.), Chairman

RESOLUTIONS

There were no resolutions submitted to this committee. Courtesy Resolutions may be found printed in the Minutes, Sunday Morning, October 27, 2002.

Lucille Walthall (Mrs. Robert H.), Chairman

WEST VIRGINIA STATE SOCIETY, NSDAR
Proposed Budget for 2002-2003

INCOME:

State Dues	(2080 members @ 3.40 ea.)	\$ 7072.00
Special Assessment	(1 yr @ .35 ea.)	728.00
Conference Dues	(yearly chapter assessment)	774.00
Interest from Accounts	(to be sent to Chm.)	
Total Income		\$ 8574.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

State Regent	(1/3 total dues)	\$2600.00
State Officers/Chairmen		400.00
WV Tax & Revenue		25.00
Printing Proceedings	(1/3 set aside yearly)	555.75
Audit	(1/3 set aside yearly)	500.00
C.A.R.	(2080 @ .01 ea.)	20.80
Award Winners	(2080 @ .04 ea.)	83.20
WV DAR NEWS & Officers Circular		
Printing	(2080 @ 1.12*	2329.60
Postage & Labels	(2080 @ .45**	936.00
	(Based on actual costs 5/30/01 to 10/01/02)	
Contingent Funds		349.65
Conference Dues		774.00
Interest from Accounts (to be added)		
Total Disbursements		\$8574.00

* increase of \$40.60

** increase of 22.65

Cecelia Wallace (Mrs. James E.), Chairman

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

The 96th State Conference approved the formation of this committee for the purpose of establishing continuity for planning for the future of the West Virginia State Society. The Committee is to be comprised of nine members, with three members going off and three new members appointed at the beginning of each new administration. Currently, besides myself, the following have been appointed to serve on this committee: Ginger Nalley, Pat Valentine, Sally Ann Greenfield and Cora Teel. We are waiting for the appointment of four additional members. Thus far, discussions have been about changes in the date and places for state conferences, financing state conferences, and fund raising projects for the State Society. The committee members welcome ideas and suggestions from all members. We plan to meet during this State Conference.

Shirley M. Gilkeson (Mrs. Roy A.), Chairman

WEST VIRGINIA COTTAGE AT TAMASSEE – JOSEPHINE C. PETERS

The Josephine C. Peters Cottage Committee has made several improvements to the Cottage this year. In conjunction with work being done by the Board at Tamassee in paving the street in front of the West Virginia Cottage, we have paved the driveway of the Cottage. Additionally, we have begun the task of refinishing the walls in this 1940's house. We have had the walls in what was the blue room, now referred to as the State Regent's Room, sanded and painted, we have installed a lavatory

with lighted mirror in that room which makes a big difference when the cottage is full and six women are trying to use the one bathroom to apply makeup, etc. We have already contracted to have the walls of a second bedroom sanded and repainted.

As chairman of this Committee I attended Founder's Day at Tamassee and attended the Advisory Board meeting. I stayed at the West Virginia Cottage while on campus which gave me the opportunity to see first hand the renovations already made and the additional improvements we have yet to make.

Kornegay (Mrs. Terry), Chairman

WEST VIRGINIA DAR NEWS

Two thousand three hundred and eight labels arrived from National for the May 2002 WV DAR News mailing. The September 2002 News was combined with our State Regent's Circular newsletter due to cost saving and time factors. This issue was mailed to 2037 WV Daughters. The margins have begun to disappear to accommodate our needs! This chairman wishes to thank the chapters participating in the "What's in a Name?" article which consisted of the history behind the names of the chapters in West Virginia. If you still wish to submit this for your chapter they are still being collected. When space permits they will appear in the WV News. If your chapter has not submitted an article for the News please consider doing so. What your chapter does is valued. Including a photograph with your article is not a requirement.

The deadline dates for the WV News are at this time April 1st and August 1st. The copy is taken to the printer as soon as possible following that date. Copy is received by e-mail or by attachment, typed or handwritten. Please use single line spacing. This chairman wishes to thank those chapters and chairmen who have submitted copy in the past year.

Lee Eddy (Mrs.Clifford), Chairman



**West Virginia State Society
National Society Daughters of the American Revolution
NINETY-EIGHTH STATE CONFERENCE**

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING

Friday, October 24, 2003

A meeting of the Board of Management, West Virginia State Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, met in the Birch Room, Ramada Inn, Morgantown WV.

Immediately following a luncheon at 12:30, the meeting was called to order by State Regent Mrs. Charles L. Silliman. State Chaplain Miss Frankie Cline gave the invocation. Mrs. Terry Kornegay, Southern District Director, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. Mrs. Silliman extended a welcome to all in attendance and introduced the Honorary State Regents as follows: Chaplain General, Past Organizing Secretary General and Honorary State Regent Mrs. Joel M. Wagoner; Past Vice President General and Honorary State Regent Mrs. Walter L. Spearman; Past Vice President General and Honorary State Regent Mrs. Randall G. Rumberg and Honorary State Regent Miss Jean Ann Elliott.

Mrs. Silliman recognized the State Officers. All were present except State Registrar Mrs. Lyle McCullough. Also recognized was Mrs. Cora P. Teel, State Parliamentarian.

Mrs. Silliman reported the death of Past Vice President General and Honorary State Regent Mrs. C. William Moore on September 9, 2003. Mrs. Moore was State Regent from 1969 to 1971.

State Recording Secretary Mrs. William H. Van Voorhis called the Roll of West Virginia's National Officer, Honoraries, State Officers, District Directors and Chapter Regents. They responded as follows: National Officer - 1, Honorary State Regents - 4; State Officers - 8; State Officer pro tem - 1; District Directors - 5; Chapter Regents - 23.

The State Regent asked for and received verification that a quorum was present. The minutes of the Board of Management meeting October 2002 were read by Mrs. Van Voorhis and approved as read.

Mrs. Silliman called for the report of the Finance Committee. Mrs. James E. Wallace, Chairman, presented the proposed budget for 2003-2004. Copies were distributed and Mrs. Wallace explained her figures.

Mrs. Van Voorhis read the recommendation from the Executive Committee that the Finance Committee's Report be accepted and moved for its adoption. The recommendation was adopted.

The State Regent called for the reports of the State Officers. State Vice Regent Mrs. Roy A. Gilkeson was asked to assume the chair. The State Regent gave a brief report deferring most of it until Saturday morning.

State Treasurer pro tem Mrs. Eldon Rutledge, distributed copies of the Treasurer's Report. She stated that after she assumed office an audit was completed and everything seems to be in order. The Chapter Treasurer's Report Form will be revised and mailed to the chapter treasurers. Each chapter needs to submit its new budget and financial statement to the State Treasurer. The remainder of the officers deferred their reports to Saturday's business session.

The State Regent called for the report of the By Laws Committee. Mrs. Rumberg, Chairman, stated that the proposed amendments were printed in the WVDAR NEWS. The Proposed Amendments are as follows:

Proposed Changes to Bylaws to be Presented at State CONFERENCE 2003

ARTICLE 1V Fees and Dues

~~SECTION 6. Each Chapter in the State Society shall pay to the State Treasurer, not later than September 15, the sum of five dollars (\$5.00) for each representative to which the Chapter is entitled at the annual State Conference; this amount to be used in defraying expenses in connection with the holding of the State Conference. No Chapter whose State dues and assessments and Conference dues and District dues are not paid shall be entitled to representation at meetings of the State Conference.~~

Amend by striking the first sentence and substituting:

“A conference fee of one dollar (\$1.00) per member per chapter as of January 1 shall be paid to the State Treasurer no later than sixty (60) days before the date of State Conference. This fee shall be used to defray expenses incurred in holding the State Conference.”

The Section shall then read:

SECTION 6. A conference fee of one dollar (1.00) per member per chapter as of January 1 shall be paid to the State Treasurer no later than sixty (60) days before the date of State Conference. This fee shall be used to defray expenses in holding the State Conference. No chapter whose State dues and assessments and Conference dues and District dues are not paid shall be entitled to representation at meetings of the State Conference.

Rationale:

The State Conference is held to conduct the business of the state society, regardless of the number of members attending, therefore its expenses should be borne by all members, not just the few chapters in the hostess district.

To eliminate costs to hostess chapters; to provide sufficient funds for mailing the call to conference, printing the program, guest expenses, entertainment, receptions, certificates, decorations, etc.

The date of State Conference may change to accommodate the change of the date of Continental Congress. This amendment provides a mechanism for conforming to such changes.

(This proposed amendment comes as a recommendation from the Long Range Planning Committee.)

ARTICLE XII Chapters

SECTION 5. Delegates and alternates to the Continental Congress shall be elected on before the first day of ~~February~~ each year. Using blanks furnished by the National Society, the name of the Chapter Regent and the Vice Regent and a list of the delegates and alternates, with the date of their election by the Chapter shall be sent, bearing a postmark no later than ~~February 15~~, to the Chairman of the Credentials Committee and to the State Regent. The delegates and alternates so elected shall be the delegates and alternates to attend any special meeting of the National Society which may be held prior to the Continental Congress of the following year.

Amend the first sentence by striking “February” and substituting :

“...on or before the first day of the second month preceding the month of Continental Congress...”

Amend the second sentence by striking "February 15" and substituting:

"...the 15th day of the second month preceding the month of Continental Congress..."

The section will then read:

SECTION 5. Delegates and alternates to the Continental Congress shall be elected **on or before the first day of the second month preceding the month of Continental Congress** of each year. Using blanks furnished by the National Society, the name of the Chapter Regent and the Vice Regent and a list of the delegates and alternates, with the date of their election by the Chapter shall be sent, bearing a postmark no later than the **15th day of the second month preceding the month of Continental Congress**, to the Chairman of the Credentials Committee and to the State Regent. The delegates and alternates so elected shall be the delegates and alternates to attend any special meeting of the National Society which may be held prior to the Continental Congress of the following year.

Rationale:

To reflect the change of dates of Continental Congress; to provide flexibility in case of future changes. See *DAR Handbook* (2001), p. 295, NSDAR Bylaws Article XIII, Chapters, Section 9.

Mrs. Rumberg read each proposed amendment and moved for its adoption. The amendments were adopted by the Board and will be presented to the assembly at Saturday's business session.

Mrs. Teel was asked to read the Standing Rules printed on page 17 in the Conference Program. Mrs. Frankenberry moved, seconded by Miss Cline, that the Standing Rules be adopted. Motion carried.

Mrs. Silliman referred to the handout which includes information from the October National Board meeting and pointed out various items of which one should take note, such as: Correction of the error in the information for the American Heritage and Conservation Committee Contest. The theme for the contests in Literature and Drama and in Music is "My America" not "Lewis and Clark". Following Congress, the Genealogy Department verified 1,898 application papers between July and October. The last number is #822878. The training program for volunteer genealogists will concentrate on achieving improved preparation rather than on how to verify papers, however verification will still be part of the training. An E-membership tutorial has been launched. A new Special Committee, Genealogical Preservation, has been authorized to continue and expand work launched by VIS in the All-member and Ancestor Card Projects. Members may volunteer for this important work. Record Copy personnel have again achieved a two-week turn around. National Board dates are December 6, 2003, and February 5 and April 9, 2004. Continental Congress will be July 6, 2004. Fees for delegates and alternates shall be \$25.00 if paid when credentials are filed – otherwise \$30.00. Registration will begin Monday, July 5. Election of Officers Saturday July 10, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.. Checks for National Projects addressed to Treasurer General to maintain non-profit status: Checks for State Society projects to State Treasurer. Members at Large will not be counted in State Membership Count. New Administrator at National is Steve Nordholt. Chapter liability insurance coverage is not available through the National Society. Each chapter and state encouraged to obtain coverage at local level. Let Genealogists know of any connection to Lewis or Clark. 2,631 registered for Continental Congress last year. State Conference 2004 will be held in Martinsburg at the Holiday Inn.

The State Regent asked for the Recommendations from the Executive Committee. Mrs. Van Voorhis read RECOMMENDATION I.

– that Mrs. Barbara Rutledge's appointment as State Treasurer be approved. Mrs. Van Voorhis moved that Recommendation I be adopted. The Recommendation was adopted.

The State Vice Regent assumed the chair. Mrs. Van Voorhis read RECOMMENDATION II.

– that the WV Society pay for a full page ad in the Daughters Newsletter honoring our

State Regent, Mrs. Charles L. Silliman Mrs. Van Voorhis moved that Recommendation II be adopted. Recommendation II was adopted.

A call for announcements prompted Mrs. Robert McClelland, Regent Wheeling Chapter to give a short report on the Madonna of the Trail rededication in July and the nice lunch, which was served following the rededication. Mrs. McClelland had with her an original framed painting of the Madonna Statue. She announced that the Wheeling Chapter is selling voices on the painting as a fund-raising project.

State Corresponding Secretary Mrs. Robert Frankenberry advised the regents to pick up their packets after lunch tomorrow. The deadline for the Master Questionnaire is February 1, and it should be returned to her in the red envelope provided.

Mrs. Wallace called attention to the program and the time set for the various events. Dinner will be served promptly at 6:00. She asked that everyone observe the time set for the photographs, which will be taken Saturday.

Miss Cline gave the benediction. The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 in the afternoon.

Ann Wade Van Voorhis (Mrs. William H.)

State Recording Secretary

OPENING SESSION **Friday Evening, October 24, 2003**

The 98th Annual State Conference, West Virginia State Society, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution met for its opening session Friday, October 24, 2003 in Rooms Cedar and Dogwood, Ramada Inn, Morgantown, West Virginia.

The Trinity High School Band, Morgantown, provided music under the direction of Mike Staud. The West Virginia University Army ROTC Color Guard, under the direction of Major Robert F. Lazzell, Jr., provided the Assembly Call.

The State Regent, National Officers, Honorary State Regents, Conference Guests and State Officers entered in procession, escorted by the pages.

The State Regent Mrs. Carmen L. Silliman called the opening session to order at 8:30 p.m. State Chaplain Miss Frankie K. Cline gave the invocation. Mrs. Clifford Righman led The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. Miss Cline led The American's Creed. Mrs. Robert Frankenberry, State Corresponding Secretary led the Assembly in singing the first verse of our National Anthem. The colors were posted.

The State Regent recognized Mrs. James E. Wallace, Central District Director and General Conference Chairman. Mrs. Wallace introduced the Regents of the Central District Chapters. Mrs. Silliman expressed her appreciation to them for their efforts in helping with the Conference.

Mrs. Roy A. Gilkeson, State Vice Regent, read a communication from the Honorable Bob Wise, Governor of West Virginia.

Greetings from the Governor

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 98th State Conference of the West Virginia Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

For nearly a century, the women of the West Virginia DAR have served their communities and state as models of virtue and through their outstanding dedication to family, civic duty and professionalism.

Each day, the DAR makes our state better. This meeting allows you to share your experiences with members from around the state and national leaders. I know the lessons you will learn can only increase the amount of service you do for your neighbors. Please accept my best wishes for a successful Conference.

*Very truly yours,
(Signed) Bob Wise*

The Honorable Ron Justice, Mayor of Morgantown was introduced. He extended his welcome and good wishes, as did Mrs. Brenda Simpson, sales representative of the Ramada Inn. Mrs. Gilkeson gave the response.

Mrs. John R. Kauff, Senior State President Children of the American Revolution, was recognized by Mrs. Silliman. Mrs. Kauff introduced Miss Amelia Alvarez, President, West Virginia Children of the American Revolution, who addressed the Assembly and thanked the Daughters for their support.

Mr. Harry Killen, President of the Pennsylvania Society Sons of the American Revolution, and representing the SAR President General Raymond Musgrave, was introduced. He extended his good wishes and challenged the Daughters to encourage their husbands and sons to join the SAR.

Mrs. Walter L Spearman, Past Vice President General and Honorary State Regent and Past Vice President General, on behalf of the other Honorary State Regents, extended best wishes. The State Regent introduced the other honoraries: Mrs. Joel M. Wagoner, Chaplain General, Past Organizing Secretary General and Honorary State Regent; Miss Virginia Johnson, Honorary Vice President General, Past Vice President General and Honorary State Regent; Mrs. Randall G. Rumberg, Past Vice President General and Honorary State Regent; and Miss Jean Ann Elliott, Honorary State Regent.

Mrs. Silliman introduced the Conference Guests as follows: Mrs. Robert W. Watkins, President General, NSDAR; Mrs. Charles T. Edson, Librarian General; Mrs. Richard K. Teague, Curator General; Mrs. Robert C. MacKenzie, Regent of the District of Columbia and Mrs. Roger H. Vaglia, Regent of Ohio.

Representatives of other hereditary and patriotic organizations were introduced as follows: Miss Frankie K. Cline, State Regent Daughters of the American Colonists; Mrs. Gary W. Greenfield, State Regent Daughters of the War of 1812, and Miss Jean Ann Elliott, State President Daughters of the Colonial Wars.

Introduced as one we depend on for orderly and proper procedure was Mrs. Cora Teel, State Parliamentarian.

The National Chairman, National Vice Chairmen and National Vice Chairmen East Central Division were introduced as follows: Mrs. Cora P. Teel, National Chairman Insignia; Mrs. Roy A. Gilkeson, National Vice Chairman Christopher Columbus Essay Contest; Mrs. Randall G. Rumberg, National Vice Chairman Members-at-Large – Membership; National Vice Chairmen East Central Division Mrs. Robert Nalley, President General's Project; Mrs. Robert Belcher, Good Citizens; Mrs. Eldon L. Rutledge, Volunteer Information Specialists; Mrs. Ebb J. Cummings, DAR Scholarship; Miss Jean Ann Elliott, The Flag of the United States of America; Mrs. Robert B., Fish, Women's Issues; and Mrs. Nancy Kornegay American History. Also introduced was Mrs. Ethel Swiger, State Chairman Project Patriot. President General Mrs. Watkins, who had been presented earlier, was introduced as our opening night speaker. Her service to the DAR was noted.

(Mrs. Watkins' speech to the assembly may be found following the Opening Session minutes.) Following Mrs. Watkins' address, the District Directors and State Chairmen were recognized.

Members whose loyalty and devotion to the Society have spanned fifty or more years were asked to stand. Miss Virginia B. Johnson and Mrs. William Korth, Jr. were recognized.

Members attending State Conference for the first time were asked to stand and be recognized. Sixteen were welcomed.

Mrs. John A. Davis, Chairman of Pages, introduced those who were serving as Conference Pages. Recognized were Mrs. Katherine Hefner, Ms. Jessica Davis, Ms. Tabitha Porterfield, Miss Charla Nutter and Ms. Amanda Davis.

The State Regent announced that the Regents Club Breakfast will be at 7:30 Saturday morning. The processional will form at 8:45.

There are three HODARs present at the Conference.

The State Regent also announced that there will be a reception to honor National Officers, Conference Guests, Honorary Officers and State Officers. She expressed her thanks to the hostess chapters for the reception – Elk River, Mrs. Phillip Shuman, Regent and Phoebe Tucker Cunningham, Mrs. Paul S. Evans, Regent.

The colors were retired. The Assembly recessed to the fireplace lobby for the reception.

(Approved by Mrs. Robert H. Frankenberry, Miss R. Marlene Jones and Mrs. Thomas H. Collins)
Ann Wade Van Voorhis (Mrs. William H.)
State Recording Secretary

The following is the President General Mrs. Watkins message to the assembly at the opening session of the 98th West Virginia State Conference.

A HERITAGE TO KEEP

The Daughters of the American Revolution have, for more than 112 years, been the most faithful and persistent voice for patriotism in this country. We believe that it is essential that all of our citizens love their country, and, whether native-born or naturalized, they must be knowledgeable of the sacrifices of the Revolutionary Patriots who won our freedom. Freedom is our heritage and it is this heritage that we, as a people, must be willing to keep and to preserve at all costs.

For the past year or more, America has witnessed the rebirth of Patriotism. The events of September 11th created a rising tide of public sentiment and an awareness of the vulnerability of our people. Americans responded to this threat with flag-waving demonstrations and public celebrations. Young and old, Democrats and Republicans, Independents... and even the seemingly unconcerned... have seen the need to respond as patriotic citizens

Was it a sudden realization of our duty as citizens? Or was it fear of the forces of evil? It was, obviously, all of this and more. Americans were suddenly awakened from their complacency and aware that they could no longer assume that they were safe within their own country. Things that previously had not been priorities were instantly critical national defense, homeland security and public safety. However, there was very little realization of the threat to our principles of government because most Americans had forgotten their history or had no real understanding of the basic tenets of their freedom

How is it that America has arrived at a point in time where an immediate threat is the only means of evoking a wide spread sense of patriotism? Why is it that, as a nation, our schools have emphasized multi-culturalism without any regard to nationalism and pride in our own country? How did we rationalize that we could rear children who would defend their heritage of freedom without any knowledge of the stories of the Patriots who had won America's freedom?

Perhaps, the answer to all of these questions is that in our desire to be compassionate, we have overlooked evil! In our need to be tolerant, we have demoralized our own values! And, under pressure to be politically correct, we have closed our eyes and ears to the voices of subversion... even within our own country!

And, now these voices are working to divide the American people—to urge them to doubt the fact that the forces of terror are still at work. They are persuaded not to believe our military and intelligence reports of Iraq's weapons of mass destruction. And, worst of all they do not remember that the six months of negotiations and inspections prior to the 1991 Gulf War were not effective... and they will not be effective next week, or next month, or even next year!

It seems that the greatest problem that we have in America.... Is not the fear of terrorism or the sagging economy; it is not even the fear of engaging the enemy or the possibility of being defeated; our greatest problem is the lack of confidence in our leadership and the unwillingness of some of our citizens to join in a united front against those who would attack our country and destroy our way of life.

As Americans we must act now to put aside "politics" and look to the great goal, which is protecting the sovereignty of our country. No civilized nation desires war; however, truth and justice mean nothing unless there are consequences for those who violate these principles.

It is time for America to be reborn as a nation... united and free! It is time for our citizens to rediscover how America's freedom was won! And, it is time for us, the descendants of the Revolutionary patriots, to acknowledge our heritage and dedicate our finest efforts to protect and maintain it.

*Let us think for a few minutes about our Revolutionary heritage America was born in the hearts and minds of men and women who had a vision of freedom and a better way of life. It did not matter that their goal was unprecedented. At the time of the Revolution, "there were no forms of government on earth that guaranteed or even advocated rights for the individual—let alone freedom itself"*¹

The men and women who became the catalysts for this revolutionary idea were far different from the powerful individuals who throughout history had wrestled and brokered power from one regime to another. These were ordinary men whose wealth was more earned than titled. Even the men who represented the more prominent families in the colonies were themselves not the primogeniture and didn't inherit the land and wealth of the first-born. The revolutionaries were, for the most part, common men who had the uncommon idea that God had granted individual rights to the low-born as well as to the high-born. Their legacy to us is that of courage, determination and hope.

The patriots struggled against unbelievable odds. For much of the time, they had no trained army or navy. Equipment was limited and supplies were often scarce or inadequate. Until the victory at Saratoga turned the tide, they had no allies. Yet, they prevailed against the greatest power and the greatest empire of that day...because they believed that the almighty was on their side!

What they lacked in material things, they abundantly demonstrated in moral attributes. Although the Founders were men of different creeds and opinions, they were conscious of the need for unity of purpose. Communication was essential and was the glue that held them together and consolidated their efforts. At times, they disagreed violently but they kept their purpose and their eye on the goal. They held themselves to the highest standards of personal conduct and these expectations governed their actions and fired their resolve. This was, perhaps, their greatest source of strength, and was the igniting spark for the men under their command.

The stories of the Founders are those of men with a focused commitment. They did not allow themselves to become fragmented over sectional issues. Even though some of these were very serious. Yes, they knew that slavery was an issue, but to dissolve it would be to lose the support of the southern colonies...and, indeed, to lose the war! They did not remove themselves from the battle or from the war's certain impact on their personal holdings and fortunes. Many of the Founders used their own funds to support the cause and many died impoverished as a result. They looked to the greater good, the liberation of free thought and economic opportunity. The leaders inspired the masses reminding them of their resolve and giving them a reason for action.

Were these questions concerning the actions they took? Yes, many of the colonists had hoped for a peaceful settlement and they protested the harsh measures that left no option but war! The Declaration of Independence was in essence "treason against the government of Great Britain".² But the Founders were convinced that peace could only be bought at the price of slavery. The die was cast and they made decisions for the welfare of all the people without being afraid to subordinate individual interests to accomplish it; an army had to be raised, and men had to leave their homes, money was needed to support the cause, so the people had to be taxed, supplies were short and the people were asked to make do without importation of goods, commitment to the cause of freedom was imperative...and many gave their homes, their substance and even their very lives!

Freedom was not just a prize to be earned or cherished by the few, but was a commodity to be equally dispensed to every impoverished soul who longed for peace. The patriots gave everything to the pursuit of a dream and the vision of a land of opportunity. Their legacy is far more than:

*"Our vast mountains, and deep surging oceans,
More than our great shining cities and the picturesque small towns.
More than the fragrance of orchards or the fields of golden grain,
Or, the homes and the schools and the tall steepled churches."³*

Our legacy of freedom is: the right to self-government and justice under the law, equal opportunity and the free enterprise system, public education for young and old and the right to worship,

¹ "The Founding Fathers Leadership", by Donald T. Phillips, Warner Books, Inc. NY, NY, 1998

² "The Founding Fathers on Leadership", by Donald T. Phillips, Warner Books Inc., 1998

³ "My Country", poem by Regina Homes

as we truly believe. As descendants, we are charged with a responsibility to keep the faith and the commitment to freedom. Today, America is at war to defend that commitment and our belief in the values we have inherited: the value of human life and the value of our Constitutional Republic. Our resolve must be that the terrorists of this world will never break our will to remain free or end our determination to spread the message of freedom throughout the world. To those who have raised their protests against our decision to retaliate and destroy the enemy, we must stand firm. We must not wait until the enemy has the opportunity to inflict even greater harm. Terrorists will not listen to dialogue and there can be no discourse with evil.

America is a great land and a people of noble purpose. We shall continue to lead the world in philanthropy and democracy. Wherever there is a country or a people who are needy or oppressed, America will respond and champion their cause. This mission is a part of our heritage and was expressed in the words of Thomas Paine in January of 1776, when he wrote these words in his pamphlet, *Common Sense*:

"Oh ye that love mankind! Ye that dare to oppose not only the tyranny—but the tyrant stand forth! Every spot of the old world is overrun with oppression. Freedom hath been hunted around the globe. Oh, receive the fugitive, and prepare in time an asylum for mankind!"⁴

We have, indeed, prepared to receive the oppressed and our naturalization courts have produced thousands of new citizens whose love for America is, in many cases, much more passionate than those of us who have been born to freedom. Our birthright of freedom has, for many Americans, lost its value and we have failed to pass its legacy on to our children.

Many of our citizens have lost sight of what makes our country uniquely independent and free. It stems from the individual freedom given by our Creator and yet, today, we find that our right to live as "One nation, under God" is being challenged. Several months ago, a District Court in California ruled that the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was unconstitutional because it contained the words, "under God". As the spokesperson for NSDAR, I was contacted by a reporter from a New York paper. He wanted to know what the DAR thought about the court's position. I told him that I felt very confident in the Daughters' position concerning the Pledge. I said that:

1. The Daughters know that the colonists came to America seeking a place where they could worship God as they chose and they did not leave God behind.
2. They incorporated a reference to God the Creator in their Declaration of Independence. They built a reference to God into the basic structure of their assemblies: the Legislative and Judicial bodies are opened with prayer and the Executive is sworn in with an oath to God
3. The Lord God has been the strength and mainstay for our military and His name has been carried into every battle. We know that General George Washington made a habit of praying for his troops.
4. I concluded by saying that: As far as the Daughters are concerned, this country always has been—and will continue to be—one nation, under God!!"

We must teach our children the stories of the patriots and how the American Revolution was won. They must not be deprived of their heritage or their pride in their country. We must instill in them the courage of their convictions and the determination to sacrifice all for what they believe! It is our duty to encourage them to strive for the highest standards of personal achievement and conduct. We must help them to understand that America's greatest strength is in the basic goodness of her people. The events of September 11th have shown that this spark has not been lost but is still burning beneath the apathy and distractions of everyday life.

Daughters, Ours is the call to Arms...for "we are the torchbearers of liberty".⁵

In our hands rests the fate of our people and the fate of our Republic. We have a charge to keep as we hear the words of President Andrew Jackson:

⁴ "The Founding Fathers on Leadership", by Donald T. Phillips, Warner Books Inc., 1988

⁵ "The Spirit of America", poem by Angelo Patri.

*"Providence has showered on this favored land blessings without number, and has chosen you as the guardians of Freedom, to preserve it for the benefit of the human race. May He enable you to guard and defend to the end of time, the great charge He has committed to your keeping."*⁶
May God bless America and may God bless the Daughters of the American Revolution..

Linda Tinker Watkins (Mrs. Robert W.)
President General

MORNING BUSINESS SESSION **Saturday October 25, 2003**

The business session of the 98th State Conference, West Virginia State Society, Daughters of the American Revolution convened Saturday morning, October 25, 2003 at 9:30 a.m. in rooms Cedar and Dogwood, Ramada Inn, Morgantown, West Virginia.

The State Regent, National Officers, Honorary State Regents, State Officers and Conference guests entered in procession, escorted by the pages and flag bearers with music provided by Mrs. Linda Hendrickson, Western District Director.

The meeting was called to order by the State Regent Mrs. Charles. L. Silliman. Miss Frankie Cline, State Chaplain, gave the invocation. Mrs. Cora P. Teel, Parliamentarian, led The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. Ms. Kathy Robertson, State Organizing Secretary, led The American's Creed. Mrs. Hendrickson led the Assembly in singing America the Beautiful. The Colors were posted.

Mrs. Jerry Bidlack, State Chairman Credentials Committee gave a preliminary report: Total registration - 139. This includes National officers - 5, Past National Officers - 4, National Vice Chairmen - 5, Honorary Conference guests - 5, State Officers - 9, Honorary State Regents - 5 District Directors - 5, State Chairmen- 20, Chapter Regents - 29, Delegates - 91, Alternates - 18, Pages - 6, Guests - 3, Voting strength - 128. Mrs. Bidlack moved that the report be adopted. The report was adopted.

Mrs. Silliman requested and received verification from the State Recording Secretary that a quorum was established,

Mrs. Teel recommended that the Standing Rules on page 17 of the program, and read at the State Board of Management meeting Friday, be adopted as the Standing Rules of the 98th State Conference. The Standing Rules were adopted.

The State Conference Chairman, Mrs. James Wallace, presented the Conference Program and stated that two changes in the program needed to be made. On page 8, time of registration should read from 9:00 a.m. to noon and on page 18, listed under Southern District, General Andrew Allen Chapter should be changed to read General Andrew Lewis Chapter. Mrs. Wallace moved that the Conference Program be adopted as corrected. The Conference Program as corrected was adopted as the official program of the 98th State Conference.

State Regent Mrs. Silliman appointed Mrs. Frankenberry, Mrs. Thomas Collins, and Miss Marlene Jones to approve the Friday night, Saturday night and Sunday morning minutes.

The Honorary State Regents were introduced as follows: Mrs. Joel M. Wagoner, Chaplain General, Past Organizing Secretary General and Honorary State Regent; Mrs. Walter L. Spearman, Past Vice President General and Honorary State Regent; and Mrs. Randall G. Rumberg, Past Vice President General and Honorary State Regent.

Mrs. Silliman introduced the Conference guests, and each extended greetings to the assembly. In attendance was Mrs. Linda Tinker Watkins, President General; Mrs. Char Edson, Librarian General; Mrs. Rolfe Teague, Curator General; Mrs. Margaret MacKenzie, State Regent District of Columbia and Mrs. Marilyn Vaglia, State Regent Ohio.

⁶ "America my Country", Idea Publishing Co., Milwaukee, WI, 1970.

Mrs. Silliman recognized the National Chairman, National Vice Chairman and National Vice Chairmen East Central Division.

At this time the State Regent asked that the proposed changes to the by laws be read. Chairman Bylaws Committee, Mrs. Rumberg read the proposed amendment to Article IV, Fees and Dues, and moved the adoption of the proposed amendment. The proposed amendment was adopted. Mrs. Rumberg read the proposed amendment to Article XII, Chapters, and moved the adoption of the proposed amendment. The amendment was adopted. (The proposed amendments can be found in Friday's Board of Management Minutes.)

Mrs. Donald Hale, State Chairman of Resolutions stated that there are no resolutions to be presented at this time.

The State Recording Secretary was directed to present the recommendations from the State Board of Management.

RECOMMENDATION I

- that Mrs. Barbara Rutledge's appointment as State Treasurer be approved.

Mrs. Van Voorhis moved that Recommendation I be adopted. The Recommendation was adopted.

The State Vice Regent assumed the chair and the State Recording Secretary read:

RECOMMENDATION II

- that the WV Society pay for a full page ad in the Daughters Newsletter honoring our State Regent, Mrs. Charles L. Silliman.

Mrs. Van Voorhis moved Recommendation II be adopted. The Recommendation was adopted.

The State Regent requested that Mrs. Cora Teel, Chairman Nominating Committee, give her report. The report was as follows:

Shirley M. Gilkeson (Mrs. Roy A.), Kanawha Valley Chapter (Western District), nominated for the office of State Regent

Ginger Nalley (Mrs. Robert), Ohio Valley Chapter (Northern District), nominated for the office of State Vice Regent.

CeCe Wallace (Mrs. James E.), John Hart Chapter (Central District), nominated for the office of State Chaplain.

Charla Nutter (Miss), Colonel William Lowther Chapter (Northern District), nominated for the office of State Recording Secretary.

Cora P. Teel (Mrs.), Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter (Western District), nominated for the office of State Corresponding Secretary.

Sally M. Greenfield (Mrs. Gary W.), Shenandoah Valley Chapter (Eastern District), nominated for State Organizing Secretary.

Barbara M. Rutledge (Mrs. Eldon), Buford Chapter (Western District), nominated for the office of State Treasurer.

Judy Fugate (Mrs.), Wheeling Chapter (Northern District), nominated for the office of State Registrar

Joan Sweeney (Mrs. Lloyd), Captain James Allen Chapter (Southern District), nominated for the office of State Historian.

Marjorie Allen (Mrs. Robert), Peters Mountain Chapter (Southern District), nominated for the office of State Librarian.

Carmen L. Silliman (Mrs. Charles L.) nominated for Vice President General from West Virginia.

The State Regent asked if there were any further nominations for any office. Hearing no further nominations, she declared the nominations closed. She stated that voting would be held that afternoon. Delegates were directed to wear their voting ribbons. They would be escorted to the voting room to cast their votes and then may return to the business session. Those who have not voted will vote at the end of the business session.

Mrs. Wallace, Conference Chairman, was asked to introduce the Conference Committee and the hostess chapters. The regents of the Central District chapters were introduced and she expressed her

thanks to them as well as to Becky Davis, to those serving at the registration table and to the members of the Hagans-Evans Chapter who helped in various ways.

Mrs. Silliman stated that the press book judging will take place at 11:15. The Conference Guest State Regents were asked to serve as the judges, and winners will be announced tonight after the banquet.

The timekeepers were asked to assume their duties for the next order of business. The State Officers were asked to give their reports. The State Vice Regent assumed the chair while the State Regent gave her report.

All reports will be printed in full in the Proceedings. State Treasurer, Mrs. Rutledge handed out copies of her report to the members and stated that the necessary bonding and auditing has been completed. (A copy of the Treasurer's Report can be found under State Officers Reports.) Chapters were reminded that they are required to submit to the State Treasurer a copy of their budget and financial statement.

At this time Mrs. Wallace, Chairman Finance Committee was asked to present the budget for 2003-2004. A copy of her report was distributed and she read it in full. Mrs. Wallace moved for the adoption of the report. Mrs. Barbara Fish, James Wood Chapter raised a question regarding the placement of the Vanguard Fund in the budget. Discussion resulted in Mrs. Fish making a motion to amend the budget to move the \$531 interest figure to the Contingency Fund. Ms. Mary McLaughlin, John Young Chapter, seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The motion to adopt the Finance Committee's budget as amended was seconded and passed. The remainder of the State Officers reports were given. Mrs. Righman stressed the importance of obtaining permission from the DAR Library before buying a book to submit to the Library.

The reports were heard from the State Chairman of National Committees, the State Chairmen of Committees with National Recognition and the State Chairmen of Committees with State Recognition. Mrs. John Davis, Chairman Pages, introduced the pages serving this Conference – Mrs. Katherine Hefner, Miss Charla Nutter, Ms. Tabitha Porterfield, Miss Jessica Davis and Miss Amanda Davis.

Mrs. Teel, State Parliamentarian recommended that Chapters amend their bylaws to keep up with any changes. Mrs. Gilkison advised the Daughters of West Virginia's "Almost Heaven Desert" planned for Tuesday evening of Congress Week.

The State Regent asked the District Directors and chapter regents to be ready with their reports for the afternoon business session.

The meeting was recessed until 2:00 in the afternoon.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The afternoon session reconvened at 2:45 p.m. for the purpose of receiving reports of the District Directors and Chapter Regents.

Reports were received and will be printed in the Proceedings. The timekeepers – Mrs. Haight, Mrs. Ketchum and Mrs. Jefferson were thanked.

Those who haven't voted were reminded to do so. Those getting their photos taken were reminded to be on time.

The meeting was recessed until Sunday morning. The colors were retired.

(Approved Sunday, October 26, 2003)

Ann Wade Van Voorhis (Mrs. William H.)
State Recording Secretary

"LIFE IN THE PAST LANE" BANQUET Saturday Evening, October 25, 2003

The "Life in the Past Lane Banquet" was held in Rooms Alder and Birch, Ramada Inn, Morgantown, West Virginia, 7:00 p.m. October 25, 2003. Ms Becky Leach provided musical selections.

The State Regent, Honorary State Regents, State Officers and Conference guests entered in Procession, escorted by the color bearers and pages.

Miss Frankie K. Cline gave the invocation. Miss Marlene Jones, Regent Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. Mrs. B. P. Tonelli, Regent Daniel Davisson Chapter, led the Assembly in singing *God Bless America*.

The colors were posted. Dinner was enjoyed with Ms. Leach providing the background music.

Following dinner the State Regent recognized those seated at the head table, - Mrs. Robert W. Watkins, President General; Mrs. Joel M. Wagoner, Chaplain General, Past Organizing Secretary General and Honorary State Regent; Miss Virginia Johnson, Honorary Vice President General, Past Vice President General and Honorary State Regent; Mrs. Charles T. Edson, Librarian General; Mrs. Richard K. Teague Curator General; Mrs. Robert C. MacKenzie, Regent of the District of Columbia; Mrs. Roger H. Vaglia, Regent of Ohio; Mrs. Walter L. Spearman, Past Vice President General and Honorary State Regent; Mrs. Randall G. Rumberg, Past Vice President General and Honorary State Regent and Miss Jean Ann Elliott, Honorary State Regent.

Mrs. Silliman continued with the recognition of State Officers, State Parliamentarian, National Chairman, National Vice Chairmen and National Vice Chairmen East Central Division.

At this time, Mrs. Silliman introduced the speaker for the evening - Dr. Beth Thorne-Necome from Fairmont State College. Her interesting presentation was with regard to the Masquer's Theatre Group and the College's academic use of their historic costume collection. At the conclusion, The State Regent expressed her thanks and presented Dr. Thorne-Necome with a gift.

The State Regent stated that she had the results of the Press Book judging. The winners were as follows:

1 st Place	-	Buford Chapter
2 nd Place	-	Hagans-Evans Chapter
3 rd Place	-	Westmoreland Chapter
Honorable Mention	-	Anne Royall Chapter

A thank you was extended to the Ohio State Regent and the District of Columbia Regent for serving as press book judges.

A drawing was held for the Membership quilt which was made by Frannie Weekley. Linda Parsons was the winner of the quilt.

Mrs. Roy Gilkeson, State Vice Regent, asked to approach the podium. She presented the State Regent with gifts from the state officers, state chairmen, chapter regents and the chapters. She received a diamond watch, a gold necklace with the DAR emblem and a crystal gavel.

Since this was the final WV State Conference for Mrs. Silliman as State Regent, some of her officers, at this time, presented her with some "unique" gifts, which may (or may not) be useful in the future.

The State Regent thanked the hostess chapters - Daniel Davisson, Regent Mrs. B.P. Tonelli and Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter, Regent, Miss Marlene Jones.

The American Indian Breakfast will be at 7:30 in Room Alder, and the Memorial Service will begin at 9:00 in Room Evergreen.

An invitation was extended to the Assembly to attend the reception for Mrs. Wagoner in the Fireplace Lobby immediately following the retiring of the colors.

State Chaplain Miss Cline gave the benediction. The meeting was recessed until Sunday morning at 10:00. The colors were retired.

(Approved by Mrs. Robert H. Frankenberry, Miss Marlene Jones and Mrs. Thomas L. Collins)

Ann Wade Van Voorhis (Mrs. William H.)

State Recording Secretary

MEMORIAL SERVICE
Sunday Morning, October, 26, 2003

The Memorial Service of the 98th State Conference, West Virginia State Society, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, was held Sunday, October 26, 2003, in Evergreen Room, Ramada Inn, Morgantown, West Virginia, at 9:00 in the morning. State Chaplain Miss Frankie K. Cline presided. The WVDAR Chorus provided special music. Mrs. Richard Barnes was at the piano. State Regent Mrs. Charles L. Silliman presented a Tribute for Departed Daughters. West Virginia Honorary State Regent Miss Jean Ann Elliott presented a special Tribute for Honorary State Regent Mrs. C. William Moore. (See special tribute following Roll Call of Chapters.) The Roll Call of Chapters named the following deceased members:

CENTRAL DISTRICT, Mrs. James Wallace, Director

Blackwater

Muriel Dolly Luzier Price 620525 07/14/03*

Daniel Davison

Mary Virginia Wyatt 612910 05/08/03

Beatrice Dent 581346 06/13/03

Elizabeth Cummins Jackson

Nina Ruth Wallace Bumgardner 585164 04/15/03

Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans

Virginia DeVall Marshall 576696 10/30/02

Belva DeVault Atwood 608385 03/09/03

Mamie Jo Conrad 426718 04/20/03

Edna Beatrice Peters 600325 08/16/03

Elizabeth Zane

Bernice Frances Spinks Wood 765047 08/29/02

Elk River

Annie Matheny Hamrick 569883 11/24/02

James Barbour

Jeanie Schnably Menighan 688559 03/12/03

Phoebe Tucker Cunningham

Eleanor Stump Brannon 616848 12/27/02

EASTERN DISTRICT, Mrs. Theodore E. Garrett, Director

Bee Line

Louisa Nelson 340522 10/14/02****

Florence Hendricks Moore 308151 09/09/03** ** ** **

Pack Horse Ford

Mary Christine Hunter 713222 07/29/03

South Branch Valley

Mary Doris O'Dell Boso 685818 12/28/02

Janet Odessa Harper Conrad 744764 10/06/03

William Henshaw

Bertha Nichols Michaels 447864 01/21/03****

Grace Izola Burns DeHaven 436701 02/14/03****

Hester Lorraine Williams 583595 08/29/03

NORTHERN DISTRICT, Miss Charla L. Nutter, Director

Blennerhassett

Reta Sommerville Brown 549307 02/04/03

Virginia Pickering Stealey 562693 06/04/03

Nellie Cox Hickman 386407 07/13/02****

James Wood		
Irene Miller Dorworth	371316	09/15/03
Donna Fae Bissell	542074	10/20/03
Anna M. Allen	433871	07/11/03
Mound		
Thelma A. Nesbitt	440137	08/19/03
Wheeling		
Ruth Ellen Phillips Polack	383011	04/03/03****
SOUTHERN, Mrs. Terry Kornegay, Director		
Captain James Allen		
Ellen Garland Arnold	345598	12/29/02*****
Eleanor King Bowman	472225	02/24/03****
General Andrew Lewis		
Mary Ruth Andrews	447867	10/30/02****
Pauline Craig Coffman	617495	02/17/03
Irene McClung Stuart	750787	08/27/03
Elizabeth B. Wiseman	652501	07/13/03
John Chapman		
Mary Holroyd Sampson Gille	352236	12/05/03****
Lucille Peters Carter	426783	07/30/03
Matthew French		
Elizabeth DeJarnette Eskridge	305170	02/17/03****
Theresa Caroline Brown Clark	360193	01/20/03*****
Rachael Brooks Hatcher	541483	12/06/03***
WESTERN, Mrs. John Hendrickson, Director		
Anne Bailey		
Willie May Basham Smith	651187	09/14/04
Mary Halstead Urdling	553545	09/12/03
Anna Lou Sinnett Stalnaker	412420	02/16/03* ****
Nina Somerville Hall	391397	05/04/03* *****
Barboursville		
Anna L. Lewis	691988	06/25/03
Buford		
Helen Chadwick Wilson	472972	04/12/03****
Lorena Young Brown	547125	04/13/03
Peggy Cyrus	435766	01/24/03
Charleston		
Charlotte A. Weaver LeFevre	687459	09/24/03
Kanawha Valley		
Maxine Barton	424301	07/09/03* *** ****
Virginia Martin Miller	568174	07/23/03
Westmoreland		
Marian Roberts Jordan	736543	12/04/03
Virginia Merchant Finley	682889	12/08/03
William Morris		
Ellen F. Calvert	447882	05/02/03****
Members at Large		
Kathryn Raines Hodges	627869	12/30/03*
Frances Summerfield McClure	486774	01/08/03

* Former chapter regent ** Charter member *** Former State Officer
 **** Fifty-year member ***** Sixty-year member + Chapter officer

FLORENCE HENDRICKS MOORE
June 9, 1910-September 9, 2003

Shortly after I arrived home from Continental Congress I would receive this telephone call: "Jean, this is Florence, what all happened and who all were there?" I would tell her all the events of the week and the people I believed she would know. This was a ritual each year and I am sure that Beth Printz had the same conversation with Florence after each state conference. Even though she was unable to attend these events she was interested and wanted to know everything.

Florence Hendricks Moore was born on June 9, 1910 and died on September 9, 2003. She was one of ten children born to Daniel Webster and Sarah Link Hendricks and the widow of Charles William Moore. In that span of 93 years she lived each day to the fullest. She loved to work in the garden and tend after flowers. She had a keen interest in history and people and how they interacted with each other. She served the National Society of DAR by holding many offices in the Bee Line Chapter and on the state level she was State Treasurer, State Vice Regent, State Regent and Honorary State Regent. She served on the national level as Vice President General. She also was involved in many other lineage organizations. In the Daughters of the American Colonists, she also served as State Regent and was an Honorary State Regent. She belonged to the Order of the Crown of Charlemagne, Plantagenet Society, Order of Washington, Colonial Dames of the Crown, Colonial Dames XVII Century, Daughters of the Founders and Patriots of America, and Magna Charta Dames.

Florence and her husband ran the first nursing home in the area, Moore's Rest Home. She was the author of her family genealogy and her husband's family genealogy. She was Corresponding Secretary for the Jefferson Historical Society and the one that did the research in answering the requests in many of these letters. She was involved in several publications of the Historical Society. She was very proud of "Between the Shenandoah and Potomac".

She was involved with her church, the Charles Town Presbyterian Church, where she served in the Women's Work for many years and on many levels. She was an interested listener and was very helpful to all that asked her for advice.

She leaves four daughters, eight grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and one sister. Florence Hendricks Moore, by her work and deeds, lived the principles of God, Home and Country.

Miss Jean Ann Elliott

SUNDAY MORNING BUSINESS
October 26, 2003

State Regent Mrs. Charles L. Silliman called the Sunday morning business session of the Ninety-eighth State Conference to order at 10:15 a.m.

State Chaplain Miss Frankie K. Cline gave the invocation. Eastern District Director Mrs. Theodore E. Garrett led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. Mrs. Ebb J. Cummings, State Chairman DAR Schools and East Central Division Chairman DAR Scholarships, led The American's Creed.

The Assembly sang West Virginia Hills, followed by the posting of the Colors. Mrs. Linda Hendrickson provided the music.

The State Regent recognized the Conference guests, President General Mrs. Watkins; Mrs. Edson, Librarian General; Mrs. Teague, Curator General; and Mrs. MacKenzie, Regent of the District of Columbia. Mrs. Vaglia, State Regent Ohio, had to make an early departure. Mrs. Watkins presented the State Regent Mrs. Silliman with a gift. Each guest expressed a gracious goodbye and their thanks for being invited to attend our Conference.

The minutes of Saturday's business session were read by State Recording Secretary Mrs. William H. Van Voorhis. There being no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved as read.

Mrs. Jerry Bidlack, Credentials Chairman, was asked to give the final report of the Credentials Committee. The report was as follows: National Officers - 5; Past National Officers - 4; National Chairman - 1; Honored Conference Guests - 5; State Officers - 10; Honorary State Regents - 5; District Directors - 5; State Chairmen (National and State Recognition) - 20; Chapter Regents -

29; Delegates – 95; Alternates – 20; Pages – 6; Guests – 3. Total Registration – 219; Duplicate Registration – 73; Total Registration – 146; Voting Strength – 135. A motion to accept the final report of the Credentials Committee was made by Mrs. Bidlack. The report was accepted.

At this time the Tellers were asked to report the election results. Chairman of the Tellers, Mrs. Harold Largent, reported as follows:

Candidate	Office	Votes
Mrs. Roy Gilkeson	State Regent	95
Mrs. Robert Nalley	State Vice Regent	97
Mrs. James Wallace	State Chaplain	96
Miss Charla Nutter	State Recording Secretary	98
Mrs. Cora P. Teel	State Corresponding Secretary	97
Mrs. Gary Greenfield	State Organizing Secretary	97
Mrs. Eldon Rutledge	State Treasurer	98
Mrs. Judy Fugate	State Registrar	97
Mrs. Lloyd Sweeney	State Historian	97
Mrs. Robert Allen	State Librarian	97
Mrs. Charles Silliman	Vice President General	91

Mrs. Silliman declared the above named daughters elected to office and asked that each stand and be recognized. She expressed her appreciation to the tellers.

At this time, the State Vice Regent assumed the chair. She entertained a motion to nominate Mrs. Charles L. Silliman as Honorary State Regent. Mrs. Rumberg so moved. The motion was seconded and carried.

Mrs. Silliman stated that the State Regent and State Vice Regent will be installed at the 113th Continental Congress. All other State Officers will be installed at this time and will assume office officially upon the installation of the State Regent and State Vice Regent. The newly elected officers were asked to stand in front of the podium. The President General conducted the Installation of Officers.

At this time, Mrs. Silliman called for the Courtesy Resolutions. Mrs. Donald Hale, Chairman Resolutions Committee read the following:

COURTESY RESOLUTIONS

WHEREAS, The hour having arrived for the adjournment of the Ninety-eighth State Conference of the West Virginia State Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, and

WHEREAS, The Conference has allowed the Daughters to renew old friendships and given renewed enthusiasm toward the work of our Society, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED That thanks be tendered to Mrs. James Wallace, State Conference Chairman, and Chapters of the Central District who have given so untiringly of their time and talents for the success of the Conference; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That appreciation be expressed to the Pages whose services contributed to the success of this Conference; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That this assembly express warmest appreciation to our President General, Mrs. Robert W. Watkins, and our other distinguished guests: Mrs. Charles T. Edson, Librarian General; Mrs. Richard K. Teague, Curator General; Mrs. Robert C. MacKenzie, State Regent of the District of Columbia; and Mrs. Roger H. Vaglia, State Regent of Ohio; for their inspiration and contribution to our Conference program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That appreciation be expressed to the outstanding speakers and musicians who contributed so delightfully to the Conference program.

Mrs. Silliman thanked Mrs. Hale and the other members of the Committee, - Mrs. Harriet Brown and Mrs. Frances Bonar.

At this time Honorary State Regent Mrs. Spearman asked to be recognized. She approached the

podium and presented Mrs. Silliman with her Honorary State Regent's pin and asked her "to wear it with pride and joy".

The State Regent expressed her thanks to the guests for attending our Conference. Her sincere appreciation was extended to Mrs. Wallace, Conference Chairman; to the Central District Chapters; to Mrs. Davis, Protocol Chairman and Chairman of Meal Reservations; to Mrs. Bidlack, Credentials Chairman; to Mrs. John Davis, Chairman Pages and to Miss Nutter, Northern District Director and interchangeable member of the Society.

The invitation to the 2005 State Conference was issued by Miss Nutter. It will be held in Parkersburg.

The State Regent called for announcements. Mrs. Wallace reminded the Assembly that we are recycling the nametag holders and to place them in the container provided. It was announced that the two containers of ferns that Mrs. Davis made will go home with Eastern District.

Miss Cline thanked all who sang in the chorus and Mrs. Hendrickson who provided the accompaniment.

Mrs. Lyle McCullough, State Registrar thanked the chapters who sent in their chapter's obituaries and stated that they should keep sending them. She also reminded those in the assembly who want to make a reservation on the bus to DC for Continental Congress should do so soon; there are only three rooms left.

Before adjourning, the Assembly stood for the singing of "Blest Be the Tie That Binds".

Miss Cline gave the benediction. The Pages retired the colors.

The State Regent declared the 98th State Conference adjourned.

(Approved by Mrs. Robert H. Frankenberry, Miss Marlene Jones and Mrs. George Laishley)

Ann Wade Van Voorhis (Mrs. William H.)

State Recording Secretary

NINETY-EIGHTH STATE CONFERENCE STATE OFFICERS' REPORTS

STATE REGENT

As I look about this room, I see so many faces that have had a role in my being here before you today. From each of you I have gathered important facts about DAR and I observed how you went about getting the job done, making the WV Society better because you were a member. During Mrs. Spearman's administration I was a member of South Branch Valley Chapter and serving as a Chapter Chairman of this and that while she was busy publishing a book, being the head of this austere organization and we all thought she had such good looking legs! I first served as a chapter Regent in 1986 under Fran Adams...a little box of red-haired dynamite who made certain we knew our job descriptions, and she saw that we became a corporation. I was a recycled chapter Regent under Kathy Gess, who was a State Regent capable of totally being organized. How I marveled at her. I then was asked by State Regent Presley Wagoner to be the State Chairman of National Defense. She asked me to be a State Chairman - - Me! Was she for real? So gracious, so lovely and so petite, yet so dynamic. I always made sure my white gloves were clean. Then the real "kicker" came when the nominating committee asked me to accept the Office of State Registrar and serve with "Cousin Jimelle". I knew I was in for it then. No slack allowed under this lady. She came with strong leadership and Fairy dust. I had to have a book printed and give 5 genealogy workshops during her term. My Eastern Neighbor, Jean Elliott became State Regent and "look out" - I was State Vice Regent. Virginia Johnson and I cried together that my mother would have been so proud. They had served in DAR together in the 60's and 70's.

After the thrill of the election, the shock set in as to what might be coming next. Jean and I became partners on the road. We traveled all over the state and from Jean I learned to carry a map, ask directions and laugh a lot and not to let DAR overwhelm you.

Following a most successful State Conference at the Marriott in Charleston, with thanks to "cousin" Jimelle Rumberg and the Western District Daughters, a brief respite in Key West, the 2003 winter came into our state with gusto as evidenced by the 30 inches of snow that covered everything in site. March saw this State Regent heading West to Parkersburg and the fabulous celebration of the 100th Anniversary of James Wood Chapter under the expert chairmanship of Mrs. Barbara Fish. An elegant buffet was served at their restored historic theater, as we listened to the soothing harp of Mrs. Rita Sharpes. Following the buffet, a gift to the school children, in honor of the chapter birthday, was patriotic music played by the Marine Band of Parris Island. After the stirring music, Mrs. Fish with Chapter Regent, Mrs. Pat Lucas, introduced guests, and we learned that the conductor was from West Virginia.

At last I was able to attend my own chapter meeting where I was greeted as the long lost soul. The timing of my attendance was good as I was able to hear the American History and Christopher Columbus chapter winners read their essays.

Weather again played a role in canceling a few chapter meetings, but finally a lovely Spring Day allowed me to have lunch with members from Bee Line Chapter in historic Harpers Ferry and to welcome their newest member.

The end of March found me heading for Northern West Virginia and another birthday celebration, this time the 50th anniversary of Ohio Valley Chapter. Finding that my sleeping quarters would be the Old Historic Wells Inn with its Ohio River and train stop history, I had a few moments of nostalgia as my mother and I had stayed there on her 80th birthday trip that she and I took as a step back in her childhood days. Mrs. Robert Nalley, Chapter Regent, hosted a small gathering at her home and Mrs. Lee Eddy saw that your Regent was provided with more honey from the bees on her farm, on which I want to live sometime, because its post office is Friendly WV. The visit was topped off with an opportunity to see the tremendous Old High School Museum in Middlebourne, that contains everything you can name. I was permitted to donate a painted plate, with a calendar dating 1909 made for a bank in Middlebourne, where my Grandfather Ireland had been a practicing physician. The State Regent presented a 50-year certificate to Mrs. Elizabeth Clark, a charter member. Guests included husbands of deceased charter members.

The month of May found this State Regent nearly living in her car. The chapters of Central District held an elegant luncheon meeting and tour at the historic Ada Land in Philippi. Traveling to a joint meeting of all the Southern District chapters at wonderful Tamarack, the beautiful luncheon was followed by the always special music of Becky Leach and Yvonne Seay. Hitting the road again found the car going East to join with a bus load of WV DARS, HODARS and guests going up to Valley Forge to enjoy WV DAY and all the traditions and atmosphere surrounding that hallowed ground. This was the first time WV had participated at Valley Forge Day.

Sadly, the schedule did not permit me to join with the Daughters of the District of Columbia that weekend at their State Conference, but one can be just so many places at one time.

The next weekend it was Southwest to Huntington to join with Westmoreland and Buford Chapters at their wonderful Chapter Cabin in Ritter Park. A delicious luncheon was hosted by Buford Chapter Regent, Sally Cyrus in her lovely home, where we went upstairs to the attic and all wrote our names on her attic walls, a tradition, and a site to see with many signatures of past members, stirring recollections of times past. A visit to the Heritage Farm Museum of Mr. Michael Perry was an unbelievable treat. There is just nothing missing from his collections.

Special accommodations were made for the State Regent in the lovely home of Mrs. Jessie McClain, where her gracious hospitality among beautiful antiques made for a very special weekend.

Again, with the car aimed South, the state Regent, along with the State Chairman of National Defense and Chapter Regent, Mrs. Ginger Nalley, took off to Tamassee to see the second stripped and newly painted bedroom at the cottage and to attend the Tamassee Board Meeting and the graduation ceremonies at Tamassee/Salem High School and to congratulate Miss Beth Boss on her many school accomplishments while being a resident at Tamassee for nine years.

Traveling to Jackson's Mill for a joint meeting with Daniel Davison and Trans-Allegheny Chapters, that included the dedication of a planting of a Mt. Vernon Red Maple tree and a genealogy

workshop on WV Suspended Pensions of Patriots given by Christina Rumback, Assistant Director of Genealogy on staff at National Headquarters and the daughter of Ersaline Rumback, topped off the month of May.

An Executive Committee Meeting was held the evening of June 20th and then on June 21st we were all back at Jackson's Mill for a full day of Leadership Training, conducted by State Officers and State Chairmen, for 70 members that included Chapter Regents, Chapter Treasurers and Chairmen, who went home with a better understanding and education of what DAR is all about.

Bags packed, gowns ready and off for the week at Congress. Congress was exceptional. Mrs. Robert W. Watkins, President General, presided most effectively, expediting the business of Congress flawlessly and providing the membership with wonderful evenings of music and entertainment. This State Regent was strutting proudly as her DAR Daughter, Katherine Hefner, wore the sash of the Page to the President General and, as she said, helped move traffic in and out of the P.G.'s office. She proudly carried the West Virginia Flag each night and one night had to run circling the building to be in time to carry in another state flag. There was a lovely reception for the Wagoner Associates after the close of Congress and the graciousness of the President General's attendance was warmly felt by the West Virginia Daughters.

Saturday, following the end of Congress, signaled the beginning of our five District Meetings and the start of a new DAR year for WV Daughters. The State Regent presented the power point presentation of the 13 Steps to Processing an Application Paper created by the Registrar General, accompanied by Mrs. Barbara Rutledge transporting the overhead projector.

September rush began with a meeting with the members of Blackwater Chapter around the dining table in the beautiful home of Betty Riley, high up in the skiing area of Timberline in Davis, complete with live deer grazing on the front lawn, gave new meaning to down home comfort and lively conversation. We listened to Mrs. Alice Smith a 50-year member, give a fascinating talk on her experiences as a woman Marine, and how a young woman from a tiny town coped with the big outside world and traveling all the way from the East Coast to the West Coast by train, when all the traveling she had done previously was go by bus to Pittsburgh.

Attending the funeral of honorary State Regent and Past Vice President General Mrs. C. William Moore in Charles Town on a lovely Fall Day in September with DAR members from the Eastern Panhandle and the State Chaplain, Miss Frankie Cline, reminded me of all the volunteer hours we in DAR give during a lifetime. Florence Moore had her tombstone all ready before she left us, complete with the engraved insignia on the stone. She threatened the funeral director if he messed it up.

The Chapters of the Eastern Panhandle, Pack Horse Ford, Shenandoah Valley, William Henshaw and Ye Towne of Bath hosted a lovely luncheon to honor your State Regent at the Holiday Inn, Martinsburg, which was a wonderful respite from our flooding from Hurricane Isabel. The members are all like family and really plucked at my heartstrings with their thoughtfulness and kind words.

October National Board meeting found roommate Cora Teel and me back at the JW Marriott in DC, where we were greeted with such warmth and friendliness, just like they knew who we were. Of course, my license plate that says WVDAR and the sticker in my window that says "Proud to be a DAR" could have given them a clue. Finding places for us to visit as a break from meetings is not a problem in the District, but finding places to handle two busses full of enthusiastic women is a real task, but, as always, Daughters met the challenge and we visited The Woodrow Wilson Museum one evening and the next night Marjorie Merriweather Post's home that was more lavish than the Queen's Palace.

Making a flying trip home from the National Board Meeting to gather up friend husband, we were off to Battle Days at Point Pleasant for the wreath laying at the Battle Park to honor the Virginians who died in 1774 in that first battle of the Revolution. It was the pleasant duty of the State Regent to give the welcoming address and the SAR President General Raymond Musgrave of Pt. Pleasant, was the guest speaker and all of his National Officers were in attendance. It was another beautiful Fall Day and many Patriotic Societies were present to lay their wreaths.

Due to circumstances beyond my control the trip to Founder's Day at Tamassee and the ceremonies at our DAR Schools scheduled for the week of October 6-10, 2003, was put off until another day.

In closing, know that I have enjoyed each and every moment of being your State Regent. There have been some challenging times, but I believe we have all learned together that organizations run more smoothly when there is order. We have had fun, touched many lives and done good works. You can be proud of your accomplishments, and we must strive to build up this Society. You have heard me say this before – we are a service organization dedicated to service to the nation. Just making that statement makes me proud. We must understand that if we let this society founder who is left to take up the call?

Thank you for this opportunity to serve the West Virginia State Society.
Carmen Silliman (Mrs. Charles L.)

STATE VICE REGENT

In February, this officer assisted the State Regent and other WV Daughters with a display at the West Virginia State Capitol for History Day. She was honored to receive a certificate naming her a West Virginia History Hero.

She attended the Summer Workshop in Buckhannon in June and then it was off to Washington, DC in July for Continental Congress. Although we were unable to have a formal WV DAR event last year, it was so much fun meeting with the West Virginia Daughters in the lounge of the J.W. Marriott for dessert almost every evening; she was even treated to a surprise birthday party, complete with singing. During Continental Congress, she also attended the Vice Regent's Luncheon and the National Chairman's luncheon. She assisted the National American History Chairman with a workshop and on Saturday morning she gave her report as the National Vice Chairman of the Christopher Columbus Essay Contest from the platform. She also arranged for West Virginia Daughters to sit in the West Virginia Box.

When she returned from Congress, she learned that her son, United States Air Force Commander Captain Mike Gilkeson, had been deployed to Iraq and would be flying one of six planes from his unit assigned to the Middle East for the next six months. As proud as she is of his service to his country, his safety has been a constant worry. Your prayers for all our service personnel are deeply appreciated.

In July, she attended Central, Northern, Southern and Western District Meetings. She has assisted the State Regent with any task she requested and she continues to pray for the State Regent to remain in good health. In August, she had the pleasure of attending a reception given by the Buford Chapter honoring Mr. A. Michael Perry and presenting him with a Historic Preservation Medal and Certificate at the Heritage Farm Museum and Village located in Wayne County. In September she wrote an article on the Constitution that was published in five newspapers and attended her own chapter's Constitution Week Luncheon.

It has certainly been fun and a pleasure serving as Vice Regent during this "DAR is Fun Administration".

Shirley M. Gilkeson (Mrs. Roy A.)

STATE CHAPLAIN

It has continued to be a learning experience to serve the State Society in the capacity of State Chaplain. This officer attended the Central District meeting and conducted a memorial service for the deceased daughters of that District. The memorial for Honorary State Regent Mrs. Charles Moore in Charles Town was attended and a carnation presented on behalf of the State Society. This officer attended three district meetings – Southern, Western and Central. The goal to attend all district meetings at least once during the term of office was met by this state officer.

A total of fifty-five deaths of West Virginia Daughters for 2002-2003 have been reported. Western District had the highest number – seven chapters reported the deaths of fourteen members. Eight Central District chapters reported a total of twelve deaths. Southern District had eleven deaths with five chapters reporting. Three chapters in Eastern District reported eight deaths. Northern District had four chapters who reported eight deaths.

Of the reported deaths one was a former State Regent, four others were former state officers, six had been chapter regents, and one was an active state chairman. Five had been members of 60 or more years, and fifteen had 50 or more years of membership.

This State Chaplain attended Continental Congress and participated in the National Memorial Service. She assisted in conducting a brief service of Initiation for New Members of the Ohio Valley Chapter during their 50-year anniversary celebration. It was reported to the State Chaplain that members of the State Society had participated in the Commemoration Service for the soldiers who fought during the Battle of Point Pleasant and services at Valley Forge, PA. Many other Daughters in the State participated in Services of Commemoration in their respective areas of the State. This Chaplain planned and led the "Moment of Silence" observance at a Morgantown Long Term Care Facility in remembrance of those killed in the 9/11 attack. This Chaplain also plans and assists in conducting quarterly services of "Memory and Hope" at the same facility for those residents who are discharged or who expire at that institution.

Two birthday greetings were sent for reported 100th birthday celebrations and four greetings were sent for reported 90th birthdays. There are still problems encountered with chapters not utilizing the reporting form, not reporting deaths in a timely manner or when the local chapters become aware, not supplying some of the necessary information. It would also be very helpful if notations were made by the chapter chaplain, or reporting member, as to whether the deceased had been a regent, state officer, a 50-year member or charter member. It is acknowledged that this information is often not available. It is also helpful when deceased members' national numbers are reported. This officer remains ready to assist in any way possible.

Madam State Regent, it has been an honor and a pleasure to serve as State Chaplain in your administration.

Miss Frankie K. Cline

STATE RECORDING SECRETARY

This state officer has recorded the minutes of all state meetings, and arrangements have been made for the printing of the Proceedings of this Administration. Each of the five district meetings has been attended by this officer at least one time during the past three years. This past April, I attended an interesting joint meeting of Blackwater, Elizabeth Zane, James Barbour and John Hart Chapters held at Ada Land in Philippi, and in July it was my privilege to attend the rededication of the Madonna of the Trail Statue in Wheeling. Madam State Regent it has been a real pleasure to serve as your State Recording Secretary.

Ann W. Van Voorhis (Mrs. William H.)

STATE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

The 2002 State Conference had come to an end,

I was still collecting chapter yearbooks each day as the mail came in.

After the holidays the packets they did come

Most were complete, and then there were some...

I cut and I sorted with each area in a neat organized stack

Finally the due date was way past, all were ready to mail in a neat little pack.

The West Virginia Blue Book again wanted any changes for the book,

This continues to be exciting as each year I can hardly wait to look!

The day at Valley Forge was truly a treat,

The concert, the tea, a church service and tour made it all complete.

Now the real task began again for my computer and me,

Waiting and receiving any changes of who the new officers might be.

A supplement was done this year again to help make our yearbooks more complete,

That is, until someone tells me "I need to change my street".

Jackson's Mill, one of my very favorite places to be,

Made this Summer meeting especially enjoyable for my husband and me.
 To Fort Ashby I traveled to attend the Eastern District Meeting,
 To see old friends and new and welcome their greetings!
 To you Madame State Regent I want to say what a wonderful three
 years this has been,
 To work with you and others and be able to call you my friends.
 The 98th State Conference is now well under way,
 My last program is printed. I will now enjoy the day.
 Barbara M. Frankenberry (Mrs. Robert H.)

STATE ORGANIZING SECRETARY

This officer attended the 97th West Virginia State Conference in Charleston, the Summer WV meeting at Jackson's Mill, State Board of Management meeting in Jackson's Mill and the Southern District meeting.

I have kept accurate records for each chapter in the State, making all appropriate changes as necessary.

Ms..Mary R. (Kathy) Robertson

STATE REGISTRAR

Your State Registrar attended board meetings, four district meetings and a chapter genealogical workshop.

My State Registrar project was, and is, for the chapter Registrars to collect the obituary of all of their members. I would like to see National require this also. Each chapter should make two copies, one for their chapter and one for State. I have received many from the chapters, from which booklets are made of the obituaries of the deceased members. The information can be invaluable to potential members. The article gives the names of mothers, fathers, siblings, grandparents, dates of birth and death, church and organizational affiliations and often their line of work. Members can help the chapter registrar by watching the newspapers especially for members living out of town – perhaps living with children or in nursing homes. All dates and national numbers should be included when submitting to the State Registrar.

Chapters who researched their deceased members found that they “really enjoyed doing this; it was interesting to read about our departed members”. Please continue searching newspapers so we honor our members in this fashion. Three chapters who received the 2003 WV Registrar Award are:

Bee Line, Buford, and Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans

I trust this will be a continued project for the WV State Registrar. Madam State Regent, it has been a pleasure working with you and the chapter registrars.

Marion E. McCullough (Mrs. Lyle)

STATE TREASURER

TREASURER'S REPORT 1 July 2002 – 30 June 2003

Balance 30 June 2002	\$19,924.15
INCOME:	
1999 DAR Ornament	30.00
Americana Room	43.00
American Indian Scholarship	46.00
Bacone College	876.33
Berry College	71.00
Blanche L. Reymann Scholarship	61.00
C.A.R. National	34.00

Cameo Club		373.00
Camper Buddy Program		5.00
Chapters for Children 2003 Campaign		25.00
Chemawa Indians		915.00
Clarksburg VA Medical – Christmas		50.00
Conference Meals		10,315.00
Conference Assessments Entertainment		
Western District 02	229.00	
Central District 03	<u>106.00</u>	335.00
Governor's Tea		
Pages Fund		
Printing copies, etc.		
WV State College ROTC		
Conference Dues		813.00
Congress Lunch – DC		105.00
Cookbooks		274.25
Crossnore School		97.00
Pet Program	<u>20.00</u>	117.00
DAR American History Scholarship		70.00
DAR Good Citizen Pins & Certificates		180.00
DAR Library – National		72.00
DAR License Plate Frames		20.50
DAR Museum – Adopt an Object		5.00
DAR School Bear Pin		250.00
DAR American History Awards		34.00
DAR Computerization Project – National		43.00
DAR Good Citizens Scholarship Fund		36.00
DAR Magazine Coop		1,321.25
Friends of American Indian		5.00
Friends of Museum		5.00
Gift Received		
Peters Cottage	395.00	
Shepherd College	<u>600.00</u>	995.00
Give a Book Program		5.00
Hillside School		41.00
Hindman Settlement School		208.15
Indian Youth of America		189.83
Junior Membership	1,510.05	
Helen Pouch	<u>196.00</u>	1,706.09
Kate Duncan Smith DAR School		327.79
Madonna of the Trail Calendar		215.00
Microfiche/Imaging Projects		30.00
National JAC Prize Fund		103.00
NSDAR – DAR Good Citizen Scholarship Fund		250.00
NSDAR Archives		44.00
NSDAR General Operating Fund		170.00
NSDAR Nat'l Patriots Bell Tower-Valley Forge		200.00
NSDAR Museum Exhibition Fund		48.00
NSDAR Property Maintenance Fund		162.00
NSDAR ROTC Awards Program		58.00
Other Income:		
Pages Fund		368.00
Peters Cottage		1,638.00
President General/s Project		2,492.00

Project Patriot		323.00
State Regent's Fund		25.00
Seimes Microfilm Center		44.00
State Regent Gift		995.00
State Dues		7,191.50
WV DAR News		
Officer's Expenses		
Gift/misc		
State Regent's Project		1,314.00
Tamassee:		
Cottage Pins	40.00	
School Bus Fund	152.00	
Shoe Fund	623.00	
DAR School	338.80	
Academy Library	<u>20.00</u>	1,173.80
Training Day Lunch		15.00
WV C.A.R.		85.00
WV DAR News		30.00
WV DAR News Ads		30.00
WV Daughters Book		80.00
WV DAR Room – DAR Museum		73.00
Valley Forge		<u>661.00</u>
Total Income 7/1/02 – 6/30/03		\$37,823.27
TOTAL INCOME		<u>\$57,747.42</u>

EXPENSES:

2004 State Conference – Martinsburg		\$200.00
Conference Expenses – 2002		
Conference meals – Marriott	10,562.64	
Decorations and Flowers	550.40	
Entertainment – K. Stafford	150.00	
Governor's Tea	600.00	
Pages Fund	224.00	
Printing, Copies, etc.	545.39	
WV State College ROTC	<u>50.00</u>	12,682.43
DAR Good Citizens Pins – Refund		6.00
Junior Membership Orders		1,038.67
Peters Cottage Account		1,410.00
President General's Project		50.00
From Special Assessments		
DAR Magazine Co-op	2,130.00	
State Regent's Gift	205.00	
From Congress Lunch – DC	1,666.30	
From Cameo Dues	34.34	
From NSDAR		4,035.70
DAR Good Citizen – Scholarship	500.00	
DAR Good Citizen Pin Order	<u>253.50</u>	753.50
From State Assessments		
Award Winners	76.14	
Post and Print	<u>2,954.14</u>	
From State Dues		3,030.26
Postage – Officers & Chairman	294.78	
Printing	162.59	

State Committee	38.49	
State Officer	132.06	
State Regent	2,321.66	2,949.58
Misc		106.00
National Patriots Bell Tower – Valley Forge		200.00
WV State Tax Dept		25.00
Valley Forge		<u>674.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$27,161.16
BALANCE 30 June 2003		<u>\$30,586.26</u>

ITEMIZED CATEGORIES REPORT

BALANCE - checkbook 1 July 2003		\$30,586.26
Transfer of Money		
To B. L. Reymann Scholarship	\$ (61.00)	
To Cameo Club A/C	(338.00)	
To Peters Cottage A/C	(623.00)	(1,022.00)
Sub-total		29,564.26
INCOME		
Americana Room	1.00	
American Indian Scholarship	10.00	
Bacone College	1.00	
Berry College	1.00	
Blanche L. Reymann Scholarship	1.00	
Cameo Club	56.00	
Chemawa Indians	<u>1.00</u>	71.00
Conference Assessments		
Elizabeth Cummins Jackson	11.00	
Blackwater	36.00	
Colonel Morgan Morgan	42.00	
Colonel Zackquill Morgan	22.00	
Daniel Davisson	44.00	
Elizabeth Zane	41.00	
John Hart	<u>84.00</u>	280.00
Conference Dues		
Anne Bailey	25.00	
Anne Royall	15.00	
Barboursville	15.00	
Blackwater	30.00	
Buford	30.00	
Captain James Allen	30.00	
Daniel Davisson	15.00	
General Andrew Lewis	30.00	
Matthew French	15.00	
Mound	30.00	
Trans-Allegheny	15.00	250.00
Crossnore School	1.00	
DAR American History Scholarship	2.00	
DAR Good Citizen Pins & Certificates	15.00	
DAR Library – National	2.00	
DAR School Book Fund	120.00	
DAR School Bus Fund	130.00	
DAR American History Awards	1.00	
DAR Computerization Project – National	1.00	

DAR Good Citizens Scholarship Fund		1.00	
DAR Magazine Co-op		88.75	
Hillside School		1.00	
Hindman Settlement School		1.00	
Junior Membership	405.50		
Helen Pouch Memorial Fund	<u>5.00</u>		410.50
Kate Duncan Smith DAR School		6.00	
National JAC Prize Fund		3.00	
NSDAR – DAR Good Citizen Scholarship Fund		250.00	
NSAR Archives		1.00	
NSDAR General Operating Fund		5.00	
NSDAR Museum Exhibition Fund		1.00	
NSDAR Property Maintenance Fund		5.00	
Other Income			
Pages Fund		275.00	
Peters Cottage		1.00	
President General's Project		342.00	
Seimes Microfilm Center		1.00	
State Regent Gift		290.00	
State Dues			
Anne Bailey	18.20		
Elk River	5.95		
John Young	4.55		
Matthew French	168.75		
Mound	<u>21.70</u>	219.15	
WV DAR News		60.00	
Officers Expenses			
Gift/misc			
State Regent's Project		286.00	
Tamassee DAR School		81.00	
Valley Forge		12.00	
WVCAR		1.00	
WV Daughters Book		10.00	
WV Room - DAR Museum		<u>1.00</u>	
Sub Total			2,627.58
Total Income 7/1/03 to 10/10/03			32,792.84
EXPENSES			
Bank Charges – Checks printed		(76.00)	
Fr Junior Membership orders		(361.75)	
From Special Assessments			
DAR Magazine Co-op		(990.00)	
Fr State Regents Gift		(402.75)	
Fr NSDAR Good Citizen- Zachery Arrowood		(250.00)	
Mrs. Florence Moore's flowers		(53.00)	
Contingency		(275.90)	
Fr WVDAR News – labels		(66.00)	
From State Dues			
Postage – Officers & Chairmen		(61.13)	
Printing & Supplies/State Officer &Chm.		<u>(117.71)</u>	
Total Expenses 7/1/03 to 10/10/03			2,654.24
BANK BALANCE 10/10/03			<u>\$30,138.60</u>
Barbara Rutledge (Mrs. Eldon L.)			

STATE HISTORIAN

Lawrence H. Caskey, a teacher at Hedgesville Middle School, Hedgesville WV is the 2003 West Virginia DAR State winner of the Outstanding Teacher of American History Award. Mr. Caskey is sponsored by the Shenandoah Chapter and he will be introduced at Saturday's Luncheon. At that time he will be presented with a certificate and a pin from the State Society.

Thirty-seven (37) Chapters reported their activities to this State Historian; four (4) chapters did not respond. Four Chapters placed six (6) new markers for either Patriots or Revolutionary soldiers' graves, or Historical or Commemorative sight. Four (4) Chapters: Buford, Ohio Valley, Shenandoah and Wheeling have received special recognition awards for their outstanding work in historical preservations of archives and for their community and civic involvement. Madam State Regent, it has been a privilege and a pleasure to serve with you and the State Executive Committee.

Sally A. Ford (Mrs. Richard E.)

STATE LIBRARIAN

The following donations were made to the DAR Library:

- by Dorrene Hale through the Pack Horse Ford Chapter
- by Violet Hysell through the Barboursville Chapter
- by the John Young Chapter to honor Mary Blaine McLaughlin, Regent
- by the Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter
- by Marian Virginia Mason Abermethy through the John Young Chapter
- by the Wheeling Chapter
- by Mrs. Stavrakis for the Blackwater Chapter

The DAR Library must approve all books. Do not send a book to the Library until approval has been received.

Louise Righman (Mrs. Clifford L.)

REPORTS OF DISTRICT DIRECTORS AND THEIR RESPECTIVE CHAPTERS

CENTRAL DISTRICT

The Central District is comprised of eleven chapters. The Elizabeth Cummins Jackson Chapter of Grafton disbanded and many of its members joined the Daniel Davisson Chapter of Clarksburg.

It was my pleasure to attend the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Ohio Valley Chapter on April 26th, 2003 at St. Mary's WV. Many State Officers were in attendance, and their 50th Anniversary History Book is an interesting compilation of their many accomplishments.

The Elizabeth Zane Chapter of Buckhannon served as the hostess chapter for the Central District Meeting on July 25th. Nancy Greenleaf, Regent, had arranged for a most convenient site and a lovely luncheon. A total of 50 State, District, Chapter Officers and Chapter Members attended.

The Central District will host the 98th State Conference in Morgantown on October 23, 24th and 25th. Time was allowed for the plans of the Chapter Regents to be finalized for this event.

As the State Conference Chairman, I have met with the Chapter Regents, and worked with the two Morgantown Chapters, to organize the 98th State Conference. Representatives of the Hagans-Evans and the Colonel Zackquill Morgan Chapters have assisted greatly in the organization of this event.

This District is proud to be represented by two state officers, State Chaplain Miss Frankie Cline, and State Recording Secretary Mrs. Ann Van Voorhis. The District is also represented by five State Committee Chairmen.

It has been my pleasure to serve as the Central District Director. Madam State Regent, you have been a challenging "Task Master", but I have enjoyed meeting the "Need", and it has indeed been a privilege to be a part of your Administration.

Cecelia W. Wallace (Mrs. James E.), Director

BLACKWATER

Blackwater has been very busy with all the activities of the chapter – and most have been very educational and fun. The chairman planned wonderful programs, and the special commemorative dates have been recognized. Indian minutes were given at each meeting, and the national defense report was given with the most interesting of news. Many news articles were written and most were published. We joined the nation with prayers for Jessica Lynch and her friend Lori Piestewa of the Hopi Indians. We studied, and had a pen pal, of the Hopi Nation – exchanging flower seeds, history books and pictures of their reunion.

The veterans chairman transported veterans for Doctor appointments and shared books with veteran patients. We bought coffee for the waiting room and made other donations, as well as writing letters to the servicemen. We had representatives at our district meeting. Elizabeth Zane, James Barbour, John Hart and Blackwater greeted the State Regent and guests at Ada Land and all enjoyed lunch.

Louise Righman of Blackwater Chapter and Carol Holbert of James Barbour Chapter traveled with Ann Van Voorhis of the Hagans-Evans Chapter to Wheeling for the rededication of the Madonna of the Trail Monument July 7. The face of the mother has a strong character, beauty and gentleness. It is the face of a mother who realizes her responsibilities and trusts in God.

Other chapter activities include visiting and sending cards to shut-in members; as a group had prayer in a chapel; presentation by Cathy Hibbs of two citizenship awards; collected obituaries for State Registrar; collected stamps and labels; the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was given at each meeting; and members reminded to fly the flag on days of commemoration; book donated to the DAR Library; quilt square sent to Fran Weekley and members attended Mrs. Price's funeral. This is just a touch of our activities. Look forward to working with each of you.

Mary Matlick (Mrs. Harold), Regent

COLONEL MORGAN MORGAN

The Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter, located in Fairmont, has 44 members.

We gained two new members, have one application pending and one resignation.

Some of our interesting programs were "Francis Pierpont, Father of West Virginia", "Betsy Ross", and "Colonel Morgan Morgan".

The chapter sponsored a student from a local high school as a delegate to the Rhododendron Girls State, participated in the Veterans Day Parade and again sponsored the Multiphasic Blood Testing at Fairmont General Hospital – our annual fund- raiser. The chapter was represented at the Training Meeting at Jackson's Mill and Central District Meeting in Buckhannon. We received a Chapter Achievement Award. We made a donation to the WV Wagoner Associates.

Rebekah Chefren received her 25-year membership certificate.

Miss Marlene Jones, Regent

COLONEL ZACKQUILL MORGAN

We are small in number but big in service. Through its programs and work, our chapter emphasized the motto and purpose of the National Society – patriotic, historical and educational. Meetings were opened with the Ritual and National Defense Report. All financial obligations were met with regard to dues and assessments. We have 22 members, 4 associates and 6 prospective members.

The chapter presented an ROTC Medal to an outstanding University ROTC Cadet at their Awards Day Ceremony. We served as hostess chapter for the annual Flag Day Luncheon in June. Guest speaker was Honorary State Regent Miss Jean Ann Elliott. Introduced by State Flag Chairman Dorcas Harbert, she spoke on the "History of the Flag of the United States of America". A special luncheon guest was Mrs. Lisa Vance, widow of Staff Sergeant, Gene Vance, the first West Virginia soldier killed fighting terrorism in East Afghanistan.

The chapter joined with the Hagans-Evans Chapter, when they hosted the annual Constitution Week Luncheon. The chapter regent appeared before the County Commission for the purpose of having the Commissioners sign a Proclamation regarding Constitution Week, and members observed "Bells Across America". Members of the chapter participated in the local Veterans Day and Fourth of July Parades and laid a wreath at the Court House monument on Memorial Day. Members marked the two-year anniversary of 9/11 by wearing red, white and blue, driving with headlights on, and one member led a memorial service at a local long-term care facility. A chapter member was the chairman of the memorial service and parade for the Celebration of America Committee in Commemoration of 9/11

We sent donations of clothing and Campbell soup labels to Tamasee, as well as Crossnore, and donations were made to Kate Duncan Smith DAR School, as well.

Good Citizen Certificates were presented for participation in the Essay Contest. Project Patriot was supported with donations and cards to the crew of the John C. Stennis. A note and card was sent to Pvt. Jessica Lynch to wish her safe return to the States. Flag pins were presented to veterans groups, as well as to employees of city and county government offices, and a United States Flag was presented to a local retirement facility.

Members participated in the National Defense Program "What Freedom Means to Me", and received a First Place Award for being the Chapter with the Most Entries. The chapter received Level II Honor Roll and several other State Awards. Three chapter members – including 2 "first-timers" attended Continental Congress, and one member participated in the National Chorus and the National Memorial Service. Four members attended the State Training Meeting and five attended the Central District Meeting. A member assisted with the Shelly Marshall Teas, an effort to honor Shelly Marshall, killed during the terrorist attack at the Pentagon.

Many interesting programs during the year included a National Defense speaker from WVU ROTC program, cousin of a chapter member. Another was on Bio-Terrorism. A program on Thomas Custer, brother of Colonel George Custer, was presented by a chapter member who is a distant relative of the brothers. Member Dr. Joan Gibson presented "The Early Days of the Cass Railroad". A member participated in the Folk and Heritage Festival at Glenville State College.

A special effort is made to include and keep a charter member who is in a personal care facility aware of activities and news. This chapter has one member serving as a state officer, one serving the State Society as Chairman of a nationally sanctioned committee and another as State Chairman Protocol.

Kathleen P. Cline (Mrs. Wayne), Regent

DANIEL DAVISSON

Meetings were opened in ritualistic form with the President General's Message and National Defense Report given. During the past year, we have had several interesting speakers and projects. Dr. Eric Faust spoke on the Constitution. Jim Sims, local conservationist, spoke on recycling and the proper disposal of tires and newspapers. Registrar Elizabeth Davis demonstrated flax spinning and weaving and discussed how it tied in with the DAR emblem. Flag Day was recognized by Chaplain Emma Lee Long demonstrating the folding of the Flag and told what each fold represented. Finally, Erseline Rumbach of the Trans-Allegheny Chapter spoke on the History of the DAR Seal and the proper wearing of the DAR pins.

Our projects included recognizing an outstanding student from each of the Harrison County High Schools and presenting them with a Good Citizens Medal. We purchased Naturalization Books and distributed them to prospective citizens. I attended the Harrison County Naturalization Ceremony and witnessed thirty-six people become naturalized citizens.

At the Jackson's Mill Conference, we presented a George Washington Mount Vernon Red Maple tree as a symbol of our American Heritage. We donated over 200 magazines and one dozen Turkish hibbs to the Veterans Hospital in Clarksburg.

Our membership stands at forty-seven. We lost two members and acquired five members when Elizabeth Cummins Jackson Chapter disbanded. It has been a busy and productive year and I look forward to the coming year.

Elinor H. Tonelli (Mrs. B.P.), Regent

ELIZABETH LUDINGTON HAGANS-COLONEL JOHN EVANS

Programs this past year included the Lewis and Clark Expedition and our third and final program dealing with the Korean War. We listened to "Early Conservation Efforts in West Virginia" and watched a slide show about DAR. An interesting event was "High Tea", not unlike what might have been held in George Washington's time. This was planned by the son of a chapter member, who presented the program about Lawrence Augustine Washington, brother of George.

Steps have been taken to reorganize the Kerns Fort Society Children of the American Revolution. This C.A.R. Society was organized by Mrs. Jessie Fiedler in June, 1940. Her daughters, Jessie McClain and Mary Hardman, both WV Daughters, were charter members of this Society.

An effort is made to make our chapter visible. We are fortunate in having a monthly news article in the local newspaper. A chapter representative attends awards ceremonies at area schools to make presentations of Good Citizenship Medals, and a scholarship to Rhododendron Girls State, as well as at WVU to award the ROTC Medals. We are represented at Veterans Day observances on the Court House Square and in the Veterans Day Parade and 4th of July Parade, as well as at the mast of the USS West Virginia to remember Pearl Harbor Day. The Regent always attends a meeting of the County Commissioners for the purpose of having a Proclamation signed for Constitution Week. Everyone in the county is asked via a Letter to the Editor, to observe Bells Across America on September 17.

A Newsletter is compiled by the Regent and mailed to the membership three times a year. We donate to Stamps for the Wounded, labels to Tamasee, comfort items and a monetary donation to the Lewis A. Johnson VA Medical Center and a monetary donation to the DAR Library. Monetary donations were made by chapter members to Project Patriot, and Christmas cards were sent to the Stennis personnel.

Ann W. Van Voorhis (Mrs. William H.), Regent

ELIZABETH ZANE

As Elizabeth Zane Chapter enters its 102nd year as a chapter the members look back to the past year's activities. October brought greetings and thanks from the American Legion Auxiliary Girls State chairman, who spoke to members about the program. November took us "Inside the White House" with a staff member who had worked there many years. This was quite a window into history.

December brought our Christmas celebration and delightful book review on "First Ladies". We could feel their presence as the narrator brought them to life. Planning for the District Meeting; a visit from Confederate General Robert E. Lee (Robert Grose in full dress uniform), who spoke of his role in the Civil War; our family picnic with our Girls State representative and her parents as our guests; working with Blackwater, James Barbour, and John Hart's Chapters in providing food for the Naturalization ceremony in Elkins; and hosting the Central District Meeting in July completed our year of activities.

And, now, in September of 2003, our members look forward to State Conference and our assignment as co-hosts of the Regents' Breakfast. Members are collecting soup labels, donating to a shoe fund for Tamasee School, contributing to Project Patriot and the West Virginia Wagoner Associates.

Two new members were received by transfer.

Nancy J. Greenleaf (Mrs. Virgil), Regent

JAMES BARBOUR

The Chapter had a busy, varied and informative year. Each meeting was opened with the Ritual, a report from the National Defense Chairman, the President General's message and the Secretary and Treasurer's reports. Also, an Indian Moment was read at each meeting.

Donations were made to Tamasee School and for gifts for the military serving in Iraq. Product labels were sent to the schools. We visited the Veterans Hospital in Clarksburg several times and various small articles and reading materials were taken for the patients.

The Chapter also served as co-hostesses during the Naturalization for new citizens at the Federal Building in Elkins. Members attended District, State and National Meetings. Our chapter, along with Blackwater, Buckhannon and Elkins Chapters entertained the State Regent at a luncheon at Ada Land in April.

Programs were presented on Women in the Revolutionary War, the Flag, the Civilian Conservation Camps, Heritage, Genealogy, the Constitution and National Defense.

We had 250 middle school students participate in the American History Essay Contest and a certificate of participation was given to each student. A Medal and Certificates were given to the first place winner and runners-up in each grade. We had a state winner from the 8th grade this year. A certificate, pin and cash award were given to the Good Citizen winner.

We mourned the loss of one long time member this year. We have one new member and one "member-in-waiting". We have four new Associate Members.

Carol C. Holbert (Mrs. Herbert), Regent

JOHN HART

Our Chapter gained four new members during the year. In May, we held a workshop for six potential members to help them work on their applications. One application has been submitted; another is almost ready.

During our meetings, we toured the 1870 subscription school and the restored Stalnaker log cabin in Beverly; heard a current resident describe the history of the nearby Tygart Valley Homestead project originated by Eleanor Roosevelt; shared family stories and keepsakes at our Christmas brunch; listened to the outstanding essays written by the winners of our American History Student Essay Contest, heard a local historian (the son of a John Hart member) describe how infantry soldiers during World War II learned rock-climbing skills at Seneca Rocks; learned about the experiences of a Marine sergeant during the Korean War; and enjoyed our annual picnic.

With three other nearby chapters, we honored our State Regent during a meeting at Ada Land Mansion near Philippi. With these same chapters, we helped plan the Naturalization Ceremony and reception held in Elkins in July.

We awarded a \$500 scholarship to Tonya Cunningham, a graduating nursing student at our Vo-Tech Center and presented Hannah Swecker, a graduating senior at Tygart Valley High School, with our Good Citizen award for Randolph County.

Mary Kay Bidlack (Mrs. Jerry), Regent

PHOEBE TUCKER CUNNINGHAM

No Report. Margie Evans (Mrs. Paul S.), Regent

TRANS-ALLEGHENY

Our Chapter gave a National Defense Report at each meeting. The Good Citizen and American History Awards were given to high school students and a \$500 National Nursing Scholarship was given through our Chapter to a county student attending Marshall University. She gave a report at our December meeting.

Thirty-six terry bibs and \$50 for a Christmas party were given to the VA Hospital at Clarksburg. All programs this year were given by chapter members except one, and it was given by a son of a member.

May 27 the chapter co-sponsored, with Daniel Davisson Chapter, a special meeting held at Jackson's Mill, which consisted of a workshop on "Suspended Pensions of Patriots". This was presented by Christina Rumbach, assistant director of Genealogy and Applications for NSDAR. There was a special message given by our State Regent, and after lunch members dedicated a red maple tree, a seedling from Mount Vernon, which is now beside the Mount Vernon Dining Hall at Jackson's Mill.

Constitution Day was celebrated in conjunction with the Weston State Hospital Revitalization Committee. The American Flag and the West Virginia State Flag were raised, the chapter spoke briefly about the reasons for celebrating the Constitution, and the group sang "God Bless America". New flags and flagpoles were given to the old State Hospital.

One of our biggest accomplishments was through the DAR Blood Drive when one member brought in nine of her family members. We also have two other new members. We have grown from a 22- member chapter to a 33- member chapter in one year.

Betty Heavner (Mrs. Fay), Regent

EASTERN DISTRICT

Daughters of the Eastern District have had a very productive, informative, and hospitable year. From the reports received from Chapter Regents, members have engaged in activities that commemorated Constitution Week, traveled back in time to reminisce with Lewis and Clark, learned about the tradition of belsenicking, had guest speakers sharing a variety of topics, and were entertained with a portrayal of "Betsy Ross" by Shenandoah Valley Chapter daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Myers.

Members from many chapters attended State Conference, Continental Congress, and the Eastern District Meeting. Some members took advantage of the bus trip to Valley Forge in May. Chapters donated to several projects including the Tamasee Shoe Fund, Project Patriot, and supported the schools with money, clothing, and labels. Continued work with the youth projects were supported by all chapters as they promoted the American History Essay contest, the DAR Good Citizen awards and the Junior ROTC award.

Several Eastern District daughters received recognitions for such things as service to DAR, historical contributions, outstanding contributions to education, and volunteerism.

The Eastern District meeting of 2003 was hosted by Fort Ashby Chapter. Following the annual business meeting that included the election of officers, members were treated to a wonderful program on Colonial Herbs and then ended the day with a memorial service at Historic Fort Ashby.

This district director wishes to thank the State Regent, State Officers, Chapter Regents, and Daughters of the Eastern District who have been so extremely helpful during her term in office. Best wishes are extended to the officers elect. While most terms seem never to end, these three years passed far too quickly as it was an extreme pleasure to serve in this capacity.

Susan L. Garrett (Mrs. Theodore E.), Director

BEE LINE

Our program on the Constitution consisted of reading the last paragraph and the list of signers of the Constitution. Forty booklets on the Constitution were given to the sixth grade students of Shepherdstown Elementary School. In October our program was on Christopher Columbus. Chaplain Joyce Jackson collected obituaries and sent them in, and she is about finished with repairing our old scrapbooks, which contain chapter history. Our programs consisted of Volunteering in Jefferson County; Show and Tell of antiques; a portion of Lewis and Clark Expedition; well done History essays read from 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grades; a video on Hillwood, home of Marjorie Merriweather Post; DAR Schools; World War II; and ending with a covered dish picnic. The September meeting is usually business. If time permits we may finish the Lewis and Clark video. A meeting is planned on the Louisiana Purchase. We plan to invite members of the C.A.R. to our Spring Luncheon. We sent 9.5 oz. of stamps to the veterans; 25 pounds of candy to patients at Newton D. Baker Hospital,

along with lap robes and bibs made by the members; and 1,359 labels were sent to the schools. We hosted the Eastern District Meeting, and our State Regent and other state officers attended.

We lost two members through resignations and one by death. We are hoping to acquire two more members. A Memorial was held honoring the memory of Louise Leonard. Mrs. C. William Moore resigned as treasurer of our chapter due to ill health, and her daughter, Mary Alice Lemon accepted the position.

Beth Printz (Mrs. Charles F.), Regent

PACK HORSE FORD

Regularly scheduled meetings and two Management Board Meetings were held. The Ritual was followed by five minutes reading of the National Defender and reading from Indian Minutes. We lost one member from non-payment of dues and one to death, however, with three new members our membership now totals 78.

We were represented at Continental Congress, the State Conference and the State Workshop. Many took advantage of the bus trip to Valley Forge to celebrate WV day on May 4. In May we sponsored a trip to Monticello, Ash Lawn and Michie's Tavern. Many from the community joined us for this trip. Several members took advantage of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, which had its beginnings at Harpers Ferry, and included a dedication of the Lewis and Clark Museum. Pictures, Literature, etc., were brought back and presented as a program.

Two of our outstanding programs were: The National Defense Luncheon. Dr. Robert Wilgoos spoke on "Are we Headed for War on Terrorists?" and "Betsy Ross and her Five Point Star" Flag, as portrayed by Mrs. Dorothy Myers, who charmed all.

Labels were sent to Tamasee and Kate Duncan Smith Schools; money to Tamasee's "Shoe Fund"; clothing to Tamasee, Kate Duncan Smith and Bacone College. Monetary contributions as required for Chapter Achievement credit were sent. Money contributions were made to Project Patriot, and Christmas Cards were sent. We sent stamps for the wounded, and Christmas gifts were sent to the local Veterans Hospital. Small birthday treats were delivered to the local hospital. The book, "Henshaw Connections" was sent to the NSDAR Library. Flags were placed in cemeteries in Shepherdstown on July 4th, where Revolutionary Soldiers and Patriots lie. Several members are involved in various voluntary community services.

Twenty-one sixth grade and two fifth grade students entered the American History Essay Contest. Winners were awarded with certificates and monetary gifts at a "Tea" in their honor at the Historic Entler Hotel. Families were invited, and it was a fun night for all. A senior from Jefferson High School, selected by his teachers, received the DAR Patriotism Award.

September was busy. Delegate John Doyle spoke on changes being discussed in the State Legislature. The Mayor of Shepherdstown signed a proclamation recognizing Constitution Week. A picture of the Mayor and Mrs. John Lowe, Jr. appeared in the local newspaper of this signing. Mrs. Lowe was a "History Hero". She was presented an award in Charleston. We are very proud of her.

Also, in September, our chapter as well as Shenandoah Valley, William Henshaw, and Ye Towne of Bath Chapters welcomed our State Regent at a Luncheon at the Holiday Inn in Martinsburg. Her message was on the United States Constitution. She has represented our State with dignity and grace, and we are proud of her.

Besides the regular required meetings, we had two events more social in nature: Our Christmas Tea and our Chapter's Birthday Luncheon allows us to invite prospective members who are interested in our work. In this informal setting, friendships are made and work of the NSDAR is discussed.

Miss Jean A. Elliott received an outstanding award from NSDAR as Division Vice Chairman, Flag of the United States of America, in Support of the Goals of the Flag, and Mrs. Donald L. Hale received an East Central Division Award from the Volunteer Information Specialists Committee "For Assisting Prospective Members".

Betty Reinhart (Mrs. James P.), Regent

SHENANDOAH VALLEY

In October Dorothy Myers took us on an excursion as we went "Charting the Future of America with Lewis & Clark!" Members submitted stories to the State National Defense Chairman about "Freedom: First, Last & Always". Also in October Susanne Horner & Barbara Frankenberry served refreshments, provided by members, for the reception that followed the Naturalization Ceremony held in Martinsburg. Thirty-four new citizens were sworn in by the Federal Judge.

In November, at a family dinner in the home of Mrs. Jerry W. Horner, Sr. Master Sergeant Jim Allen, 167th Logistics Plans, NCOIC, told how the military prepares for "Deploying for Defense". November 11 the Regent laid a wreath at the Veterans Day Observance, as did members of the John Augustine Washington Society.

February 6 our members went "Flying High with Amelia Earhart!" as Tabitha Porterfield, vice president of the John Augustine Washington Society, presented her project on this famous lady of flight. The members collected items and money for the Martinsburg VA Center.

March 6, in recognition of Women's History Month, the Honorable Vickie V. Douglas, WV House of Delegates, 1990-2002, gave a program on "Challenges and Changes for WV". She was honored with a framed certificate "for her contribution to her Community and the State of WV through her service to the House of Delegates, 1990-2002". Forty year member, Kenda Stotler, was honored, as was her mother, Annalea Dawson, and member, Carolyn Elmer for their fifty-year memberships. Old obituaries were sent to Marion McCullough, State Registrar.

April 3 "Betsy Ross - American Patriot" visited and told her story about the flag and her life. Dorothy Myers (Mrs. C.M., Jr.) made this presentation dressed just as Betsy might have looked in her day.

May 1 American History Essay Contest Winners were hosted to a reception at the Trinity United Methodist Church. Awards were presented to the winners. May 4 Regent Barbara Frankenberry and her husband Bob attended WV Day at Valley Forge. Kathleen Merceruio, Treasurer, presented the Berkeley Co. AFJROTC Medal during the Annual Awards Ceremony at Martinsburg High School. Also in May, Good Citizens were recognized by the Chapter at the three county high schools, and members attended the Memorial Day Observance at the War Memorial Park. In July Members attended the Eastern District Meeting at Fort Ashby.

September 4 saw another family dinner at the home of Mrs. Horner. The program "Learning Legislators!" was presented by Delegate Walter Duke. Members sent cards for the "DAR - USS Stennis Light the Way Project Phase V and voted to send additional money for its support. The Constitution Month Display, showing the Founding Fathers of the U. S. Constitution, was placed in the foyer of Martinsburg/Berkeley Co. Public Library and another in the Musselman-South Berkeley Community Library.

September 6 and 7 members served as hostesses for the Berkeley County Historical Society Historic Homes Tour. On the 17th Dorothy C. Myers presented a program on the U.S. Constitution at the Trinity UMC, after which those attending rang bells for "Bells Across America!"

This past year the DAR School Bus has "driven" through each meeting collecting money for Tamassee for their school bus fund. Labels have been sent to the DAR Schools who will accept them. Betty Crocker Points have been sent to the Home Economics classes at Kate Duncan Smith DAR School.

Barbara M. Frankenberry (Mrs. Robert H.), Regent

SOUTH BRANCH VALLEY

Our Chapter is pleased to have shared our member, Carmen Silliman with you these past three years, but we have missed her and will be happy to welcome her back.

We welcomed two members into our Chapter this year. A much needed revision of our Chapter Constitution was completed this year. Our chapter member State Regent Silliman participated in activities at Valley Forge.

We supported schools with donations of clothing and labels. We remembered our veterans in the

VA Hospital at Christmas with a monetary donation. We were very pleased to have the third place state history essay winner in the eighth grade and the second place winner in the fifth grade. A junior ROTC award was presented again this year, as were good citizen awards to a senior in each of our local schools.

Constitution Week was observed with public service announcements, ringing of bells, newspaper articles and displays in five libraries and eleven schools, in addition to a program on the Constitution. An interesting and informative commemorative events program on "Lewis and Clark" was presented by one of our own.

Heritage was observed with a "Show and Tell" at each meeting. Also a program on the old custom of Kris Kringling was presented by our Chapter Regent and Vice Regent, who dressed in their costumes to demonstrate this custom so common in our area in the earlier days.

The South Branch Valley Chapter remains committed to the task of serving "God, Home and Country".

Annabelle F. Vance (Mrs. Loring H.), Regent

WILLIAM HENSHAW
No report. Mrs. Julia Gates, Regent

YE TOWNE OF BATH

Deceased members received roses placed on their graves. Fourth Grade Students presented a wonderful play on "The Constitution". Reminders of Constitution Week were given through news articles, church bulletins (Ministerial Association). Church bells were rung at 4:00 p.m. on the 17th of September, - also, the flying of flags.

The Good Citizen Essay winner was our dinner guest, as was the American History Essay Winner. Both received certificates and pins.

We participated in Veterans Day with a program and by placing a wreath on Berkeley Springs War Memorial. A wreath was again placed on Memorial Day. Three members and the Regent attended Continental Congress. Stamps were donated to Stamps for the Wounded. Money was donated to Tamasee and Kate Duncan Smith Schools. Two members gave a wonderful program on "Famous Women in American History". The local "Praise Club" did a beautiful program of patriotic music.

Julia H. Linaweaver (Mrs. George), Regent

NORTHERN DISTRICT

This District Director is pleased to lead the Daughters of Northern District - or rather, take and follow their advice so the Director looks good.

It was a wonderful day in Glen Dale when the Northern District Daughters met at their regular summer meeting. Thank you to the Mound Chapter members and their wonderful Regent, Mrs. Francis Bonar. The Daughters were pleased to welcome our State Regent and her Officers. We thank Carmen and Barbara Rutledge for their program or version of schoolhouse rock of how a Bill Becomes a Law, -cr, I mean, how potential applicants become members of the DAR. Thanks again to Mound Chapter.

The Northern District Daughters are hard at work as you will soon hear. Each chapter is very special to me and I truly appreciate the efforts that were made these past three years. Congratulations to James Wood Chapter on their 100 years and to Ohio Valley Chapter on their 50 years- for the special milestones they have reached.

Mrs. McClelland, I wish you the best in your new term as Director. And to the Northern District Regents and Daughters, congratulations and keep up the good work. It has been an honor to serve you. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity.

Ms. Charla Nutter, Director

ANNE ROYALL

Anne Royall is a small chapter of 43 members, and many of them live out of State. However, we are proud of our accomplishments. In November and December our chapter wrapped 39 gifts for our Veterans, and these were taken to the VA Hospital in Clarksburg along with various articles of clothing.

We participated in Operation Shoe Box by mailing packages to our troops in Iraq. We included 45 letters written by our 3rd grade students for our soldiers. Our chapter adopted the 1092 Engineer Battalion, and each month 12 to 15 cards and letters are mailed. We purchased 60 large yellow bows to go on the poles with our flags along Main Street in Harrisville.

Some of the members attended a C.A.R. meeting conducted by Betty Kauff, Senior Society President. A member, Laura Frymier, did an interesting program on the FBI Center. Election of officers took place in May, and in June the meeting was a combination of a Dues Tea (our first) and a blood drive. Both were successful, as we mailed ten applications for new members to National for approval. Later in June, Cheryl Haught and Katy Keith attended the workshop at Jackson's Mill, and a member attended the District Meeting in July. July 4th members participated in the National Bell Ringing Ceremony sponsored by the PA Society, SAR

Daughters Haught and Keith made twelve purses for the Membership Quilt to be raffled at Conference. Constitution Week Chairs Patty Cox and Jean Moore presented an interesting program "The Constitution Questions and Answers". Two places of business were decorated, ten posters were displayed in schools and three different Mayors signed Proclamations, - all relating to Constitution Week. And, in addition, there was a banner stating "Constitution Week, September 17-23, sponsored by Anne Royall Chapter, NSDAR" displayed across Main Street.

Our chapter made a donation to the WV Wagoner Associates. We have shipped items to Tamassee Thrift Store. We had three fund-raising projects, held eight regular meetings and one planning meeting.

Kathleen N. Keith (Mrs. Dale), Regent

BLENNERHASSETT

This year began with a visit to Camp Echo, an Outdoor Education Program at Williamstown Elementary School. Their teacher told us that the sixth grade students spend the week at camp (for many, their first trip away from home) learning about history, science and citizenship.

Some visitors to our chapter were: Mad Anne Bailey and Chief Logan, who spoke at regular chapter meetings. Jean McCreary, a pilot with the Women's Air Corp, spoke to our members at our National Defense Luncheon. We made a trip back in time to visit the 18th century when Mrs. Rita Sharpes, James Wood Chapter, brought her harp to play music from that period.

We scheduled a genealogy workshop for January in place of a more formal meeting just in case we had to cancel because of snow. The workshop, held jointly with the West Augusta Historical Society, was a success with the public. It was the following month that we had snow and only three members were able to attend. Our speaker was one of the victims of the weather.

We concluded our year with our American History Essay Contest winner and our Memorial Service.

Randi Gray (Mrs. Charles), Regent

COLONEL WILLIAM LOWTHER

The Colonel William Lowther Chapter held regular meetings, following theme requirements of NSDAR, and a planning session.

"One Nation under God", given by Fern Nutter, was our Constitution Week program. In October local Historian John Randolph, and his sister Ruth, gave an interesting look at the history and life of the founding fathers of our town of Salem. In November Regent Michelle Kelley presented a Veterans Day Program and in December we had our Christmas Party and presented the Veterans Hospital with gifts.

Bad weather prevented us from meeting in January and February. In March we met at the West Union Library. Pearl Jett presented her program on Resolutions, and Veda Davis presented one on National Defense. April brought us an interesting program by Elizabeth Davis, member of Daniel Davisson Chapter. Liz brought her spinning wheel and other artifacts and gave a talk and demonstration on spinning wool and flax. Also interesting was her background in growing and preparing the flax.

In May we honored our DAR Good Citizens from Doddridge County High Schools, and in June we concluded another year with our annual picnic at the Greathouse Pavillion in Salem.

Michelle Kelley (Mrs. Bradley A.), Regent

JAMES WOOD

James Wood was represented by four members at the State Conference in Charleston. We were pleased to have in attendance the winner of the State History Teacher Contest, Mr. Woodrow Wilson of Parkersburg High School. In November the members participated in the annual Veterans Day Parade with members riding and carrying our banner to the City Park where the Veterans program was held.

James Wood participated in a combined meeting with the James Neale SAR and the Blennerhassett Chapter in December. We sponsored the Good Citizens and Christopher Columbus Contests with awards given the winners. We were honored to have our Christopher Columbus Award winner, Ms. Lauren Smith receive the State History Award for 2002. The chapter sponsored five college scholarships with funding from the Stewart Fund. Students to Boys and Girls State were sponsored.

In March James Wood celebrated its 100th Birthday with a gift to the community by bringing the Marine Band in concert at the Blennerhassett School, along with a reception honoring members and special guests. The bronze ROTC medal was presented to a cadet from Parkersburg High School during the concert with both ROTC units in Parkersburg participating in the celebration.

During the year programs were given on the following: Underground Railroad of the Ohio Valley; National Defense – on the Boeing 747 that they have been perfecting, program by Mr. Daniel Sharpes from Edwards AFB in NM; Antique Dolls; and a book review of “The Legend of Mammy Jane”. A Silent Auction was held and proceeds donated to Project Patriot. Our Veterans Committee provides cookies and special event decorations monthly for the local Veterans Clinic. We conducted the “Blood Line” program endorsed by the State Membership Chairman.

A Memorial Service for a deceased member was conducted in May and our chapter participated with Blennerhassett in a Memorial Service on Memorial Day for Revolutionary War Veterans. Our annual Dues Tea and celebration of Constitution Week was held with 24 members participating. Two members received 50-year pins.

Patricia Lucas (Mrs. David), Regent

MOUND

The Mound Chapter had a very successful year. Six new members were accepted, three are pending, one transfer in, and five are working on their papers.

In October, Susan Yoho, museum curator, gave an informative program on the Adena Indians. In November, veteran Bob Harness gave a program on the Landing on Normandy. Gifts were taken to the Veterans Hospital. In December our program had to do with decorating for Christmas by Mrs. Karen Neubauer. In January our program regarding education was given by the Principal of Moundsville Junior High. Our program on health, about the Shriner’s Hospital, was given by Dale Parks. Dave Shriner, West Virginia Natural Resources, explained the duties of his office.

At the Spring dinner in May, three new members were installed. A program “Quilts in Plain View” was given by Martha McMahon. Members of Wheeling Chapter were our guests. In June the Regent and member attended the workshop at Jackson’s Mill, and in July the Northern District Meeting was well attended. The Regent took part in three Memorial Services for Veterans. Mem-

bers attended the rededication of the Madonna of the Trail. Phone cards and Christmas cards were sent to National for the troops on the John C. Stennis. A Community Service Award was presented to Nile Chaddock for House Preservation. Many members serve on Committees.

Frances Bonar (Mrs. Arthur), Regent

OHIO VALLEY

We are a small chapter, but we do have fun. Chapter Chairmen for American History, Christopher Columbus and Good Citizen Essay contests enjoy reporting about the essays submitted from three counties and ten schools.

Our Chapter Flag Chairman has fun teaching us something new, or reminding us of things forgotten, when she presents her flag fact at each meeting. We enjoy presenting a business, individual or organization with a framed flag certificate each year on Flag Day in recognition of the proper display and lighting of the American Flag. We honor Veterans with programs and gifts during the holiday season. We all take part in Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Veterans Day activities.

The Chapter was represented at the June training session, Continental Congress, Northern District Meeting and State Conference where we took part in all activities. We have one East Central Division Vice Chairmen and four State Chairmen.

Christmas cards were sent for Project Patriot. Two members donated \$100 each and then ordered the pin. Christmas cards are sent to out of town and homebound members, and this year we added all family members serving in the military from our Chapter. We enjoy the wonderful Chapter newsletter sent once a year to all members.

This year has been a very special fun filled year for the Ohio Valley Chapter. "We turned 50". After much planning and work members and friends throughout the State enjoyed a wonderful anniversary luncheon. Elizabeth Clark, the only living Charter Member, traveled to be with us that day. She was presented with her 50-year pin and framed certificate.

The snow couldn't keep us from having all of our meetings and workshops. We just had to use a little creative juggling of days and times. Members take part in community activities and events from the bloodmobile, to story hour at a local library, the Newborns in Need program; working with Historical Societies, Christmas "Light up the Town" projects, speaking for other organizations about the flag, patriotism, and what the DAR is and does.

Madam State Regent thank you for taking part in our anniversary activities. We very much enjoy working with you and your officers.

Ginger Nalley (Mrs. Robert), Regent

WHEELING

In October a program was given by the Center for Educational Technology, Wheeling Jesuit College, on the "Lewis & Clark Expedition". Mrs. Marie Greybill, Chapter National Defense Chair, spoke at the Naturalization Ceremonies October 18. Regent Joan McClelland prepared "Citizenship Packets" for each of the 16 new citizens. The packet included the Flag of the United States; The American's Creed; The Pledge of Allegiance; The Preamble to the Constitution; and a letter from our Chapter welcoming them as new citizens. The Chapter was represented at State Conference where we received several awards from the State Chairman Membership. Registrar Judy Fugate receive a special award "Outstanding Registrar for 2002".

In November, Margaret Brennan, President of the Wheeling Historical Society, was our guest speaker, and in December a silent auction was held to raise money (\$160) for Hindman Settlement School. In January Jeanne Carter portrayed "Laura Jackson Arnold", daughter of Stonewall Jackson. Members brought personal items for the Veterans.

In February, we met at Christ United Methodist Church for the Christopher

Columbus and the American History Essay Contests. We had five students from three Ohio County Schools participate. We had one State and East Central Division Winner - 7th grade student, Chelsea Hennen, from Linsly School. Our Veterans Program was held in March at Monument

Place, given by the Red Cross. The program in April, held at Monument Place, was presented by Mike Baker, President of the Friends of Wheeling, on "Restoration of the Mile Markers along Route 40". Sue Mozena gave the program for the May meeting on DAR Schools. At this meeting members were recognized for their years in service. The C.A.R.'s presented the program in June and reports were given. McClelland and Fugate attended the Genealogy Meeting and DAR Training Workshop at Jackson's Mill and Continental Congress, and several members attended District Meeting. McClelland was elected Northern District Director 2004-07.

Thirteen chapter members and four C.A.R. members manned the chapter's table at the Fort Henry Days festival. Arrangements were made by McClelland and Fugate for the table, where inquiries about the two organizations were received. During the September meeting held at Sandcrest Deborah Smith, Scholarship Chair, presented three WV Northern Community College students with checks in the amount of \$200.00 each to be used toward their education. Two girls were sponsored to WV Girls State. We gave a subscription to the DAR Magazine to Central Catholic High School. The chapter sent two hundred and twenty three Christmas Cards to Project Patriot for the USS Stennis personnel. The chapter contributed \$15 toward the pages' expenses, and \$50 was sent to Channel 9/Wendy's Shoes for the Needy. Contributions were given to the American Indian Scholarship Fund. Four boxes of clothing were sent to Bacone College, 500 labels were sent to Chemawa Indian School, and 100 lbs of clothing was sent to Tamassee.

To commemorate Constitution Week one hundred and forty-four pieces of literature was distributed to the public, and a display was prepared by McClelland and Fugate and placed in the Ohio County Public Library. Approximately 117 hours were spent during the year helping prospective members and those pursuing supplementals, answering questions and attending other chapter meetings. We have five new members, one transfer in and one reinstatement. One member passed away - Mrs. Ruth Pollock, and five transferred out.

Goals have to do with membership, veterans, and the C.A.R.

Joan McClelland (Mrs. Robert D.), Regent

SOUTHERN DISTRICT

The Daughters of Southern District held their 58th annual meeting on Friday, August 1, 2003 at the Princeton Presbyterian Church with 32 daughters, State Officers and guests in attendance. Four of the six District chapters were represented. Matthew French served as hostess chapter. All District Officers and the State Regent attended. The meeting was preceded with brunch.

Mrs. Silliman was presented with a check to aid in her State Project. After a report from the nominating committee, the following new officers were elected: Director, Kathy Robertson; Secretary, Marjorie Allen; and Treasurer, Fay Ramsey.

Following discussion, the assembly decided that, rather than prepare a gift basket to aid in the page's expense at Conference, the chapters would contribute \$20 to the cause.

The State Regent presented a slide show outlining the 13 steps to approval of application papers. Following the program, Mrs. Miller, Regent Matthew French Chapter, presented Mrs. Silliman with a "pot of gold at the end of the rainbow".

Mrs. Silliman installed the newly elected officers, after which Matthew French Chapter presented a memorial service for Daughters having passed away during the year.

An invitation to the 2004 District Meeting was issued by the Peters Mountain Chapter. The meeting was adjourned.

Nancy Kornegay (Mrs. Terry), Director

CAPTAIN JAMES ALLEN

The Captain James Allen Chapter has gained four new members and has three pending. Participation in the Blood Drive had promising results. The chapter sent labels to Tamassee. A patient, whom we adopted at the VA Hospital, was visited and taken gifts by chapter members. The State Regent was honored by the chapter with a luncheon at Tamarack. All six chapters sent representatives, and three of the chapters assisted in the arrangements.

Programs of interest were: Life of James Madison, program by the Chief of Staff of the Surgery Department from the VA Hospital, and two veterans of the Korean War. We had a meeting in the home of an Ex-Governor and toured his archive room. We held an auction for a fundraiser.

Students were recognized in the areas of the American History Contest, the Good Citizens Awards and the ROTC Award. A member participated in the parade on Veterans Day, service certificates were presented to members, and chapter representatives attended national, state and district meetings. We helped fund a Boy Scout project. Seven articles were in the local newspaper.

Joan Sweeney (Mrs. Lloyd), Regent

GENERAL ANDREW LEWIS

The Chapter accomplished many projects and contributed donations to DAR programs. We, again, conducted the American History Essay Contest and the Good Citizen Essay Contest in local schools. The winners were honored with a certificate and a monetary gift.

The Chapter was represented at the 9/11 Remembrance in the City of Lewisburg. Our past regent carried the American Flag during the ceremony. During the Battle of Lewisburg celebration, our Daughters dressed in period costumes and sold refreshments to the soldiers and general public.

We sent about 525 soup labels to Tamassee School and over 600 comfort items to the veterans at the VA hospital in Beckley. Donations to honor deceased members were sent to various DAR schools.

A program highlight was a talk and tour by Herb Pearis concerning the Greenbrier Military Academy history and museum. Many of the members had married cadets from the Academy and enjoyed the program immensely.

Ms. Mary Frances Bodemuller, Regent

JOHN CHAPMAN

All district, state and national obligations were met. A \$380 contribution, in memory of Mrs. Percy H. (Mary) Gillie, was sent to Tamassee DAR School for use at the WV Cottage. Subscriptions to American Spirit were sent to Bluefield High School Media Center and to Craft Memorial Library. The National Defense Report was given, and the President General's Message was read at all regular meetings.

Two applications for membership are pending and we have three prospective members. We participated in the American History Essay Contest, bestowing medals, certificates and book gift certificates and hosting winners who read their essays. The chapter observed Constitution Week with a Luncheon followed by an address on "Our Constitutional Heritage" by a Bluefield State College Professor.

Our chapter artist and two chapter needle women designed and completed our fabric envelope with a special message to our State Regent and, in cooperation with the Princeton, Peterstown and Beckley chapters, hosted our State Regent at Tamarack.

Outstanding programs have been: The impersonation, in costume, of Martha Dandridge Custis Washington by a professional artist. Also in attendance were members of the Fort Maiden Spring Chapter, Tazewell VA; Matthew French and Peters Mountain Chapters. A Musical Heritage Program by Donald Kensinger, Bluefield's Monumental Musician, and seven of the area's most gifted soloists. The "American Heritage Tree Planting"- dedication of a Sugar Maple as a "Living Memorial" to all American Veterans since 1775 and a DAR marker at the Bluefield City Park with Mrs.

William Archer, Senior Editor of the Bluefield Daily Telegraph the speaker. Also participating was Max Kammer, Vice Commander of the American Legion, Riley Vest Post No. 9; the Bluefield High School JROTC Color Guard; and the Bluefield High School "Beaver" Band.

Lorraine C. Alley (Mrs. Richard F.), Regent

JOHN COOKE

Our chapter delivered 70 Christmas gifts (a yearly project) to the VA Hospital in Beckley and mailed canceled stamps to Stamps for the Wounded. Two seniors from area high schools were honored with the Good Citizen Award. This event is held at the Oceana UMC, - a time of fellowship with the guests and their parents.

The husband of one of our members and my brother were accepted into the SAR, in hopes of starting a chapter in Oceana. I helped my brother and have been helping another member's father with his papers. They plan to call the new chapter Captain Ralph Stewart Chapter. He was the second settler in Wyoming County. We are excited about working with the SAR Chapter and doing more for the community.

We received three new members and have an application pending. Our annual newsletter "The Cabin" was appreciated, especially by non-resident members who like being kept up to date. Our Membership Blood Drive was held in my home, and we took part in the Purse Project for Frannie. The chapter placed a wreath at a historical marker for John Cooke in our local park. Veterans have built a very nice memorial at the same location - a very fitting tribute to all of our Veterans. We are pleased with our chapter and its growth. Inquiries about our chapter are encouraging.

Anita Lusk (Mrs. Leonard), Regent

MATTHEW FRENCH

In the area of community activities, our chapter decorated a window at City Hall for WV Day and Independence Day. We recognized Constitution Week with a decorated window at the public library. At the Constitution Day Bells Across America observance we presented an award to an outstanding citizen.

Forty-three ribbons were presented to straight-A students in American History II. Sixty-three certificates were presented to straight-A students in American History I. Our chapter presented a Good Citizen Award and entertained the recipient at a reception. We sent 782 Campbell labels to Tamassee.

The State Regent was entertained at Tamarack. We hosted the Southern District meeting, entertained Peter's Mountain Chapter at Constitution Day festivities, and we invited the Boy Scouts to raise the flag at the Constitution Day celebration.

We were guests at a John Chapman Chapter luncheon.

Miss Marguerite Miller, Regent

PETERS MOUNTAIN

Along with other Southern District Chapters, we wine and dine our State Regent at Tamarack. Lunch with Martha Washington and the John Chapman Chapter gave us a new insight into the life of our first President. We had fun ringing the "bell" with the Matthew French Chapter to celebrate Constitution Day.

We donated money to the local library, sent 186 washcloths to the Chemawa Indian School, sent \$300 worth of toiletry items and books to the local veterans hospital, along with lab robes made by some of our members. On Memorial Day we placed more than 350 flags on veterans graves at 3 local cemeteries. Our best Ways and Means project continues to be preparing and serving a meal to our local Rotary Club once a month.

We supported Tamassee by sending \$100 for the shoe fund, \$100 for Chapter of Children Program, and \$150 for the fall Grits and Gravy Program. We sent wrapped Christmas gifts to the children and house parent in Indiana All States II. Also sent were 350 pounds of used clothing, 18

washcloths, 8 school boxes. 5 pair of underwear, 16 really BIG boxes of crayons, 114 soup labels, 98 labels for education and over 350 pairs of socks.

Two applications are pending and one has been approved. We sadly mourn the loss of a very special HODAR.

Marjorie Allen (Mrs. Robert), Regent

WESTERN DISTRICT

The Western District held its annual meeting Saturday, August 2, 2003 at the Trinity United Methodist Church in Point Pleasant with the Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter serving as the hostess chapter. During the meeting the business of the district was completed including the election of district officers for 2004-2007. The new officers are Mary Collins, Buford Chapter, Director; Kathy Bowling, Kanawha Valley Chapter, Secretary; and Betty Kauff, Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter, Treasurer. State Regent, Mrs. Charles L. Silliman and Mrs. Eldon Rutledge, State Chairman, Awards, conducted a workshop on applications. There were several state officers and chairmen in attendance, some of whom addressed the assembly.

Western District is pleased to have sponsored two first place American History Essay Contest winners. They are Emily Caitlin Tucker, sixth grade, sponsored by Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter and Kayla Woodall, fifth grade, sponsored by the Barboursville Chapter. Emily was a guest at the district luncheon where she read her speech.

Additional awards went to Zachery Mark Arrowood, sponsored by Buford Chapter for being the 2003 West Virginia Good Citizen award winner and to A. Michael Perry, recipient of the 2003 NSDAR National Historic Preservation Medal, also sponsored by the Buford Chapter. An award presentation and reception was held for Mr. Perry on Sunday, August 3, 2003 at the Heritage Farm Museum and Village in Huntington, WV.

Linda B. Hendrickson (Mrs. John), Director

ANNE BAILEY

Our chapter collected stamps and soup labels at every meeting. Failure to bring soup labels resulted in a fine of 25-cents. Indian minutes, the National Defense and the President General's Message, the ritual, the Pledge of Allegiance, and the American's Creed were followed every month.

Our History Essay winner was Whitney Burdette, who read her essay at the February meeting and was presented with a certificate, pin, and special gift. The Good Citizen winners were honored at a luncheon at the St. Albans Woman's Club in March. There were four high school winners – John Patrick of Riverside, Caitlin Ashley of St. Albans, Carey Ann Smarr of Nitro, and a young man from Hurricane who was unable to attend.

We were in attendance at the Naturalization Ceremony in April, where we distributed assorted information. Members attended the State Conference, the Western District meeting and Battle Days at Pt. Pleasant. In September we honored birthdays of two 90-year olds – Barbara Bacon and Marjorie Thurmond. Eight members received their 50-year Membership Certificates.

To commemorate Constitution Week, proclamations were received from the West Virginia Governor and the Mayor of St. Albans. We also sponsored a DAR window in the St. Albans Library. Many interesting programs were enjoyed that included "Chief Logan", "Anne Bailey" and a "Show 'n Tell" session.

Kay Craig (Mrs. W. Frederick), Regent

BARBOURSVILLE

Our chapter did library displays in three local libraries for each event suggested by National – an Indian Showcase display plus a full wall display for Commemoration of Korean War, Famous Women, Valley Forge Bell Tower, Lewis and Clark Expedition and Louisiana Purchase.

We donated genealogy books to two local libraries, a series of American Rev. story books to a local elementary school, five pages of family history to the State and a family history book (Hagley Herald) to National. Members worked with a local Library Summer Reading Program on Flag Day instructing children in flag etiquette and in building a large American Flag and Rev. War Flag, which were displayed on Library walls. We gave each child a hand held cloth flag and toy of their choice.

Our chapter had refreshments for the students, from eight schools, who received the Good Citizenship Certificates and Medals. Their parents were included. We sponsored the 5th grade, first place State Essay contest winner and had her and the 6th grade chapter winner and their parents for luncheon.

We collected and donated packs of personal items and items of clothing for local homeless Veterans, and paper products and pop can tabs for the local Ronald McDonald House. We gave the annual McConkey Award to a local resident who builds lakes and did conservation work in Barboursville Park and gave Awards of Appreciation to Barboursville Library Staff and chapter members. Members attended Battle Days and placed a Memorial wreath. Articles have been written on every meeting and event we participated in, and they were published in two local weekly newspapers. A regent's newsletter is mailed to the membership every three months.

We commemorated Constitution Week by getting proclamations signed by the Mayors of three local towns. A write-up, including the Mayors' pictures was in the weekly news. Posters were placed in libraries and places of business. An article about Constitution Week for Voice of the People appeared in the local daily paper. Five members read the entire Constitution, Amendments, Preamble, Bill of Rights, etc

In the planning stage is landscaping around our meeting house, under the direction of the Cabell County Extension Agent and one of our members who is attending OSU. This Regent is working on a project to do a Commemorative Grave Marking of a local Rev. War Veteran. Funds are raised with bake and rummage sales.

Mrs. Violet Hysell, Regent

BUFORD

We took in nine new members, all results of the blood drive. We participated in the Veterans Day Parade with the new banner carried by eight members. Two more were in a decorated car. Members were present at the Battle Days in Point Pleasant, History Day in Charleston, Ohio Valley's 50th Anniversary and all district and state meetings. Buford played a large part in Huntington's Eastern Legacy of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. We secured two grants through the chapter to help underwrite the program. Members were in charge of costuming for the locally written play, the children's tent, souvenir stand, book sales – to mention a few areas. Patricia Daugherty and Mary Collins put in over 200 hours each from January until October with committee meetings and other activities in preparation for the Centennial Event.

Through the Regent's Letter, our non-resident members were invited to participate in our projects. An elementary school in Florida is using some of our materials and some of their own in celebrating the Lewis and Clark Expedition. We have also had reports from Oregon and Ohio of activities of the non-residents.

Zachery Arrowood, a Senior at Huntington High School, won the State Good Citizen Award. A NSDAR Americanism Award was approved by the national committee and given to A. Michael Perry for his lifetime of collecting, preserving and sharing his collections with our community at the Heritage Farm Museum and Village.

Buford is very busy, and busy people have fun.

Miss Sally O. Cyrus, Regent

CHARLESTON
No report. Mrs. Louise Ratcliff, Regent

COLONEL CHARLES LEWIS

The Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter exceeded the required monetary contributions, participated in Constitution Week and assisted with Battle Days activities. Refreshments were served during the Lantern Tour and after the Memorial Service. The Regent laid a wreath on behalf of the Chapter during the Service.

The 102nd Anniversary Luncheon was held in June. The program, "Ohio's Bicentennial", was presented by Mrs. Roberta Roush, French Colony Chapter, NSDAR. The fifty-year members were recognized. Junior members assisted with decorations and name tags. During the year we gained three new members, one of whom was a Junior member. We continue to support the Fort Randolph Society CAR.

Betty Crocker coupons were collected, as well as stamps for the Veterans. Socks were sent to the Native American children. Members are active in the Artist Series, Battle Days Committee, County Library Board, Historic Landmark Commission and various other organizations in our County.

The Chapter continues its responsibility to maintain the interior of the Mansion House at Tu-Endie-Wei. In addition to acting as hostesses, members act as guides for all tours. Approximately 40,000 people tour the house annually. As part of the Chapter's continuing efforts to improve the displays at the Mansion, track lighting was added to the interior of the china cabinet in the main room of the House.

The Chapter dedicated a new monument to Anne Bailey at the Park in October. We were honored by the presence of District Officers and guests.

Miss Diana L. Johnson, Regent

JOHN YOUNG

In the area of patriotism, John Young gave a flag to the Clay Center, handmade flag pins and flag codes were given to new citizens at two naturalization ceremonies, a get-well card was made by member Mary Karr and sent to Jessica Lynch, and Christmas cards were sent to servicemen on the USS Stennis. A veterans' party was held at Morris Memorial Nursing home in Milton, with George Daugherty entertaining. John Young daughters made seventy terrycloth bibs for residents at the nursing home (an ongoing project). A "Greeting from Governor Wise" was given to the veterans. Antique cars were driven in the Veterans Day Parade in Charleston.

Daughter Mime. Abernathy gave a book on her family's history to the NSDAR Library. Cleo Sears gave bookshelves to the West Virginia State Archives.

Among programs of interest was one by Daughter Juanita Reed and Roberta Farmer. They both helped research the making of West Virginia quilts for West Virginia Quilts Echoes from the Hills. For the meeting they brought quilts with historic patterns and discussed the oral history of these quilts. Another program was given by former State Senator Orton Jones, who wrote a book on patriot John Young entitled John Young Lieutenant at Elk, which many Daughters were able to buy.

One interesting thing I have done for the Chapter has been to give a Chapter flag for the opportunity I have had to serve them. Also, making folders for the membership with a copy of the Constitution as it was at the time George Washington signed it, as well as brochures on the history of the Pledge of Allegiance, Star Spangled Banner and the Bill of Rights helped to celebrate Constitution Week this year, as well as a Proclamation from Governor Wise.

Ms. Mary Blaine McLaughlin, Regent

KANAWHA VALLEY

Our Chapter met all the requirements for the highest National Achievement Award again this year. We participated in the American History contest, and we presented red, white and blue carnation boutonnieres and welcome cards to the new citizens at the Naturalization Ceremonies at

Federal Court. During Constitution Week we had an outstanding display, which included proclamations from two mayors and the governor. We sponsored the Good Citizen contest in local high schools and honored the winners and their parents with a luncheon. Our group donated many hours, clothing, and gifts to the veterans at the VA Hospital in Huntington and the WV Veterans' Home in Barboursville. Clothing and labels were contributed to the DAR Schools, and for the third year, we gave \$100 to the Children's Shoe Fund at Tamassee. Members contributed 100% to the President General's Project.

Our meetings have been well attended with interesting educational, patriotic, and historical programs. Some of our outstanding programs include: a sew-in for the Veteran's Hospital with members bringing sewing machines and fabric to make bibs and lap robes; a local artisan brought old quilts and explained their political history; Judge Lawrence Pauley sang and recited original poetry from his book, "Mud River Tales"; Jim Mitchell, archivist with the WV Cultural Center, spoke on historical glass; a program on Homeland Security was given by Chuck Miller, special investigator for the US Attorney General's Office; Robert Kiss, Speaker of the House, presented a program on the Constitution and showed how it still protects our rights today.

Our Chapter was represented at District Meeting, State Conference, Summer Workshop, and Continental Congress. Dedicated members served on the local level and as State Officers for the State Society, and as National Chairman and vice Chairman. Our members also continue to be active in many historical societies.

We welcomed two new members by application and four through transfer. Three applications are pending. We were saddened by the August death of our oldest member, Honorary Chapter Regent Mrs. Virginia Miller, who would have been 102 years old September 1. For eighty-nine years members of our chapter have served God, Home and Country, and we hope to continue for many years to come

Mary Joan Collins (Mrs. Thomas), Regent

WESTMORELAND

Our year opened in September with a program on the Constitution, a slide show on the Flag of the United States of America, a reading on the White House and a fun quiz on freedom. The questions were taken from the writing and speeches of past Presidents, song writers and authors.

Our members who are active with the veterans at the VA Medical Center participated in the summer carnival, country store and cake bake. The chapter sent money, books and cakes. One of our members made several dozen personal care bags and the personal care items were added. The Veterans Voluntary Coordinator of the VA Medical Center presented our November program with a talk on volunteers. She had a lot of nice things to say about our members who volunteer. Two of our Westmoreland members were recognized at State Conference for their unselfish dedicated service to veterans. Julia Viers and Avis Marcum received certificates presented by Carmen Silliman, State Regent, and were honored at the National Defense Luncheon.

The weather and illness disrupted our December, January and February meetings. We heard the winners of the essay contest and learned a whole lot about Valley Forge, George Washington and our patriots in March.

A beautiful Spring day in April was the backdrop for our annual memorial service. This year we dedicated a DAR marker at the grave of Ernestine Plymale Fairchild in the Guy Plymale Cemetery. At a joint meeting with the Buford Chapter in May, we welcomed our State Regent.

Voting on a prospective member opened and closed our 2002-2003 year. The first prospective member we will initiate and welcome at the first meeting in 2003 and the second has papers pending.

Ms. Kathleen E. Bledsoe, Regent

WILLIAM MORRIS

No report. Ms. Robin Comer, Regent

REPORTS OF STATE CHAIRMEN 98th State Conference

NATIONAL COMMITTEES

AMERICAN HERITAGE AND CONSERVATION

Thirty-eight chapters submitted a report. Twenty-one chapters had an historic preservation program or project, and nineteen chapters had a program or project in cultural events or traditions. Eleven chapters educated members regarding organ donation. One chapter awarded a Conservation medal, and one chapter awarded an Historic Preservation medal.

I do have an area of concern and a suggestion for future reports – do give enough information to describe your project. You know what you did, but those reading the reports know only what you explain. For example: “We continue to support ...” needs to be explained, such as “by...” to explain your activity. A few more words could mean the difference between receiving a ribbon or not.

This chairman has strong feelings that this committee needs to be returned to the original two committees. This was submitted as a suggestion along with her report to the Eastern Division Chairman.

Indeed we do “have a goodly heritage”; let’s continue to do our utmost to preserve it.

Annabelle F. Vance (Mrs. Loring H.), Chairman

AMERICAN HISTORY

Thirty-seven chapters reported. Ninety-six American History programs were given at chapter meetings, and 69 were given by a chapter member to other groups.

There were 24 programs on outstanding American women – Anne Bailey, Amelia Earhart, Betsy Ross, Betty Boyd Caroli, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Emma Logan Scott, Eleanor Roosevelt, Elizabeth Zane, Frances Jones Kerens, Gladys Kerens Colket, Harriet Tubman, Jean McCreery, Laura Jackson Arnold, Mary Todd Lincoln, Martha Washington, Mary Louise Davis, Molly Corban, Molly Pitcher, Sacagawea, and Vinnie Reams. Videos used were Petticoat Pioneers, America’s First Ladies and Women in History.. American History displays were in 22 schools and 32 public places. Publicity included 66 spot announcements, 68 radio/TV minutes and 1127 press inches.

The American History Essay Contest was held in 59 schools, involving 1934 students with 1436 receiving Certificates of Participation. Ninety-one received Certificates of Award and 55 received bronze medals.

The Christopher Columbus Essay Contest was held in 19 schools, involving 102 students, with 44 receiving Certificates of Participation and 7 receiving chapter awards. For outstanding work in elementary or high school – 103 received certificates, 11 bronze/silver medals and 29 received ribbons. State winners of the American History and Christopher Columbus Essay Contests were announced in the May issue of WVDAR News.

Awards presented by this Chairman are listed in the report of the Awards Chairman.

Nancy Edwards (Mrs. Clyde), Chairman

Nancy Largent (Mrs. Harold), Vice Chairman

AMERICAN INDIANS

This chairman presented the American Indians Program at the Buford Chapter, relating her 12 – month experiences as a VISTA Volunteer on the Crow Indian Reservation in Montana. She again presented her program at Anne Royall Chapter, and later will present a similar program to the Anne Bailey and John Young Chapters.

Chapters reporting show a total of \$182 donated to the American Indian Scholarship Fund and/ or Friends of the American Indians. Donations for Bacone College - \$871 cash, 4 boxes of items for the thrift store and 1073 Campbell Soup labels. Donations for the Chemawa Indian School - \$852 cash, 85 washcloths, 100 Christmas gifts and 2210 Campbell Soup labels. \$183 was donated for the Indian Youth of America Summer Camp Program. Twelve chapters had American Indians pro-

grams, 21 chapters observed an Indian minute at each meeting, and 3 chapters used the *American Indian Youth Camp* video at meetings.

Other activities reported were: Blackwater Chapter donated gifts to Hopi Indian ladies. The Buford Chapter had a three-window, month-long Native American Indian display at the Huntington Public Library. The Charleston Chapter invited a Native American Indian to speak about her background and culture. The John Young Chapter invited Native American Indians to a genealogy workshop and also set up a display. Members of the Hagan-Evans and Kanawha Valley Chapters attended Pow-Wows. Hagans-Evans Chapter member took information to the Pow-Wow about American Indian Scholarships. Kanawha Valley Chapter attended a Native American Indian Council meeting at a local church. The Shenandoah Valley Chapter demonstrated a strong support for Native American Indian activities in 4-H Clubs.

Mary C. Collins (Mrs. R. David), Chairman

AMERICANISM AND DAR MANUAL FOR CITIZENSHIP

Thirty-two chapters reported this last year of this Administration. Only nine chapters had a committee chairman. They informed chapter members of committee objectives. Chapters distributed 97 Manuals for Citizenship to applicants and 2 copies to others. Three hundred U.S. Flag pins were given to applicants, as were 99 bookmarks, 197 copies of the American's Creed, 227 copies of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and 160 Flag Codes.

Patriotic materials distributed to schools included 427 U. S. Flags, and 360 Flag pins. Four hundred forty copies of the Americans Creed, 550 copies of the Pledge of Allegiance and 240 bookmarks were presented.

Thirteen chapters participated in naturalization ceremonies or receptions. Members numbered 41 and were accompanied by one HODAR.

Other activities included a series of prayer services for troops on the Courthouse Square, a role in the celebration of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, including costuming for the "Corp of Discovery" musical, publicity, and the Children's Tent. Pep rallies, parades, and packing of "care" packages for the troops were priorities of several chapters. One chapter purchased 60 yellow ribbons that their town displayed under U. S. Flags. Flags were placed on veterans' graves. A balloon ceremony was held when balloons with troops' names were released into the air all together. There were window displays for commemorative holidays, and a plaque contributed to honor a fallen soldier of WW I. A free concert to the public was hosted by a chapter and veterans, ROTC cadets, and students were special guests. Another chapter placed photos of service men and women on bulletin boards in churches. This chairman urges chapters to view this committee more seriously in the coming year. There is a growing need to emphasize citizenship as Immigration numbers rise. Awards presented are listed in the report of Chairman Awards Committee.

Linda Hare Collins (Mrs. Edmond), Chairman

CHAPTER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Chapter Achievement Award form summarizes the activities, monetary contributions, and services rendered by the chapters to the organization (chapter, state, and national) and to the community.

For the 2002-2003 report 31 of 41 chapters submitted reports on time to be forwarded to the East Central Division vice Chairman by the deadline. Two chapters reports were submitted too late to be included.

The deadline for submitting the 2003-2004 Chapter Achievement Award form is February 28, 2004.

Awards presented by this chairman for each category – Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 will be found in the report of the State Chairman Awards.

Linda B. Hendrickson (Mrs. John R.), Chairman

CHILDREN OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

I am so proud of the West Virginia Daughters for making this a very successful year. Thirty-eight chapters reported, 4 are supporting active Societies and one is reorganizing the Kerns Fort Chapter in Morgantown. However, we have not had a gain in membership, because several of our members have aged out.

I am proud that three of the Morgantown daughters attended the Mid-Southern Regional in my place, as I could not attend due to illness. Five daughters sent donations as Patriots.

Many chapters without active Societies are helping with programs, monetary donations, transportation, and members are serving as Senior State Officers. We would not have a State Society if not for this help.

Betty Sue Kauff (Mrs. John R.), Chairman

CONSTITUTION WEEK AND COMMEMORATIVE EVENTS

A total of 38 chapters reported, and 31 of these had some sort of program, display, etc. A total of 12 proclamations were reported, including one signed by the Governor. There were 6 newspaper articles, 32 displays in libraries, schools, etc., special programs, luncheons, speakers, bell ringing and Constitution readings. On September 17 this chairman spent the day at Montpelier, home of James and Dolly Madison, for a special 11:00 a.m. program of music and speakers, commemorating the signing of the Constitution. James Madison was in attendance, and this officer had the opportunity, along with many others, to sign the document.

The chapters do an outstanding job for Constitution Week. We have three communities enrolled as partners of the Korean War Commemorative Community. There were a total of 4 veterans honored and 5 programs, as this event winds down.

Chapters celebrated Independence Day across our State. One chapter was in a parade, and one chapter placed flags at the cemeteries in their town.

Many member (including our State Regent) boarded the bus at Martinsburg for a trip to Valley Forge, PA, for WV Day, May 4, 2003. Everyone enjoyed a tour of the grounds and visiting the National Patriots Bell Tower. During lunch we enjoyed a carillon concert, followed by a service at the Chapel. We returned to the library and enjoyed a "tea". Many thanks to Mrs. James P. Reinhart, Regent of Pack Horse Ford Chapter, for her work in arranging this wonderful trip. Twelve chapters had programs on the Bell Tower, and 2 members donated \$100 each to the Bell Tower Project.

Seven chapters had programs on the Lewis & Clark Expedition, one chapter had a display at the library, and one chapter attended the opening of a large display at the Harpers Ferry National Park on March 28, 2003. Chapters reporting had, or attended, activities commemorating 9/11. Two chapters attended Veterans Day events.

Dorrene Hale (Mrs. Donald L.), Chairman

DAR GOOD CITIZENS

This Chairman attended the 97th State Conference in Charleston, District meetings of Central, Northern, Southern, and Western, and the training meeting at Jackson's Mill. She attended the Anniversary Luncheon of the Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter, wrote an article for the May issue of the WVDAR News and placed instructions in the Chapter Regents' packets.

Thirty-eight participated in the DAR Good Citizens Committee. We have sixty-one accredited high schools in our State. Fifty-five are public schools and six are private. Seventy-seven high schools were contacted. Five schools participated for the first time. Nineteen winners participated in the essay/scholarship portion of the awards program. Forty-nine winners were honored in West Virginia. Monetary value of awards given to DAR Good Citizens, excluding \$250 from NSDAR, was \$1,717.50.

Zachery Mark Arrowood, sponsored by the Buford Chapter, was the West Virginia State Winner for 2003. State Regent Carmen Silliman presented the award and check for \$250 at the Western District meeting.

My thanks to Barbara Fish, State Board of Education, for her help when I needed questions answered about our schools.

Betty Belcher (Mrs. Robert H.), Chairman

DAR LIBRARY

This chairman has turned all information received pertaining to this committee over to the State Librarian, who has given a comprehensive report.

Lela S. Bonner (Mrs. Robert), Chairman

DAR MAGAZINE

Of the 41 chapters in West Virginia, reports were received from 36, which have a total of 1842 members. Of this number 259 subscribe to the Magazine. Eight of the chapters give a subscription to local schools and libraries. West Virginia has a total of 323 subscriptions, which includes subscriptions from members, members-at-large, for libraries, schools, and from members of chapters not reporting.

The top three favorite articles were women patriots, Laura Bush and quilts, antiques, etc. The kind of articles chapters would least like to see is the travels of the officers, oriental countries and eat smart and control your weight type of articles. The kind of articles chapters would like to see are those with information about the chapters – news, history of chapter names, how other chapters attract and retain members; more suggestions for finding ancestors, more information about family lines, more genealogy; articles about famous houses and articles about antiques.

One member has contributed to Friends of the Magazine Fund and wears the pin. Fourteen chapters presented a program to promote *American Spirit*. Most chapters did not answer or have a suggestion about how to encourage 100% subscription rate. Most did feel that the elderly on fixed incomes do not subscribe because of cost. Most chapters commented about how much they enjoyed the new format. The magazine is colorful and attractive.

With regard to DAR Magazine Coop Advertising, 38 chapters participated in the coop ad by donating \$30 each – 93% participation – for a total contribution of \$1140 from March 2002 to March 2003. West Virginia placed two full page ads in the September/October 2002 issue of the newsletter, two full page ads in the July/August 2003 issue and two full page ads were submitted for the January/February 2004 issue.

Barbara Fish (Mrs. Robert B. Jr.), Chairman

DAR MUSEUM

I enclosed letters containing projects that can be used to support the DAR Museum in the Regents' Packets at State Conference. I included a list of projects that the chapters could choose, along with name, address and phone number. I did receive several requests for information, which I sent to the person requesting it.

I requested some pamphlets from National, and they were enclosed, along with a letter, in the packets at this year's conference. Madam State Regent, thank you for allowing me to serve in this administration.

Jenny Hepburn (Mrs. James), Chairman

DAR SCHOOLS

West Virginia daughters are always supportive of the DAR Schools. The chapters have many different ways of raising money for their contributions to the schools. The K Mart Spirit program, silent auctions, Christmas cookie tree, donation to schools instead of exchanging Christmas gifts., serving local club dinners, special chapter projects, and this is only a few of their activities.

Contributions to the schools that were reported on the Achievement Award totaled \$2,725.09, School Bus Fund \$152, Shoe Fund for Tamassee \$360.55, labels, coupons, clothing, special projects

of the Schools, books for the libraries. This is the third year that Peters Mountain Chapter has won Sally, the School Bus. Other awards presented may be found in the report of Chairman Awards Committee.

Anne R. Cummings (Mrs. Ebb), Chairman

DAR SERVICE TO VETERAN PATIENTS

With 38 chapters reporting, West Virginia Daughters gave 590 hours of service to veterans. This is 45 activities with 141 volunteers. The volunteers traveled 4944 miles and collected \$491 in cash/canteen, \$587 in food, \$2512 in comfort items, \$1130 in magazine and books and \$1203 in gifts. Two hundred seventy-six point 7 ounces of postage stamps were collected. We have one member on active duty and 19 who are veterans. Our volunteers gave special programs in the chapters for and about veterans. We put together displays, laid wreaths and attended and held memorial services. We participated in parades and in the National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans and Valentines for Veterans. Our members took the time to make cards, buy gifts, make cookies and deliver supplies to our veterans. We took our veterans shopping, to church, to appointments and home for dinner. We adopted whole units who were on their way to Iraq. For Project Patriot we collected \$807 in cash and sent 291 cards. Twenty-seven volunteers spent 35 hours and traveled 260 miles.

Goals are to keep up the good work, and know the gift of time is appreciated.

Ms. Kathleen E. Bledsoe, Chairman

THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Reporting of 39 chapters provided the following information. The total number of Flags presented was as follows: 66 large, 302 small, 450 table size and no Braille. Flag codes presented numbered 732 and other literature numbered 868 which included the Pledge, bookmarkers, the Bill of Rights, American's Creed, Citizens Bill of Rights, the Constitution and Flag pencils. Flag pins presented totaled 239.

Chapters reporting saying the Pledge at meetings – 35, and 35 presented Flag Facts. Thirty-five reported that members were encouraged to fly the Flag, and 20 involved youth in chapter activities promoting the Flag by way of Flag etiquette, displays, the Pledge, etc., for a total of 40 hours. The Flag Essay Contest had 4 entries.

The chapter with the best all-around Flag program was Anne Bailey. The Marine Corp League was involved with a folding ceremony by Mr. Pryor. The best all-around community Flag celebration was given by Ohio Valley Chapter, who worked with schools, businesses and organizations to raise awareness of the importance of proper respect for the Flag, including the display, lighting and retiring of the Flag. The chapter distributing the largest number of flags was Barboursville – 160 table size, 6 pins and 2 sweatshirts and 2 tee shirts with flags on them. The chapter distributing the largest amount of patriotic literature was Barboursville. They worked with the summer reading program and gave Flags, magnetic Flags, Flag codes, and small table Flags to children. The chapter with the most special "Flag of the USA" activity was Buford, who gave two large Flags, pole and standard to Huntington Museum of Art on Flag Day 2002 to mark their 50th Anniversary.

Dorcas K. Harbert (Mrs. James), Chairman

GENEALOGICAL RECORDS

Four chapters have members who are participating in the President General's project of preparing a master every-name index of the State's volumes of miscellaneous genealogical records housed in the DAR Library. Nine members are involved in abstracting deeds and wills of their counties for the years 1800-1900 for submission to the DAR Library. Four members are participating in Book Worm projects.

Several of our Daughters are involved in historical societies and various volunteer projects that pertain to genealogical records. Thirty pages of miscellaneous records have been received this year. These records, along with other pages received, will be turned over to the next chairman.

I regret that I was unable to answer many of the inquiries that I received pertaining to this committee. I have gained experience and think I have learned a lot. One thing I learned is to know my limitations. Thank you, Madame State Regent, for allowing me to serve in my very first appointment, which I certainly will remember.

Mrs. Kathy Bowling, Chairman

JUNIOR AMERICAN CITIZENS

This chairman attended the 97th State Conference in Charleston, the Western District meeting in Pt. Pleasant and the 112th Continental Congress in Washington D.C.

During the 2002-03 year there were five JAC Clubs in our state with two of these being new organizations. Although we did receive an award for our new clubs, it is not enough. I encourage all JAC chairmen to get out and start new groups. One hundred and twenty children were reached through our JAC efforts. We need more!

The information from National stated that all schools should be contacted by September 1. It is my own personal opinion that this date is too early. Our teachers need to get at least one grading period under their belt before we approach them with a new endeavor

The JAC program would be an excellent "after school" addition to those schools that have such programs. It would fit nicely into Boy or Girl Scout programs. It is welcomed into church youth groups. So, I want to encourage the development of new programs throughout our State. We are living in a time when patriotism is "popular", and the JAC's are needed.

Contest entries are due to me from the chapter chairmen by February 1, 2004.

Linda Parsons (Mrs. Arthur E.), Chairman

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP

My thanks to all who have donated and/or purchased items for the Junior Bazaar table. During the past year we have topped the one thousand dollar mark.

Juniors are once again filling important positions in their chapters. They are our future, and we must keep them interested.

We have a large display of items for sale this year and hope that it is all sold by the end of the Conference. Don't wait until the last moment if you have something that you are considering purchasing.

Thank you for your support the last three years. It has been an interesting experience. Thank you Madam State Regent for trusting me to work in this capacity.

Edna J. Barnes (Mrs. Richard), Chairman

LINEAGE RESEARCH

The learning process continued through the year for this Chairman. Notices were sent to each Chapter Regent urging members to become Look-Up Volunteers. For each 100 hours of volunteer time, a pin may be purchased to wear on your ribbon. Several Chapter members have been awarded Certificates for being Look-Up Volunteers.

I have attempted to answer questions from some of the Chapters, or referred the question on to the Eastern District Chairman. Applications for membership have been reviewed as requested by Chapters. Madam State Regent it has been a pleasure to serve as the Lineage Research Chairman during your administration.

Marjorie Allen (Mrs. Robert), Chairman

MEMBERSHIP

The main concern of any membership chairman is to help prospective members find a chapter close to their home so they can become active members. This requires a working relationship with each chapter.

This chairman has been active with all changes National has implemented this year. The E-Membership Management Website is a handy tool for chapters to keep track of membership changes. A new feature has been added that records the progress of supplemental applications. All referrals are now posted on the website for each chapter within 24 hours of the time received by the chairman. Sixty-nine prospective members have been referred to chapters and eight to other State Chairmen. WVDAR has 53 pending members; 29 are from the Membership Blood Drive. We have 81 new members this year; 49 from the Membership Blood Drive. 196 awards were given to individuals and chapters doing outstanding work promoting membership

This Chairman participated in a Genealogy Workshop at the 2002 State Conference and a workshop June 19, 2003 at Jackson's Mill promoting membership. She has been the WV contact for referrals from National and led a campaign with National Recognition having 100% participation of all WV Chapters. She promoted the Membership Essay Contest "Who touched you and made you a Daughter? And, how have you touched a Daughter?" with 20 WV Daughters participating. A buddy system has been implemented in which referrals using the same ancestor can work together to document their research, even though they are joining different chapters, and a mentor system in which an older member can help a new prospective member who is working on the same ancestor that the older member used as a Patriot Ancestor.

The third Family Tree Membership Quilt has been donated. It designates each new member and her chapter with a special purse, to be raffled off with the proceeds going to the State Regents Project. Madame State Regent it has been a wonderful learning experience, as well as challenging – and lots of fun.

Frances Weekley (Mrs. Gary), Chairman

PUBLIC RELATIONS, MOTION PICTURES, RADIO AND TELEVISION

Under the category Print Media, 383 articles were published and there were 290 photos. For Radio, there were 134 spot announcements., and for Television there were 5 spots, a program initiated with three chapters participating.

Twelve chapters have their own Newsletter, and three have their own Fact Sheet. Twelve chapters initiated publicity for Independence Day, and eighteen initiated publicity for 225th Anniversary of the Revolution.

Under Motion Picture, Radio & Television, one local award was presented to the Media. Twenty-seven contacts were made to the Media regarding Programming.

Patricia Marx (Mrs. John E.), Chairman

NATIONAL DEFENSE

This year we have five 1st place, eight 2nd place and thirteen 3rd place certificate winners, - an increase of five over last year. Total reporting has increased by three chapters. Thirty-nine chapters completed their National Defense portion of the Master Questionnaire.

Chapters have given 42 Good Citizenship Medals, 17 Bronze and 6 Gold ROTC Medals. Twenty-two Chapters devoted at least one full meeting to National Defense and thirty-five Chapters devoted at least three minutes to a report on National Defense. National Defense material was distributed and donations were made to the NSDAR ROTC awards program.

Ladies, I am very proud of everything you do and have done. Please take time on your Master Questionnaire to tell me of the things you do. (YES only tells me you answered the question.) I truly enjoy reporting all the wonderful, unique and inventive things your members do to promote Patriotism and Love of Country.

Ginger Nalley (Mrs. Robert), Chairman

NATIONAL COMMITTEE WITH SPECIAL RECOGNITION PROJECT PATRIOT

Two chapters reported on their activities for Project Patriot – Ohio Valley and John Hart. I know there were more chapters who sent money, cards and did different kinds of work, but without reports your chapter just does not receive credit.

Next year let's go for 100% reporting and participation and really make a difference.

I have tried to send each chapter emails to keep you informed as to what National sends. Please let me know if and when your email address changes. There is a packet up front for you to report back on this year's work. Please take time to be specific with what your chapter has done. We can be very proud of our WV support for our service personnel. Let's keep up the good work. GOD BLESS AMERICA.

Ethel M. Swiger (Mrs. Arden), Chairman

COMMITTEES WITH NATIONAL RECOGNITION COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

Mound Chapter presented a Community Service award to Nila Chaddock in February 2003.

Pack Horse Ford Chapter requested an award for Dr. James C. Price for his Community Service. The award will be presented in 2004.

Carol Holbert (Mrs. Herbert), Chairman

DAR SPEAKERS STAFF

This chairman gave a talk to the combined DAR Chapters in Morgantown on June 14, 2003. The talk was on the history of the American Flag.

I did not hear from any other Honorary State Regents on their talks this year. The committee members are willing to visit chapters and give their programs

Miss Jean Ann Elliott, Chairman

PRESIDENT GENERAL'S PROJECT

June 30, 2003 was the end of the second year of the three-year commitment to the President General's Project. I am happy to announce that three chapters have already attained 100%. They are: Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans, Captain James Allen, and Anne Bailey. I feel sure that more chapters will attain the 100% goal when the Achievement Awards reports are submitted.

The President General's Project, which focuses on Membership Development, Preservation of Genealogical Data, and Development of Revenue Sources, touches on the most critical issues facing our National Society today. When all our efforts, large and small, are combined, much can be accomplished for NSDAR

I am happy to announce that, to date, West Virginia Daughters have contributed over \$6,000 to this Project. Remember, the amount is \$6 per person over a three year period and you still have until June 30, 2004 to become a 100% chapter.

This is a great opportunity to serve and strengthen our National Society. Madam State Regent thank you for the opportunity to serve as PG Project Chairman.

Patricia N. Daugherty (Mrs. David), Chairman

WOMEN'S ISSUES

The following is a summary of Women's Issues activities among West Virginia DAR chapters. There were no participants in the Women's Issues Contest. Eight chapters had eleven programs reflecting women's issues. Topics included: Petticoat Pioneers, maintaining Balance and Preventing Falls, Vinnie Ream – Historic Sculptress, Flying High with Amelia Earhart, Women in Service, Mad Anne Bailey, America's First Ladies, Betty Boyd Coroli.

Following is a list of activities members participated in reflecting a woman's issue:

Woman's Health Day	Relay for Life	Health Fairs
CASA	VISTA	Church Organizations
Caregivers (for family and neighbors)		Young Author's Contest
Breast Cancer Support Group		Cancer & MS Drives
Sunday School and Bible School Teachers		MS Group Volunteer
Hospice	Heart Walk	Fair Boards
Shoe Box Project (Samaritan's Purse)		United Way Drive
West Virginia Women's Commission		Breast Cancer Awareness
Rocked for the Myasthenia Gravis Foundation		Daughter's Day at Work
West Virginia Silver Haired Legislature		Wellness Health Programs
Seminars in Ways to Invest Money		West Virginia Commission for National and Community Service

Honorable Mention Awards are recommended for chapters that had at least one program concerning a women's issue. They can be found listed in the report of Chairman Awards Committee. Barbara Fish (Mrs. Robert), National Vice Chairman East Central Division

VOLUNTEER GENEALOGY

This chairman has attended the summer meeting and her district meeting talking about taking the classes at National Headquarters. I have not been informed that anyone has taken these classes. Miss Jean Ann Elliott, Chairman

COMMITTEES WITH STATE RECOGNITION AWARDS

This has been a VERY busy year for the West Virginia Daughters. Four hundred sixteen (416) certificates were prepared and will be ready for pick up on Saturday at the Awards Desk, in the lobby.

This year we have had a new designation award - "recognition". A ribbon will not be attached to the certificate. The State Officer or State chairman wanted to give special recognition to a daughter or a chapter.

There were 2 State Officer presenting 7 awards and 19 State Chairmen presenting 409 awards to 41 chapters. 197 of these awards were given by the Membership Chairman, Frannie Weekley. Buford Chapter received the most awards with a total of 23, followed by Ohio Valley with 19 and Wheeling with 17.

The following is a complete listing of all awards presented:

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Betty Reinhart - Valley Forge Trip

STATE REGISTRAR AWARDS - Marion McCullough

For the West Virginia's State Registrar's Project "The Collection of Obituaries 2002-2003.

Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Col John Evans Chapter

Buford Chapter

Bee Line Chapter

STATE HISTORIAN AWARDS - Sally Ford

Buford Chapter - For Outstanding History Preservation Presentation

Ohio Valley Chapter - For Outstanding Historic Preservation & Community Participation.

Wheeling Chapter - For Outstanding Historic Community Involvement

Shenandoah Valley Chapter - For Outstanding American History Participation.

AMERICAN HERITAGE AND CONSERVATION - Annabelle Vance, Chairman

1st Place: Blackwater Chapter

Buford Chapter

Colonel Zackquill Morgan Chapter

Ohio Valley Chapter
Shenandoah Valley Chapter
Wheeling Chapter

2nd Place: Blennerhassett Chapter
Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter
John Hart Chapter
Kanawha Valley Chapter
Matthew French Chapter
Mound Chapter

3rd Place: Bee Line Chapter
Captain James Allen Chapter
John Chapman Chapter
John Young Chapter
Pack Horse Ford Chapter
Peters Mountain Chapter

AMERICAN HISTORY - Nancy Edwards, Chairman; Nancy Largent, VC

1st Place: Buford Chapter

2nd Place: Colonel Zackquill Morgan Chapter
Ohio Valley Chapter
Shenandoah Valley Chapter

Honorable Mention:

Bee Line Chapter
Blennerhassett Chapter
James Wood Chapter
John Hart Chapter
Kanawha Valley Chapter
Matthew French Chapter
South Branch Valley Chapter
Ye Towne of Bath Chapter

American History Programs

At Chapter Meetings - Buford Chapter
By Chapter Members to other groups - Buford Chapter
Chapter programs about an outstanding American Woman -
Kanawha Valley Chapter

American History Displays

At Schools - Buford Chapter
In public Places - Buford Chapter

American History Publicity

Spot Announcements - daily for 1 mo - Col Zackquill Morgan Chapter
Radio & TV Announcements 1 mo. Several times a day - Ohio Valley Chapter
Press inches - Buford Chapter - 268" Press inches each month -
Col Zackquill Morgan Chapter - 40"

American History Essay Contest:

Certificate of awards - Shenandoah Valley Chapter - 20
Certificates of award - South Branch Valley Chapter- 13
Bronze medals - Shenandoah Valley Chapter- 12
Bronze medals - South Branch Valley Chapter- 5

Christopher Columbus Essay Contest:

Chapter awards - Bee Line Chapter - 4 (monetary)

Best record of participation in most categories of Am History - Ohio Valley Chapter

Chapters that did well with Outstanding Woman Category

James Wood Chapter
John Hart Chapter
Kanawha Valley Chapter
Matthew French Chapter

AMERICAN INDIANS -Mary Collins, Chairman

1st Place: Buford Chapter
2nd Place Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Col. John Evans Chapter
3rd Place: James Wood Chapter
Honorable Mention:

Anne Bailey Chapter
Barboursville Chapter
Bee Line Chapter
John Young Chapter
Peters Mountain Chapter
Shenandoah Valley Chapter
Wheeling Chapter

AMERICANISM AND DAR MANUAL FOR CITIZENSHIP - Linda Collins, Chairman

1st Place: Buford Chapter
Anne Bailey Chapter
2nd Place: Shenandoah Valley Chapter
3rd Place: John Young Chapter
Wheeling Chapter

Honorable Mention

Matthew French Chapter
Kanawha Valley Chapter
John Hart Chapter

CHAPTER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD - Linda Hendrickson, Chairman

Level I - 325+ points

1st Place: John Young Chapter - 494
2nd Place: Buford Chapter - 455
3rd Place: Wheeling Chapter - 454

Honorable Mention- Shenandoah Valley Chapter - 367

Level II (200+ points)

1st Place: Colonel Zackquill Morgan Chapter - 314
2nd Place: Ohio Valley Chapter - 308
3rd Place: Anne Bailey Chapter - 297

Honorable Mention - Westmoreland Chapter - 275

Level III (125+ points)

1st Place: 3way tie
Daniel Davisson Chapter - 194
William Henshaw Chapter - 194
Ye Towne of Bath Chapter - 194
2nd Place: James Barbour Chapter - 183

C. A. R. Betty Kauff, Chairman

1st Place: Shenandoah Valley Chapter
2nd Place: Wheeling Chapter
3rd Place: Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Col. John Evans Chapter

CONSTITUTION WEEK AND COMMEMORATIVE EVENTS - Dorrene Hale, Chairman

1st Place Buford Chapter
John Young Chapter
Ohio Valley Chapter

- Pack Horse Ford Chapter
- Shenandoah Valley Chapter
- 2nd Place Capt. James Allen Chapter
- Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Col John Evans Chapter
- James Wood Chapter
- Matthew French Chapter
- Peters Mountain Chapter
- Wheeling Chapter
- Ye Towne of Bath Chapter
- 3rd Place Barboursville Chapter
- Bee Line Chapter
- Col Zackquill Morgan Chapter
- Elizabeth Zane Chapter
- Mound Chapter
- Honorable Mention
- Anne Royall Chapter
- Blackwater Chapter
- Charleston Chapter
- Gen Andrew Lewis Chapter
- James Barbour Chapter
- Constitution Week only
- 1st Place South Branch Valley Chapter
- 2nd Place Anne Bailey Chapter
- 3rd Place John Chapman Chapter Trans-Alleghany Chapter
- Honorable Mention - Blennerhassett Chapter
- DAR GOOD CITIZENS - Betty Belcher, Chairman
- 1st Place James Wood Chapter
- 2nd Place Ohio Valley Chapter
- 3rd Place Blennerhassett Chapter
- Honorable Mention - Anne Bailey Chapter
- Buford Chapter
- Captain James Allen Chapter
- General Andrew Lewis Chapter
- John Hart Chapter
- Matthew French Chapter
- Mound Chapter
- Ye Towne of Bath Chapter
- DAR MAGAZINE - Barbara Fish, Chairman
- 2nd Place Outstanding -Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Col John Evans
- 3rd Place Great - Wheeling Chapter
- Col Zackquill Morgan Chapter
- Capt. James Allen Chapter
- James Wood Chapter
- Honorable Mention
- Buford Chapter
- James Barbour Chapter
- Anne Bailey Chapter
- John Young Chapter
- Gen Andrew Lewis Chapter
- Blennerhassett Chapter
- William Henshaw Chapter
- John Chapman Chapter

Blackwater Chapter
Ye Towne of Bath Chapter
South Branch Valley Chapter
Ohio Valley Chapter
Mound Chapter
John Hart Chapter
Westmoreland Chapter

DAR SCHOOLS - Anne Cummings, Chairman

1st Place Peters Mountain Chapter
2nd Place Bee Line Chapter
3rd Place Matthew French Chapter
Honorable Mention - Kanawha Valley Chapter

DAR SERVICE TO VETERANS - Kathleen E. Bledsoe, Chairman

Chapters with over 50 members

1st Place Wheeling Chapter
2nd Place Kanawha Valley Chapter
3rd Place Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans Chapter
Honorable Mention - Buford Chapter

Chapters with 50 members of less

1st - Place Anne Royall Chapter
2nd Place Ohio Valley Chapter
3rd Place Westmoreland Chapter
Honorable Mention

Peters Mountain Chapter
Elk River Chapter

LINEAGE RESEARCH- Marjorie Allen, Chairman

Lineage Research Look-up Volunteers

1st Place Pack Horse Ford Chapter - 6 Look-up volunteers
2nd Place Kanawha Valley Chapter - 5 Look-up volunteers
3rd Place Barboursville Chapter - 4 Look-up volunteers
Mound Chapter - 4 Look-up volunteers
4th Place Capt James Allen Chapter - 3 Lookup volunteers
Honorable Mention - John Young Chapter- 2 Look-up volunteers
Wheeling Chapter- 2 Look-up volunteers
Peters Mountain Chapter - 2 Look-up volunteers
Shenandoah Valley Chapter- 1 Lookup volunteer
Col. Charles Lewis Chapter - 1 Lookup volunteer
Anne Royall Chapter - 1 Look-up Volunteer
Ohio Valley Chapter - 1 Look-up Volunteer
Hagans- Evans Chapter - 1 Look-up volunteer
John Cooke Chapter - 1 Look-up volunteer
Bee Line Chapter - 1 look-up volunteer

MEMBERSHIP - Frannie Weekley, chairman

For chapters with 12-25 members

1st Place John Cooke Chapter
2nd Place Ft. Ashby Chapter
Peters Mountain Chapter

For chapters with 26-50 members:

1st Place Trans-Allegheny Chapter
Anne Royall Chapter
2nd Place Ohio Valley Chapter
Shenandoah Valley Chapter

Col. Morgan Morgan Chapter
Barboursville Chapter
Gen Andrew Lewis Chapter
James Barbour Chapter
Westmoreland Chapter
3rd Place William Morris Chapter
William Henshaw Chapter

For Chapters 51-100 members

1st Place Buford Chapter
Wheeling Chapter
John Hart Chapter
Capt. James Allen Chapter
Pack Horse Ford Chapter
Mound Chapter

2nd Place Col Charles Lewis Chapter
Kanawha Valley Chapter

3rd Place Blennerhassett Chapter
James Wood Chapter
Ye Towne of Bath Chapter

For Chapters with 150-200 members

1st Place John Young Chapter

Largest Percentage Increase in Membership

Chapters 12-25 members

1st Place John Cooke Chapter
Peters Mountain Chapter
Ft. Ashby Chapter

Chapters with 26-50 members

1st Place Trans-Allegheny Chapter
Daniel Davisson Chapter
2nd Place Gen Andrew Lewis Chapter
Ohio Valley Chapter
Elizabeth Zane Chapter
Col Morgan Morgan Chapter

Chapters with 51-100 members

1st Place Pack Horse Ford Chapter
Wheeling Chapter
John Hart Chapter

2nd Place Kanawha Valley Chapter
Buford Chapter
Blennerhassett Chapter
John Chapman Chapter
Bee Line Chapter
Mound Chapter

DAR FAMILY TREE AWARD

(For chapters that have increased in number and maintained the most members)

Trans-Allegheny Chapter
Wheeling Chapter
Buford Chapter
Ohio Valley Chapter
John Hart Chapter
John Cooke Chapter

Fort Ashby Chapter

Mound Chapter

SMALL CHAPTER REVITALIZATION AWARD

Trans-Allegheny Chapter

OVERALL BEST MEMBERSHIP PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

John Young Chapter

Trans-Allegheny Chapter

Anne Royall Chapter

Wheeling Chapter

Buford Chapter

Ohio Valley Chapter

Blennerhassett Chapter

James Wood Chapter

Kanawha Valley Chapter

Col Zackquill Morgan Chapter

Shenandoah Valley Chapter

Pack Horse Ford Chapter

Fort Ashby Chapter

Chapter who referred the most members/prospective members to other chapters of states.

Daniel Davisson Chapter

Wheeling Chapter

South Branch Valley Chapter

John Young Chapter

CHAPTERS WITH THE BEST RESULTS FROM THE MEMBERSHIP BLOOD DRIVE

1st Place Anne Royal Chapter

Trans-Allegheny Chapter

Buford Chapter

John Young Chapter

Wheeling Chapter

2nd Place Kanawha Valley Chapter

Barboursville Chapter

John Cooke Chapter

John Hart Chapter

Fort Ashby Chapter

Gen Andrew Lewis Chapter

Capt James Allen Chapter

Peters Mountain Chapter

Col Morgan Morgan Chapter

James Barbour Chapter

Mound Chapter

Ohio Valley Chapter

Westmoreland Chapter

Ye Towne of Bath Chapter

Chapters who participated in membership blood drive

(Red, White and Blue ribbon - 41 chapters.)

Anne Bailey Chapter

Anne Royall Chapter

Barboursville Chapter

Bee Line Chapter

Blackwater Chapter

Blennerhassett Chapter

Buford Chapter
 Capt James Allen Chapter
 Charleston Chapter
 Col Charles Lewis Chapter
 Col Morgan Morgan Chapter
 Col William Lowther Chapter
 Col Zackquill Morgan Chapter
 Daniel Davisson Chapter
 Elizabeth Cummins Jackson Chapter
 Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Col John Evans Chapter
 Elizabeth Zane Chapter
 Elk River Chapter
 Ft Ashby Chapter
 Gen Andrew Lewis Chapter
 James Barbour Chapter
 James Wood Chapter
 John Chapman Chapter
 John Cooke Chapter
 John Hart Chapter
 John Young Chapter
 Kanawha Valley Chapter
 Matthew French Chapter
 Mound Chapter
 Ohio Valley Chapter
 Pack Horse Ford Chapter
 Peters Mountain Chapter
 Phoebe Tucker Cunningham Chapter
 Shenandoah Valley Chapter
 South Branch Valley Chapter
 Trans-Allegheny Chapter
 Westmoreland Chapter
 Wheeling Chapter
 William Henshaw Chapter
 William Morris Chapter
 Ye Towne of Bath Chapter

OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUALS PROMOTING MEMBERSHIP as recommended by their chapters for tireless work in promoting and keeping members in WVDAR.

Cheryl Haught	Anne Royall Chapter
Toni Kay Meador	Anne Royall Chapter
Randa Watson	Anne Royall Chapter
Joyce Blake	Barboursville Chapter
Virginia Bliss	Barboursville Chapter
Melissa Blake	Barboursville Chapter
Lois "Tillie" Good	Buford Chapter
Helen Webb	Buford Chapter
Patricia Dougherty	Buford Chapter
Louise Righman	Blackwater Chapter
Muriel Nestor	Blackwater Chapter
Sylvia Bargeloh	Blennerhassett Chapter
Rexine Johnson	Blennerhassett Chapter
Louise Whitman	Capt James Allen Chapter
Harriet Brown	Charleston Chapter

Greta Thornton	Charleston Chapter
Charlotte burns	Charleston Chapter
Joan Robbins	Col Charles Lewis Chapter
Betty Kauff	Col Charles Lewis Chapter
Gloria Roush	Col Charles Lewis Chapter
Dorcas Harbert	Col Zackquill Morgan Chapter
Elizabeth Davis	Daniel Davisson Chapter
Linda Hare Collins	Hagans Evans Chapter
Barbara Tichenor Herron	Hagans-Evans Chapter
Willie Wagoner	Ft Ashby Chapter
Caroline See	Ft Ashby Chapter
Virginia McCort	Ft. Ashby Chapter
Anna Virginia Twigg	Ft Ashby Chapter
Maxine Malcolm	Ft. Ashby Chapter
Carol Holbert	James Barbour Chapter
Loine Dent	James Wood Chapter
Elizabeth Geever	John Chapman Chapter
Frances Munsey	John Chapman Chapter
Sylvia Acord Bragg	John Cooke Chapter
Anita Cooke Luck	John Cooke Chapter
Ethel Swiger	John Hart Chapter
Janet Isner	John Hart Chapter
Virginia Johnson	John Young Chapter
Shirley Gilkeson	Kanawha Valley Chapter
Clarice Stanley	Mound Chapter
Gail Yoho	Mound Chapter
Hilda Wright	Ohio Valley Chapter
Nola Parks	Ohio Valley Chapter
Lee Eddy	Ohio Valley Chapter
Christine Hart	Ohio Valley Chapter
Charlaine Gilpin	Ohio Valley Chapter
Dorrene Hale	Pack Horse Ford Chapter
Kathy Robertson	Peters Mountain Chapter
Juanita Berdine	Phoebe Tucker Cunningham Chapter
Karen Bonar	Phoebe Tucker Cunningham Chapter
Dorcas Cain	Phoebe Tucker Cunningham Chapter
Margie Evans	Phoebe Tucker Cunningham Chapter
Tessa Poling	Phoebe Tucker Cunningham Chapter
Lelia Rose	Phoebe Tucker Cunningham Chapter
Kathryn Sayer	Phoebe Tucker Cunningham Chapter
Kathryn Sprouse	Phoebe Tucker Cunningham Chapter
Sally Ann Greenfield	Shenandoah Valley Chapter
Judy Bowyer	South Branch Valley Chapter
Donna Henline	Trans-Allegheny Chapter
Betty Belcher	Westmoreland Chapter
Avis Marcum	Westmoreland Chapter
Judy Fugate	Wheeling Chapter
Doris Hunt	William Morris Chapter
Nancy Largent	Ye Town of Bath Chapter
Nancy Edwards	Ye Towne of Bath Chapter
Jo Ann Harris	Ye Towne of Bath Chapter
Betty Ditto	Ye Towne of Bath Chapter

STATE WINNER Membership essay contest "Who touched you and made you a Daughter?"
And "How have you touched a Daughter?"

Judy Fugate - Wheeling Chapter.

NATIONAL DEFENSE- Ginger Nalley, Chairman

1st Place Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Col John Evans
Buford Chapter

Daniel Davisson

James Wood

Capt. James Allen

2nd Place Anne Bailey

Barboursville

Charleston

John Young

Kanawha Valley

Matthew French

William Henshaw

Gen Andrew Lewis

Col Zackquill Morgan

3rd Place Blackwater

Bee Line Chapter

Col Morgan Morgan

Trans-Allegheny

Ye Towne of Bath

Blennerhassett

Col Charles Lewis

James Barbour

Shenandoah

South Branch Valley

Elizabeth Zane

Ohio Valley

Pack Horse Ford

PROJECT PATRIOT- Ethel Swiger, Chairman

1st Place Ohio Valley

John Hart

LITERACY CHALLENGE-Brenda Durham, Chairman

1st Place Anne Royal 520 hours

2nd Place South Branch Valley 360 hours

3rd Place Col Zackquill Morgan 200 hours

PRESIDENT GENERAL'S PROJECT - Patricia Daugherty, Chairman

100% Contribution to the President General's Project

Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Col John Evans

Capt. James Allen

Anne Bailey

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION SPECIALIST - Monica Brooks, Chairman

For good use of the WV DAR List:

Carmen Silliman - South Branch Valley

Barbara Fish - James Wood Chapter

Barbara Rutledge - Buford Chapter

Frances Weekley - Ohio Valley

Lee Eddy - Ohio Valley

Mary McLaughlin - John Young

WOMEN'S ISSUES- Barbara Fish, Chairman

Honorable Mention

Bee Line
John Hart
Col Zackquill Morgan
Shenandoah Valley
Barboursville
Blennerhassett
Matthew French

Barbara Rutledge (Mrs. Eldon L.), Chairman

BLANCHE L. REYMANN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Per letter received from Brian Weingart, Director of Financial Aid, Alderson Broaddus College: "Enclosed is the information regarding Farrah Bonnell who was selected for the Blanche L. Reymann Scholarship for 2003-04. Farrah and her parents, Loren and Charlene Bonnell, reside at Route 1, Box 85-1, Kerens, WV 26276. Thank you for the honor of awarding this scholarship to a very deserving student." Enclosed was the following information: Miss Bonnell is an Elkins High School graduate, on the Deans list, placing in the top 10% of her graduating class; has been a student at Angie's Dance Academy since 1990 and she has assisted with teaching at the Academy since 2001. She has been an Energy Express Mentor, a student teacher for Sparklin' Beauties Baton Corp, participated on the Council for Exceptional Children, been a Special Olympics Volunteer, a Reading Day Volunteer, a Fifth Grade Fun Day Volunteer, and a private baton and dance lesson teacher.

Ethel D. Mozena (Mrs. Harold B.), Chairman

CREDENTIALS

The report of this committee can be read in the minutes of the morning business session Saturday, October 25 and the final report is in the minutes of Sunday morning's business session.

Mary Kay Bidlack (Mrs. Jerry), Chairman

PARLIAMENTARIAN

During the year 2002-2003, the State Parliamentarian served as a consultant to the State Regent, the State Executive Committee, and the Bylaws Committee. She also advised several Chapters about bylaws amendments, including a detailed analysis of bylaws and procedural problems for our Chapter Regent.

The State Parliamentarian delivered a presentation about Chapter bylaws at Summer Training Session at Jackson's Mill.

Many Chapters state specific dollar amounts in their bylaws for application and supplemental fees. These Chapters will need to amend their bylaws to reflect the changes in these amounts that were approved at Continental Congress in July. They are advised to remove specific dollar amounts for these fees and substitute more general language.

Chapters are also urged to keep the latest DAR Handbook on hand. In fact, every member should have one.

She is pleased to say that all Chapters have sent in a copy of their bylaws for the Parliamentarian's file. If your Chapter amends its bylaws, remember to send a copy of the revised bylaws to the Parliamentarian.

Mrs. Cora P. Teel, State Parliamentarian

FINANCE

WEST VIRGINIA STATE SOCIETY Proposed Budget for 2003-3004

INCOME:

State Dues	(2051 members @ \$5.00 ea.)	\$10,255.00
Conference Dues	(yearly chapter assessment)	813.00
Interest/Accounts	(VanGuard)	531.63

TOTAL INCOME 11,599.6

DISBURSEMENTS:

State Regent	(1/3 total dues)	3,418.33
State Officers/Chairmen		500.00
WV Tax & Revenue		25.00
Printing Proceedings	(1/3 set aside yearly)	555.75
Audit		1,000.00
C.A.R.	(2051 members @ \$.01 ea.)	20.51
Award Winners	(2051 @ .04 ea.)	82.04
WV DAR News & Circular Letter		2,954.14
Conference Dues		813.00
Interest from VanGuard Account		531.63 *
Contingent Fund		1,699.23

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$11,599.63

(Note the loss of 29 members on the State level this year.)

Respectfully submitted:

Mrs. James E. Wallace, Chairman	John Hart Chapter
Mrs. Richard J. Watro	Fort Ashby Chapter
Miss Sally O. Cyrus	Buford Chapter
Mrs. Robert L. Waters	Blennerhassett Chapter
Mrs. Eldon L. Rutledge	Ex-officio: State Treasurer

*Note from Recording Secretary - A motion to amend the budget to move the \$531 interest figure to the contingency fund carried. See Saturday, October 25, minutes.

PROTOCOL

This State Chairman planned the processions and the seating arrangements at State Conference and assisted the State Regent when necessary.

Rebecca L. Davis (Mrs. Donald), Chairman

LONG RANGE PLANNING

The WVDAR Long Range Planning Committee has discussed several topics this year dealing with the reporting of the State Treasurer to the State Regent and Chairman of the Finance Committee. We recommend that the financial statement and copies of bank statements be sent to the State Regent and to the Chairman of the Finance Committee monthly. We further recommend that the report to the State Conference show the true picture of income and expenses (for example State Conference expenses).

We also discussed State Conference dues paid by the chapters. A proposed amendment to the WVDAR Bylaws was sent to the State Bylaws Chairman. There appears to be a misunderstanding by chapters concerning the current State Conference fees. Several chapters interpreted our present Bylaws as meaning that they only had to pay a State Conference fee if they sent delegates to State Conference, therefore are not paying the fee. Our recommendation is that chapters pay a fee of one dollar per member at the time they pay State dues and assessments. The present fee of fifteen dollars for chapters with a membership under fifty members and thirty dollars for chapters over fifty members would then be eliminated. This would make it possible to know how much money would be available for State Conference expenses each year.

The next item under discussion was the time each year for State Conference. Our recommendation is that the State Conference beginning in 2005 be held in the Spring instead of the Fall. This would put us more in sync with reporting to National.

The last recommendation is that the West Virginia State Society publish an updated history every seventh administration, or about every twenty years.

Madam State Regent, although it has been difficult for this committee to meet, we have been able to meet at District Meetings and have discussions by email. It has been a pleasure working with the ladies on this committee and with you.

Shirley M. Gilkeson (Mrs. Roy A.), Chairman

Cora Teel, Ginger Nalley, Patricia Valentine, Sally Greenfield, Barbara Rutledge, Judy Fugate, Betty Ditto, and Frannie Weekley, Committee Members

RESOLUTIONS

There were no resolutions submitted. Courtesy Resolutions may be read in the minutes of the business meeting Sunday, October 26.

Dorrene Hale (Mrs. Donald L.), Chairman

WEST VIRGINIA COTTAGE AT TAMASSEE – JOSEPHINE C. PETERS

The Josephine C. Peters Cottage Committee completed the renovation of the walls of the second bedroom at the Cottage.

This Committee is still soliciting and accepting donations to make additional renovations possible. The Committee has a second plaque to place in the cottage denoting those who make a contribution over \$100 to the cottage. This is a wonderful way to honor that special DAR member.

Nancy Kornegay (Mrs. Terry), Chairman

WEST VIRGINIA DAR NEWS

In May 2003, 2168 labels were received from National for the West Virginia DAR News. Within the 12 pages of the News there were 41 articles and informational items shared with the West Virginia Daughters.

The labels for the September West Virginia DAR News arrived September 2, and the News was mailed to 2087 Daughters. Due to the time factor this News was combined with the Call to Conference and included Conference information, guest photos and exciting announcements for the future of West Virginia DAR.

This Chairman urges address updates and changes to be made to National so that the corrections will reflect on the labels for the West Virginia News.

It has indeed been a pleasure to be Chairman of the News. I wish to thank those Chairmen who utilized the News to inform the West Virginia Daughters, the Chapters who shared their accomplishments and inspire others, and our State Regent, Mrs. Silliman, who graciously guides us.

Lee Eddy (Mrs. Clifford A.), Chairman

WEST VIRGINIA CONGRESS EVENT

Arrangements have been made to have an "Almost Heaven Dessert Buffet" at the J. W. Marriott on Tuesday, July 13, 2004, for all West Virginia Daughters and their guests. A variety of desserts and beverages will be served. The cost is \$28. Entertainment will be arranged by the "West Virginia Belles". This event will allow West Virginia Daughters to get together and make plans for the week. More information about tickets will be in the spring issue of the WV DAR News.

Shirley M. Gilkeson (Mrs. Roy A.), Chairman

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Madam State Regent, I am glad to report that there are 109 members, representing 30 chapters, who have belonged to the National Society 50 years or more. There may be errors in this report, but it is as accurate as I can make it with the information I have at hand

It has been a pleasure to serve this administration.

Dorothy C. Myers (Mrs. C. M., Jr.), Chairman



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