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2004-2007

THE WEST VIRGINIA STATE SOCIETY

of the

National Society
Daughters of the American Revolution

99th, 100th, 101st and 102nd
Annual State Conferences

2004-2007

Compiled and Edited
By
Miss Charla L. Nutter
State Recording Secretary

"The Bell of Freedom...The Sound of Patriotism"
National Theme

"Light the Way to the Future"
State Theme

*"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your
Father which is in heaven."* Matthew 5:16

This Ninth Edition
of the
West Virginia Triennial Proceedings
is
Dedicated to the
Daughters
of the
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;
Best 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



Shirley Morrison Gilkeson (Mrs. Roy A.)

**STATE REGENT
2004-2007**

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



PRESLEY M. WAGONER (Mrs. Joel)
PRESIDENT GENERAL
2004-2007

Past Chaplain General
2001-2004

Past Organizing Secretary General
1995-1998

National Society Daughters of the American Revolution

HONORARY STATE REGENT
West Virginia State Society



STATE REGENT, PRESIDENT GENERAL and
HONORARY STATE REGENTS

1st Row—Mrs. Presley M. Wagoner, Mrs. Shirley M. Gilkeson,
Mrs. Maxine P. Spearman

2nd Row—Miss Jean Ann Elliott, Mrs. Jimelle F. Rumberg,
Mrs. Carmen G. Silliman

Not Pictured: Miss Virginia B. Johnson, Mrs. Kathy Gess,
Mrs. Francis “Fran” Adams



STATE REGENT, PRESIDENT GENERAL and
STATE OFFICERS

1st Row—Mrs. Presley M. Wagoner, Mrs. Shirley M. Gilkeson,
Mrs. Virginia “Ginger” Nalley

2nd Row—Mrs. Cecelia “CcCe” Wallace, Miss Charla L. Nutter, Mrs. Cora P. Teel,
Mrs. Sally Ann Greenfield, Mrs. Judith Fugate, Mrs. Joan Sweeney

3rd Row—Mrs. Barbara Rutledge, Mrs. Marjorie Allen

***Please note—During our 100th State Conference in 2005, many of our WV Daughters were dressed in period costumes to represent the year their Chapter was founded. We were honored to have the President General in attendance to celebrate this milestone in our State Society.*



State Officers in 2007 at the 102nd State Conference, Charleston, WV



STATE REGENT, PRESIDENT GENERAL, and
DISTRICT DIRECTORS

100th State Conference 2005

1st Row—Mrs. Presley M. Wagoner, Mrs. Shirley M. Gilkeson
2nd Row—Mrs. Betty Heavner, Dr. Mary Collins, Mrs. Joan McClelland,
Ms. Kathy Robertson, and Mrs. Barbara “Barby” Frankenberry



STATE REGENT and CHAPTER REGENTS
(2007)



STATE REGENT, PRESIDENT GENERAL and
STATE CHAIRMEN
100th State Conference in 2005



STATE REGENT Mrs. Shirley M. Gilkeson,
STATE CHAIRMAN of PAGES Mrs. Randi Gray and the Pages
at the 102nd State Conference in Charleston, WV



STATE REGENT, Mrs. Shirley M. Gilkeson and the
West Virginia State Society Cameo Club
102nd State Conference in Charleston, WV



STATE REGENT, Mrs. Shirley M. Gilkeson
with the 2007 State DAR Chorus

Mrs. Annabelle Vance, Director



Continental Congress 2007

West Virginia Delegation at
the “Almost Heaven” Ice Cream Social honoring
the President General, Mrs. Presley M. Wagoner
and the State Regent, Mrs. Shirley M. Gilkeson



Miniature Replica of the President General’s Portrait
given as a gift to the National Society from the
West Virginia State Society, 2007

NATIONAL OFFICERS

NATIONAL SOCIETY DAUGHTERS

of the

AMERICAN REVOLUTION

The Wagoner Associates

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| President General | Mrs. Presley M. Wagoner |
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Honorary Vice President General
West Virginia

Miss Virginia B. Johnson

WEST VIRGINIA STATE OFFICERS

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| State Regent | Mrs. Shirley M. Gilkeson |
| State Vice Regent | Mrs. Ginger Nalley |
| State Chaplain | Mrs. Cecelia Wallace |
| State Recording Secretary | Miss Charla L. Nutter |
| State Corresponding Secretary | Mrs. Cora P. Teel |
| State Organizing Secretary | Mrs. Sally A. Greenfield |
| State Treasurer | Mrs. Barbara Rutledge |
| State Registrar | Mrs. Judith Fugate |
| State Historian | Mrs. Joan Sweeney |
| State Librarian | Mrs. Marjorie Allen |
| State Parliamentarian | Mrs. Nancy Kornegay |

HONORARY STATE REGENTS

Miss Virginia B. Johnson
Mrs. Maxine Spearman
Mrs. Kathy M. Gess
Mrs. Francis "Fran" Adams
Mrs. Presley M. Wagoner
Mrs. Jimelle F. Rumberg
Miss Jean Ann Elliott
Mrs. Carmen G. Silliman

DISTRICT DIRECTORS

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| Central District | Mrs. Betty Heavener |
| Eastern District | Mrs. Barbara "Barby" Frankenberg |
| Northern District | Mrs. Joan McClelland |
| Southern District | Ms. Kathy Robertson |
| Western District | Dr. Mary Courtney-Collins |

**WEST VIRGINIA DAUGHTERS SERVING THE
NATIONAL SOCIETY DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**

BY ELECTION OF CONGRESS

Mrs. Presley M. Wagoner—President General
Miss Virginia B. Johnson—Honorary Vice President General

**BY APPOINTMENT OF THE PRESIDENT GENERAL
NATIONAL CHAIRMEN**

Mrs. Cora P. Teel Community Service Award
Mrs. Shirley M. Gilkeson State Regents Events, 2005-2006

NATIONAL VICE-CHAIRMEN, EAST CENTRAL DIVISION

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| Americanism | Mrs. Anne Cummings |
| Chapter Achievement Awards | Mrs. Carmen G. Silliman |
| Children of the American Revolution | Mrs. Sally Ann Greenfield |
| Conservation Committee | Mrs. Ginger Nalley |
| Constitution Week | Mrs. Betty Belcher |
| DAR School | Mrs. Marion McCullough |
| Membership | Mrs. Frances Weekley |
| National Defense | Mrs. Barbara Fish |
| Seimes Technology Center | Mrs. Sally Ford |
| Women's Issues | Mrs. Barbara Rutledge |

TAMASSEE DAR SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Member Mrs. Carmen G. Silliman



WEST VIRGINIA STATE CHAIRMEN OF NATIONAL COMMITTEES

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| American Heritage | Frankie Cline |
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| VC, Crafts | Dorothy King |
| VC, Literature, Drama and Music | Anna Summers |
| VC, Cultural Events and Tradition | Pat Daugherty |
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| VC, Christopher Columbus Essay | Gail Yoho |
| American Indians | Carol Massey |
| Americanism | Marion McCullough |
| Chapter Achievement Award | Dorrene Hale |
| Children of the American Revolution | Betty Sue Kauff |
| Commemorative Events | Kay Craig |
| VC, Independence Day | Elizabeth Lowe |
| VC, Jamestown 400 th Anniversary | Dorothy Myers |
| VC, Lewis and Clark Expedition | Violet Hysell |
| VC, Washington-Rocheaubeau Route | Virginia Carr |
| Community Service Award | Harriet Brown |
| Conservation | Randa Watson |
| Constitution Week | Betty Reinhart |
| DAR Good Citizen | Sally Cyrus |
| DAR Magazine | Kathy Bowling |
| DAR Museum | Nancy Edwards |
| DAR Project Patriot | Barbara Frankenberry |
| DAR Scholarship | Barbara Fish |
| DAR Schools | Malinda Davis |
| DAR Service to Veteran Patients | Linda Parsons |
| VC, Women Veterans | Julia Gates |
| Friends of the Library | Laura Patterson |
| Genealogical Records | Frances Weekley |
| Insignia | Cora Teel |
| Junior American Citizens | Susan Garrett |
| Junior Membership | Dina Braniff |
| VC, Outstanding Junior Contest | Jennifer Luppold |
| VC, National-WV Junior Doll | Frannie Weekley |
| Lineage Research | Linda Hendrickson |
| Literacy Challenge | Susan Arnold |
| Membership | Edna Barnes |

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| National Defense | Anne Cummings |
| President General's Project | Betty Belcher |
| Program | Ginger Nalley |
| Public Relations, Motion Picture, Radio and Television | Nancy Largent |
| Seimes Technology Center | Marlene Jones |
| The Flag of the United States of America | Diana Johnson |
| Volunteer Genealogists | Lillian Eddy |
| Volunteer Information Specialist | Monica Brooks |
| Women's Issues | Kathleen Bledsoe |

STATE CHAIRMEN OF SPECIAL NATIONAL COMMITTEES

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| DAR Speakers Staff | Maxine Spearman |
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STATE CHAIRMEN OF STATE COMMITTEES

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| Awards | Ann Van Voorhis |
| Blanche L. Reymann Scholarship Fund | Eloise Puglisi |
| Bylaws | Avis Marcum |
| Vice Chairman | Nola Parks |
| Vice Chairman | Alice Cogle |
| Vice Chairman | Fern Nutter |
| Vice Chairman | Ann Johns |
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| Finance | Jean Ann Elliott |
| Committee Members | Elizabeth Davis |
| | Robin McClure |
| | Joan McClelland |
| | Kathy Robertson |
| | Barbara Rutledge, |
| Pages | Randi Gray |
| Parliamentarian | Nancy Kornegay |
| Protocol | Kathleen Morton |
| Long Range Planning | Cora P. Teel |
| Committee Members | Ginger Nalley |
| | Pat Valentine |
| | Betty Ditto |
| | Sally Ann Greenfield |
| | Frannie Weckley |
| | Jimelle Rumberg |
| | Frankie Cline |
| | Nancy Kornegay |
| Resolutions | Julia Linaweaver |

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| West Virginia Chorus Vice Chairman | Annabelle Vance Janie Lester |
| West Virginia Congress Event | Ginger Nalley |
| West Virginia Cottage at Tamassee | Kathy Robertson |
| West Virginia DAR News | Carol Linger |
| West Virginia Fifty-Year Club | Mary Jane Korth |
| West Virginia Room in Memorial Continental Hall | Sally Ford |
| West Virginia Advisory Committee | Honorary State Regents Mr. James Wallace Mr. Eldon Rutledge Dr. John Smith Capt. Stephen M. Gilkeson |

NATIONAL MEETINGS

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| 114 th Continental Congress Washington, DC | July 5-11, 2005 |
| 115 th Continental Congress Washington, DC | July 4-10, 2006 |
| 116 th Continental Congress Washington, DC | June 23-July 1, 2007 |

STATE MEETINGS

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| 99 th State Conference Eastern District, Hostess | October 22-24, 2004 Holiday Inn, Martinsburg |
| 100 th State Conference Northern District, Hostess | April 15-17, 2005 Holiday Inn, Parkersburg |
| 101 st State Conference Southern District, Hostess | April 7-9, 2006 Pipestem Resort State Park |
| 102 nd State Conference Western District, Hostess | April 13-15, 2007 Charleston House Holiday Inn |

DISTRICT MEETINGS

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| 2005 | Central John Hart Chapter, Hostess | August 3, 2005 |
| | Eastern Shenandoah Valley Chapter, Hostess | August 2, 2005 |
| | Northern Anne Royall Chapter, Hostess | August 4, 2005 |
| | Southern Captain James Allen Chapter, Hostess | August 5, 2005 |
| | Western Kanawha Valley Chapter, Hostess | August 6, 2005 |
| 2006 | Central Trans-Allegheny Chapter, Hostess | July 21, 2006 |
| | Eastern South Branch Valley Chapter, Hostess | July 22, 2006 |
| | Northern Blennerhassett Chapter, Hostess | July 29, 2006 |
| | Southern General Andrew Lewis Chapter, Hostess | October 21, 2006 |
| | Western Westmoreland Chapter, Hostess | August 5, 2006 |

CHAPTER REGENTS

Anne Bailey Chapter, Western District
Anne Royall Chapter, Northern District
Barboursville Chapter, Western District
Bee Line Chapter, Eastern District
Blackwater Chapter, Central District
Blennerhassett Chapter, Northern District
Buford Chapter, Western District
Captain James Allen Chapter, Southern District
Charleston Chapter, Western District
Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter, Western District
Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter, Central District
Colonel William Lowther Chapter, Northern District
Colonel Zackquill Morgan Chapter, Central District
Daniel Davisson Chapter, Central District
Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans Chapter, Central District
Elizabeth Zane Chapter, Central District
Elk River Chapter, Central District
Fort Ashby Chapter, Eastern District
General Andrew Lewis Chapter, Southern District
James Barbour Chapter, Central District
James Wood Chapter, Northern District
John Chapman Chapter, Southern District
John Cooke Chapter, Southern District
John Hart Chapter, Central District
John Young Chapter, Western District
Kanawha Chapter, Western District
Matthew French Chapter, Southern District
Mound Chapter, Northern District
Ohio Valley Chapter, Northern District
Pack Horse Ford Chapter, Eastern District
Peters Mountain Chapter, Southern District
Phoebe Tucker Cunningham Chapter, Central District
Shenandoah Valley Chapter, Eastern District
South Branch Valley Chapter, Eastern District
Trans-Allegheny Chapter, Central District
Westmoreland Chapter, Western District
Wheeling Chapter, Northern District

William Henshaw Chapter, Eastern District
William Morris Chapter, Western District
Ye Towne of Bath Chapter, Eastern District

Geraldine Jackson
Katie Keith
Violet Hysell
Beth Printz
Sharon Stavrakis
Edna Barnes
Patricia Daugherty
Margaret Ann Bays
Pauline Ratcliff
Diana Johnson
Grace Vincent
Cheryl Higgins
Dorcas Harbert Davis
Elizabeth Davis
Deloris Biller
Linda Young
Paula Shuman
Barbara Townsend
Mary Frances Bodemuller
Karen Ketchum
Barbara Smith
Phyllis Smith
Anita Lusk
Margaret Meredith
Mary Blaine McLaughlin
Joan Collins
Ann Johns
Lexie Hanket
Mindy Davis
Dorrene Hale
Nancy Kornegay
Margie Evans
Susanne Horner
Susan Garrett
Julia Bragg
Kathleen Bledsoe
Judy Fugate
Joan McClelland

Eleanor Amos
Mary Ellen Hamrick
Anne Spriggs

WEST VIRGINIA STATE SOCIETY
99th State Conference
Board of Management Meeting
Friday, October 22, 2004

A meeting of the Board of Management, West Virginia State Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, met in Salons C and D of the Martinsburg Holiday Inn, Martinsburg, WV.

Immediately following a luncheon at 12:45 p.m. the meeting was called to order by State Regent, Mrs. Roy A. Gilkeson. State Chaplin, Mrs. James E. Wallace, gave the Invocation. Mrs. Lloyd Sweeney, State Historian, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United State of America. Mrs. Gilkeson extended a welcome to all in attendance and introduced the Honorary State Regents as follows: Honorary Vice President General, Miss Virginia B. Johnson, Honorary State Regent and Past Vice President General, Mrs. Walter L. Spearman, Honorary State Regent, Past Vice President General Mrs. Randall Rumberg, Honorary State Regent Miss Jean Ann Elliott and Honorary State Regent Mrs. Charles L. Silliman.

Mrs. Gilkeson recognized the State Officers. All were present except the State Vice Regent Mrs. Robert Nalley due to a death in her family. Also recognized was Mrs. Terry Kornegay, State Parliamentarian.

State Recording Secretary Miss Charla L. Nutter called the Roll of West Virginia's National Officer, Honoraries, State Officers, District Directors and Chapter Regents. They responded as follows: Honorary State Regents—4, State Officers—9, District Directors—5, Chapter Regents—20.

The State Regent asked for and received verification from the State Recording Secretary that a quorum was present. The minutes of the Board of Management meeting on October 24, 2003 were read by Miss Nutter and approved as read.

Mrs. Gilkeson called for the report of the Finance Committee. Miss Jean Ann Elliott, Chairman, presented the proposed budget for 2004-2005. Copies were distributed and Miss Elliott explained the figures.

Miss Nutter read the recommendation from the Executive Committee that the Finance Committee's Report be accepted as presented and moved for its adoption. The recommendation was adopted.

The State Regent called for the reports of the State Officers. The State Chaplin was asked to assume the chair. The State Regent gave a brief report deferring most of it until Saturday morning.

The State Regent reported for Mrs. Nalley about the next Congress event. For 2005, the event will be a breakfast on Wednesday morning of Continental Congress. Mrs. Teel asked that all Chapter Regents pick up the Chapter packets at the end of this meeting. There are also additional copies of the State Directory on sale for \$5.

State Treasurer Mrs. Eldon Rutledge distributed copies of her Treasurer's Report. She reported that dues are down by \$9,000. She renewed several CDs on the advice of the Finance Chairman. The fidelity bond she covers the office of the Treasurer was purchased through Waters Insurance Agency in Parkersburg. Mrs. Rutledge reported that the financial records will continue to be maintained on the Quicken program. She verified with all financial institutions that all state assets are in tact and are balanced with the official books. 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.

Mrs. Gilkeson informed the Chapter Regents that there is a new application form available on line and should be mailed to all Chapter Registrars soon.

The State Regent reported on the status of the WV Period Room in the Museum. Although other State Period Rooms have had some water damage from a leak in the roof, there has been no damage to our WV Room. Also other states have had to do some renovation and up-dating of their rooms per the direction of the Museum Curator, we have not been informed of any need to update the WV Room.

The West Virginia State Society webpage has been updated and the changes have been approved by the National Society. There have been two new chapter webpages approved as well. It is the desire of this administration to have all chapters with an active webpage by 2007. There was also a discussion about using the Member's Webpage as a message board instead of emailing the WVDAR list.

Mrs. Gilkeson gave a brief update on the status of some chapters that are having difficulties in either leadership or membership. Mrs. Gilkeson also reported that the Executive Committee will be working to transfer the members of the Phoebe Tucker Cunningham Chapter to other state chapters.

The State Parliamentarian Mrs. Terry Kornegay read the Standing Rules of the Conference as printed on page 17 of the Conference program. She moved the adoption of the Standing Rules as printed. Mrs. Robert Frankenberry, Eastern District Director, seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The State Regent asked for the Recommendations from the Executive Committee. Miss Nutter read Recommendation I:

That the State Regent's Project will officially be to compile and publish a complete history of the West Virginia State Society, incorporating the two previous official histories and writing the history from 1982-2007.

Miss Nutter moved the adoption of the Recommendation. The Recommendation was adopted.

Miss Nutter read Recommendation II:

That a committee appointed by the State Regent be permitted to solicit funds to pay for the portrait of Presley Merritt Wagoner, President General from West Virginia, that will be a gift to the National Society from the West Virginia State Society in July 2007.

Miss Nutter moved the adoption of the Recommendation. A discussion was held on this matter. The State Regent reported that the cost could total over \$8,000. After the discussion, the recommendation was adopted.

The State Regent called for the report of the By Laws Committee. Mrs. Avis Marcum reminded everyone that the proposed changes were printed in the last edition of the WVDAR News. The Proposed Amendments are as follows:

ARTICLE 10, Executive Committee, Section 2: A recommendation for a project to be brought before the State Conference must be in submitted to the Executive Committee on or before September 1.

Amend by deleting the words "on or before September 1" and adding the words "no later than 60 days before State Conference." The section would then read "A recommendation for a project to be brought before the State Conference must be submitted to the Executive Committee no later than 60 days before State Conference."

Rationale: The date of State Conference is set by the State Regent and may vary and the change would accommodate any further changes in dates.

ARTICLE 12, Chapters, Section 3: The Regent of each chapter shall prepare a report of the work of her chapter from October 1 to October 1.

The proposal is to delete "October 1 to October 1" and change to "for a one year period ending 30 days before the date of State Conference." The section would then read "The Regent of each chapter shall prepare a report of the work of her chapter for a one year period ending 30 days before the date of State Conference."

Rationale: Ag

ARTICLE 13, Districts, Section 5: Each District Director shall prepare a report of the work of the District from October 1 to October 1.

The proposal is to delete "October 1 to October 1" and change to "for a one year period ending 30 days before the date of State Conference." The section would then read: "Each District Director shall prepare a report of the work of the District for a one year period ending 30 days before the date of State Conference."

RATIONALE: The date of State Conference is set by the State Regent and may vary. This substitution accommodates changes in future State Conference dates.

Mrs. Marcum read each proposed amendment and moved for their adoption. The motion was seconded by Mrs. John Davis, Chapter Regent, Ohio Valley Chapter. The amendments were adopted by the Board and will be presented to the general assembly at Saturday's business session.

Mrs. Gilkeson went over some information from the last National Board of Management meeting. Some highlights—DAR School Theme is "Give the Children Wings" and the State Regent has butterfly pins for sale and the proceeds will go to the DAR Schools. The Josephine C. Peters Cottage at Tamassee needs the following work done—painting and plaster work in the living room, hallway, yellow bedroom. If members don't want the notecards, labels, notepads, etc don't send them back. They can keep them and if they want to they can contribute. Constitution Hall Rentals continue to be very profitable. Applications approved from the October 9, 2004 = 1921 (WV had 21 new members accepted at this meeting). There is also 1221 papers pending. The last national number is 831311.

Please remember that no handwritten applications will be accepted. New Guides for Chapter Treasurers and Registrars will be mailed to chapter officers soon. There were 950 deaths of members from October 2003 - October 2004. National Information Packets were mailed to all chapters 30 days after Congress, which is an amazing accomplishment for the first year of a new administration.

Continental Congress information: July 5-10, 2005 and the WV Event will a State Capitol Breakfast on Wednesday, July 5. Please contact Ginger Nalley, State Vice Regent for more information

about this event. Please send names of members who would like to serve on a Congress Committee to the State Regent by January 1, 2005.

The State Officers are selling WVDAR totebags. They are also running a Chinese Auction to raise money for the President General's Portrait Fund.

The 2005 State Conference will be WV's 100th State Conference. April 15-17 in Parkersburg. Our special guests will be the President General. We will have special displays and presentations about the WV History. All reports should be abbreviated since this conference will only be 6 months since the last. Members are encouraged to wear period costumes from the time their chapter was chartered.

The State Regent reminded the State Board of Management to be on time for all sessions.

Mrs. Wallace gave the benediction. The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Miss Charla L. Nutter
State Recording Secretary

Ninty-Ninth State Conference Opening Session Friday, October 22, 2004

The Ninety-Ninth Annual State Conference of the West Virginia State Society, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution was called to order at 8:30 p.m. on Friday, October 22, 2004 in the Salons C and D of the Martinsburg Holiday Inn, Martinsburg, West Virginia. Musical selections were presented by Mrs. Loring H. Vance (Annabelle), State Chairman WVDAR Chorus.

The State Regent, National Officers, Honorary State Regents, Conference Guests, State Officers and Hostess Regents of the Eastern District entered in processional escorted by the Conference Pages and the Color Guard from the Jr. ROTC of Berkeley County High School.

The State Regent, Mrs. Roy A. Gilkeson, called the 99th State Conference to order. Mrs. James E. Wallace, State Chaplain, gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Mrs. Eldon Rutledge, State Treasurer. Mrs. Judith Fugate, State Registrar, led the Assembly in the American's Creed. Mrs. Cora P. Teel, State Corresponding Secretary, led the singing of the 1st and 4th verses of The National Anthem. The Colors were posted.

The State Regent, Mrs. Gilkeson, introduced Mrs. Donald Hale, Co-Chairman of the 99th State Conference. Mrs. Hale welcomed all Daughters and Guests to the 99th State Conference and introduced Mrs. Betty Reinhart, Conference Co-Chairman and the Eastern District Chapter Regents, the hostesses for the conference.

The Honorable Bob Wise, Governor of West Virginia, was unable to attend, but sent greetings that were read by Mrs. Wallace, State Chaplain. Greetings from the City of Martinsburg were brought by the Honorable George Karos, Mayor of Martinsburg. Mr. Tom Bilnor, Manger of the Martinsburg Holiday Inn, then welcomed the Daughters and guests. The State Chaplain gave the official response.

Mrs. Donald Gonchar, Organizing Secretary General, NSDAR, brought greetings on behalf of the National Society. Mrs. John R. Kauff, Senior State President, WVCAR brought greetings on behalf of the West Virginia State Society Children of the American Revolution and she introduced Miss Tabitha Porterfield, State President, WVCAR. Miss Porterfield also brought greetings to the conference.

Mr. Charles Printz, Past-President General of the Sons of the American Revolution was then introduced and asked to bring greetings. Mrs. Gilkeson then introduced Mrs. Charles Silliman, Honorary State Regent, WVDAR and Mrs. Silliman brought greetings on behalf of all the Honorary State Regents from the West Virginia State Society. The State Regent then introduced the Honorary State Regents in attendance: Miss Virginia B. Johnson, Honorary Vice President General and Honorary State Regent, Mrs. Walter L. Spearman, Past Vice President General and Honorary State Regent, Mrs. Gary H. Gess, Past Corresponding Secretary General and Honorary State Regent, Mrs. Randall G. Rumberg, Past Vice President General and Honorary State Regent, Miss Jean Ann Elliott, Honorary State Regent and Mrs. Charles Silliman, Honorary State Regent.

The State Regent then introduced the Conference Guests: Mrs. Donald Gonchar, Organizing Secretary General, NSDAR; Mrs. Shelby Whitson, State Regent of Georgia; Mrs. Sheila Davis, State Regent of South Carolina; and Mrs. Patricia Mayer, State Regent of Virginia. Mrs. Gilkeson then introduced representatives from other patriotic organizations, the State Officers and the State Parliamentarian, Mrs. Terry Kornegay.

Mrs. Gilkeson introduced the West Virginia Daughters serving as National Chairman and Vice Chairman: Mrs. Cora P. Teel, National Chairman Community Service Awards; Mrs. Roy A. Gilkeson, National Chairman State Regent's Events; Mrs. Anne R. Cummings, National Vice Chairman East Central Division of Americanism; Mrs. Carmen G. Silliman, National Vice Chairman East Central Division of Chapter Achievement Awards; Mrs. Sally Ann Greenfield, National Vice Chairman East Central Division of Children of the American Revolution; Mrs. Betty Belcher, National Vice Chairman East Central Division of Conservation; Mrs. Marion McCullough, National Vice Chairman East Central Division of DAR Schools; Mrs. Frannie Weekley, National Vice Chairman East Central Division of Membership; Mrs. Sally Ford, National Vice Chairman East Central Division of Seimes Technology Center; Mrs. Barbara Rutledge, National Vice Chairman East Central Division of Women's Issues; and Mrs. Shirley M. Gilkeson and Mrs. Carmen G. Silliman, members of the Board of Trustees of the Tamassee DAR School.

The State Regent, Mrs. Gilkeson, introduced the Speaker. Mrs. Susan Adams Gonchar, Organizing Secretary General, NSDAR, presented "Liberty's Ladies: American Women in Espionage". Following her address, Mrs. Gonchar was presented a gift from the West Virginia State Society.

Mrs. Gilkeson then recognized the five District Directors and the State Chairman. In addition, Mrs. Gilkeson recognized the State Society's Fifty-Year Club members and those Daughters attending State Conference for the first time. Mrs. Gilkeson introduced Mrs. Randi Gray, State Chairman of Pages, who in turn introduced the Pages for the 99th State Conference.

Mrs. Gilkeson invited all Daughters and Guests to the Welcome Reception honoring the State Regent, National Officers, State Officers and Conference Guests in the Blue Ridge Board Room.

The Colors were retired by the Pages.

There being no further business, the meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m. Saturday, October 23, 2004.

Charla L. Nutter
State Recording Secretary

Ninety-Ninth State Conference Business Session Saturday, October 23, 2004

The business session of the 99th State Conference, West Virginia State Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, convened Saturday morning, October 23, 2004 at 9:05 a.m. in Salons A and B of the Holiday Inn in Martinsburg, West Virginia.

The State Regent, National Officer, Honorary State Regents, State Officers and Conference Guests entered in procession, escorted by the Pages and Color Bearers with music provided by Mrs. Loring H. Vance, Director of the WV State Chorus.

The meeting was called to order by the State Regent Mrs. Roy A. Gilkeson. Mrs. James E. Wallace, State Chaplain, gave the Invocation. Mrs. Robert Allen, State Librarian, led The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. The American's Creed was led by Mrs. Gary Greenfield, State Organizing Secretary. Mrs. James Chancey, Vice Regent of the Shenandoah Valley Chapter, led the Assembly in singing the first two verses of "America the Beautiful". The Colors were posted.

Mrs. Donald M. Davis, State Chairman Credentials Committee gave the following preliminary report: National Officer—2, Past National Officer—4, National Chairmen—4, National Chairman, East Central Division—8, Conference Guests—4, State Officers—9, Honorary State Regents—6, District Directors—5, State Chairmen—68, Chapter Regents—23, Delegates—76, Alternates—14, Pages—8, Voting Strength—92. Mrs. Davis moved that the report be adopted. The report was adopted.

Mrs. Gilkeson requested and received verification from the State Recording Secretary that a quorum was established.

Mrs. Komegay, State Parliamentarian, recommended that the Standing Rules printed on page 17 of the State Conference Program, and read at the State Board of Management meeting on Friday, October 22, be adopted as the Standing Rules of the 99th State Conference. The Standing Rules were adopted.

Mrs. Cora P. Teel, State Corresponding Secretary, presented the Conference Program and presented the following correction: on page 20, the American Indians State Chairman should be Carol

Massey, not Louise Righman. Mrs. Teel moved that the Conference Program be adopted as corrected. The Conference Program as corrected was adopted as the official program of the 99th State Conference.

Mrs. Gilkeson appointed Mrs. Joan Sweeney, Mrs. Patricia Daugherty and Mrs. Susan Garrett to approve Friday night, Saturday night and Sunday morning business session minutes. The State Recording Secretary is responsible for receiving approval for the State Minutes for this committee.

The Honorary State Regents were introduced as follows: Miss Virginia B. Johnson, Honorary Vice President General and Honorary State Regent; Mrs. Walter L. Spearman, Past Vice President General and Honorary State Regent; Mrs. Randall G. Rumberg, Past Vice President General and Honorary State Regent; Miss Jean Ann Elliott, Honorary State Regent; and Mrs. Charles L. Silliman, Honorary State Regent. Mrs. Gilkeson announced that Mrs. Gary H. Gess, Past Corresponding Secretary General and Honorary State Regent will be attending this evening's banquet.

The State Regent then introduced the Conference Guests and each extended greetings to the assembly. Those introduced were Mrs. Donald Gonchar, Organizing Secretary General, NSDAR; Mrs. Theodore C. Whitson, State Regent of Georgia; Mrs. Perry Davis, State Regent of South Carolina; and Mrs. Donald F. Mayer, State Regent of Virginia.

Mrs. Gilkeson recognized the National Chairmen, National Vice Chairmen and the National Vice Chairmen of the East-Central Division.

The State Regent the asked for the proposed changes to the State By-Laws to be read. Mrs. Avis Marcum, State Chairman of the By-Laws Committee read the proposed amendments to Article X, Executive Committee, Section 2, Article XII, Chapters, Section 3; and Article XIII, Districts, Section 5. Mrs. Marcum explained that these amendments were submitted by the Long Range Planning Committee so that the reporting period stated in the WV By-Laws will be synchronized with the date of State Conference. Mrs. Marcum moved the adoption of each proposed amendment. The amendments were adopted.

Mrs. George Linaweaver, State Chairman of the Resolutions Committee stated that there no resolutions to be presented during the 99th State Conference.

The State Recording Secretary was directed to present the recommendations from the State Board of Management.

RECOMMENDATION I:

--that the State Regent's Project will officially be to compile and publish a complete history of the West Virginia State Society, incorporating the two previous official histories and continue writing the history of the State Society from 1982-2007.

Miss Nutter moved that Recommendation I be adopted. The Recommendation was adopted by majority vote.

RECOMMENDATION II:

--that a committee appointed by the State Regent be permitted to solicit funds to pay for the portrait of Presley Merritt Wagoner, President General from West Virginia, that will be a gift to the National Society from the West Virginia State Society in July 2007.

Miss Nutter moved that Recommendation II be adopted. The Recommendation was adopted by majority vote.

Mrs. Donald Hale, Conference Co-Chairman introduced her Conference Committee, the Eastern District Director and the Regents of the Eastern District Chapters. Mrs. Hale and Mrs. James Reinhart, Conference Co-Chairman, thanked the Eastern District for their hard work.

Mrs. Gilkeson announced that the Conference Guests would serve as the judges for the Press Book and Scrapbook contests. The winners will be announced at the "Sounds of Patriotism" Banquet on Saturday evening, October 23, 2004.

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 Chaplain assumed the chair while the State Regent reported. All reports will be printed in full in the Proceedings. The State Officers then gave their brief 2-minute reports.

At this time, Miss Jean Ann Elliott, Chairman of the Finance Committee, was asked to present the budget for 2004-2005. A copy of the report was distributed and she was permitted to read it in full. Miss Elliott moved for the adoption of the 2004-2005 Budget. The Budget was approved.

Reports were heard from the State Chairmen of National Committees, State Chairmen of Committees with National Recognition and the State Chairmen of Committees with State Recognition.

Mrs. Patricia Daugherty, Co-Chairman of the President General's Portrait Fundraising Committee, offered ideas to the Chapters on ways to help raise the necessary funds for the 2007 gift to the National

Society. Mrs. Gilkeson reminded daughters to participate in the Auction to help raise money for the Portrait Fund. Auction winners will be announced at the end of the banquet on Saturday evening. Mrs. Gilkeson reminded all officers, chairmen, guests and regents to be on time for the photos at 5:30 p.m. this evening. The State Regent also reminded daughters to be sure to visit with the representatives from J.E. Caldwell Company, the Society's Official Jeweler. The State Regent asked the District Directors and Chapters Regents to be ready with their reports for the Afternoon Business Session.

The session was recessed until 2:00 p.m. following the National Defense Luncheon.

Miss Charla L. Nutter,
State Recording Secretary

**Ninety-Ninth State Conference
National Defense Luncheon
October 23, 2004**

The National Defense Luncheon was held in Salons C and D of the Holiday Inn in Martinsburg, West Virginia on Saturday, October 23, 2004 at noon.

Mrs. Ebb J. Cummings, State Chairman of National Defense, presided. The invocation was given by Mrs. Lyle D. McCullough, State Chairman of Americanism. Miss Frankie K. Cline, State Chairman of American Heritage led the assembly in The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Following the luncheon, Miss Jean Ann Elliott, Honorary State Regent, introduced Dr. Robert Wilgoss, Professor at Shepherd University, the luncheon's featured speaker.

Mrs. Cummings thanked the Hostess Chapter, Ye Towne of Bath Chapter, for the wonderful decorations. Ms. Kathy Robertson, Southern District Director, gave the benediction.

Miss Charla L. Nutter,
State Recording Secretary

**Ninety-Ninth State Conference
Afternoon Business Session
October 23, 2004**

The Afternoon Business Session reconvened at 2:05 p.m. for the purpose of receiving reports of the District Directors and the Chapter Regents.

All reports will be printed in full in the Proceedings. The timekeepers, Mrs. Betty Ditto and Mrs. Diane Steece, were thanked for their assistance.

The State Regent reminded those daughters getting their photos taken this evening to be on time and the schedule is listed in the Conference Program. Mrs. Vance, WV State Chorus Director, reminded the chorus to stay for rehearsal following the session.

The meeting was recessed until 10:30 a.m. Sunday, October 24, 2004.

Miss Charla L. Nutter,
State Recording Secretary

**Ninety-Ninth State Conference
"Sounds of Patriotism" Banquet
October 23, 2004**

The "Sounds of Patriotism" Banquet was held in the Banquet Ballroom of the Holiday Inn in Martinsburg, West Virginia on Saturday, October 23, 2004 at 7 p.m.

The State Regent, National Officers, Honorary State Regents, State Officers, and Conference Guests entered in procession, escorted by Pages and Flag Bearers. Mrs. Roy A. Gilkeson, State Regent, presided at the banquet. The invocation was given by the State Chaplain, Mrs. James E. Wallace. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Mrs. Robert McClelland,

Northern District Director. Mrs. Arthur Parsons, State Chairman of DAR Service to Veteran Patients, led The National Anthem. The Colors were posted.

Following dinner, Mrs. Gilkeson introduced the Conference Guests and the State Officers. Mrs. Barbara Frankenberry, State Chairman of Project Patriot, introduced the special guests for the presentation of the West Virginia Patriot Award. Brigadier General Willard C. Broadwater, the Assistant Adjutant General of West Virginia Army National Guard was presented the First West Virginia Patriot Award. Brigadier General Broadwater then addressed the assembly and thanked the State Society for the award.

Mrs. Frankenberry was then asked to introduce the evening's musical group, the Jefferson High School Chamber Choir under the direction of Mrs. Roberta Ranelli. The choir presented "American Musical Salute", a tribute to the Veterans of the United States of America.

The State Regent then thanked everyone for their participation in the Chinese Auction and instructed the coordinators to begin the drawings. Following the very successful auction, Mrs. Gilkeson reminded all District Directors and Chapters Regents to line up at 9:15 a.m. for the Memorial Service which will begin at 9:30 a.m. in Salon A on Sunday, October 24, 2004. The State Regent thanked Mrs. Susanne Horner, Regent and the members of the Shenandoah Valley Chapter for serving as hostesses for the banquet. Mrs. James E. Wallace, State Chaplain, gave the benediction.

The Colors were retired and the meeting was adjourned until 10:30 a.m. for the Closing Business Session.

Miss Charla L. Nutter,
State Recording Secretary

Ninety-Ninth State Conference Closing Business Session October 24, 2004

The Closing Business Session of the 99th State Conference of the West Virginia State Society, Daughters of the American Revolution was convened in Salons A and B of the Holiday Inn in Martinsburg, West Virginia at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, October 24, 2004, following the State Officers' Club Breakfast, the "God Bless America" Breakfast and the Memorial Service. Mrs. Roy A. Gilkeson, State Regent, presided.

The invocation was given by Mrs. James E. Wallace, State Chaplain. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Mrs. Fay E. Heavner, Central District Director. The American's Creed was led by Dr. Mary Courtney-Collins, Western District Director. Mrs. Loring Vance, State Chairman of the WVDAR State Chorus, led the singing of *West Virginia Hills*. The colors were posted.

The minutes of the October 23, 2004 Saturday morning business session were read by the State Recording Secretary, Miss Charla L. Nutter. The minutes were approved as read. Miss Nutter then read the minutes of the Saturday afternoon business session. The minutes were approved as read. Mrs. Gilkeson reminded Mrs. Sweeney, Mrs. Daugherty and Mrs. Garrett are to approve the minutes of the Closing Session and the two Evening Sessions.

The State Regent asked Mrs. Becky Davis, Credentials Chairman, to give the final reports of the Credentials Committee. Mrs. Davis gave the following final report: National Officer—2, Past National Officer—4, National Chairmen—4, National Chairman, East Central Division—8, Conference Guests—4, State Officers—9, Honorary State Regents—6, District Directors—5, State Chairmen—71, Chapter Regents—23, Delegates—81, Alternates—18, Members—1, Pages—8, Total Registration—244, Duplicate Registration—149, Voting Strength—95. Mrs. Davis moved that the report be adopted. Mrs. Barbara Rutledge, State Treasurer, Buford Chapter, seconded the report, The report was adopted.

The State Regent called for any unfinished business to come before the Conference. No unfinished business was brought before the conference.

Mrs. Gilkeson thanked the Conference Guests and the following brought greetings: Mrs. Susan Gonchar, National Organizing Secretary General; and Mrs. Patricia Mayer, State Regent of Virginia.

Courtesy Resolutions were given by Mrs. Julia Linaweaver, State Chairman Resolutions.

Whereas: The hour having arrived for the adjournment of the 99th State Conference of the WV 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. Donald Haler, Mrs. James Reinhart Co-Chairmen, State Conference and chapters of the Eastern 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 Susan Adam Gonchar, Organizing Secretary General and our other distinguished guests: Shelby A. Whitson, State Regent of GA, Sheila J. Davis, State Regent of SC, Patricia H. Mayer, State Regent of VA for their inspiration and contributions 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.

The State regent expressed her thanks to the guests for attending our Conference. Her sincere appreciation was extended to Mrs. Donald Haler, Mrs. James Reinhart Co-Chairmen Conference, Eastern District Chapters, and Credentials: Mrs. Donald Davis, Mrs. Clyde Edwards, Mrs. Harold Largent, Mrs. Robert Frankenberg, District Director, Meal Reservations, Mrs. Kathleen Macureo, and Music: Mrs. Loring Vance, Jr., Sales: Mrs. Michael Braniff, Inside sales: J. F. Caldwell Co., State Regent's Project Sales: State Officers, Pages: Mrs. Charles Gray, Photographer: Marchall Karesh, Convention Photography, Protocao: Miss Lathleen Morton, Registration: Mrs. Lowell Writt and Diane Steece, Transportation: Miss Jean Ann Elliott, Press Book/Scrapbook Judging: Conference Guests, Tickets: Mrs. Kathleen Macureo, Program: Mrs. Cora P. Teel, Color Guard: Jefferson County High School Sr. ROTC.

Be it Further Resolved that this State Conference was fantastic and this morning came alive with history when we met Betsy Ross! Thank you Betsy! Eastern District – you were wonderful!!

Mrs. Linaweaver recommended the adoption of the Courtesy Resolutions. The Resolutions were adopted.

Mrs. Gilkeson thanked Mrs. Hale and Mrs. Reinhart, General Conference Co-Chairmen, the Eastern District Director and all the Chapters of the Eastern District for their wonderful hospitality and the smooth operation of the 99th State Conference.

Ms. Kathy Robertson, Southern District Director, extended an invitation to the 2006 State Conference to be held at Pipestem State Park and Resort.

The group joined together in singing "Blest Be the Tie that Binds". Mrs. Wallace, State Chaplain, gave the benediction. The Colors were retired and the 99th State Conference was adjourned.

Miss Charla L. Nutter,
State Recording Secretary

Ninety-Ninth State Conference State Officers Reports

State Regent

The wonderful cooperation of the West Virginia Daughters since our election last October is heart warming and deeply appreciated. This State Regent is particularly grateful to Honorary State Regent Carmen Silliman for her cooperation during the transition period following the election in October and the installation in July which allowed this State Regent the opportunity to appoint chairmen for the National, State and Special Committees so that the State Directory could be ready for the District Meeting.

During the transition period this State Regent wrote a Chapter Regent's Manual and a State Conference Manual. In May, she installed the officers of the Kanawha Valley Chapter in Charleston. She was honored to attend the elegant 100th Anniversary celebration of the Elizabeth Luddington Hagans Chapter in Morgantown in June. During June, she also visited with the Elizabeth Zane Chapter at the Buckhannon Country Club for a lovely luncheon meeting. On June 19, this State Regent conducted a transition workshop for Chapter Regents and State Chairman at Tygart Lake in the morning and presided at the afternoon Financial Workshop conducted by Merry Ann T. Wright, NSDAR Chairman of Development.

You can't imagine the pride in representing the West Virginia on the platform during the 113th Continental Congress for the Installation Ceremony in July. Following her installation, this State Regent joined other members of the National Board of Management for a delicious luncheon in the Banquet Hall in the NSDAR Administration Building followed by the first Meeting of the Board of Management of this administration conducted by our own President General Presley Merritt Wagoner. The good wishes, support and heartfelt devotion conferred upon her by so many DAR friends have made this a special time that will be reflected upon with fond affection and joy for years to come.

Less than two short weeks after leaving Washington, the State Regent began the tour and workshops at the District Meetings. She is grateful for the wonderful hospitality of the Western District Daughters, under the leadership of Mrs. Mary C. Collins in Charleston. Then it was off to Peterstown for the Southern District, Mrs. Kathy Robertson, District Director, for a delicious buffet luncheon and visit with Mrs. Linda Chastain from Tamassee DAR School. Those Southern District Daughters love the children of Tamassee and every chapter brought "socks for the kids" to the tune of almost 300 pair. Next it was off to Philippi for the Central District Meeting with Mrs. Betty Heavner, District Director. After a delicious luncheon, we heard from a Search and Rescue team, accompanied by one of the beautiful dogs---a most informative program. We then went to Wheeling for the Central District Meeting with Mrs. Joan McClelland presiding, at beautiful Oglebay Park. Our speaker was a Wheeling Chapter Daughter Mrs. Anne Foreman, the artist who had painted the Ft. Henry murals on the wall of Wilson Lodge at Olgebay. It was an added adventure trying to get out of Wheeling with the two Presidential candidates, President George W. Bush and Senator John Kerry speaking at opposites ends of the city at 3:00 p.m. The next weekend we were off to lovely, historical Shepherdstown for the Eastern District Meeting. On Friday evening, Dorene and Donald Hale were our gracious hosts for a most delicious cookout at their beautiful home. The next morning we met at the historical Christ Reform Church for tour by Mrs. Betty Reinhart and our business meeting, conducted by Mrs. Barby Frankenberg, Eastern District Director. After the meeting was concluded, we were treated to a wonderful luncheon at the wonderful Bavarian Inn in Shepherdstown. At each District Meeting, the State Regent, State Vice Regent, State Corresponding Secretary and State Treasurer conducted workshops, distributed the new Chapter Regent's Manuals and the State Directories. During August and September, the State Regent worked on plans for State Conference, and answered hundreds of emails and letters. In September, she hosted the meeting of the Kanawha Valley Chapter and traveled to Lewisburg for her official visit with the Colonel Andrew Lewis Chapter. She was pleased to have the opportunity was pleased to meet so many wonderful members of that chapter. On October 4, she represented the West Virginia Daughters at the observation of the Battle of Point Pleasant, where she gave a tribute to those who fought at the first battle of the American Revolution in 1774 in Point Pleasant and lay a wreath at the monument. On October 6, she traveled to Washington for the October Board of Management and National Chairman's Forum with her traveling partner Cora P. Teel, State Corresponding Secretary and National Chairman Community Service Awards. After four wonderful, informative days in Washington, it was home to Charleston to get ready to leave on October 12 for Founder's Day at Tamassee DAR School. What a fun-filled experience staying in the pretty West Virginia Josephine C. Peters Cottage with Carmen Silliman, Marion McCullough and Anne Cummings. We returned home on Friday, and on Saturday afternoon, the State Regent have a lovely visit with John Young Chapter, where she toured the historic Craik-Patton House, spoke to the members and installed the new officers. She is most appreciative of the generosity and hospitality of the John Young Chapter Regent Mary Blaine McLaughlin.

Plans are now underway for official visits to several chapters and for the 100th State Conference in Parkersburg, April 15-17, 2005 in Parkersburg. She is honored to be invited to attend State Conferences in Georgia, Ohio and Missouri in the Spring. Invitations have been accepted to attend several other State Conferences in the Fall and Spring of next year.

In closing, know that this is an exciting time to be a member of the WVDAR with our own West Virginia Daughter Presley Merritt Wagoner serving as President General. For the first time in a number of years, there has been an increase in membership nationally and we must keep the momentum going. This State Regent challenges every chapter to gain five in 2005. Special recognition will be given to Chapters at our State Conference in April 2005 who

have a net gain of five new members when our President General will be our guest. It is a genuine pleasure to work with each of you. You are the heart and soul of our Society. What you do today, will "light the way to the future" of DAR in West Virginia. Thank you for this marvelous opportunity to serve as your State Regent. May God bless each of you and keep you safe.

Shirley Morrison Gilkeson (Mrs. Roy A.)

State Vice Regent

This officer is jumping in feet first and is excited to be a part of this administration. I traveled to all District Meetings this summer and enjoyed getting to know the Daughters better. Plans are underway for the West Virginia Event at Continental Congress this summer. I encourage you to attend if possible.

Please don't hesitate to contact this officer with any questions or assistance. I am here to serve the State Regent and all WV Daughters.

Virginia "Ginger" Nalley (Mrs. Robert)

State Chaplain

This officer was most fortunate to attend the 113th Continental Congress where our own West Virginia Daughter, Presley Merritt Wagoner was installed as President General in a most impressive ceremony. At this time the election to the office of State Chaplain became official for me.

I was privileged to attend two district meeting this year. The Memorial Service at the Central District was organized and conducted by me, with the assistance of Erseline Rumbach. My arrival at the Northern District was delayed when I encountered a heavy rainfall enroute.

I was privileged to tour the Point Park at Paint Pleasant during the 250th Anniversary Battle Days Celebration. The DAR Museum at the site is very impressive.

Birthday greetings were sent to one 100 year old member, two 90 yeasers old members and one 80 year old. It is a pleasure for your Chaplin to acknowledge these milestones of our older members.

I have prepared the Memorial Service for this Ninety-Ninth State Conference to be held on Sunday Morning at 9:30. I wish to thank the Daughters who will be participating in this Service for their co-operation.

The necrology for the 2003 – 2004 year totals 56 deceased members. Three of these Daughters have served the State Society as officers. Two Daughters were 60 year members, and one was a 57 year member.

Central District had thirteen deaths, Eastern had eight, Northern had fifteen, Southern had four, and Western lost sixteen Daughters this year. I'm sure that we all appreciate the contributions that were made by these individuals.

It would be most helpful if the Regent or Chaplain would use the report form that is provided to report the birthday greetings or deaths of the older members. These forms may be photo-copied, and really make the reporting much easier for the Chaplain to document.

It is a pleasure to serve the West Virginia Society as your Chaplain.

Cecelia Wallace (Mrs. James E.), State Chaplain

State Recording Secretary

What an honor it is to serve our State Society during this term! I love the fact that I get to serve with Shirley, our State Regent, but I must admit I had a very difficult time calling her by her first name.

You see, she was one of my Senior State Advisors when I was in CAR and she will always be Mrs. Gilkeson or Mike and Connie's mom.

Being elected State Recording Secretary has already opened my eyes to a few new facts:

1. I love that I get mail all the time now. And this mail is not bills or more bills, but actual snail mail! I also love that I get to find out what everyone committee and chapter is doing before State Conference. I want to thank everyone who sent me your reports. I told myself that I would reward the first person who sent me their report...Joan Sweeney, State Historian. To make my job easier, if you give any type of report at State Conference, I MUST have a copy as soon as possible. I repeat I MUST have a copy! Does everyone understand?

2. Technology can be your friend or foe. I used to think I was pretty savvy when it came to computers, but I was wrong. I am heeding the advice of my predecessor, Ann Van Voorhis, and began to scan the reports that I receive into my computer so I won't be typing the proceeding all in one year. My scanner is winning the battle!

Thank you for allowing me to serve and I look forward to the next few years!

Miss Charla L. Nutter

State Corresponding Secretary

The State Corresponding Secretary attended all five district meetings, where she made presentations about the Master Questionnaire and distributed the State Directory to State Officers, Chapter Regents and State Chairmen.

For the 99th State Conference, she prepared the conference program and the Supplement to the State Directory, which contained changes and corrections.

She was responsible for the printing and distribution of 185 State Directories, 150 State Conference programs and 185 Directory Supplements.

Cora P. Teel (Mrs.)

State Organizing Secretary

This officer supervises the organization of chapters in cooperation with the State Regent. She keeps records of the officers of each chapter. Thank you for sending the officers list and yearbook to me yearly. Please send them if you have forgotten.

The goal of this office is to revitalize all chapters. Please use this Chapter Revitalization Quiz in your chapter. Use it to determine your chapter's strengths and areas to improve. Try some of the suggestions and new ideas in planning your meetings.

The goal is to revitalize our West Virginia chapters by 5% each year. One way to attain this goal is to increase membership by new and reinstated members. Another way is to increase attendance at meetings or increase the percentage of members serving as officers, chairmen, or program presenters.

You may send me a copy of your quiz if you wish. Please contact me if you wish assistance or if you want to tell your successes. Please invite me to your meetings.

By working together and being creative with our resources, West Virginia chapters will be strong and vital.

It is a privilege to serve as Organizing Secretary,

Sally Ann Greenfield (Mrs. Gary W.)

State Treasurer

This officer wishes to thank you for your support and assistance as I begin my term as your State Treasurer. It truly is an honor and a pleasure to serve. The Society's finances will continue to be managed by the software program "Quicken". This officer has verified with the financial institution holding our assets that they are in tact and in balance with the current checking books.

As of September 30, 2004:

Assets:

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| WV State Society, NSDAR—Checking | \$18,836.00 |
| Blanche Reyman Scholarship—Checking | \$ 5,644.00 |
| WV State Society, NSDAR, Peter's Cottage | \$10,601.00 |
| WVDAR Cameo Club | \$ 4,538.00 |

Investments:

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| Total | \$55,630.00 |
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| TOTAL ASSETS: | \$95,249.00 |
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Barbara Rutledge (Mrs. Eldon)

State Registrar

This State Registrar is happy to report that we have 21 new members from the October 9, 2004 BOM meeting.

My goal as State Registrar is to have each chapter increase their membership 10% over the next three years. We will do this by educating our chapter registrars and using the resources available on the chapter/state/national levels.

I am hoping to continue the project of past State Registrar, Marion McCollough of the Obituary Books. This has had a positive effect on the Chapters who have been involved in this project, with several more chapters joining in by sending me obituaries to start their Obituary Books.

State Regent, Mrs. Gilkeson has formed a "Membership Task Force" consisting of:

State Registrar, Judy Fugate, Chairman

State Membership Chairman, Mrs. Edna Barnes

State Lineage Research Chairman, Mrs. Linda Hendrickson

State Volunteer Genealogy Chairman, Mrs. Lee Eddy

We will work with the Chapter Revitalization Task Force, chaired by Mrs. Sally Greenfield.

I am looking forward to a very busy and productive three years. I am here to help in any way needed.

Judith Athey Fugate (Mrs.)

State Historian

This State Officer would like to encourage all the WV Chapters to nominate an Outstanding American History Teacher recipient for West Virginia educators. What a wonderful way to show our support of the hard work and dedication these teachers have for sharing their passion of history.

Thirty Chapters reported activities to the State Historian and three did not respond. It is important to complete the Master Questionnaire as thoroughly as possible to ensure accurate reporting.

Joan Sweeney (Mrs. Lloyd)

State Librarian

Do you know about the "Wish List" of books that are desired by the NSDAR Library? It is available to all chapters and members on the DAR website. This is a great resource for ideas of books to donate in honor or memory of a West Virginia Daughter and the donation will be a great credit to your Chapter and State Society.

Seven books have been donated by WV Daughters in the past year. Let's see if we can beat that number before the next State Conference.

Marjorie Allen (Mrs. Robert)

**One Hundredth State Conference
Board of Management Meeting
Friday, April 15, 2005**

A meeting of the State Board of Management, West Virginia State Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, met in the Marquette Room of the Parkersburg Holiday Inn in Parkersburg, WV on Friday, April 15, 2005.

Immediately following a luncheon at 1:15 p.m. the meeting was called to order by State Regent, Mrs. Roy A. Gilkeson. State Chaplin, Mrs. James E. Wallace, gave the Invocation. Mrs. Lloyd Sweeney, State Historian, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United State of America. Mrs. Gilkeson extended a welcome to all in attendance and introduced the Honorary State Regents as follows: President General, NSDAR and WV Honorary State Regent, Mrs. Joel M. Wagoner, Honorary State Regent, Past Vice President General Mrs. Randall Rumberg, Honorary State Regent Miss Jean Ann Elliott and Honorary State Regent Mrs. Charles L. Silliman.

Mrs. Gilkeson recognized the State Officers. All were present. The State Regent also recognized and thanked Mrs. Randall G. Rumberg, Pro-tem State Parliamentarian in the absence of Mrs. Terry Kornegay, State Parliamentarian. The State Regent introduced the guests present: Mrs. Shirley Wagers, Registrar General, NSDAR; Mrs. Jean Vaughan, State Regent of Alabama and Mrs. Marcia Seifert, State Regent of Ohio. They were given a warm West Virginia welcome. At that time the luncheon guests were excused.

State Recording Secretary Miss Charla L. Nutter called the Roll of West Virginia's National Officer, Honoraries, State Officers, District Directors and Chapter Regents. They responded as follows: Honorary State Regents—4, State Officers—10, District Directors—4, Chapter Regents—16.

The State Regent asked for and received verification from the State Recording Secretary that a quorum was present. The minutes of the Board of Management meeting on October 22, 2004 were read by Miss Nutter and approved as read.

Mrs. Gilkeson called for the report of the Finance Committee. Miss Jean Ann Elliott, Chairman, presented the proposed budget for 2005-06. Copies were distributed and Miss Elliott explained the figures.

Miss Nutter read the recommendation from the Executive Committee that the Finance Committee's Report by accepted as presented and moved for its adoption. The recommendation was adopted.

The State Regent called for the Reading of the Standing Rules by Mrs. Randall G. Rumberg, State Parliamentarian Pro-Tem. It was moved by Mrs. Robert Nalley, State Vice Regent and seconded by Mrs. Cora P. Teel, State Corresponding Secretary that the Standing Rules by approved as printed. Motion approved.

The State Regent called for the reports of the State Officers. The State Vice Regent was asked to assume the chair. The State Regent gave a brief report deferring most of it until Saturday morning.

The State Vice Regent asked for all members that will be attending Congress to please let her know so she can arrange for seating. Also she reminded those members about the WV Capitol Breakfast during Continental Congress and to please see her for tickets.

State Treasurer Mrs. Eldon Rutledge distributed copies of her Treasurer's Report. She verified with all financial institutions that all state assets are in tact and are balanced with the official books. Each chapter needs to submit its new budget and financial statement to the State Treasurer. Mrs. Rutledge discussed the Portrait fund and that she had placed the monies in a 9 month interest bearing CD at 2.73%. The remainder of the officers deferred their reports to Saturday's business session.

Unfinished Business: Mrs. Gilkeson reported on the updates of the Josephine C. Peters cottage at Tamasee including the painting of the living room, hall and one bedroom. Future work will be the refinishing of the floors and purchasing some pieces of furniture.

The following chapters have had webpages approved this year: Anne Royall, William Morris, Anne Bailey, Elizabeth Ludington Hagens/Col. John Evens and Capt. James Allen. This brings the total to 13 chapters online. It is the desire of this administration to have all chapters with an active webpage by 2007.

Chapter histories—Mrs. Cora P. Teel discussed the project and asked for members to consider volunteering to retype the current published history and to add the history from 1980 to present.

The State Regent asked for the Recommendations from the Executive Committee. Miss Nutter stated that no recommendations were to be presented.

The State Regent called for the report of the By Laws Committee. It was reported that no proposed ByLaw changes were to be brought before the State Board of Management..

Mrs. Gilkeson went over some information from the last National Board of Management meeting. West Virginia had 72 new members approved from the Board. Application papers are being processed in about 2 weeks if they do not have to be returned due to corrections. Supplementals are still taking about 2 years. Please remember that no handwritten applications will be accepted. Continental Congress information: July 6-10, 2005 and the WV Event

will a State Capitol Breakfast on Wednesday, July 6. Please contact Ginger Nalley, State Vice Regent for more information about this event.

The State Officers are selling WVDAR totebags. The President General's Portrait Fund will honor all members who donate \$50 or more by giving them a gold star pin.

The 2006 State Conference will be the 101st State Conference and will be held April 7-9 in Pipestem. The theme will be "Lighting the Way to the Future through Education. April 15-17 in Parkersburg. Our special guests will be the President General." We will be emphasizing the following committees: DAR Schools, JAC's, DAR Scholarship, CAR, American History and Good Citizens. Some of the guests will include the National Chairmen of DAR Schools, Ms. Mindy Kammeyer, the National Chairman of JAC Janet Whittington and the cloggers from Tamassee. The Southern District chapters will be hosting the conference.

The State Regent reminded the State Board of Management to be on time for all sessions. She thanked the members of the Col. William Lowther Chapter and their regent, Cheryl Higgins for the favors and decorations for today's luncheon.

Mrs. Wallace gave the benediction. The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Miss Charla L. Nutter
State Recording Secretary

One Hundredth State Conference Opening Session Friday, April 15, 2005

The One-Hundredth Annual State Conference of the West Virginia State Society, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution was called to order at 8:30 p.m. on Friday, April 15, 2005 in the Cartier/Joliet Rooms of the Holiday Inn in Parkersburg, West Virginia. Musical selections were presented by Mrs. Rita Sharp of the James Wood Chapter in Parkersburg.

The State Regent, National Officers, Honorary State Regents, Conference Guests, State Officers and Hostess Regents of the Eastern District entered in processional escorted by the Conference Pages and the Color Guard from Post #15 of the American Legion in Parkersburg.

The State Regent, Mrs. Roy A. Gilkeson, called the 100th State Conference to order. Mrs. James E. Wallace, State Chaplain, gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Mrs. Eldon Rutledge, State Treasurer. Mrs. Robert Allen, State Librarian, led the Assembly in the American's Creed. Mrs. Cora P. Teel, State Corresponding Secretary, led the singing of the 1st and 4th verses of The National Anthem. The Colors were posted.

The Honorable Joe Manchin, Governor of West Virginia, was unable to attend, but sent greetings that were read by Mrs. Robert Nalley, State Vice Regent. Mrs. Joel M. Wagoner, President General, NSDAR and Honorary State Regent, WVDAR, brought greetings on behalf of the National Society. Greetings from the City of Parkersburg were brought by Mr. Steve Brodski, Development Director for the City of Parkersburg. Mr. David Ashley, General Manager of the Parkersburg Holiday Inn, then welcomed the Daughters and guests.

The State Regent, Mrs. Gilkeson, introduced Mrs. Robert McClelland, Northern District Director and General Conference Chairman of the 100th State Conference. Mrs. McClelland welcomed all Daughters and Guests to the 100th State Conference and the Northern District Chapter Regents, the hostesses for the conference.

Mrs. John R. Kauff, Senior State President, WVCAR brought greetings on behalf of the West Virginia State Society Children of the American Revolution and she introduced Master Noah Hinzman, State President, WVCAR. Master Hinzman also brought greetings to the conference.

Mr. Robert Fish, State Second Vice President of the Sons of the American Revolution was then introduced and asked to bring greetings. Mrs. Gilkeson then introduced Mrs. Charles Silliman, Honorary State Regent, WVDAR and Mrs. Silliman brought greetings on behalf of all the Honorary State Regents from the West Virginia State Society. The State Regent then introduced the Honorary State Regents in attendance: Miss Virginia B. Johnson, Honorary Vice President General and Honorary State Regent, Mrs. Walter L. Spearman, Past Vice President General and Honorary State Regent, Mrs. Joel M. Wagoner, President General, Past Chaplain General, Past Organizing Secretary General, and Honorary State Regent; Mrs. Randall G. Rumberg, Past Vice President General and Honorary State Regent, Miss Jean Ann Elliott, Honorary State Regent and Mrs. Charles Silliman, Honorary State Regent. Mrs. Gilkeson reported that Mrs. Gary Gess and Mrs. Jack R. Adams, Honorary State Regents sent their regrets and best wishes for the 100th State Conference.

The State Regent then introduced the Conference Guests: Mrs. Shirley M. Wagers, Registrar General and Honorary State Regent of Washington; Mrs. Jean W. Vaughan, State Regent of Alabama; Mrs. Marcia M. Seifert,

State Regent of Ohio; and Mrs. Martha S. Willis, State Regent of Tennessee. Mrs. Gilkeson then introduced representatives from other patriotic organizations, the State Officers and the State Parliamentarian Pro-tem for this conference, Mrs. Randall G. Rumberg.

Mrs. Gilkeson introduced the West Virginia Daughters serving as National Chairman and Vice Chairman: Mrs. Cora P. Teel, National Chairman Community Service Awards; Mrs. Roy A. Gilkeson, National Chairman State Regent's Events; Mrs. Anne R. Cummings, National Vice Chairman East Central Division of Americanism; Mrs. Carmen G. Silliman, National Vice Chairman East Central Division of Chapter Achievement Awards; Mrs. Sally Ann Greenfield, National Vice Chairman East Central Division of Children of the American Revolution; Mrs. Betty Belcher, National Vice Chairman East Central Division of Conservation; Mrs. Marion McCullough, National Vice Chairman East Central Division of DAR Schools; Mrs. Frannie Weekley, National Vice Chairman East Central Division of Membership; Mrs. Sally Ford, National Vice Chairman East Central Division of Seimes Technology Center; Mrs. Barbara Rutledge, National Vice Chairman East Central Division of Women's Issues; and Mrs. Shirley M. Gilkeson and Mrs. Carmen G. Silliman, members of the Board of Trustees of the Tamassee DAR School.

Mrs. Walter L. Spearman, Past Vice President General and Honorary State Regent, introduced the speaker. Mrs. Joel M. Wagoner, President General, NSDAR. Following her address, Mrs. Wagoner was presented a gift from the West Virginia State Society.

Preserving Our Patriotic Heritage
Address to the West Virginia State Society
—Mrs. Presley M. Wagoner, President General, NSDAR

The date was July 8, 1776. The city—Philadelphia. From the tower of Independence Hall, the sound of the Liberty Bell summoned citizens to hear the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence. This was the special time and place in our nation's history for "The Bell of Freedom" to ring out "The Sound of Patriotism" proclaiming to all, our nation's independence.

We owe our heritage of freedom to the brave, revolutionary ideas and actions of the men and women who had a vision of freedom and a better way of life. These were ordinary people who believed that they should be granted the individual rights of free thought, economic opportunity and religious freedom. While the Founders were the inspirational leaders of the fight for Independence and ultimately shaped the historic new government, they could not have done it without the common men and women who sacrificed everything in pursuit of a dream. The revolutionaries' courage, determination and hope helped them overcome incredible odds to prevail against the greatest army and empire in the world, and it is their spirit that we honor through our Society.

After declaring independence from Great Britain, the Founding Fathers began planning the government of the new United States of America. They were keenly aware of the need for a structure of government that would work not only in their lifetime but for generations to come. They had come from backgrounds of tyranny and oppression and were committed to developing a system, which guaranteed that its citizens would have a better life than was possible in the homelands of their forefathers. The driving principle upon which the Constitution of the United States of America was drafted is to protect the people from the government...to have a strong elected government directly responsive to the will of the people. This concept of self-government was not new, but the degree to which the Constitution committed the United States to government "by the people" was unique...even revolutionary in comparison with other governments around the world.

Now over 200 years later, the United States Constitution has guided the evolution of governmental institutions and has provided the basis for political stability, individual freedom, economic growth and social progress. It was quite a memorable moment for me to have the opportunity this past January to attend the Inauguration ceremony of our 43rd President of the United States George W. Bush. Sitting on the lawn and looking up at the United States Capitol where the laws and policies of our government are carried out everyday rekindled the pride I feel for our Constitutional Republic. The ceremony was moving and the patriotic spirit of the crowd was truly inspirational. It was such an honor to be able to attend this celebration of the principles that our Founding Fathers set forth so many years ago.

As descendants of these truly heroic patriots, we are dedicated to carrying the torch of patriotism. The women who founded the Daughters of the American Revolution were determined to preserve and honor the memory of their ancestors. They believed that just as women had played a vital role in the struggle for American independence, women should have the same right in celebrating their heritage through an organized society.

The objectives of the DAR that were established in 1890 are still paramount to American society today. Patriotism, Education, and Historic Preservation are the themes that guide our programs and projects and are essential to perpetuating American traditions. In order to preserve our patriotic heritage we must remind our fellow citizens of the living legacy of our Founding Fathers.

Over the years, Daughters have undertaken numerous patriotic endeavors. Certainly the first that come to mind are the war relief efforts and the support of our nation's veterans. From the very beginning of the Society, Daughters found ways to perform noble service to their country. When the United States declared war on Spain in 1898, DAR members, led by Dr. Anita Newcomb McGee organized the DAR Hospital Corps to certify women to serve as nurses for the war. Dr. McGee went on to be appointed Acting Assistant Surgeon, U.S.A., in charge of army nurses, and organized the Army Nurse Corps. DAR members

also intensely supported the Spanish-American War effort by donating money to purchase a ship's tender for the USS Missouri to be used as a hospital launch for transporting the wounded from shore to ship.

During both World Wars, the DAR gave considerable time and money for the relief efforts. DAR offered use of its land and later the use of its entire Washington, D.C. headquarters buildings to the Red Cross to expand its work area. During World War II, DAR provided 197,000 soldiers with care packages called "Buddy Bags" and sponsored 89 crews of Landing Craft Infantry ships.

Even during times of peace, Daughters have demonstrated their utmost respect and care for our service men and women by focusing on the needs of veterans. DAR members volunteer more than 55,000 hours annually to veterans in VA hospitals and Veterans' Homes around the country.

All of you are aware of our outstanding Project Patriot, which serves as the official DAR effort in support for the war against terrorism. Immediately following the events of September 11, 2001, DAR began working with the Department of the Navy to sponsor the crew of the aircraft carrier, the USS John C. Stennis. DAR members have provided thank you cards, care packages, exercise mats, tee shirts, books, phone cards and other needed amenities for the crew over the past several years. It always touches me when we hear appreciative comments from the crew such as one we received recently, and I quote: "It's good to know there are groups out there like DAR that support us and care for our well being." Recently, the USS John C. Stennis went into dry dock in Bremerton, Washington; so the DAR Project Patriot Committee is re-directing its support to Landstuhl Medical Center in Germany. Landstuhl is associated with Ramstein Air Force Base and is where the wounded from the Middle East are sent for medical care. We certainly think this is a perfect fit for our Project Patriot Committee and know our members will want to support this endeavor enthusiastically.

These war relief and veteran support programs that we have so passionately contributed to over the years are essential because our troops are our true heroes and protectors of freedom. We always have, and always will, fight, sacrifice and do whatever we must do to preserve the legacy bequeathed to us by our Founding Fathers and all those throughout our history who labored to preserve our American heritage and way of life for future generations. It is our responsibility to help keep alive the stories of the patriots who won our freedom and those who have continued to uphold it. We must ensure that we never forget that the liberties we enjoy as individuals each and every day and often take for granted, were won at a very high cost. It is especially important today during this unstable time in the Middle East. We must actively support our fighting forces with prayer and heartfelt gratitude for what they are doing both to protect us here at home and on the battlefields far away.

While we can be immensely proud of our patriotic support of our military service men and women, there are many other ways Daughters have promoted patriotism either in their everyday lives or through the various DAR committees.

Many of the early members of the DAR were determined to participate actively in the self-government that the Founding Fathers had envisioned. As leaders in the suffragist movement, they fought for women's right to vote and in 1920 were awarded that right with the passing of the 19th amendment. Just recently, one of our Society's charter members, Frances Willard, was honored with a rededication ceremony in the U.S. Capitol's Statuary Hall for the 100th anniversary of the placement of her statue in the Hall. Frances Willard was a famous leader of the suffrage and temperance movements; and, in 1905, her likeness became the first statue of a woman to be placed in the Capitol. Hers is not the only statue of a Daughter to have the high recognition of being commemorated in our U.S. Capitol. In the Rotunda, another DAR member and suffragist, Susan B. Anthony, is memorialized with a statue. Showing the connected commitment to the DAR and the suffrage movement, Ms. Anthony once said, "I have been and must continue to be busy working to secure to the women of this day the paramount rights for which the Revolutionary War was waged."

In addition to helping secure patriotic rights for American women, Daughters have always been highly sympathetic and encouraging to U.S. immigrants and helpful in introducing them to the rights and responsibilities of citizenship. From its beginning, this nation and the American people have welcomed immigrants from all over the world who have come here seeking those rights, freedoms and liberties and the opportunity for happiness and prosperity. And it is these freedom-seeking people who have given and continue to give our country its identity, diversity and strength. One need only remember the words of Emma Lazarus which appear on the Statue of Liberty: "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free; the wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest tossed to me. I lift my lamp beside the golden door." What a wonderful passage to savor and to remind us that our own DAR members manned the facility at Ellis Island and did much to ease tensions and allay fears among thousands of immigrants seeking to make America their home! In 1921, the DAR published and began distributing the DAR Manual for Citizenship to American immigrants at Ellis Island and other ports of entry. It is also noteworthy that during the mid 1980s, the DAR contributed \$250,000 toward the restoration of Ellis Island and over a half million dollars toward the restoration of the Statue of Liberty, our icon of America's free and open society. And to this day, DAR chapters across the country participate in naturalization ceremonies for new citizens providing them with informative materials and moral support.

DAR members are also known for their passion for celebrating commemorative patriotic observances and in some cases, DAR actually formalized these occasions. Our Society traditionally celebrates Constitution Week every September – a time set aside to commemorate America's most important document – but it is perhaps one of the country's least known official observances. It was at the request of the National Society in 1955 that a Joint Resolution of Congress designated the week of September 17-23 as Constitution Week, and it was President Dwight D. Eisenhower who signed this resolution into Public Law

on August 2, 1956. For almost 50 years, members of the DAR have been working diligently within their communities to encourage people to read and study this great document and to reflect on our heritage of freedom.

Of our three objectives, Patriotism, Historic Preservation and Education, today I have clearly put a lot of emphasis on patriotism – but our three objectives cannot be seen as mutually exclusive. Preservation and education are both essential components to patriotism. Without understanding what our ancestors did for our country, one cannot truly comprehend what freedom means.

From the time our organization began, we have served as the keepers of historic sites and records. Our members have identified and marked thousands of historic places all across America and abroad. Whether honoring a seemingly unknown patriot's gravesite or helping to restore Independence Hall, no spot is too small or too grand to deserve our Daughters attention. From the very beginning, the DAR leadership saw the need to establish one home for the National Society where our nation's history, as well as our DAR history, could be preserved. In 1891, Vice President Presiding, Mrs. Cabell, said there needed to be a place where our "historic records can be lodged – to grow, it is hoped, into the finest collection of Colonial and Revolutionary literature in the world – a spacious hall where debates and addresses can take place – fireproof apartments where the relics and treasures of the Society can be preserved – a commodious place of business where officers can meet for the transaction of their affairs." This year we celebrate their vision of creating this magnificent home for the DAR with the 100th Anniversary of Memorial Continental Hall. Our historic National Headquarters Building has accomplished all that our DAR Founders envisioned and so much more. To mark the anniversary, a DAR Museum exhibition will highlight the past 100 years of Memorial Continental Hall, and we will have magazine and Web site features recounting its grand history. And at our National Headquarters, the DAR Museum, Library, Americana Collection, and Genealogy department are actively preserving our precious memorabilia and documents. The President General's Project continues to make incredible strides in the preservation and digitization of our millions of vital genealogical documents. These records are the lifeblood of our Society and thanks to the generous support of Daughters all across the country we are taking the appropriate steps to conserve the papers of our lineages as well as the memory of our ancestors.

The efforts to preserve our historic places, artifacts and genealogical records help to fulfill one of the original objectives to "perpetuate the memory and spirit of the men and women who achieved American Independence." There is no singularly better way to demonstrate love of country than by preserving the memory of its Founders.

In addition to honoring the memory of those who fought for our Independence and those who have continued to protect our freedoms, it is vital that we educate our citizens about our American heritage. We have so many admirable education programs. Through our American History Essay Contests, our many scholarships, our Junior American Citizens and DAR Good Citizens programs, the lives of thousands of young people have been enriched. They are given a true appreciation for their American citizenship and also are instilled with a sense of leadership to provide patriotic service to their communities.

While visiting the DAR schools this past fall, I was reminded first hand of the strong tradition of the Daughters' commitment to patriotic education. Many of the schools are more than just teaching facilities, they are places that embrace their children with love and a caring spirit...places where the faculty and staff are committed to the highest ideals of personal development and patriotic citizenship. Children at these schools are given the tools necessary to become good, responsible citizens.

In today's world where traditional values seem to be under attack everyday and are not necessarily as clearly defined as they used to be, it is encouraging and refreshing to know that there are places where children are taught to understand and appreciate the basic principles of all-American living; honesty and truthfulness, fairness, kindness, consideration and concern for others, compassion, dignity, integrity, respect, duty and responsibility. These are the very principles upon which our country was founded. There is no formal class in patriotism at these schools. The development of patriotic values is the sum total of the process. Neither is there a class in personal responsibility. It, too, is the result of daily living in a supportive atmosphere, which promotes a deep faith in God and an expectation of giving more than you take. Service above self is developed through an appreciation of our American heroes and our forefathers...those who gave us our heritage, one that we must continue to protect and to defend so that we can enjoy the benefits of our free society.

We also must not forget the educational power of our American Spirit magazine. We have just started a new feature in the magazine called "Today's Daughters" which profiles a different Daughter each issue and highlights the important work that our members are doing in communities today. Every time I read an article, I learn something, which inspires me to work even harder to promote our objectives.

So what is next? Where do we go from here? Today we have looked back on 115 years of patriotic service from our Daughters. I hope that 50, even 100 years from now, the President General will be able to stand here and recount what WE did. How WE at the beginning of the 21st century were able to make America a better place by promoting and preserving the ideals of our Founding Fathers as well as those of the Founders of our National Society. In the year 2105, picture a young girl standing with her parents in front of the Liberty Bell. If we have done our job well, they all will understand, appreciate and love "The Bell of Freedom...The Sound of Patriotism."

Daughters, it is our duty to make sure that the glorious "Bell of Freedom" will continue to ring out the "Sound of Patriotism" to all those who need to be reminded how fortunate we are to call this great nation our home.

Thank you all for your tireless service to God, Home and Country. May God bless America and may God bless the Daughters of the American Revolution! Thank you.

The attached President General's speech is provided as you requested and is for your personal use only. Please note that this speech is also copyrighted. As a result, written permission in advance is required for any reprint or reproduction of this speech. If you intend to reprint or distribute this speech further, please contact the President General for permission and advise of the intended use. Permission for further use will require the speech to be used in its entirety and that proper acknowledgment be provided.

Mrs. Gilkeson then recognized the five District Directors and the State Chairman. In addition, Mrs. Gilkeson recognized the State Society's Fifty-Year Club members and those Daughters attending State Conference for the first time. Mrs. Gilkeson introduced Mrs. Randi Gray, State Chairman of Pages, who in turn introduced the Pages for the 100th State Conference.

Mrs. Gilkeson invited all Daughters and Guests to the Welcome Reception honoring the President General, the State Regent, National Officers, State Officers and Conference Guests in the Atrium.

The Colors were retired by the Pages. There being no further business, the meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m. Saturday, April 16, 2005.

Charla L. Nutter
State Recording Secretary

**One Hundredth State Conference
Business Session
Saturday, April 16, 2005**

The business session of the 100th State Conference, West Virginia State Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, convened Saturday morning, April 16, 2005 at 9:10 a.m. in the Cartier/Joliet Rooms of the Holiday Inn in Parkersburg, West Virginia.

The State Regent, National Officer, Honorary State Regents, State Officers and Conference Guests entered in procession, escorted by the Pages and Color Bearers with music provided by Mrs. Loring H. Vance, Director of the WV State Chorus.

The meeting was called to order by the State Regent Mrs. Roy A. Gilkeson. Mrs. James E. Wallace, State Chaplain, gave the Invocation. Mrs. Robert Allen, State Librarian, led The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. The American's Creed was led by Mrs. Cora P. Teel, State Corresponding Secretary. Mrs. John Hendrickson, State Chairman Linage Research, led the Assembly in singing the first two verses of "America the Beautiful". The Colors were posted.

The State Regent then introduced the Conference Guests and each extended greetings to the assembly. Those introduced were Mrs. Presley Merritt Wagoner, President General, NSDAR; Mrs. Shirley M. Wagers, Registrar General, NSDAR; Mrs. Jean Vaughan, State Regent of Alabama; Mrs. Marcia Seifert, State Regent of Ohio; and Mrs. Martha Willis, State Regent of Tennessee.

Mrs. Donald M. Davis, State Chairman Credentials Committee gave the following preliminary report: National Officer—3, Past National Officer—4, National Chairmen—4, National Chairman, East Central Division—9, Conference Guests—5, State Officers—10, Honorary State Regents—6, District Directors—4, State Chairmen—69, Chapter Regents—22, Delegates—90, Alternates—19, Member--5, Pages—4, Voting Strength—96. Mrs. Davis moved that the report be adopted. The report was adopted.

Mrs. Gilkeson requested and received verification from the State Recording Secretary that a quorum was established.

Mrs. Randall G. Rumberg, State Parliamentarian pro-tem, recommended that the Standing Rules printed on page 20 of the State Conference Program, and read at the State Board of Management meeting on Friday, April 15, be adopted as the Standing Rules of the 100th State Conference. The Standing Rules were adopted.

Mrs. Robert Nalley, State Vice Regent, presented the Conference Program and presented the following correction: on page 13, the Welcome was given by Mr. David Ashley, General Manager of the Holiday Inn; on page 14, the speaker for the Chapter Regent's Breakfast is Sally O. Cyrus of the Buford Chapter; and on page 21, the timekeeper is Ms. Sylvia Bargeloh. Mrs. Nalley moved that the Conference Program be adopted as corrected. The Conference Program as corrected was adopted as the official program of the 100th State Conference.

Mrs. Gilkeson appointed Mrs. Lloyd Sweney, Mrs. Frances Weckley and Miss Diana Johnson to approve Friday night, Saturday night and Sunday morning business session minutes. The State Recording Secretary is responsible for receiving approval for the State Minutes for this committee.

The Honorary State Regents were introduced as follows: Miss Virginia B. Johnson, Honorary Vice President General and Honorary State Regent; Mrs. Walter L. Spearman, Past Vice President General and Honorary State Regent; Mrs. Randall G. Rumberg, Past Vice President General and Honorary State Regent; Miss Jean Ann Elliott, Honorary State Regent; and Mrs. Charles L. Silliman, Honorary State Regent. Mrs. Gilkeson recognized the National Chairmen, National Vice Chairmen and the National Vice Chairmen of the East-Central Division.

The State Regent asked for the proposed changes to the State By-Laws to be read. Mrs. Avis Marcum, Chairman, By-Laws Committee stated that no By-Law changes were to be made this year.

Mrs. George Linaweaver, State Chairman of the Resolutions Committee stated that there no resolutions to be presented during the 100th State Conference.

The State Recording Secretary was directed to present the recommendations from the State Board of Management. No recommendations were presented this year.

Mrs. Gilkeson announced that the Conference Guests would serve as the judges for the Press Book and Scrapbook contests. The winners will be announced at the "A Past to Remember, A Future to Insure" Banquet on Saturday evening, April 16, 2005.

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 reported. All reports will be printed in full in the Proceedings. The State Officers then gave their brief 2-minute reports.

At this time, Miss Jean Ann Elliott, Chairman of the Finance Committee, was asked to present the budget for 2005-2006. A copy of the report was distributed and she was permitted to read it in full. Miss Elliott moved for the adoption of the 2004-2005 Budget. The Budget was approved.

Ms. Sylvia Bargeloh, Blennerhassett Chapter, presented hand crocheted doilies with the NSDAR Insignia to all the honored guests at the 100th State Conference. The State Regent thanked her for her tremendous labor of love.

Reports were heard from the State Chairmen of National Committees, State Chairmen of Committees with National Recognition and the State Chairmen of Committees with State Recognition. Forty-two chairmen reported.

Mrs. Patricia Daugherty, Co-Chairman of the President General's Portrait Fundraising Committee, reminded all in attendance to purchase tickets for the basket raffle with all the proceeds going to the President General's Portrait Fund. This committee is also taking voices on a weekend trip to a historic location in West Virginia.

Mrs. Gilkeson reminded all officers, chairmen, guests and regents to be on time for the photos at 5:30 p.m. this evening. The State Regent also reminded daughters to be sure to visit with the representatives from J.E. Caldwell Company, the Society's Official Jeweler. Mrs. Gilkeson reported that the afternoon historical tour would leave from the lobby at 2:00p.m. Mrs. Barbara Fish, East Central Division Vice Chairman National Defense and a member of the James Wood Chapter in Parkersburg has graciously volunteered to be the tour coordinator and will assist Mrs. Nalley.

The State Regent asked the District Directors and Chapters Regents to be ready with their reports for the Banquet. Miss Kathleen Morton, State Protocol Chairman asked for all District Directors and Chapter Regents to process in for the banquet.

The session was recessed at 11:40 a.m.

Miss Charla L. Nutter,
State Recording Secretary

**One Hundredth State Conference
"Preserving History" Luncheon
Saturday, April 16, 2005**

The "Preserving History" Luncheon was held in the Marquette/LaSalle Rooms of the Holiday Inn in Parkersburg, West Virginia on Saturday, April 16, 2005 at noon.

Mrs. Roy A. Gilkeson, State Regent, presided. The invocation was given by Mrs. Robert Frankenberry, Eastern District Director. Mrs. John Massey, State Chairman American Indians led the assembly in The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Following the luncheon, Mrs. Judith Fugate, State Registrar, introduced Mrs. Robert Wagers, Registrar General, NSDAR, as the luncheon's featured speaker. Mrs. Gilkeson thanked the Hostess Chapters, Mound and Wheeling Chapters, for the wonderful decorations. Mrs. Fay Heavner, Central District Director, gave the benediction.

Miss Charla L. Nutter, State Recording Secretary

One Hundredth State Conference
"A Past to Remember, A Future to Insure" Banquet
April 16, 2005

"A Past to Remember, A Future to Insure" Banquet was held in the Marquette/LaSalle Rooms of the Holiday Inn in Parkersburg, West Virginia on Saturday, April 16, 2005 at 7 p.m.

The State Regent, National Officers, Honorary State Regents, State Officers, and Conference Guests entered in procession, escorted by Pages and Flag Bearers. Mrs. Roy A. Gilkeson, State Regent, presided at the banquet. The invocation was given by the State Chaplain, Mrs. James E. Wallace. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Mrs. Robert Allen, State Librarian. Miss Charla L. Nutter, State Recording Secretary, led The National Anthem. The Colors were posted.

Following dinner, Mrs. Gilkeson introduced the Conference Guests and the State Officers. Mrs. Mrs. Gilkeson then introduced the Honorary State Regents as tonight's special guests as a part of "A Past to Remember" and each Honorary State Regent was asked to give brief remarks on their time as State Regent.

Mrs. Robert W. Smith, Regent of the James Wood Chapter was then asked to introduce the evening's musical presentation by the character actor representing Miss Patsy Cline during a "Musical Visit from the Past".

The Business Session reconvened at 9:10 p.m. following the Banquet for the purpose of receiving reports of the District Directors and the Chapter Regents. The timekeepers were asked to assume their positions during the reports. All reports will be printed in full in the official proceedings.

The following winners were announced for the Pressbook and Scrapbook Competitions:

PressBook Winners: 1st—Buford Chapter, 2nd—South Branch Valley Chapter, 3rd—Anne Royall Chapter, Honorable Mention—Westmoreland Chapter

Scrapbook Winners: 1st—John Hart Chapter, 2nd—Pack Horse Ford Chapter, 3rd—John Young Chapter, Honorable Mention—Anne Royall Chapter

The winner of the weekend trip to support the Presley Portrait Fund was Tracy Edmonds of the Barboursville Chapter.

Mrs. Gilkeson reminded all District Directors and Chapters Regents to line up at 9:15 a.m. for the Memorial Service. The State Regent thanked Mrs. Barbara Smith, Regent and the members of the James Wood Chapter for serving as hostesses for the banquet. Mrs. James E. Wallace, State Chaplain, gave the benediction.

The Colors were retired and the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 p.m. until 10:30 a.m. Sunday morning for the Closing Business Session.

Miss Charla L. Nutter,
State Recording Secretary

One Hundredth State Conference
Closing Business Session
April 17, 2005

The Closing Business Session of the 100th State Conference of the West Virginia State Society, Daughters of the American Revolution was convened in the Cartier/Joliet Rooms of the Holiday Inn in Parkersburg, West Virginia at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, April 17, 2005, following the State Officers' Club Breakfast, the "Yea, We Have a Goodly Heritage" Brunch and the Memorial Service. Mrs. Roy A. Gilkeson, State Regent, presided.

The invocation was given by Mrs. James E. Wallace, State Chaplain. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Mrs. Donald Hale, State Chairman Chapter Achievement Awards. The American's Creed was led by Mrs. Robert Belcher, State Chairman President General's Project. Mrs. Arthur Parsons, State Chairman DAR Service to Veteran Patients, led the singing of *West Virginia Hills*. The colors were posted.

The minutes of the April 16, 2005 Saturday morning business session were read by the State Recording Secretary, Miss Charla L. Nutter. The minutes were approved as read. Miss Nutter then read the minutes of the Saturday evening business session. The minutes were approved as read. Mrs. Gilkeson reminded Mrs. Sweeney, Mrs. Weekley and Miss Johnson are to approve the minutes of the Closing Session and the two Evening Sessions.

The State Regent asked Mrs. Becky Davis, Credentials Chairman, to give the final reports of the Credentials Committee. Mrs. Davis gave the following final report: National Officer—3, Past National Officer—4, National Chairmen—4, National Chairman, East Central Division—9, Conference Guests—5, State Officers—10, Honorary State Regents—6, District Directors—5, State Chairmen—71, Chapter Regents—23, Delegates—103, Alternates—28, Members—7, Pages—9, Total Registration—286, Duplicate Registration—122, Voting Strength—

110. Mrs. Davis moved that the report be adopted. Mrs. Mindy Davis, Ohio Valley Chapter, seconded the report, The report was adopted.

The State Regent called for any unfinished business to come before the Conference. No unfinished business was brought before the conference.

Mrs. Gilkeson thanked the Conference Guests and the following brought greetings: Mrs. Wagoner, President General, NSDAR; Mrs. Wagers, Registrar General, NSDAR; Mrs. Vaughan, State Regent of Alabama; Mrs. Seifert, State Regent of Ohio; and Mrs. Willis, State Regent of Tennessee.

Courtesy Resolutions were given by Miss Kathleen Morton, State Protocol Chairman. Miss Morton recommended the adoption of the Courtesy Resolutions. The Resolutions were adopted.

Mrs. Gilkeson thanked Mrs. McClelland, General Conference Chairman, the Northern District Director and all the Chapters of the Northern District for their wonderful hospitality and the smooth operation of the 100th State Conference.

Dr. Mary Courtney-Collins, Western District Director, extended an invitation to the 2007 State Conference to be held at the Charleston House Holiday Inn in Charleston, WV

The group joined together in singing "Blest Be the Tie that Binds". Mrs. Wallace, State Chaplain, gave the benediction. The Colors were retired and the 100th State Conference was adjourned.

Miss Charla L. Nutter,
State Recording Secretary

One Hundredth State Conference State Officer Reports

State Regent

The seven months since the most successful 99th State Conference in Martinsburg have been busy and productive for this State Regent. She is most appreciative of all the efforts of the State Offices, State Chairmen and Chapter Regents for their hard work, their willingness to accept additional responsibilities and for working together as a team to further the growth of our organization. It is indeed a pleasure to serve as your State Regent.

This State Regent has worked closely with the Membership Task Force to recruit and retain members. The State Regent wrote to all members-at-large inviting them to join a chapter thereby becoming active members of the West Virginia State Society. This effort resulted in seventeen members transferring into chapters. Under the direction of the State Regent, the membership Task Force contacted every unpaid member after the first of January, resulting in forty-three members renewing their membership. A new State Vice Chairman of Membership was appointed whose task will be to follow up on prospective members who are listed on the prospective member referral list from the national Society. Membership is and must continue to be the number one priority of all West Virginia daughters.

Your State Regent is grateful to all the Chapter Regents who have led their chapters in accomplishing great things these past few months. Your members have given hundreds of hours helping our veterans, marched in parades and sent hundreds of cards and comfort items to our men and women serving in the Middle East and participated in welcoming home ceremonies when they returned home; you have helped our youth with scholarships, honored Good Citizens, and promoted the study of American History by sponsoring essay contests; you have served as leaders for the Children of the American Revolution and helped train our youth by helping with Junior American Citizens programs; you have given hundreds of hours to literacy programs; you have given hundreds of flags and patriotic literature to new citizens at Naturalization Ceremonies; you have shown you respect and support of American Indians with your donations to the Indian schools and scholarship funds; you have promoted a greater respect for our Constitution with your displays and distribution of literature; you have marked the graves of our Revolutionary patriots and placed historical markers; you have been most generous with your donations of money, clothing and labels to the DAR schools, you have voted, studied the issues facing our Nation, have made your voice heard as you wrote letters and articles about our National Defense; you have been generous in your support of our President General's project, women's issues and the maintenance of our National Headquarters. You have a State Society that has accomplished much and this State Regent looks forward to reporting your accomplishments to the 114th Continental Congress in July 2005.

The State Regent attended her own chapter's meeting in November, December, and January. In December, she enjoyed the hospitality of the Buford Chapter at their Christmas Tea in the lovely home of Miss Sally 'yrus. She was also the guest of the Westmoreland Chapter for their delicious Christmas luncheon. Much time was spent in January and February making arrangements and inviting guests to the next three West Virginia State Conferences. In February, it was off to Washington for the National Board of management. In March, she made her official visit to the Kanawha Valley Chapter where she spoke of the proud heritage of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Also in March, she represented the WVDAR with a display for West Virginia History Day and the State Capitol and attended the recognition ceremony for the West Virginia History Heroes and was so proud of four WV Daughters who received certificates from the Governor for their efforts in promoting and preserving the history in West Virginia. In April, she flew to Atlanta, Georgia, to attend the Georgia State Conference. After cancelled flight, lost luggage and a fire in the hotel, she enjoyed three days renewing friendships with old friends from her days as a Senior National Officer in CAR and making lots of new friends. She was especially proud of our own Presley Merritt Wagoner, President General, who was the Opening Night speaker. She was off the next weekend to Columbus, Ohio as the guest of the Ohio State Society as a guest for their State Conference. Attending this State Conference is not only a treat, but a way to learn how the work of our State Society compares with our sister states. After returning from Ohio, on Sunday, it was time to make the final preparations for the 100th West Virginia State Conference.

A goal of the State Regent is to have every chapter in West Virginia online with their own web page. She is pleased to report that thirteen chapters are now online with wonderful web pages. The latest chapters web pages approved are Anne Bailey, Captain James Allen, Elizabeth Ludington Hagens-Colonel John Evans, William Morris and Anne Royall. Other Chapters with web pages are Barboursville, Westmoreland, John Young, Blackwater, Fort Ashby, Col. Charles Lewis, Pack Horse Ford and Ohio Valley. By April 2006, hopefully we can report that all West Virginia Chapters are online.

Another project that is coming along very nicely thanks to the generosity of the West Virginia Daughters, is the raising for funds for the West Virginia State Society's gift of a portrait of the President General Presley Merritt Wagoner to the National Society. The portrait will be presented in July 2007 during the 116th

Continental Congress. We hope that many West Virginia Daughters will be there for the dedication and reception hosted by the West Virginia Society.

Serving as State Regent certainly changes one's lifestyle as much time is spent sitting before a computer answering emails, keeping up on the chapters on e-membership, writing letters, completing reports and attending meetings and social functions. She cannot begin to count the hours spent in answering letters, emails and phone inquiries of members and chapters, filling out reports and required forms, attending chapter, civic and social functions as a representative of the DAR. But this State Regent is not complaining for she truly enjoys her job and looks forward to serving the West Virginia Daughters for the remainder of her administration.

The State Regent's schedule this spring is busy as she visits several chapters and celebrates with the John young Chapter for their Seventy-Fifth Anniversary in May and the Peters Mountain Chapter for their Twenty-Fifth Anniversary in June. She will travel to Tamassée DAR School for graduation in May. Then it is writing more reports and preparing to the 114th Continental Congress in July. In August, she will visit the five Districts with several of the State Officers for workshops and reports. After the District meeting, accompanied by the State Corresponding Secretary, she will drive to New Hampshire for the ceremony at the Cathedral of the Pines. It is the desire of this State Regent to visit several chapters in the fall.

As this State Regent talks with the State Regents of other states, she is even more thankful for our wonderful Honorary State Regents for their assistance and advice. Thank you ladies for your continued support and works of encouragement. You're whose friendship and helpful advice have been invaluable.

West Virginia Daughters, you are the stars that light the way to the future of the West Virginia State Society, and I am so proud of each and every one of you. Please know that this State Regent is here for you for advice, encouragement and assistance. As written in scripture Matthew 5:16, this State Regent urges you to "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see you good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." May God bless each of you.

Shirley Morrison Gilkeson (Mrs. Roy A.)

State Vice Regent

It has been an adventure serving as your Vice Regent through this first year of your administration.

Plans are set for our WV Congress Event during the Continental Congress 2005. We hope you all can be there to enjoy our WV Capital Breakfast.

Assisting with this 100th State Conference's tour of the Blennerhassett Museum has been fun and the local chapters have been wonderful to work with. Madam State Regent, thank you for your friendship, leadership and guidance.

Virginia "Ginger" Nalley (Mrs. Robert)

State Chaplain

Your State Chaplain was privileged to attend the December meeting of the James Barbour Chapter. Those in attendance enjoyed a luncheon and listened to a travelogue of Scotland that was given by me.

Four chapters submitted the names of 80, 90 and 100-year-old members for remembrance of their birthday celebrations. I was most happy to respond to these requests.

Thirty-six chapters reported on the activities of their group. Memorial services were held, wreaths placed on graves, veterans adopted, and youth groups supported. All chapters had sunshine reports and sent their homebound members cards and newsletters. Two chapters have a minister as a member.

I have prepared the memorial Service for the One-Hundredth State Conference to be held on Sunday morning. I wish to thank all the Daughters who will participate for their cooperation.

The necrology for the six months of 2005 totals thirty-five deaths. Central District had seven deaths, Eastern three, Northern had five, Southern had one, and Western had eighteen. One member was a member At Large. We currently have reported all deaths that National has verified to me. The Chapters have really improved with their reporting. I would encourage all reports to be filed on the Chaplains report form. These forms make my records more complete.

It is a pleasure to serve the West Virginia Society as your Chaplain.

Ceceilia W. Wallace (Mrs. James E.)

State Recording Secretary

As you will hear in this report every State Officer and Chairman has goals for their office to improve, advance, create and etc...

My goals are 2 fold:

1. My goal is that I will not be calling a Chapter regent asking them to send me their report from 2005. If you don't want to hear my voice across the phone lines in May 2007 when I am completing the proceeding, send me your report.
2. My second goal is to help with the State Regent's Project which is compiling a complete history of the WV DAR including the two previous written histories and updating from 1980 -2007. But the only way I can help is by publishing a complete proceeding.

But the only way I can do that is by getting your report each and every reporting period. Wait – I guess my only goal is to receive all report! So I guess my real goal is to finish! Thanks for everyone who has already given me your reports! Keep up the good work! Thank you for allowing me to serve the WV State Society.

Miss Charla L. Nutter

State Corresponding Secretary

The State Corresponding Secretary prepared the conference program for the 100th State Conference and the second Supplement to the State Directory. She reminds chapters to send any changes of address or officers to her.

In February she mailed the Master Questionnaire to 27 state chairmen and two state officers. She requests that the chapter regent put the chapter name on each page of the questionnaire in order to guarantee that the proper credit can be given.

Cora P. Teel (Mrs.)

State Organizing Secretary

Thank you once again to all the Chapters that sent me their yearbooks and officer listings. I have been busy working with the Membership Task Force and hope that we are making a difference in retaining, revitalizing and retraining our current members. I am also available to assist any Chapters in obtaining new members.

Thank you for all the kind words and thoughts in the past year.

ally Ann Greenfield (Mrs. Gary)

State Treasurer

Only six (6) months have gone by since my last report, so this report will look unusual in that I haven't closed out the Society's fiscal year. Several of the accounts mentioned will show a balance change after June 30, 2005. I have performed the duties of the State Treasurer in the best of my ability and I hope to your satisfaction. All bills have been paid with the approval of the State Regent, Mrs. Gilkeson. WVDAR is in good standing with the National Society. This officer needs to remind the chapters that in order to receive credit for donations, the monies must go through the State Treasurer. I have verified our accounts with the financial institution holding our assets; all are in tact and in balance with the current checkbook recordings.

Income:

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| WV Society NSDAR—Checking | | \$48,590.37 |
| Reymann Scholarship—Interest | | \$ 97.00 |
| Cameo Club—Interest | | \$ 5.00 |
| Peters Cottage | | \$ 12.00 |
| WV Room Account—Interest | | \$ 526.00 |
| Vanguard-Money Market—Interest | \$ 243.00 | |
| Portrait Fund—listed as expense on checking | | \$ 5,216.00 |
| TOTAL: | | \$54,689.37 |

Expense:

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| WV Society NSDAR—Checking | | \$44,541.73 |
| Reymann Scholarship—Award | | \$ 500.00 |
| Cameo Club—Annual Meeting | | \$ 2,050.00 |
| TOTAL: | | \$47,091.73 |

State Registrar

This State Registrar reports that we have 39 Chapters, a loss of one chapter. New members must be our priority. Our count is down 40 members. I have done one workshop in Parkersburg at the James Wood Chapter. Prospective members from that workshop is 6 – 7 with them all working on applications.

I plan a workshop in June 2005 for the Mound Chapter and Wheeling Chapter for new applicants. I will be in the southern part of West Virginia in the fall for a workshop with Peters Mountain and the Beckley area.

State Regent, State Vice-Regent and the Membership Task Force contacted all MAL to get them to join a chapter. This effort was successful. Resigned/Dropped members are to be followed next. I have prepared Chapter Registrar Update Packets for each chapter to be picked up at National. Several Chapters have already achieved the 10% increase in membership for their chapter for the next three years and are going for 300%.

The West Virginia Chapter Memorial Book Project is taking off with quite a few chapters participating. I am working with the State Chaplain, Mrs. Wallace, to be more effective in changes and not to duplicate efforts.

I am looking forward to keeping in contact with each Chapter registrar for any help I can offer.

Judith M. Athey Fugate (Mrs.)

State Historian

Thirty Chapters reported their activities to the State Historian, twenty seven had “no report” listed and three did not respond. Three Revolutionary War patriots and Soldiers graves were marked. Three Chapters are working to place Historical Markers. Two students were nominated for a DAR History Award. A wreath was laid to honor those who died in the battle of Point Pleasant. One Chapter is updating a 50-Year History Book of their Chapter. Three Books and one Document were donated to NSDAR.

The following Chapters were recognized by the State Historian: Hagan-Evans, Buford, Ohio Valley and John Young.

Joan Sweeney (Mrs. Lloyd)

State Librarian

A total of six books have been donated during this reporting period, October 2004 – April 2005, giving us a total of four book credits.

A donation by Virginia B. Johnson through the John Young Chapter, a book entitled West Virginia Highway markers by West Virginia Historical Commission.

Also donated by Virginia B. Johnson through the John Young Chapter, a book entitled Frontier Forts in West Virginia by W. Stephen McBride, Ph.D., Kim Arbogast McBride, Ph.D., and Greg Adamson, M.S..

A third donation by Virginia B. Johnson through the John Young Chapter is entitled West Virginia Index to 1850 Census by Mining Your History Foundation. This is donated in honor of Cathy Miller.

Two books have been donated by State Regent, Shirley Gilkeson through the Kanawha Valley Chapter in honor of two friends. One is entitled Bailey Brothers Undertakers Death Records compiled and edited by the Upshur County Historical Society. The second donation by State regent, Shirley Gilkeson through the Kanawha Valley Chapter is entitled West Virginia Historical Almanac and Gazetteer by Sam Clagg.

A donation of a book entitled Jefferson County, Virginia 1825 -1841, Personal Property Tax List by {Patricia B. Duncan has been made by Mrs. Rita Laishley, Vice regent through the Elizabeth Ludington Hagan-Colonel John Evans Chapter.

A “Wish List” of books desired is available through the members web site. My thanks to all who have donated books during the past six months.

Marjorie S. Allen (Mrs. Robert)

WEST VIRGINIA STATE SOCIETY
One Hundred and First State Conference

Board of Management Meeting
Friday, April 7, 2006

A meeting of the State Board of Management, West Virginia State Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, met in the Conference Room A & B of Pipestem Resort State Park in Pipestem, WV on Friday, April 7, 2006.

The welcome was given by the State Regent, Mrs. Roy A. Gilkeson with Mrs. James E. Wallace, State Chaplain giving the Invocation. Lunch was served at noon. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by State Regent, Mrs. Roy A. Gilkeson. Mrs. Robert Nalley, State Vice Regent led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United State of America. Mrs. Gilkeson extended a welcome to all in attendance and The State Regent introduced the guests present: Mrs. Janet Whittington, National JAC Chairman; Mrs. Mindy Kammeyer, National DAR School Chairman; Mrs. Jane Barbot, State Regent of North Carolina; Mrs. Sally Bueno, State Regent of Missouri, and Mrs. Sandra Chapman, State Regent of Delaware. They were given a warm West Virginia welcome. At that time the luncheon guests were excused.

The State Regent then introduced the Honorary State Regents as follows: Honorary State Regent, Past Vice President General Mrs. Randall Rumberg, Honorary State Regent Miss Jean Ann Elliott and Honorary State Regent Mrs. Charles L. Silliman.

Mrs. Gilkeson recognized the State Officers. Due to health reasons, Mrs. Lloyd Sweeney, State Historian, was unable to be in attendance. The State Regent also recognized and thanked Mrs. Terry Kornegay, State Parliamentarian. State Recording Secretary Miss Charla L. Nutter called the Roll of West Virginia's National Officer, Honoraries, State Officers, District Directors and Chapter Regents. They responded as follows: Honorary State Regents—3, State Officers—9, District Directors—4, Chapter Regents—14.

The State Regent asked for and received verification from the State Recording Secretary that a quorum was present. The minutes of the Board of Management meeting on April 15, 2005 were read by Miss Nutter and approved as read. Mrs. Gilkeson called for the report of the Finance Committee. Miss Jean Ann Elliott, Chairman, presented the proposed budget for 2006-07. Copies were distributed and Miss Elliott explained the figures.

Miss Nutter read the recommendation from the Executive Committee that the Finance Committee's Report by accepted as presented and moved for its adoption. The recommendation was adopted.

The State Regent called for the Reading of the Standing Rules as printed on page 12 of the State Conference program by Mrs. Terry Kornegay, State Parliamentarian. It was moved by Mrs. Cora P. Teel, State Corresponding Secretary, seconded by Mrs. Edna Barnes, Blennerhassett Chapter Regent, that the Standing Rules by approved as printed. Motion approved.

The State Regent called for the reports of the State Officers. The State Vice Regent was asked to assume the chair. The State Regent gave a brief report deferring most of it until Saturday morning.

The State Vice Regent asked for all members that will be attending Congress to please let her know so she can arrange for seating. State Treasurer Mrs. Eldon Rutledge distributed copies of her Treasurer's Report. She verified with all financial institutions that all state assets are in tact and are balanced with the official books. 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.

Unfinished Business: Mrs. Gilkeson reported on the updates of the Josephine C. Peters cottage at Tamasee—the interior painting is now complete and the back porch has been painted and new screening installed; a new TV was donated and cable has been installed. The Memorial Plaque at the Cottage has been updated. The next improvement to the Cottage will be a "Gallery of Photos" for the Regent's Room. The following chapters have had webpages approved since April 2005: Buford, John Hart and Trans-Allegheny. This brings the total to 16 chapters online.

Chapter histories—Mrs. Cora P. Teel discussed the project and reported that cost estimates are now being sought.

The State Regent asked for the Recommendations from the Executive Committee.

RECOMMENDATION I:

Each State Regent shall have eighteen (18) months following the end of her administration in which to complete her State Project. Any unused monies in the State Regent's Project Fund shall be transferred to the same fund for the succeeding State Regent's Project.

RECOMMENDATION II:

The WV State Society shall pay for a full page ad in the National DAR Magazine when any WV Candidate is endorsed for a National Office.

The State Regent called for the report of the By Laws Committee. It was reported that no proposed By-Law changes were to be brought before the State Board of Management..

Mrs. Gilkeson went over some information from the last National Board of Management meeting. West Virginia had 74 new members approved from the Board. Application papers are being processed in about 3 weeks if they do not have to be returned due to corrections. Great process has been made on the Supplemental back log; less than a year behind. The State Officers are selling WVDAR tote-bags. The President General's Portrait Fund will honor all members who donate \$50 or more by giving them a gold star pin.

The 2007 State Conference will be the 102nd State Conference and will be held April 13-15 in Charleston. The theme will be "Gathering the Twinkling Stars". Some of the guests will include the Vice President General Mrs. Gale Fixmer, Mrs. Sharon Nettle, State Regent of Mississippi, Mrs. Rebecca Lockhart, State Regent of Florida, and Mrs. MaryAnn Middleton, State Regent of Illinois. The Western District chapters will be hosting the conference.

The State Regent reminded the State Board of Management to be on time for all sessions. She thanked the members of the General Andrew Lewis Chapter and their regent, Mrs. Margaret Schmidt for the favors and decorations for today's luncheon.

Mrs. Wallace gave the benediction. The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Miss Charla L. Nutter
State Recording Secretary

One Hundred and First State Conference Opening Session Friday, April 7, 2006

The One-Hundredth and First Annual State Conference of the West Virginia State Society, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution was called to order at 8:40 p.m. on Friday, April 7, 2006 in the Falconer Room at Pipestem Resort and State Park, in Pipestem, West Virginia. Musical selections were presented by Mrs. Becky Leach of Charleston, WV.

Due to a severe thunderstorm and power outage at the state park, the traditional processional did not occur and the National and State Officers and Conference Guests remained at their tables from the preceding dinner.

The State Regent, Mrs. Roy A. Gilkeson, called the 101st State Conference to order. Mrs. James E. Wallace, State Chaplain, gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Mrs. Eldon Rutledge, State Treasurer. Mrs. Cora P. Teel, State Corresponding Secretary led the Assembly in the American's Creed. Mrs. Gary Greenfield, State Organizing Secretary, led the singing of the 1st and 4th verses of The National Anthem. The Colors were posted. The State Regent expressed her thanks to the Princeton High School Jr. ROTC Color Guard for the presentation of the Colors.

The Honorable Joe Manchin, Governor of West Virginia, was unable to attend, but sent greetings through Mr. Jim Bennett, one of the Governor's assistants. Mrs. Robert Nalley, State Vice Regent, read greetings from Mrs. Joel M. Wagoner, President General, NSDAR and Honorary State Regent, WVDAR, on behalf of the National Society. Mr. Steve Bonar, Superintendent of Pipestem Resort and State Park then welcomed the Daughters and guests.

The State Regent, Mrs. Gilkeson, introduced Ms. Kathy Robertson, Southern District Director and General Conference Chairman of the 101st State Conference. Ms. Robertson welcomed all Daughters and Guests to the 101st State Conference and introduced the Southern District Chapter Regents, the hostesses for the conference.

Mrs. Mary Smith, Senior State President, WVCAR brought greetings on behalf of the West Virginia State Society Children of the American Revolution and she introduced Miss Elizabeth Karish, State President, WVCAR. Miss Karish also brought greetings. Miss Kathleen Morton brought greetings on behalf of the National Society, Children of the American Revolution.

A letter from the State President, Mr. Tom Gallaway, from the West Virginia Sons of the American Revolution was read. Mrs. Gilkeson then introduced Mrs. Randall G. Rumberg, Past Vice President General and Honorary State Regent, WVDAR and Mrs. Rumberg brought greetings on behalf of all the Honorary State Regents

from the West Virginia State Society. The State Regent then introduced the Honorary State Regents in attendance: 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. Gilkeson reported that Miss Virginia B. Johnson, Honorary Vice President General and Honorary State Regent; Mrs. Gary Gess, Past Corresponding Secretary General and Honorary State Regent; Mrs. Jack R. Adams, Honorary State Regent; and Mrs. Charles Silliman, Honorary State Regent sent their regrets and best wishes for the 101st State Conference.

The State Regent then introduced the Conference Guests: Mrs. Sandra Chapman, State Regent of Delaware; Mrs. Jane Barbot, State Regent of North Carolina; Mrs. Sally Beuno, State Regent of Missouri; Mrs. Malinda T. Kammayer, National Chairman DAR Schools; and Mrs. Janet Whittington, National Chairman Junior American Citizens.

Due to diminishing lighting because of the severe thunderstorm, Mrs. Gilkeson introduced the speaker for the evening, Mrs. Melinda Kammeyer, National Chairman of DAR Schools. Following Mrs. Kammeyer's speech, she was presented a small token of appreciation from the West Virginia State Society.

Mrs. Gilkeson introduced the West Virginia Daughters serving as National Chairman and Vice Chairman: Mrs. Cora P. Teel, National Chairman Community Service Awards; Mrs. Roy A. Gilkeson, National Chairman State Regent's Events; Mrs. Anne R. Cummings, National Vice Chairman East Central Division of Americanism; Mrs. Carmen G. Silliman, National Vice Chairman East Central Division of Chapter Achievement Awards; Mrs. Sally Ann Greenfield, National Vice Chairman East Central Division of Children of the American Revolution; Mrs. Betty Belcher, National Vice Chairman East Central Division of Conservation; Mrs. Marion McCullough, National Vice Chairman East Central Division of DAR Schools; Mrs. Frannie Weekley, National Vice Chairman East Central Division of Membership; Mrs. Sally Ford, National Vice Chairman East Central Division of Seimes Technology Center; Mrs. Barbara Rutledge, National Vice Chairman East Central Division of Women's Issues; and Mrs. Shirley M. Gilkeson and Mrs. Carmen G. Silliman, members of the Board of Trustees of the Tamassee DAR School.

Mrs. Gilkeson then recognized the five District Directors and the State Chairman. In addition, Mrs. Gilkeson recognized the State Society's Fifty-Year Club members and those Daughters attending State Conference for the first time. Mrs. Gilkeson introduced Mrs. Randi Gray, State Chairman of Pages, who in turn introduced the Pages for the 101st State Conference. Mrs. Gilkeson introduced and welcomed members of four generations of a DAR/CAR Family in attendance. Mrs. Walter Spearman, Past Vice President General and Honorary State Regent had her daughter Jane, her granddaughter Stephanie, her great-granddaughter, Christine Smith, serving as a Page and her great-grandson, David "Cody" Smith serving as an aide at the State Conference. Mrs. Gilkeson invited all Daughters and Guests to the Welcome Reception honoring the President General, the State Regent, National Officers, State Officers and Conference Guests in the Cardinal Room.

The Colors were retired by the Pages. There being no further business, the meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m. Saturday, April 8, 2006.

Charla L. Nutter
State Recording Secretary

One Hundred and First State Conference
Business Session
Saturday, April 8, 2006

The business session of the 100th State Conference, West Virginia State Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, convened Saturday morning, April 8, 2006 at 9:15 a.m. in the Faulconer Room at Pipestem Resort State Park in Pipestem, West Virginia.

The State Regent, National Officer, Honorary State Regents, State Officers and Conference Guests entered in procession, escorted by the Pages and Color Bearers with music provided by Mrs. Becky Leach.

The meeting was called to order by the State Regent Mrs. Roy A. Gilkeson. Mrs. James E. Wallace, State Chaplain, gave the Invocation. Mrs. Tom Tuttle, State Registrar, led The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the

United States of America. The American's Creed was led by Mrs. Robert Allen, State Librarian. The Assembly sang the first two verses of "America the Beautiful". The Colors were posted.

Due to the power outage throughout the area, the State Regent announced that most of the remaining business to come before the State Conference would be conducted during the morning session.

The State Regent then introduced the Conference Guests and each extended greetings to the assembly. Those introduced: Mrs. Sandra Chapman, State Regent of Delaware; Mrs. Jane Barbot, State Regent of North Carolina; Mrs. Sally Beuno, State Regent of Missouri; Mrs. Janet Whittington, National Chairman Junior American Citizens and Mrs. Linda Chastain, Tamassee DAR School-Alumni Liason.

Mrs. Donald M. Davis, State Chairman Credentials Committee gave the following preliminary report: National Officer—0, Past National Officer—2, National Chairmen—3, National Chairman, East Central Division—8, Conference Guests—5, State Officers—9, Honorary State Regents—3, District Directors—3, State Chairmen—64, Chapter Regents—18, Delegates—90, Alternates—10, Member—7, Pages—9, Voting Strength—111. Mrs. Davis moved that the report be adopted. The report was adopted.

Mrs. Gilkeson requested and received verification from the State Recording Secretary that a quorum was established.

Mrs. Terry Komegay, State Parliamentarian, recommended that the Standing Rules printed on page 25 of the State Conference Program, and read at the State Board of Management meeting on Friday, April 7, be adopted as the Standing Rules of the 101st State Conference. The Standing Rules were adopted.

Mrs. Robert Nalley, State Vice Regent, presented the Conference Program and presented the following correction: on page 17, the SAR Welcome was given by Mr. Tom Galloway. Mrs. Nalley moved that the Conference Program be adopted as corrected. The Conference Program as corrected was adopted as the official program of the 101st State Conference.

Mrs. Gilkeson appointed Mrs. Ginger Nalley, Mrs. Katy Keith and Mrs. Geraldine Jackson to approve Friday night, Saturday night and Sunday morning business session minutes. The State Recording Secretary is responsible for receiving approval for the State Minutes for this committee.

The Honorary State Regents were introduced as follows: 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. Gilkeson recognized the National Chairmen, National Vice Chairmen and the National Vice Chairmen of the East-Central Division. Mrs. Gilkeson then recognized those WV Daughters who have received an appointment to the National Speakers Staff.

Mrs. George Linaweaver, State Chairman of the Resolutions Committee stated that there no resolutions to be presented during the 101st State Conference.

The State Recording Secretary was directed to present the recommendations from the State Board of Management.

RECOMMENDATION I:

Each State Regent shall have eighteen (18) months following the end of her administration in which to complete her State Project. Any unused monies in the State Regent's Project Fund shall be transferred to the same fund for the succeeding State Regent's Project.

RECOMMENDATION II:

The WV State Society shall pay for a full page ad in the National DAR Magazine when any WV Candidate is endorsed for a National Office.

Miss Nutter moved for the adoption of both recommendations. The recommendations were adopted.

Mrs. Gilkeson announced that the Conference Guests would serve as the judges for the Press Book and Scrapbook contests.

Mrs. Gilkeson then read from the State By-Laws concerning the election of a nominating committee for the 2007-2010 State Officers, Article VI, Section 2. The State Regent then opened the floor up for nominations for members to serve on the Nominating Committee. Nominations were made by District with the following results:

Eastern District: Susanne Horner of the Shenandoah Valley Chapter was nominated by Charla L. Nutter and seconded by Sally Ann Greenfield.

Central District: Frankie K. Cline of the Col. Zackquill Morgan Chapter was nominated by Ginger Nalley and seconded by Betty Heavner.

Western District: Patricia Daugherty of the Buford Chapter was nominated by Barbara Rutledge and seconded by Cora Teel.

Southern District: Peggy Truman of the General Andrew Lewis Chapter was nominated by Marjorie Allen and seconded by Kathy Robertson.

Northern District: Mindy Davis of the Ohio Valley Chapter was nominated by Frances Weekley and seconded by Fern Nutter.

Mrs. Cora P. Teel, State Corresponding Secretary, made a motion to accept the Nominating Committee as presented. The motion was seconded by Miss Charla L. Nutter, State Recording Secretary. The State Parliamentarian, Mrs. Terry Kornegay, said that due to the extreme circumstances of the weather and no power at the resort, the following would serve as the Nominating Committee for 2007-2010 State Officers: Susanne Horner (Eastern), Frankie K. Cline (Central), Patricia Daugherty (Western), Peggy Truman (Southern) and Mindy Davis (Northern).

Mrs. Cora P. Teel was then recognized. Mrs. Teel moved for the endorsement of Shirley M. Gilkeson for the office of Vice President General, 2007-2010. The State Vice Regent was instructed to assume the chair. The State Regent was then escorted from the room by the Pages during the discussion. The motion to endorse Mrs. Gilkeson for the office of Vice President General was seconded by Mrs. Julia Linaweaver, Ye Towne of Bath Chapter. The motion was passed. The State Regent returned and assumed the Chair.

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 reported. All reports will be printed in full in the Proceedings. The State Officers then gave their brief 2-minute reports.

At this time, Miss Jean Ann Elliott, Chairman of the Finance Committee, was asked to present the budget for 2006-2007. A copy of the report was distributed and she was permitted to read it in full. Miss Elliott moved for the adoption of the 2006-2007 Budget. The Budget was approved.

The Reports of the State Chairmen of National Committees, State Chairmen of Committees with National Recognition and the State Chairmen of Committees with State Recognition will be printed in the Proceedings. Twenty-six chairmen gave reports.

The Conference was recessed for 20 minutes to allow the luncheon to be set up.

Miss Charla L. Nutter,
State Recording Secretary

One Hundred and First State Conference "Sounds of School Bells" Luncheon Saturday, April 8, 2006

The "Sounds of School Bells" Luncheon was held in the Conference Rooms A and B of the Pipestem State Resort in Pipestem, West Virginia on Saturday, April 8, 2006 at noon.

Mrs. Roy A. Gilkeson, State Regent, presided. The invocation was given by Miss Sally O. Cyrus, State Chairman DAR Good Citizen Committee. Mrs. Judith Bowyer, State Chairman American History Committee led the assembly in The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Following the luncheon, Mrs. Gilkeson introduced the entertainment for the luncheon. The West Virginia State Society was very honored to be able to bring the Tamassee DAR School Cloggers to this year's State Conference. The Tamassee Cloggers were introduced and entertained the Daughters.

Mrs. Susan Garrett, State Chairman Junior American Citizens and Regent of the South Branch Valley Chapter then introduced the luncheon speaker, Mrs. Janet Whittington, National Chairman JAC Committee.

Mrs. Barbara Smith, Regent of the James Wood Chapter, introduced the WVDAR Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Gerry Kohler of VanDevender Jr. High School in Parkersburg. Mrs. Kohler gave brief remarks and was then presented a certificate, \$100 check and a pin by the State Regent.

The State Regent announced that she has been speaking with the Manager and Superintendent of the Pipestem Resort and they feel that the power outage could last indefinitely. Mrs. Gilkeson feels for the safety and

health of those in attendance that the State Conference would be cut short and all business could be concluded in the afternoon.

The Memorial Service was then conducted by Mrs. James E. Wallace, State Chaplain.

The State Regent asked Mrs. Becky Davis, Credentials Chairman, to give the final reports of the Credentials Committee. Mrs. Davis gave the following final report: National Officer—0, Past National Officer—2, National Chairmen—3, National Chairman, East Central Division—8, Conference Guests—5, State Officers—9, Honorary State Regents—3, District Directors—3, State Chairmen—64, Chapter Regents—18, Delegates—90, Alternates—10, Members—7, Pages—9, Total Registration—237, Duplicate Registration—56, Voting Strength—111. Mrs. Davis moved that the report be adopted. Mrs. Cora P. Teel, State Corresponding Secretary, seconded the report, the report was adopted.

The Drawings for the Chinese Auction were then held and it was announced that \$506 was raised for the State Regent's Project. The drawing for the Fiesta ware basket to raise money for the Reymann Scholarship was held.

Mrs. Betty Heavner, Central District Director extended an invitation for the 103rd State Conference to be held in Morgantown in 2008.

Mrs. Julia Linaweaver, State Chairman Resolutions presented the Courtesy Resolutions for the 101st State Conference.

Whereas, the hour having arrived for the adjournment of the 101st State Conference of the West Virginia Society of Daughters of the American Revolution.

Whereas, the conference has allowed the Daughter to renew old friendships and give renewed enthusiasm toward the work of our Society, therefore-

Be it resolved – Thanks be offered to Mrs. Kathy Robertsons, State Conference Chairman and Chapters of the Southern 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 appreciation be expressed to Pipestem State Park for the courtesies extended to us.

Be it further Resolved that this assembly expressed warmest appreciation to our State Regent Mrs. Roy A. Gilkeson and our other distinguished guests: Mrs. Sandra Chapman, State Regent- Delaware; Mrs. Sally Bueno, State Regent - Missouri; Mrs. Jane Barbat, State Regent -North Carolina; Mrs. Melinda Kammeyer, National Chairman, DAR School; Mrs. Janet Whittington, National Chairman Citizens Committee for their inspection and contribution to our conference program.

Be It Further Resolved – that appreciation be expressed to the outstanding speakers and musician who contributed so delightfully to the conference program.

Mrs. Gilkeson thanked Mrs. Kathy Robertson, General Conference Chairman and the Chapters of the Southern District for their hospitality.

The group joined together in singing "Blest Be the Tie that Binds". Mrs. Wallace, State Chaplain, gave the benediction. The Colors were retired and the 101st State Conference was adjourned.

Miss Charla L. Nutter,
State Recording Secretary

One Hundred and First State Conference State Officer Reports

State Regent

How very proud this State Regent was to represent you at the 114th Continental Congress and report on all your accomplishments. She continues to be appreciative of all the work done by the members of the West Virginia State Society under the leadership of the terrific Chapter Regents. She is also grateful to the State Officers and State Committee Chairmen for promoting the programs of the State and National Society and for their excellent reports.

Recruiting and retaining members and the rejuvenating, re-energizing and revitalizing of chapters remains the primary goals of this State Regent. It is her belief that we are making progress in both areas. Two chapters who were on the verge of disbanding are now doing well. Sixty-five per cent of our chapters have gained at least one new member by application this year. We had 100% reporting for the Master Questionnaire and the Chapter Achievement Award this year. Two thirds fewer members were dropped or resigned this year than during the previous two years. Reinstatements are up this year over last. However, due to deaths and transfers our membership is down again this year. We must continue to work ever harder to recruit and retain members. One of the highlights of serving as your State Regent is visiting with the chapters and meeting members. It was her honor to join several chapters in celebrating anniversaries, including the 75th Anniversary of the John Young Chapter on May 21, Miss Mary Blaine McLaughlin, Regent; the 104th birthday celebration of the Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter on June 4, Miss Diane Johnson, Regent; and the 25th Anniversary Tea of the Peters Mountain Chapter on June 18, Mrs. Nancy Kornegay, Regent. In June, she was privileged to attend the Buford Chapter's Medal of Honor presentation to Mr. Woody William, a World War II veteran, followed by a lovely reception, Mrs. Patricia Daugherty, Chapter Regent. She visited Tamassee DAR School in South Carolina May 16-19 for their graduation and awards program.

July 3-10 was spent in Washington, DC attending the 114th Continental Congress. She was so proud of the large West Virginia Delegation and the excellent attendance at the WV Capitol Breakfast planned by our very capable State Vice Regent Ginger Nalley. She was especially proud to be the State Regent of our own West Virginia Honorary State Regent Presley Merritt Wagoner, who presided so efficiently as President General of the National Society. She was honored to be selected to read the names of deceased State Regents at the Memorial Service on Sunday morning.

The first week of August, accompanied by Honorary State Regent Maxine Spearman, Vice Regent Ginger Nalley and State Treasurer Barbara Rutledge, she traveled to Martinsburg, Elkins, Harrisville, Beckley and Charleston for the marathon of District Meetings and Workshops. The NSDAR Surgeon General joined the presenters to distribute special vitamins guaranteed to energize chapters. District Directors Barbara Frankenberry, Betty Heavner, Joan McClelland, Kathy Robertson and Mary Collins and the hostess chapters are to be commended for all their work in insuring that the Districts Meeting were a success.

August 17 - 24, accompanied by State Corresponding Secretary Cora P. Teel, she traveled to New Hampshire for the moving memorial to veterans of all wars at the beautiful Cathedral of the Pines. While in New Hampshire she visited with the New England Daughters at a formal dinner and at a luncheon following the memorial service.

On September 17, she spoke at the joint Constitution Week luncheon of the Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans and the Colonel Zackquill Chapters. Mrs. Rita Laishley, Regent of the Hagans-Evans Chapter very capably presided. On September 21, she represented the State Society at the re-interment ceremony of two Revolutionary soldiers in Barboursville. Roses were presented to the descendants of these two patriots, including Mrs. Violet Hysell, Regent of the Barboursville Chapter and Mrs. Freda Moreland and Mrs. Julia Gates, members of the William Henshaw Chapter.

October 5-8 was spent in Washington, DC for the National Board of Management events. It was her privilege to serve as the National Chairman of the State Regents Events. October 10-13, she visited Tamassee DAR School for Founders' Day. Assisted by State Vice Regent Ginger Nalley much was accomplished in cleaning and shopping for items for the West Virginia Josephine C. Peters Cottage. On October 15, she was the guest of the Barboursville Chapter at a delicious luncheon, Mrs. Violet Hysell, Regent.

On November 5, your State Regent had a delightful visit with the Chapters of the Eastern District, including Bee Line Chapter, Mrs. Beth Printz, Regent; Pack Horse Ford Chapter, Mrs. Dorrene Hale, Regent; Shenandoah Valley Chapter, Mrs. Susanne Horner, Regent; South Branch Valley Chapter, Mrs. Susan Garret, Regent; William Henshaw

Chapter, Mrs. Eleanor Amos, Regent; and Ye Towne of Bath Chapter, Mrs. Anne Spriggs, Regent. Many thanks to Dorrene Hale for making the arrangement and to each chapter for their generous contributions to the State Regents' Project. On Veteran's Day, she participated in the Veteran's Day Parade in Charleston and enjoyed a lovely luncheon with members of her own chapter, Mrs. Joan Collins, Regent. On November 12, she made her official visit with the Buford Chapter, Mrs. Patricia Daugherty, Regent. On December 3, she enjoyed a joint luncheon meeting of the Anne Bailey Chapter, Mrs. Geraldine Jackson, Regent; the Charleston Chapter, Mrs. Pauline Ratcliff, Regent; and the William Morris Chapter, Mrs. Mary Ellen Hamrick, Regent. On December 11-12, she was treated to a wonderful holiday visit at Oglebay Park and the Festival of Lights by the Wheeling Chapter, Mrs. Debbie Smith, Regent on Friday, spoke at their chapter luncheon on Saturday. On December 17, she was a guest of the Captain James Allen Chapter, Mrs. Ann Bays, Regent, for their Christmas Luncheon. They were joined by members of the John Chapman Chapter, Mrs. Phyllis Smith, Regent.

January was spent in front of the computer and on the telephone planning for the State Conference, the February State Regents Event in Washington and answering correspondence. She personally contacted every person listed on the Prospective Member List by email or phone call offering her assistance in finding chapters for them to join. She is pleased to report that this effort has resulted in several new applications. She also contacted by letter every person who appeared on the resigned or drop list for West Virginia from February 2005 through January 2006, resulting in several reinstatements. The State Registrar, directed by the State Regent, contacted every member listed as unpaid on February 1, 2006 to urge them to pay their dues before the drop date of February 28. The State Regent is grateful for the work completed by State Registrar Judith Tuttle and the Membership Task Force.

February 2-4, your State Regent was in Washington, DC for the National Board of Management Events. February 16, she prepared an exhibit on DAR for West Virginia History Day at the State Capitol, where it was joined by State Treasurer Barbara Rutledge, Western District Director Mary Collins, Buford Chapter Regent Patricia Daugherty and DAR News Editor Carol Linger for a most productive day.

On March 10 and 11, she worked with members of her chapter at a flea market. What a fun way to get rid of your "junk" and raise money for your chapter. She was the guest of Alabama State Regent Jean Vaughan, at the Alabama State Conference in Auburn, Alabama March 13-16. She was most appreciative of the Southern hospitality of the Alabama Daughters. On April 18, she had the rare opportunity to attend her own chapter meeting to hear an outstanding talk by one of their members. March 30 - April 2, was spent at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center with the South Carolina Daughters at their State Conference, Mrs. Sheila Davis, State Regent. She will be a guest of her good friend and roommate State Regent Sally Bueno at the Missouri State Conference to be held in Jefferson City, Missouri the last weekend of April. In May, she has the honor being the guest of another good friend, State Regent Jane Barbot, at the North Carolina State Conference in Raleigh, North Carolina. Representing you at other State Conferences is one of the perks of serving as State Regent and affords the State Regent the opportunity to gain ideas to bring back to her State Society.

Your State Regent is so very grateful to all of you for your support, cooperation and generosity in raising funds for the portrait of President General Presley Merritt Wagoner. She is pleased to report that by the end of the 100th State Conference in April 2005, almost \$10,000. had been raised. The State Regent would like to express her appreciation to the Portrait Co-Chairmen Patricia Daugherty and Sally Ford, the Cameo Club, the Chapter Regents Club and to the State Officers Club for their efforts in this undertaking. It is the desire of this State Regent that many WV Daughters will be present at Continental Congress in 2007 for the dedication of the President General's portrait.

Another perk for the State Society of the President General is to create a doll representing the President General on which voices will be sold by the Junior Membership Committee to benefit the DAR Schools. State Junior Doll Chairman Frannie Weekly has done an excellent job of recruiting the most talented West Virginia Daughters to design and make clothes for our "Miss Presley". As usual, the West Virginia Daughters have met the challenge and have created many lovely outfits. A special thank you to Carol Linger of the Kanawha Valley Chapter and her husband, Otis for the magnificent doll trunk for "Miss Presley".

The planning phase of the State Regents Project, "The History of the WV State Society", is coming along nicely, thanks to State History Chairman Cora Teel and Vice Chairman Frances Van Scoy. The second phase, that of fund raising, is progressing with the continued sales of tote bags, star pins and Chapter contributions. With the completion of the Portrait Fund, more effort can now be directed toward the State Regents Project. The third phase of compiling the information from the first two histories and writing the history since 1982 should be completed by April 2007. The fourth and final phase of getting the book to the printer and distribution should be completed by the spring of 2008.

The State Regent's goal of having every chapter online with their own web page by this State Conference has not materialized, but she still has faith in the West Virginia Daughters that they will accomplish this in the near future. The WVDAR web page has been up-dated with a new WVDAR Fact Sheet that can be downloaded by the chapters. The State Treasurer has also added all treasurer forms to the web page. More additions and revisions are planned for the coming months.

Someone once asked this State Regent how she was enjoying her retirement from her teaching career. Her answer was "what retirement". Accepting the job as your State Regent meant entering into a new career for three years. She loved her professional career of teaching, and she loves this job. She is already thinking about her next career; retirement is for sissies, you know. Thank you for allowing me to enjoy my second career. May God bless the West Virginia State Society and the United States of America.

Shirley Morrison Gilkeson (Mrs. Roy A.)

State Vice Regent

Serving as your Vice-Regent is never boring. We left the 100th State Conference in Parkersburg last April, planning the trip to Tamassee for the awards programs and to work at the WV cottage.

Returned home to fine tune things for our Congress Event the "WV Capitol Breakfast", we had a wonderful attendance and a great week in DC. Home again to repack for a week of crisscrossing the state for District Meetings, it's a joy to visit with everyone. Then in October, we were off again to Tamassee for Founders Day. It was great fun. Back home and now it's time to set things in motion for our 2006 Congress Event, which will be the "Wild Wonderful WV Breakfast". Thank you Madam State Regent it's been a fun year.

Virginia "Ginger" Nalley (Mrs. Robert)

State Chaplain

Your State Chaplain was privileged to attend the Central and Southern District Meetings, and the 75th Anniversary Celebration of the John Young Chapter in Charleston. I also participated in the One-Hundredth-State Conference.

I have sent 80, 90, and 100 year old members congratulatory messages as requested, and sympathy cards to family members when appropriate. I gave the principal Fourth of July Address for the celebration that was sponsored by the Randolph County veterans associations.

One hundred percent of the Chapters reported on the activities of their group. Memorial services were held, wreaths placed on graves, veterans adopted, and youth groups supported. Of special interest were donations made to the victims of the Katrina disaster, the American hospital at Landstuhl, German. Barboursville had a reinterment ceremony for two Revolutionary Soldiers at the Merritt Cemetery.

I have prepared the Memorial Service for the One-Hundred First State Conference to be held on Sunday Morning. I wish to thank all the daughters who will be participating in this service.

Twenty-Four Chapters reported 45 deaths for the year. Central District reported fifteen deaths, Eastern reported four, Northern six, Southern six, and Western fourteen. I have included all the names that National has verified to me. The chapters have really been current with their reporting. Most use the Chaplain's report form.

It has been a nice experience to serve the West Virginia Society as your Chaplain.

Deella W. Wallace (Mrs. James E.)

State Recording Secretary

This State Officer was pleased to attend the 100th State Conference in Parkersburg, the Northern District Meeting in Harrisville and was completely awed to be asked to serve as the WV Flag Page at the 114th Continental Congress in Washington, D.C. How proud this Officer was to bear the colors of WV as our wonderful State Regent reported to Congress on the great works of WVDAR. What an experience!

As we enter our last year in this Administration, I am beginning to become concerned. I am concerned about the amount of mail I am NOT receiving this year. Usually I am afraid to run into my mail carrier because she always jokingly complains about the loads of mail I receive before State Conference. This year she has not complained at all, which scares me. I am afraid that I am going to have to spend my spring of 2007 calling the current State Chairmen and the Chapter Regents so that they will send me copies of their reports so I can wrap up the Proceedings for this administration.

All of our Chapters are doing great works within their communities promoting WVDAR and we want to be able to look back in our written history and find your achievements. Please don't give up on your great reporting! Thank you for allowing me to serve and bug you!

Miss Charla L. Nutter

State Corresponding Secretary

The State Corresponding Secretary prepared the conference program for the 101st State Conference and the third Supplement to the State Directory. She reminds chapters to send any changes of address or officers to her.

In February she mailed the master Questionnaire to 29 state chairmen and two state officers. She requests that the chapter regent put the chapter name on each page of the questionnaire in order to guarantee that the proper credit can be given.

Cora P. Teel (Mrs.)

State Organizing Secretary

This officer has collected yearbooks and officer lists from the chapters. She has spoken with individual officers of chapters encouraging them to keep their chapter vital. This officer has distributed forms, revitalization ideas from National Chapter Revitalization Committee. She has made herself accessible at all times.

The State Organizing Secretary has spoken with Rebekah Hart O'Sullivan, a member in North Carolina, who is willing to serve as Chapter Organizing Regent to form a DAR chapter in Mullens. Mrs. O'Sullivan's family came from this area. It is a pleasure to serve the State Society in the administration.

Sally Ann Greenfield (Mrs. Gary W.)

State Treasurer

This officer has attended State Conference, all District meetings; Continental Congress; attended the Memoriam for the Merritt Family Cemetery and reinterment of Revolutionary War Soldier, Pvt. Malchor Strupe; attended the 231st Battle of Point Pleasant Memorial Service; walked in the annual Huntington Veterans Day parade, attended John Young Chapter's 75th Anniversary celebration; helped with a chapter workshop.

This officer has performed the duties of the State Treasurer to the best of her ability and hope it is to your satisfaction. All bills have been paid in a timely fashion.

It has been a VERY busy year. We deposited \$68,080.04 and paid out \$29,763.54. This worksheet, front and back, shows only the transactions of the checkbook, listing all the accounts and the moneys that come into them and their dispensations. Some of these accounts will be transferred out and into their respective savings accounts, on June 30th the close of our fiscal year. —i.e. Blanche Reymann Scholarship Fund; Cameo Club, WV Peter's Cottage at Tamassee; and WV Room-DAR Museum, There are a couple of items I want to call to your attention:

1. Our State Society collected \$2,207.00 for Katrina Relief.
2. Not only did you pay your, state and conference dues, you gave to our DAR schools and colleges and college dorm and personal expenses, to the many scholarships, including the Caroline Holt Nursing, American Indian, Blanche Reymann to name a few, you also sent money to help our soldiers and veterans in VA and German Hospitals; you gave money for the many "Friends" funds (Friends of Museum-adopt an object, etc.) and helped out our Junior Membership. Your generosity has helped so many, and helped to keep our DAR Mission — historic preservation, education and patriotism alive and well. It is not how much you give — but if everyone gives a little, much can be done.

This officer has verified our Investment accounts with the financial institutions holding our assets, all are in tack and in balance with current checkbook. The accounts are: Blanche Reymann Scholarship and a CD; the Cameo Club; WV Peters Cottage; Presley's Portrait CD's; WV Room and an Investment account. With the approval of our State Regent, this officer had a DAR member audit the books for last year. She found the records to fairly represent the financial position and the revenue and expenses for the West Virginia State Society NSDAR.

This officer is still waiting on two chapters to send their 2004 2005 Financial Statements and one chapter hat has sent 2005 — 2006 Budget or 2004 — 2005 Financial Statement that the Treasurer General has required that be keep on file. There are copies of Statement of position; Statement of Activities and Report of Audit Committee on a table in the hall. These forms from the Treasurer General are only a suggestion on what needs to be completed. Your chapter may not use all of the line items or may need to add line items to it. There should be enough for a set of forms for each chapter. You can make as many copies as you need from these forms as you would need. I encourage the chapter regents to plan an audit as you finish up this year. This should be a yearly item on your agenda. A copy then can be sent to the State Treasurer each year.

This officer would like to brag on all our Chapter Treasurers!!! Would they please stand? They have worked so hard and this officer is so very proud of them. The pages have a small token for you.

Four (4) awards are given this year.

1st place — Lilly Faye Lanham, Treasurer of the Col. Charles Lewis Chapter for being the very first chapter to send their 2005 — 2006 Chapter Treasurer's Report to the State Treasurer. This report was received 25th of October.

She was elated that all here dues were in so early!

2nd place — Marguerite Long, Treasurer of Colonel William Lowther Chapter.

3rd place — Inez D. Lucas, Treasurer of John Young Chapter.

Honorable mention — Lois Taylor, Treasurer of Kanawha Valley chapter

Barbara Rutledge (Mrs. Eldon)

State Registrar

This State Registrar reports that we have 39 Chapters. Membership count is down from last year. The Good News is The WV Chapters are working diligently to increase membership. A workshop done in the Wheeling area promoted 7 – 10 new Prospective Members for the Wheeling Chapter. In March, I held a workshop in the Southern District which included the six southern chapters: Captain James Allen, General Andrew Lewis, John Chapman, John Cooke, Matthew French, and Peters Mountain. A pre-workshop was held for Chapter Registrars and interested members to help assist in the application process. I plan to hold workshops in the Eastern, Central and Western Districts before the next state conference.

Upon request of the State Regent, Mrs. Gilkeson, I preformed miscellaneous duties contacting members, not in good standing, to interest them in re-joining. I feel this was a fruitful venture. I feel that we must educate our Registrars and members in the application process and keeping our chapters informed of the changers form National. It has been a pleasure to serve.

Judith Athey Tuttle (Mrs. Timothy)

State Historian

Thirty-nine chapters reported to the State Historian, twelve listed "no report". One chapter placed a wreath at "The Magazine" during Battle Days. They also placed flags at the Pioneer Cemetery. CAR assisted. One chapter had two historical programs presented; another is caring for an Indian Mound located on the farm of a member.

The Lewis & Clark Expedition was visited at Sistersville and Marietta. Donated to the NSDAR library was a complete set of "Ruttencutter Funeral Home Records", a DVD "Diary of George Edwards", and "Tyler County WV Marriages, 1852 – 1890" by Wes Cochran. Two chapters entered the NSDAR Outstanding Teacher of American History Contest. Three chapters marked graves of Revolutionary War soldiers/patriots. One chapter Regent donated \$100.00 each to The American Collection Club and NSDAR Achieves Fund. One chapter donated to the NSDAR Library research and sponsored a nominee for the History award. Three Historical/Commemorative sites were marked and one chapter proudly announced they have seven members of "The Washington Family" buried in their cemetery.

The following chapters will be recognized by the State Historian: Ohio Valley, James Wood, John Young and Captain James Allen.

Joan Sweeney (Mrs. Lloyd)

State Librarian

A total of 14 books and one monetary donation have been made in the reporting period of April 2005 – April 2006. This gives us a credit of 14 books.

1. A book entitled Revolutionary War Patriots and Soldiers: Thomas Bone, 1713-1784; William Ward Burrows 1758-1805; Roger Nelson 1759-1815; A genealogical history with Biographical Sketches, by Rosa Baylor Hall, from Rosa Baylor Hall, through the Bee Line Chapter in honor of Mrs. Rosa B. Hall
2. A CD entitles Diary of George Edwards, by Richard Edwards was donated by June Folk through the Pack Horse Ford Chapter in memory of George Edwards.
3. Three books have been donated by State Regent Shirley Gilkeson through the Kanawha Valley Chapter titled as follows: A Census of Cemeteries, Troy District, Gilmer County, West Virginia in memory of Tom Collins; Cemeteries of Lewis County, West Virginia and Adjacent Counties in memory of Dr. Perry Davis; and The Broad Run Baptist Church Bicentennial Anniversary, 1904 – 2004 in memory of Dr. Perry Davis.
4. A donation entitled West Virginia's Lower Tygart Valley River: People and Places by Carolynn Fortney Hamilton was made by Mary McLaughlin through the John Young Chapter in honor of Barbara Lucas.
5. A donation entitled Early Births, 1853 – 1857, Ohio County (W) Virginia compiled by Mary Lou Dueker Henderson through the Wheeling Chapter.
6. A donation of seven books by the Blennerhassett Chapter entitled: Barbour County West Virginia Deaths, 1929-1948, M – Z; Barbour County West Virginia Deaths 1949 – 1959; Calhoun County West Virginia marriages 1927 – 1947; Calhoun County West Virginia marriages 1948 – 1969; Tyler County West Virginia Census for 1820, 1830, 1840; Taylor County West Virginia Marriages 1815 – 1852; Tyler County West Virginia marriages 1852 – 1890.
7. A monetary donation was made by the Peters Mountain Chapter in honor of Mrs. Wanza Spangler.

A "Wish List" of books desired by the National Library is always available through the member's web site.

My thanks to all whom have donated books and money to the Library during the past year.

Marjorie S. Allen (Mrs. Robert)

WEST VIRGINIA STATE SOCIETY
One Hundred and Second State Conference
April 13-15, 2007

Board of Management Meeting
Friday, April 13, 2007

The annual meeting of the State Board of Management, West Virginia State Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, met in the Charleston House Holiday Inn on Friday, April 13, 2007.

The welcome was given by the State Regent, Mrs. Roy A. Gilkeson with Mrs. James E. Wallace, State Chaplain giving the Invocation. Lunch was served at 12:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order at 1:45 p.m. by State Regent, Mrs. Roy A. Gilkeson. Mrs. Robert Nalley, State Vice Regent led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United State of America. Mrs. Gilkeson extended a welcome to all in attendance.

The State Regent then introduced the Honorary State Regents as follows: Honorary Vice President General, Honorary State Regent Miss Virginia B. Johnson and Honorary State Regent Mrs. Charles L. Silliman.

Mrs. Gilkeson recognized the State Officers. Due to health reasons, Mrs. Lloyd Sweeney, State Historian, was unable to be in attendance. The State Regent also recognized and thanked Mrs. Terry Komegay, State Parliamentarian, State Recording Secretary Miss Charla L. Nutter called the Roll of West Virginia's National Officer, Honoraries, State Officers, District Directors and Chapter Regents. They responded as follows: Honorary State Regents—2, State Officers—9, District Directors—4, Chapter Regents—16.

The State Regent asked for and received verification from the State Recording Secretary that a quorum was present. The minutes of the Board of Management meeting on April 7, 2006 were read by Miss Nutter and approved as read.

Mrs. Gilkeson called for the report of the Finance Committee. Mrs. Barbara Rutledge, State Treasurer and member of the Finance Committee, presented the proposed budget for 2007-2008 in the absence of the Finance Chairman, Miss Jean Ann Elliott. Copies were distributed and Mrs. Rutledge explained the figures.

Miss Nutter read the recommendation from the Executive Committee that the Finance Committee's Report by accepted as presented and moved for its adoption. The recommendation was adopted.

Miss Nutter was then asked to read the second recommendation from the Executive Committee:

RECOMMENDATION II—That any profit realized after all expenses incurred in the compiling, printing and distribution of the Comprehensive History of the West Virginia State Society 1899-2007 have been paid, be placed in a special fund to be used in the following manner: one half to be used to supplement the publication of the WVDAR News; one fourth to help pay for the WV pages in the NSDAR Magazine; one fourth to be used for monetary awards to State Winners of the American History, Christopher Columbus, Good Citizen, and Junior American Citizen committees. Discussion was held and the recommendation was accepted.

RECOMMENDATION III—a suggestion to the Executive Board from the Long Range Planning Committee—during the next year of the new administration—redefine the duties of the District Directors and one of the additional duties of the five District Directors will be to collect the Master Questionnaires from the chapters in her District. The Director may have closer contact to her chapters in the District and will be able to better develop a solution to any problems.

Discussion was held and the recommendation was accepted pending review within the next year.

The State Regent called for the Reading of the Standing Rules as printed on page 11 of the State Conference program by Mrs. Terry Komegay, State Parliamentarian. It was moved by Mrs. Cora P. Teel, State Corresponding Secretary, seconded by Mrs. Margaret Meredith, Regent of John Hart Chapter, that the Standing Rules be approved as printed. Motion approved.

The State Regent called for the reports of the State Officers. The State Vice Regent was asked to assume the chair. The State Regent gave a brief report deferring most of it until Saturday morning.

The State Vice Regent asked for all members that will be attending Congress to please let her know so she can arrange for seating. State Treasurer Mrs. Eldon Rutledge distributed copies of her Treasurer's Report. She verified with all financial institutions that all state assets are in tact and are balanced with the official books. 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.

Unfinished Business: Chapter histories—Mrs. Cora P. Teel discussed the project and reported that she is still seeking some chapter responses.

Chapter Web pages—16 chapters do not have a web pages and are not currently working on one either. Monica Brooks, VIS State Chairman, will continue to help any chapter interesting in developing a web page.

The State Regent called for the report of the By Laws Committee. It was reported that no proposed By-Law changes were to be brought before the State Board of Management.

Mrs. Gilkeson went over some information from the last National Board of Management meeting. The President General's Project of preserving documents will be completed in June, three years ahead of schedule and 10 and one half million dollars less than the projected cost. A new "coffee table" type book about DAR across the nation has been published and will be available at the 116th Continental Congress. Applications are taking less than six (6) weeks to be verified and supplements are now being verified within eight (8) months. Subscriptions for the *American Spirit* magazine are up 16% and the May/June issue will be mailed to all members.

Continental Congress information: June 27-July 1 and the WV Event will an Almost Heaven Ice Cream Social to honor Presley Wagoner, President General. Please contact Ginger Nalley, State Vice Regent for more information about this event. The tickets are \$25.

All West Virginia Daughters have been invited to attend the 60th Annual Service at the Cathedral of the Pines on August 18, 2007 in Ringe, New Hampshire.

The State Officers are still selling WVDAR totebags. Mrs. Gilkeson reminded all Board of Management members to promote the various sales tables during the Conference.

The State Regent reminded the State Board of Management to be on time for all sessions. Mrs. Wallace gave the benediction. The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Miss Charla L. Nutter
State Recording Secretary

One Hundred and Second State Conference Opening Session Friday, April 13, 2007

The One Hundred and Second Annual State Conference of the West Virginia State Society, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution was called to order at 8:30 p.m. on Friday, April 13, 2007 in the Isacoff and Baronner Rooms of the Charleston House Holiday Inn, Charleston West Virginia. Musical selections were presented by Mrs. Becky Leach of Beckley, WV.

The State Regent, National Officers, Honorary State Regents, Conference Guests, State Officers and Hostess Regents of the Eastern District entered in processional escorted by the Conference Pages and the members of the 130th Airlift Wing Base Honor Guard, representing all members of the United States Air Force.

The State Regent, Mrs. Roy A. Gilkeson, called the 100th State Conference to order. Mrs. James E. Wallace, State Chaplain, gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Mrs. Eldon Rutledge, State Treasurer. Mrs. Cora P. Teel, State Corresponding Secretary led the Assembly in the American's Creed. Mrs. Judith Fugate, State Registrar, led the singing of the 1st and 4th verses of The National Anthem. The Colors were posted.

The Honorable Joe Manchin, Governor of West Virginia, was unable to attend, but Ms. Tammy Stalling, regional representative gave greetings on behalf of Governor Manchin. Mrs. Robert Nalley, State Vice Regent read greeting from Mrs. Joel M. Wagoner, President General, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. Greetings from the City of Charleston were brought by Mr. Rod Blackstone, representative for the Honorable Danny Jones, Mayor of Charleston.

The State Regent, Mrs. Gilkeson, introduced Mrs. Carol Longer, General Conference Chairman of the 102nd State Conference. Mrs. Linger welcomed all Daughters and Guests to the 102nd State Conference and introduced the Western District Director, Dr. Mary Courtney-Collins and all the Chapter Regents of the Western District, who are serving as hostesses for the Conference.

Mrs. Joanna Alvarez, Senior State President, WVCAR brought greetings on behalf of the West Virginia State Society Children of the American Revolution and she introduced Miss Sheykesia McGuire State President, WVCAR. Miss McGuire is a member of the Fort Randolph Society, WVCAR.

Mr. John H. Sauer, President, West Virginia State Society, Sons of the American Revolution was then introduced and asked to bring greetings. Mrs. Gilkeson then introduced Mrs. Charles Silliman, Honorary State Regent, WVDAR and Mrs. Silliman brought greetings on behalf of all the Honorary State Regents from the West Virginia State Society. The State Regent then introduced the Honorary State Regents in attendance: Miss Virginia B. Johnson, Honorary Vice President General and Honorary State Regent, and Mrs. Charles Silliman, Honorary State Regent. Mrs. Gilkeson reported that Mrs. Gary Gess and Mrs. Jack R. Adams, Dr. Jimelle Rumberg and Miss Jean Ann Elliott, Honorary State Regents sent their regrets and best wishes for the 102nd State Conference.

The State Regent then introduced the Conference Guests: Mrs. Gale Jones Fixmer, First Vice President General, NSDAR and Honorary State Regent of Illinois; Mrs. Rebecca E. Lockhart, State Regent of Florida; Mrs. Sammy K. Cope, State Regent of Kansas; Mrs. Sharon C. Nettles, State Regent of Mississippi; and Mrs. Merry Ann T. Wright, Director of Development, NSDAR, Past Recording Secretary General and Honorary State Regent of New York.

Mrs. Gilkeson then introduced the State Officers and the State Parliamentarian, Mrs. Terry Kornegay. Mrs. Gilkeson introduced the West Virginia Daughters serving as National Chairman and Vice Chairman: Mrs. Cora P. Teel, National Chairman Community Service Awards; Mrs. Roy A. Gilkeson, National Chairman State Regent's Events; Mrs. Anne R. Cummings, National Vice Chairman East Central Division of Americanism; Mrs. Carmen G. Silliman, National Vice Chairman East Central Division of Chapter Achievement Awards; Mrs. Sally Ann Greenfield, National Vice Chairman East Central Division of Children of the American Revolution; Mrs. Betty Belcher, National Vice Chairman East Central Division of Conservation; Mrs. Marion McCullough, National Vice Chairman East Central Division of DAR Schools; Mrs. Frannie Weekley, National Vice Chairman East Central Division of Membership; Mrs. Sally Ford, National Vice Chairman East Central Division of Seimes Technology Center; Mrs. Barbara Rutledge, National Vice Chairman East Central Division of Women's Issues; and Mrs. Shirley M. Gilkeson and Mrs. Carmen G. Silliman, members of the Board of Trustees of the Tamassee DAR School.

The State Regent then asked for all members of the National DAR Speakers Staff to stand to be recognized. Mrs. Gilkeson then asked for the Representatives and Deputies at the Veterans Medical Facilities in West Virginia to stand to be recognized.

Mrs. Gilkeson then introduced the featured speaker for the evening, Mrs. Gale Jones Fixmer, First Vice President General, NSDAR. Mrs. Fixmer's speech was entitled "Love of Patriotism". Following her speech, Mrs. Fixmer was presented a small token of appreciation on behalf of the West Virginia State Society.

Mrs. Gilkeson then recognized the five District Directors and the State Chairman. In addition, Mrs. Gilkeson recognized the State Society's Fifty-Year Club members and those Daughters attending State Conference for the first time. Mrs. Gilkeson introduced Mrs. Randi Gray, State Chairman of Pages, who in turn introduced the Pages for the 102nd State Conference.

Mrs. Gilkeson invited all Daughters and Guests to the Welcome Reception honoring the President General, the State Regent, National Officers, State Officers and Conference Guests in the Chesapeake Crab House Room on the 12th Floor of the Charleston House Holiday Inn.

The Colors were retired by the Pages. There being no further business, the meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m. Saturday, April 14, 2007.

Charla L. Nutter
State Recording Secretary

**One Hundred and Second State Conference
Business Session
Saturday, April 14, 2007**

The business session of the 102nd State Conference, West Virginia State Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, convened Saturday morning, April 14, 2007 at 9:10 a.m. in the Cartier/Joliet Rooms of the Holiday Inn in Parkersburg, West Virginia.

The State Regent, National Officer, Honorary State Regents, State Officers and Conference Guests entered in procession, escorted by the Pages and Color Bearers with music provided by Mrs. Loring H. Vance, Director of the WV State Chorus.

The meeting was called to order by the State Regent Mrs. Roy A. Gilkeson. Mrs. James E. Wallace, State Chaplain, gave the Invocation. Mrs. Judith Fugate, State Registrar, led The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. The American's Creed was led by Mrs. Robert Allen, State Librarian. Mrs. Loring Vance, Director of the WV State Chorus, led the Assembly in singing the first two verses of "America the Beautiful". The Colors were posted.

The State Regent then introduced the Conference Guests and each extended greetings to the assembly. Those introduced were Mrs. Gale Jones Fixmer, First Vice President General, NSDAR and Honorary State Regent of Illinois; Mrs. Rebecca E. Lockhart, State Regent of Florida; Mrs. Sammy K. Cope, State Regent of Kansas; Mrs.

Sharon C. Nettles, State Regent of Mississippi; and Mrs. Merry Ann T. Wright, Director of Development, NSDAR, Past Recording Secretary General and Honorary State Regent of New York.

Mrs. Donald M. Davis, State Chairman Credentials Committee gave the following preliminary report: National Officer—2, Past National Officer—1, National Chairmen—5, National Chairman, East Central Division—9, Conference Guests—5, State Officers—7, Honorary State Regents—2, District Directors—4, State Chairmen—60, Chapter Regents—21, Delegates—87, Alternates—25, Member—6, Pages—17, Voting Strength—86. Mrs. Davis moved that the report be adopted. The report was adopted.

Mrs. Gilkeson requested and received verification from the State Recording Secretary that a quorum was established.

Mrs. Terry Kornegay, State Parliamentarian, recommended that the Standing Rules printed on pages 21-22 of the State Conference Program, and read at the State Board of Management meeting on Friday, April 13, be adopted as the Standing Rules of the 102nd State Conference. The Standing Rules were adopted.

Mrs. Robert Nalley, State Vice Regent, presented the Conference Program and presented the following correction: on page 7, Mrs. Fugate, State Registrar led The National Anthem. Mrs. Nalley moved that the Conference Program be adopted as corrected. The Conference Program as corrected was adopted as the official program of the 102nd State Conference.

Mrs. Gilkeson appointed Mrs. Cora P. Teel, Mrs. Mindy Davis and Mrs. Patricia Daugherty to approve Friday night, Saturday night and Sunday morning business session minutes. The State Recording Secretary is responsible for receiving approval for the State Minutes for this committee.

The Honorary State Regents were introduced as follows: Miss Virginia B. Johnson, Honorary Vice President General and Honorary State Regent; and Mrs. Charles L. Silliman, Honorary State Regent. Mrs. Gilkeson recognized the National Chairmen, National Vice Chairmen and the National Vice Chairmen of the East-Central Division.

The State Regent then asked for the proposed changes to the State By-Laws to be read. No By-Law changes were to be made this year.

Mrs. George Linaweaver, State Chairman of the Resolutions Committee stated that there no resolutions to be presented during the 102nd State Conference.

The State Recording Secretary was directed to present the recommendations from the State Board of Management.

RECOMMENDATION I--That any profit realized after all expenses incurred in the compiling, printing and distribution of the Comprehensive History of the West Virginia State Society 1899-2007 have been paid, be placed in a special fund to be used in the following manner: one half to be used to supplement the publication of the WVDAR News; one fourth to help pay for the WV pages in the NSDAR Magazine; one fourth to be used for monetary awards to State Winners of the American History, Christopher Columbus, Good Citizen, and Junior American Citizen committees.

Discussion was held and the recommendation was adopted.

RECOMMENDATION II—a suggestion to the Executive Board from the Long Range Planning Committee—during the next year of the new administration—redefine the duties of the District Directors and one of the additional duties of the five District Directors will be to collect the Master Questionnaires from the chapters in her District. The Director may have closer contact to her chapters in the District and will be able to better develop a solution to any problems.

Discussion was held and the recommendation was adopted.

The State Regent then asked Miss Nutter to read from the WV State Society By-Laws, Article VI, Section 1 and 2—Election of Officers.

Miss Nutter read Article VI, Section 1--“The Officers of the State Society shall be elected by ballot at the annual State Meeting every third year. A majority vote shall constitute an election. Section 2—A Nominating Committee shall be elected at the State Conference preceding the State Conference at with the State Officers are to be elected. The 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. The candidate for State Regent shall have the privilege of suggesting the name of the 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”.

Mrs. Gilkeson then appointed the following Daughters to serve as tellers for the election: Mrs. Elizabeth Davis, Erseline Rumbach, Dorrene Hale, Robin McClure and Linda Hendrickson.

Mrs. Gilkeson asked Mrs. Patricia Daugherty to report on behalf of the Nominating Committee. The following were nominated to serve the West Virginia State Society for 2007-2010: **State Regent:** Virginia "Ginger" Nalley, Ohio Valley Chapter, Northern District; **State Vice Regent:** Charla L. Nutter, Col. William Lowther Chapter, Northern District; **State Chaplain:** Nancy R. Komegay, Peters Mountain Chapter, Southern District; **State Recording Secretary:** Kathleen E. Bledsoe, Westmoreland Chapter, Western District; **State Corresponding Secretary:** Lillian "Lee" Eddy, Ohio Valley Chapter, Northern District; **State Organizing Secretary:** Julia Linaweaver, Ye Towne of Bath Chapter, Eastern District; **State Treasurer:** Joan McClelland, Wheeling Chapter, Northern District; **State Registrar:** Carol Linger, Kanawha Valley Chapter, Western District; **State Historian:** Diana L. Johnson, Col. Charles Lewis Chapter, Western District; **State Librarian:** Susan G. Arnold, Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Col. John Evans Chapter, Central District.

The State Regent then called for additional nominations. Hearing none, the nominations were closed. Mrs. Gilkeson reported that voting would be by ballot from 2-4 p.m. in the MacCorkle Room.

Mrs. Gilkeson announced that the Conference Guests would serve as the judges for the Press Book and Scrapbook contests.

The timekeepers, Mrs. Joyce Blake and Mrs. Melissa Smith, 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 reported. All reports will be printed in full in the Proceedings. The State Officers then gave their brief 2-minute reports.

At this time, Barbara Rutledge, ex-officio member of the Finance Committee was asked to present the budget for 2007-2008. A copy of the report was distributed and she was permitted to read it in full. Mrs. Rutledge moved for the adoption of the 2007-2008 Budget. Miss Nutter was instructed to read the recommendation by the State Board of Management.

RECOMMENDATION III- that the Budget for the 2007-2008 year as presented by the Finance Committee be adopted.

The budget was adopted.

Reports were heard from the State Chairmen of National Committees, State Chairmen of Committees with National Recognition and the State Chairmen of Committees with State Recognition. Thirty-six chairmen reported.

Mrs. Gilkeson reminded all officers, chairmen, guests and regents to be on time for the photos at 5:30 p.m. this evening. Mrs. Gilkeson reminded the assembly that the Finance and Leadership Workshop would begin immediately following the Awards Luncheon in the Isacoff Room.

The session was recessed at 11:55 a.m.

Miss Charla L. Nutter,
State Recording Secretary

One Hundred and Second State Conference
"Presenting Our Shining Stars" Awards Luncheon
Saturday, April 14, 2007

The "Presenting Our Shining Stars" Luncheon was held in the Cobb/Shanklin/Morgan Rooms of the Charleston House Holiday Inn in Charleston, West Virginia on Saturday, April 14, 2007 at noon.

Mrs. Roy A. Gilkeson, State Regent, presided. The invocation was given by Mrs. Robert Frankenberry, Eastern District Director. Miss Shaykesia McGuire, State President of the West Virginia State Society, Children of the American Revolution, led the assembly in The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Following the luncheon, Mrs. Gilkeson introduced the luncheon guests. Mrs. Ginger Nalley was then asked to introduce the featured speaker for the luncheon. Congresswoman Shelley Moore Capito then addressed those in attendance at the luncheon. Mrs. Gilkeson presented Congresswoman Capito with a token on behalf of the State Society for her inspirational words.

The State Regent then presented the winners of the American Heritage Committee's contests in Art and Sculpture, Fiber Arts, and Literature/Drama. All State winners' entries were forwarded to the National Vice Chairman for judging on the National level. Certificates were presented to the winners.

Mrs. Judith Bowyer, State Chairman of American History, presented awards to the State winners of the Christopher Columbus Essay contest for grades 9-12. Mrs. Bowyer also recognized Mrs. Gerry Kohler, 2006 WVDAR American History Teacher of the Year and the 2006 Preserve American History Teacher.

Mrs. Eloise Puglisi, State Chairman of the Blanche L. Reymann Scholarship Fund, presented the 2007 Scholarship Winner.

Mrs. Rita Laishley, Regent, Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Col. John Evans Chapter, presented the winner of the newly created Hagans-Evans Scholarship. Mrs. Laishley gave a brief narration of how the scholarship was created.

Mrs. Harriet Brown, State Chairman, Community Service Award, introduced Mr. Bill Fortune, the 2006-2007 State First Place winner in Community Service.

Miss Sally O. Cyrus, State Chairman, DAR Good Citizen Committee, presented Miss Mallory Nicole Griffith as the 2007 State DAR Good Citizen recipient.

Due to ill health, the State Historian, Mrs. Joan Sweeney, was unable to attend the State Conference. The 2007 American History Teacher of the Year, Ms. Linda Summer, was sponsored by the Captain James Allen Chapter and Mrs. Margaret Ann Bays, Regent, presented Ms. Summer with her award.

Mrs. Susan Garrett, State Chairman, Junior American Citizens Committee, then presented awards for her committee.

Mrs. Edna Barnes, State Membership Chairman, presented the following awards:

Membership Essay Contest Winner—Miss Frankie K. Cline

Chapter Gaining the Most New Members by Application:

1st place—Shenandoah Valley Chapter, 14 members

2nd place—Kanawha Valley Chapter, 7 members

3rd place—Buford, Hagans-Evans, Pack Horse Ford and Trans-Allegheny, 6 members

Mrs. Susan Arnold, State Chairman, Literacy Challenge Committee presented awards for her committee. Mrs. Rebecca E. Lockhart, State Regent of Florida is also the National Chairman of the Literacy Challenge Committee and was introduced at this time.

At 1:40 p.m. the State Regent reconvened the Business Meeting for the purpose of receiving the report of the Credentials Committee at the time of registration closing. Mrs. Donald M. Davis, State Chairman Credentials Committee gave the following report: National Officer—2, Past National Officer—1, National Chairmen—5, National Chairman, East Central Division—10, Conference Guests—5, State Officers—9, Honorary State Regents—2, District Directors—4, State Chairmen—65, Chapter Regents—23, Delegates—92, Alternates—28, Member—12, Pages—17, Guests—4, Subtotal—288, Total Registration—159, Voting Strength—107. Mrs. Davis moved that the report be adopted. The motion was seconded by Miss Virginia B. Johnson, John Young Chapter. The report was adopted.

Mrs. Gilkeson thanked the Hostess Chapter, Kanawha Valley, and their Regent, Mrs. Joan Collins for the wonderful decorations. Mrs. Gilkeson encouraged all members to attend the Finance and Leadership Workshop immediately following the luncheon. The State Chaplain, Mrs. James E. Wallace, gave the benediction.

Miss Charla L. Nutter,
State Recording Secretary

One Hundred and Second State Conference

"Star Spangled" Banquet

April 14, 2007

"Star Spangled" Banquet was held in the Cobb/Shanklin/Morgan/Baronner Rooms of the Charleston House Holiday Inn in Charleston, West Virginia on Saturday, April 14, 2007 at 7 p.m.

The State Regent, National Officers, Honorary State Regents, State Officers, and Conference Guests entered in procession, escorted by Pages and Flag Bearers. Mrs. Roy A. Gilkeson, State Regent, presided at the banquet. The invocation was given by the State Chaplain, Mrs. James E. Wallace. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Miss Charla L. Nutter, State Recording Secretary. Mrs. Robert Allen, State Librarian, led The National Anthem. The Colors were posted.

Following dinner, Mrs. Gilkeson asked Mrs. Carol Linger, State Conference Chairman to introduce the musical entertainment. "Cabaret" directed by Joanne Cordell and accompanied by Sharon Curmutte, a member of the Westmoreland Chapter was introduced.

Mrs. Gilkeson then introduced the WV Honorary State Regents—Miss Virginia B. Johnson, Past Vice President General and Honorary State Regent; and Mrs. Carmen G. Silliman, Honorary State Regent. Mrs. Gilkeson thanked them for their friendship and support. Mrs. Gilkeson then introduced the Conference Guests. Those introduced were Mrs. Gale Jones Fixmer, First Vice President General, NSDAR and Honorary State Regent of Illinois; Mrs. Rebecca E. Lockhart, State Regent of Florida; Mrs. Sammy K. Cope, State Regent of Kansas; Mrs.

Sharon C. Nettles, State Regent of Mississippi; and Mrs. Merry Ann T. Wright, Director of Development, NSDAR, Past Recording Secretary General and Honorary State Regent of New York.

The State Regent then formally introduced her State Officers and thanked them for their hard work and support during this administration. Mrs. Gilkeson asked the Daughters serving as National Chairmen and Vice Chairman to stand to be recognized. The Daughters appointed by the President General to serve on the National Speakers Staff were also recognized. Mrs. Gilkeson asked all State Chairman to stand to be recognized.

The Business Session reconvened at 9:15 p.m. following the Banquet for the purpose of receiving reports of the District Directors and the Chapter Regents. The timekeepers were asked to assume their positions during the reports. All reports will be printed in full in the official proceedings. Mrs. Gilkeson thanked the timekeepers for their service.

The WV DAR Chorus, under the direction of Mrs. Annabelle Vance, entertained the Daughters and guests.

Mrs. Gale Jones Fixmer, First Vice President General, assisted in the presentation of the certificates to the WV Chapters who had 100% Participation in the President General's Project in 2006-2007.

Mrs. Eloise Puglisi, State Chairman of the Blanche L. Reymann Scholarship Fund, sold voices on a Fiestaware gift basket to raise money for the scholarship. She then drew the winning ticket and awarded the basket.

The Chinese Auction to raise money for the State Regent's Project was then conducted.

Mrs. Gilkeson then recognized Mrs. Nalley. Mrs. Nalley and the State Officers "roasted" the State Regent and presented her with mementos and tokens of their affection for a wonderful administration.

Mrs. Gilkeson reminded all District Directors and Chapters Regents to line up at 8:15 a.m. for the Memorial Service. Brunch will immediately follow the Memorial Service.

The State Regent thanked Mrs. Patricia Daugherty, Regent and the members of the Buford Chapter for serving as hostesses for the banquet. Mrs. James E. Wallace, State Chaplain, gave the benediction.

The Colors were retired and the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 p.m. until 10:30 a.m. Sunday morning for the Closing Business Session.

Miss Charla L. Nutter,
State Recording Secretary

One Hundred and Second State Conference
Closing Business Session
April 15, 2007

State Regent Mrs. Roy A. Gilkeson called the Sunday morning business session of the 102nd State Conference to order at 10:35 a.m.

Mrs. James A. Wallace, State Chaplain gave the Invocation. Dr. Mary Collins, Western District Director led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United State of America. Mrs. Robert McClelland, Northern District Director, led the American's Creed.

The Assembly sang "West Virginia Hills", followed by the Posting of the Colors. Musical selections were provided by Mrs. Becky Leach.

The State Regent recognized the Conference Guests, First Vice President General Mrs. Fixmer, State Regent of Florida Mrs. Lockhart, State Regent of Kansas Mrs. Cope, State Regent of Mississippi Mrs. Nettles and NSDAR Director of Development Mrs. Wright. Each guest expressed a gracious goodbye and thanked the WV Daughters for the invitation to attend West Virginia's 102nd State Conference.

The minutes of Saturday's business session were read by State Recording Secretary Miss Charla L. Nutter. There being no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved as read.

Mrs. Becky Davis, State Credentials Chairman, gave the Final Report of Credentials. The report was as follows: National Officers-2, Past National Officers-1, National Chairmen-5, National Vice Chairmen-10, Honored Conference Guest-5, State Officers-9, Honorary State Regents-2, State Chairmen of National and State Recognition-65, Chapter Regents-23, Delegates-92, Alternates-28, Guests-4, Total Registration-159 and a Voting Strength of 107. A motion to accept the final report of the Credentials Committee was made by Mrs. Davis. A second to the motion was made by Mrs. Frances Weekley, Ohio Valley Chapter. The report was accepted.

Mrs. Charles L. Silliman, Honorary State Regent, was requested to present the winners of the Press Book

and Scrapbook competitions. Mrs. Silliman announced the following winners: **PressBook:** 3rd Place: Anne Royall Chapter, 2nd Place: Elizabeth Ludington Hagens-Col. John Evans Chapter, 1st Place: Buford Chapter
ScrapBook: Honorable Mention: John Hart Chapter, 3rd Place: Kanawha Valley Chapter, 2nd Place: Pack Horse Ford Chapter, and 1st Place: Hagens-Evans Chapter

At this time, the Tellers were asked to report the election results. Mrs. Elizabeth Davis, Chairman, reported as follows (100 ballots were cast during voting):

| Candidate | Office | Votes |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------|
| Virginia "Ginger" Nalley | State Regent | 100 |
| Charla L. Nutter | State Vice Regent | 100 |
| Nancy Ramsey Komegay | State Chaplain | 100 |
| Kathleen E. Bledsoe | State Recording Secretary | 99 |
| Lillian "Lee" Eddy | State Corresponding Secretary | 100 |
| Julia Linaweaver | State Organizing Secretary | 99 |
| Joan McClelland | State Treasurer | 98 |
| Carol Linger | State Registrar | 98 |
| Diana Lynn Johnson | State Historian | 100 |
| Susan Glasscock Arnold | State Librarian | 100 |
| Shirley Morrison Gilkeson | Candidate for Vice President General | 98 |

Mrs. Gilkeson declared the above named Daughters elected to office for the 2007-2010 term. She asked that each elected new officer stand and be recognized. Mrs. Gilkeson recognized the Tellers and thanked them for their service. The tellers were as follows: Dorrene Hale, Linda Hendrickson, Robin McClure, Erseline Rumbach and Chairman Elizabeth Davis. Mrs. Eldon Rutledge made a motion to destroy the ballots. Mrs. Robert Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried and Mrs. Gilkeson instructed Mrs. Davis to destroy the ballots.

At this time, the State Vice Regent assumed the chair. She entertained a motion to nominate Mrs. Roy A. Gilkeson as Honorary State Regent. Mrs. Frances Weekly, Ohio Valley Chapter, so moved and the motion was seconded by Mrs. Sally Ford, General Andrew Lewis Chapter. Motion carried.

Mrs. Robert Frankenberry, Eastern District Director, offered the Invitation to the 2009 State Conference to be held in Martinsburg.

Mrs. Gilkeson asked Mrs. Wallace to conduct the Installation of the State Officers with the exception of the State Regent and State Vice Regent. Mrs. Gilkeson stated that Mrs. Nalley and Miss Nutter would be installed and confirmed during the 116th Continental Congress on July 1, 2007. Mrs. Gilkeson then asked the newly elected State Regent to address the assembly.

Mrs. Gilkeson called for the Courtesy Resolutions. Julia Linaweaver, State Chairman of Resolutions, read the Courtesy Resolutions and moved for the adoption of the resolutions. The motion was seconded by Mrs. James E. Wallace, State Chaplain and the resolutions were adopted.

Mrs. Gilkeson thanked Mrs. Carol Linger, General Conference Chairman and the Chapters of the Western District for their hospitality.

The group joined together in singing "Blest Be the Tie that Binds". Mrs. Wallace, State Chaplain, gave the benediction. The Colors were retired and the 102nd State Conference was adjourned.

Miss Charla L. Nutter,
 State Recording Secretary

One Hundred and Second State Conference State Officer Reports

State Regent

The last year of this administration has been very busy, but most productive. The sharing of all the trips, meetings, and experiences that you have made possible by electing me as State Regent will always be a most special time in my life as I have enjoyed representing you with much pride and affection.

This year, I attended the 115th Continental Congress; the June, July, October, and February National Board of Management Meetings; conducted five workshops at the District Meeting; represented the State Society at Battle Days in Point Pleasant and Graduation and Founders Day at Tamassee. It was my distinct honor to bring greetings from the West Virginia State Society at the Missouri State Conference in April, the North Carolina State Conference in May, the Mississippi State Conference in February, the Delaware, Virginia and Florida State Conferences in March, and the Kentucky State Conferences in April. I will represent you at the Illinois State Conference at the end of April and Tennessee and Oregon State Conferences in May. It is a wonderful experience visiting with so many wonderful Daughters all over the country, and to witness their devotion and dedication to the objectives of our Society.

Last spring and fall, I continued my visits to West Virginia Chapters and am pleased to have visited all by two chapters, some more than once, during this administration. Visiting our wonderful West Virginia Daughters and celebrating their accomplishments is a special treat. This year it was my pleasure to celebrate with the Anne Royall Chapter their 65th Anniversary and will it be my honor to celebrate with the Anne Bailey Chapter their 50th Anniversary on May 19, 2007 and John Hart Chapter's 100th Anniversary on June 9, 2007. I also had the honor of bringing greeting at the inaugural meeting of a new SAR Chapter in Oceana.

A three day West Virginia DAR Bus Tour of Yorktown and Jamestown starting Charleston with Western District Daughters and joining with Daughters from the Central and Eastern District was the highlight of the year. Commemorating the 225th Anniversary of the Battle of Yorktown in October 2006 and the 400th Anniversary of the Founding of Jamestown Colony in the May of 2007 made this trip a special event for the group. Great appreciation is expressed to Betty Reinhart of the Pack Horse Ford Chapter for planning the trip.

Two issues of the *WVDAR News* have been published this year and two circular letters mailed to the Board of Management. A WV DAR Fact Sheet was created and distributed at the WV History Day at the State Capitol and published on the WVDAR web site. It is a pleasure to announce that eighteen chapters now have web pages, two are waiting approval and four more are under construction.

During this administration the Josephine C. Peters West Virginia Collage at Tamassee has been painted inside and out, new flooring was installed in the kitchen, a new sink and vanity was installed in the Regent's Room, new bedroom furniture and quilts were purchased for two bedrooms, pictures were hung in the Regents Room of all WV State Regents who had worked on the Peters Cottage, a new television was donated and cable was installed and the front yard was landscaped. We were pleased to have two staff and eight children from Tamassee visit during the 101st State Conference with the expenses for their trip paid from the sell of voices on a Lee Middleton Doll. This State Regent has spent many hours working on membership monitoring the Prospective Member Referral List, the change in membership list drop often writing personal letters to these ladies. The State Registrar was instructed to contact every Chapter with a member on the delinquent list which has resulted in reduction of dropped member. Many thanks to Judy Fugate for a job well done. Reinstatements are up. New applications continue to increase year after year. Yet, again we have a decrease in membership due to deaths and resignations. Chapter revitalization and membership recruitment must continue to be our primary focus. We must all work to REVIVE our charter and RETAIN and RECRUIT new members.

The State Regent is so very proud of the West Virginia Daughters for their generosity in their donation of money; items for fundraisers; and their time and support of the President General's Portrait Fund. The beautiful portrait of President General Presley Merritt Wagoner, a gift from the West Virginia State Society to the National Society, will be unveiled and dedicated on Thursday, June 28, 2007 during the 116th Continental Congress. Following the dedication of the portrait in Memorial Continental Hall, the West Virginia Daughters will sponsor a West Virginia Almost Heaven Ice Cream Social honoring the President General at the J. W. Marriott Hotel.

Your State Regent had the honor of representing you at the 115th Continental Congress last June with the presentation of a gift to the National Junior Membership Committee of the beautiful "Miss Presley" doll. Voices were mailed to the State Junior Membership Chairmen in all fifty States and to every Chapter Regent in West Virginia. The West Virginia State Society has the responsibility of displaying "Miss Presley" at the Junior Membership Shoppe at Continental Congress in 2007 and selling voices on her doll to the Junior Membership Committee representing our President General. As your State Regent, I am eternally grateful to all West Virginia Daughters who have contributed in so many ways to this project.

The State Regents Project is moving along on schedule. To recap, the book will be a comprehensive history of the West Virginia State Society from 1899-2007 with four parts: Part I will be the reprinting of the history printed in 1928; Part II will be the reprinting of the history printed in 1982; Part III will be the history from 1982-2007; and Part IV will be the listing of every member of the West Virginia State Society from 1899 to 2007 with their Revolutionary ancestor. The project is on schedule with a projected completion and distribution date of April, 2008. Hopefully, an order form will be published in the *West Virginia DAR News* early in 2008.

In closing, know that I have enjoyed each and every moment serving as your State Regent. It has been a challenge of faith, hope and love. It has been a genuine pleasure to work with each of you. I would like to express my deepest appreciation to all the members of the Board of Management for their willingness to serve, their loyalty, and their dedication to our organization. Without their support, cooperation and love her job would have been impossible. Thank you so very much.

May your light continue to shine brightly as you endeavor to insure the future of our country by promoting objectives of the Daughters of the American Revolution. May God continue to bless you, our wonderful organization, and the United States of America.

Shirley M. Gilkeson, (Mrs. Roy A.)

State Vice Regent

What an awesome experience it has been to serve in this Administration! Thank you for the opportunity!

This officer once again attended all the District Meetings and enjoyed criss-crossing the beautiful state to meet with the Daughters.

Plans are being finalized for the "Almost Heaven" Ice Cream Social honoring our President General and West Virginia Daughter, Presley M. Wagoner. Please see me for reservations. I hope that you will be able to attend and enjoy the experience of Congress.

Thank you for this awesome experience!

Virginia "Ginger" Nalley (Mrs. Robert)

State Chaplain

As State Chaplain, I was privileged to attend the Central and Eastern District meetings. I conducted the Memorial Service for the Central District. In May, I presented an overview of DAR to the Elkins Rotary Club. It was an experience to participate in the "dark" State Conference in Pipestem. Four other members and I conducted the DAR Memorial for Frankie and Kathleen Cline in Morgantown. I look forward to the June 23rd dedication of a monument to Peter Shaver, a Revolutionary War patriot of Randolph County. The John Hart Chapter has been working with a Texas chapter in planning this service.

It was great to respond to the requests for birthday greetings to our 80, 90 and 100 year old members. Thirty-seven (37) chapters reported activities this year. Sixteen chapters have newsletters that are sent to their members and six chapters are privileged to have ministers as members. Hagans-Evans Chapter made a monetary donation to Tamassee in memory of Mrs. Walter L. Spearman, Honorary State Regent. Kanawha Valley Chapter distributed over \$6000 in clothing, books, and notions to veterans as well to helping local shut-ins.

The necrology for the State Society with 24 Chapters reporting is: 2 State Officer and total of 63 members as shown by Districts—Central 19, Eastern 9, Northern 9, Southern 11, Western 17 and At-Large 1.

It has been an interesting experience to serve in this administration as we never knew what will happen next. Thank you for your support!

Cecelia Wallace (Mrs. James E.)

State Recording Secretary

This State Officer was pleased to attend the 101st State Conference in Pipestem, the Northern District Meeting in Mineral Wells and was honored to help arrange the official visit by the State Regent to 5 local chapters in Salem. This officer is looking forward to attending Continental Congress in June.

The State Officer has begun the process of collecting quotes with prices and printing specifications for the printing of this administration's proceeding book. At the close of this Conference, I will be sending email and snail mail to everyone confirming which reports I have on file for your chapter, district office, state office and/or state chairmanship. I am asking to have all reports for this administration to me no later than May 1, so I can then lock myself away until the proceeding book is completed.

All of our Chapters are doing great works within their communities promoting WVDAR and we want to be able to look back in our written history and find your achievements.

Thank you for allowing me to serve this State Society under the Gilkeson Administration.

Miss Charla L. Nutter

State Corresponding Secretary

The State Corresponding Secretary prepared the Conference program for the 102nd State Conference. Many Chapters will be electing officers this Spring and they are reminded to send the list of new officers to the new State Regent-elect, the State Corresponding-elect and the Office of the Organizing Secretary General. The form for submitting these changes is located in the National Informational Packet.

In May, this Officer mailed the Master Questionnaire to 29 State Chairmen and two State Officers. It is regrettable that West Virginia did not have 100% reporting this year.

Cora P. Teel (Mrs.)

State Organizing Secretary

This Officer attended State Conference, Continental Congress and the Eastern District Meeting. She has collected yearbooks and officer changes for the chapters.

This Officer has been a resource person for chapters, assisting as requested, but concentrating on help with membership applications and electronic support services provided by the National Society. This Officer spoke at one chapter meeting and has visited other chapters throughout the year.

The proposed Lt. Daniel Shumate Chapter in Mullens, WV has not formed. The North Carolina member, who intended to be the Organizing Regent, has not become member-at-large for form the new chapter in WV.

This Officer wishes to thank the chapters for their untiring efforts at membership retention and recruitment. Thank you for keeping our chapters vital and healthy. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to serve the State Society during this administration.

Sally Ann Greenfield (Mrs. Gary)

State Treasurer

This officer has performed the duties of the State Treasurer to the best of her ability and hope it is to your satisfaction. All bills have been paid in a timely fashion. This officer has verified our Investment accounts with

the financial institutions holding our assets, all are in tack and in balance with current checkbook. The accounts are: Blanche Reymann Scholarship and a CD, the Cameo Club; WV Peters Cottage; Presley's Portrait CD's; WV Room and an Investment account.

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| Assets: | |
| WV State Society, NSDAR—Checking | \$63,571.10 |
| Blanche Reymann Scholarship Fund—Checking | \$ 3,079.01 |
| WV State Society, NSDAR Peter's Cottage | \$ 9,546.46 |
| WVDAR Cameo Club | \$ 2,050.89 |
| Investments: | |
| Portrait Fund, NSDAR | \$ 8,376.55 |
| Reymann Scholarship Fund—CD | \$ 8,000.00 |
| State Page Fund | \$ 2,742.64 |
| WV Museum Room Account—CD | \$34,448.24 |
| Vanguard Group—Money Market | \$20,717.15 |
| Revenues, Expenses and Charges: | |
| Revenues | \$84,061.42 |
| Expenses | \$(35,452.38) |
| Net Assets as of March 31, 2007 | \$152,532.00 |

With the approval of our State Regent and the Executive Committee, this officer will have a full financial audit conducted on the accounts.

This officer again is bragging on her chapter treasurers! Being volunteers, they work very hard and I am so very proud of them!

There are four (4) awards this year:

1st - Lois Taylor, Treasurer Kanawha Valley Chapter - 1st chapter report received.

2nd - Louise Righman, Treasurer Blackwater Chapter - 2nd chapter report received.

3rd - Noda Smith, Treasurer Gen Andrew Lewis Chapter - 3rd chapter report received.

Honorable Mention - Melissa Blake-Smith Treasurer Barboursville Chapter - 4th chapter report received

Barbara Rutledge (Mrs. Eldon)

State Registrar

This Officer thanks everyone for this continued support of the Memorial Book project. Please keep sending your obituaries and the response has been very good for this project.

This Officer is always available to any Chapter for assistance in the completion of application papers. Please don't hesitate to contact me with questions. I am still working with the State Regent, State Vice Regent and the Membership Task Force on reinstate the resigned and dropped members.

Thank you for allowing me to serve!

Judith M. Fugate (Mrs.)

State Historian

A total of 419 Historical Awards were presented by 39 Chapters. The State Historian Awards went to: Ohio Valley Chapter for programs, James Wood Chapter for Outstanding History Teacher, John Young Chapter for outstanding donations to the National Society and the Captain James Allen Chapter for Outstanding Teacher

Teacher.

Mrs. Gerry Kohler, teacher in Wood County was selected as the State History Teacher of the Year. She was presented with a certificate, pin and monetary prize.

Thank you for allowing me to serve during this Administration.

Joan Sweeney (Mrs. Lloyd)

State Librarian

A total of nine (9) books have been donated in the reporting period of April 2006-April 2007. There has been one "Not for Credit" donation as well.

1. The book entitled *First United Methodist Church, Huntington, WV 1872-1972* by Virginia Lee has been donated by Patricia Daugherty through the Buford Chapter and constitutes one book credit.
2. A book entitled *Evans Family: Wales to Pennsylvania to Virginia to West Virginia* by Betty Evans Riley has been donated by Betty Evans Riley through the Blackwater Chapter in memory of George M. Evans and constitutes one book credit.
3. A book entitled *A History of the 5th Avenue Baptist Church, Huntington, WV 1872-1972* by Irene Brand has been donated by Sally O. Cyrus through the Buford Chapter and constitutes one book credit.
4. A book entitled *Capt. Robert Gore and Elizabeth (Thompson) Gore and Descendants* has been donated by Patricia Daugherty through the Buford Chapter and constitutes one book credit.
5. A book entitled *Walking Pleasant Valley: Revisiting the Homes and Lives of Silk Stocking Row* by Jeanne Finstein, Judi Hendrickson and Brent Carney has been donated by Eloise Puglisi, through the Wheeling Chapter and constitutes one book credit.
6. A book entitled *Cemeteries of Berkeley County, WV* has been donated by Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hale through the Pack Horse Ford Chapter in honor of the Berkeley County Historical Society and constitutes one book credit.
7. A book entitled *The First Methodist Episcopal Church, Huntington, WV: A Chronicle of Progress Through the Years* by W.H. Newcomb has been donated by Patricia Daugherty through the Buford Chapter and constitutes one book credit.
8. A book entitled *The Heflin Genealogical Collection II, 2nd Edition* by Dr. B. Morgan Heflin for Dora Morgan Heflin through the Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans Chapter and constitutes one book credit.
9. A book entitled *Tyler County, West Virginia Marriages, 1852-1890* by Wes Cochran has been donated by the Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans Chapter and constitutes one book credit.
10. A book entitled *Mt. Calvary Cemetery Records 1900-1902* by Judy Fugate, Gloria Palmer Brinkmier and Phyllis Maxwell has been donated by the Wheeling Chapter. No book credit has been given.

A wish list of books desired by the National Society Library is always available through the Members' website. My thanks to all who have donated books to our Library during the past year.

Marjorie Allen (Mrs. Robert)

Reports of District Directors 2004-2005-2006-2007

Central District

Mrs. Betty Heavner, District Director

2004

The Central District is comprised of ten chapters. The Phoebe-Tucker Cunningham Chapter of Grantsville disbanded and one or two members have shown a desire to join another chapter. The Elizabeth Zane Chapter of Buckhannon with forty-three members, is having a problem finding members willing to accept offices. They are planning to make a decision at their next meeting as to whether to continue or disband.

The James Barbour Chapter of Belington served as the hostess chapter for the 58th Central District Meeting on July 30th. Carol Holbert had arranged for a beautiful site, a lovely luncheon and an interesting program. A total of 36 State, District, Chapter Officers, members and 2 guest attended. Seven of the ten chapters were present with six Regents attending. Five State Officers were in attendance.

State Regent Gilkeson, assisted by State Vice-Regent Nalley, State Corresponding Secretary Teel and State Treasurer Rutledge conducted a most interesting and informative work shop. An impressive memorial service was conducted by State Chaplin Ce Ce Wallace. The state Good Citizen winner was from the Central District and was presented with a \$250.00 check and pin.

Our district is proud to be represented by State Chaplin Ce Ce Wallace and by six State Committee Chairman.

2005

The Central District is comprised of ten chapters. The Phoebe-Tucker Cunningham Chapter of Grantsville disbanded and the six remaining members transferred to the Trans-Allegheny Chapter. Since the last State Conference, the Elizabeth Zane Chapter of Buckhannon has a new Regent and the chapter is growing in membership.

The John Hart Chapter of Elkins will serve as hostess for the 58th Central District Meeting on August 3rd. Mrs. Margaret Meredith, Regent has arranged for a lovely site for the meeting, the beautiful and historical Graceland.

I have been lax in contacting and visiting the chapters in my district. My goal for the coming year is to visit each chapter, if invited. Our district is proud to be represented by State Chaplin Ce Ce Wallace and by six State Committee Chairman.

2006

The 58th Central District Meeting was hosted by the John Hart Chapter of Elkins on the third day of August, 2005. Mrs. Margaret Meredith, Regent, arranged a beautiful site, a lovely luncheon, and a nice program at Graceland Inn on the campus of Davis and Elkins College. A total of 40 State, District and Chapter Officers, Members and six guests were in attendance. Eight of the nine chapters were present with six Regents attending.

The District is proud of the Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans Chapter which presented at the District meeting their first scholarship to West Virginia University. Miss Brittany Jo Hanket was chosen to receive the scholarship.

The Blanche L. Raymann State Scholarship was presented by Mrs. Shirley Gilkeson, State Regent, to Miss Carrie Egress who attends Davis and Elkins College.

The Central District will host the 102nd State Conference in Morgantown in 2007. I know it will be a great conference and I hope all of you will attend.

It has been a pleasure to serve as your District Director for the past three years. Madame State Regent, you have been a pleasure to work with and it has been a privilege to be a part of your administration.

2007

The 59th Central District Meeting was hosted by the Trans-Allegheny Chapter of Weston on July 21, 2006. Julia Bragg, Regent, arranged for a lovely location, an interesting program, and a delicious luncheon at Cindy's Banquet Room. Susan Church from the Lewis County Chamber of Commerce provided the table decorations, a DAR notebook and other items as gifts for each person in attendance.

During the meeting, Mrs. Shirley Gilkeson, State Regent, presented the Blanche L. Reymann State Scholarship to Miss Natalie B. James, a senior at West Virginia Wesleyan College.

An interesting discussion on "What is the DAR and Why We Belong?" was led by Mrs. Gilkeson. Entertainment was provided by Mrs. Susan Church of the Trans-Allegheny Chapter portraying Anna Jackson in "A Voice from the Past."

The Central District will host the 103rd State Conference in Morgantown in 2008. It will be a great conference and everyone is encouraged to attend.

I wish much success to the new District Officers for the upcoming term. It has been a pleasure to serve as your District Director for the past three years. It has also been an honor to work with Mrs. Gilkeson, State Regent and to be a part of her administration.

Eastern District

Mrs. Barbara "Barby" Frankenberry, District Director

2004

The Eastern District Chapters are known throughout our state, There's Bee Line, Fort Ashby, Pack Horse Ford, Shenandoah Valley, South Branch Valley, William Henshaw and Ye Towne of bath who work to be first rate!

With the 2003 State Conference in Morgantown not at an end, The Chapters continued their work and programs always making and including friends.

They prepared their state reports and sent them in to me on time, their promptness helped to make my file sublime.

Many of the chapters elected new officers to lead the way, attempting to answer questions and concerns is often rather easy, much to my dismay!

The 2004 National Convention was a first for many of us that attended, learning about all the functions, the programs, and the making purchases were unending!

Working at the Project Patriot table was not hard and not too long, even more special was hearing Pat Boone sing his most famous and newest songs!

The historic Christ Reform Church of Shepherdstown, WV was the site of the August 7, 2004 district meeting, The Bavarian Inn was a fantastic place for all to share their greetings!

The Chapters have learned much about their various programs and earned awards too many to mention, they have made an impact in their communities gaining much attention.

However, the Eastern District Chapters remind us all that we must pay our dues, subscribe to the DAR magazine and contribute to other's who may not have the best, and that being a member of DAR is truly, yes truly price-less!

2005

In 2005, the Eastern District Meeting was hosted by the Shenandoah Valley Chapter on August 2, 2005. Many thanks go to the wonderful Daughters for their hard work in hosting such a lovely event that was well-attended and enjoyed by all!

2006

The Eastern District was welcomed by the Daughters of the South Branch Valley Chapter on July 22, 2006 for its Annual District meeting. Many of the State Officers were a bit sleepy after traveling from Weston and attending the Central District Meeting, but due to the spirit and energy found in the Eastern District, the wonderful State Officers were jolted awake and much education and learning came forth to all Eastern District Daughters. Warm thanks to the South Branch members for a wonderful meeting!

2007

Rain, wind, lightning, thunder, West Virginia DAR will not go under!! Celebrating the 101th West Virginia State Conference at Pipestem Resort & State Park, Pipestem, WV put this "cheer" to the test!! With the conference theme of "Lighting the Way to the Future" everyone attending and the staff gathered their creative ideas to maneuver through the darkness and prepare food. Although the conference was a shortened version, it will long be remembered as a time to truly "follow the Light!"

I attended the April 1, 2006 National Defense luncheon hosted by the Pack Horse Ford Chapter at the Cress Creek Country Club, Shepherdstown, WV.

The South Branch Valley Chapter hosted the Eastern District meeting at Lost River Retreat, July 22, 2006. Touring the Lost River Craft Cooperative gave us the opportunity to see the talents of artisans who have re-created the crafts of yesterday. The election and installation of officers brings new leaders for the Eastern District. I know that they will enjoy working with the wonderful ladies in our district as I have!!

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| William Henshaw Chapter | April 5, 1899 | Eleanor P. Amos, Regent |
| Pack Horse Ford Chapter | February 22, 1916 | Dorrene G. Hale, Regent |
| Shenandoah Valley Chapter | April 28, 1921 | Susanne L. Horner, Regent |
| Bee Line Chapter | March 21, 1922 | Emily Cooper, Regent |
| Ye Towne of Bath Chapter | July 15, 1932 | Anne Spriggs, Regent |
| South Branch Valley Chapter | October 1935 | Susan L. Garrett, Regent |
| Fort Ashby Chapter | October 17, 1968 | Barbara G. Townsend, Regent |

Northern District

Mrs. Joan McClelland, District Director

2004

The Northern District consists of seven chapters. The chapters are: Anne Royall, Blennerhassett, Col. William Lowther, James Wood, Mound, Ohio Valley and Wheeling. One of the plans for this District Director is to prepare a packet of helpful information and to distribute the packets to each chapter regent attending the next District meeting.

This Director looks forward to working with all the Chapters in the Northern District and hopes to be able to be present at a regular meeting at all seven chapters.

2005

The Northern District consists of seven chapters. These seven chapters have been very instrumental in working very diligently to prepare for the 100th State Conference to be held in Parkersburg

As 2005 State Conference Chairman, I would like to say a special "thank you" to the even chapter regents, chapter members, and our State Regent, Shirley Gilkeson, for their cooperation and support in making this conference a success. I also thank U.S. Can Company, Peter Sheehan, Operations Manager, Baltimore, Maryland and Greg Smith, Director, Quality Assurance, Weirton, WV for providing the special one pounds tins

for the American flag embossed on the lids that were distributed to all members attending the conference. I can't forget to also thank all of the members that made the fudge that was included in the tins.

In January 2005, this District Director started what I call a "*DAR Minute*" in the Wheeling Chapter. This "*DAR Minute*" is being offered to all chapters in the Northern District. The "*DAR Minute*" is geared toward both new and old members to enlighten them as to what DAR represents. This is followed with a questions and answer period.

I attended the Ohio Valley Chapter's February meeting honoring their history essay contest winner. Mindy Davis, Chapter Regent, did an outstanding job in presenting the winner and having the winner present to give her speech to the whole chapter. It was a very enjoyable day.

The James Wood Chapter held a genealogy workshop, which I attended, in March for anyone interested in researching their family's history and hopefully, become new members. Chapter Regent, Barbara Smith, and Pat Lucas did a tremendous job in proving the information for the workshop. Judy Fugaate, State Registrar presided at the workshop.

As District Director, I also had the privilege of installing The Wheeling Chapter Children of the American Revolution first officer's ceremony. This was quite an honor for me to do this as I was the Chapter Regent when this chapter was organized.

It has been a pleasure to serve as Northern District Director these past nine months. I look forward to working with the Chapters in the next year.

2006

The Northern District consists of seven chapters. The chapters are: Anne Royall, Blennerhassett, Col. William Lowther, James Wood, Mound Ohio Valley and Wheeling.

The District Director attended and participated in two DAR grave marking dedications. There were approximately 158 present for the ceremonies.

In August, I presided at the Northern District Meeting held in Harrisville, WV. The Anne Royal Chapter served as hostess. Voices were sold on a basket of Fiesta dishes to raise monies for the State Regent's project. More than \$120.00 was raised and a check was presented to our State Regent, Shirley Gilkeson.

A packet of information was prepared, by this district director, and distributed to each chapter regent attending. Included in this packet was a year's worth of "*DAR Minute's*." The "*DAR Minute*" is geared toward both old and new members to enlighten them as to what DAR represents.

I attended the week long Genealogy Class sponsored by the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution in Washington, D.C. At the end of the week we received a certificate of certification. In September Fort Henry Days were held at Oglebay Park. I attended both days, as District Director, to answer questions and take names of those who were interested in attending and passing the name on to various chapters in the area. Approximately 500 pieces of literature were distributed.

The American Red Cross held several blood drives during September, October 2005 and January 2006. I volunteered at the tables representing NSDAR as Northern District Director.

The Naturalization Ceremonies were held at the Federal Building in Wheeling on October 14th. I attended as Northern District Director.

One thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars was donated, by the Wheeling Chapter, toward the restoration of the Mile Markers in Ohio County. A marker dedication ceremony was held on October 28th and I represented DAR as Northern District Director.

Future plans include attending at least one meeting of the DAR chapters in the Northern District and working with the chapter regents.

It has been a pleasure to serve as Northern District Director this past year and I look forward to working with the Chapters again in the next year.

2007

The Northern District consists of seven chapters. The Chapters and Regents are: Anne Royall - Katy Keith, Regent; Blennerhasset - Edna Barnes, Regent; Col. William Lowther - Cheryl Higgins, Regent; James Wood - Barbara Smith, Regent; Mound - Lexie Hanket, Regent; Ohio Valley - Mindy Davis, Regent and Wheeling - Deborah Smith, Regent.

This District Director attended the following meetings: Col. Charles Lewis Chapter Anniversary Meeting, Ann Royall's 65th Chapter Anniversary, Central and Eastern District Meetings, Continental Congress in Washington, D.C., Ft. Henry Days at Oglebay Park, and the Naturalization of new citizens held at the Federal Building in Wheeling. I also assisted our State Registrar, Judy Tuttle, with several genealogy workshops.

In June, five district chapters met in Salem, WV. Our State Regent, Shirley Gilkeson, was the featured speaker for the meeting.

In July, I presided at the Northern District Meeting held in Mineral Wells, WV. The Blennerhasset Chapter served as hostess. A Memorial Service and Election of Officers were held. Voices were sold on a basket of Fiesta dishes to raise monies for the State Regent's project. More than \$100.00 was raised and a check was presented to our State Regent, Shirley Gilkeson.

Election of Officers was held with the following elected to serve from July 2007-2010: Northern District Director - Barbara Smith, James Wood Chapter; Secretary - Cheryl Higgins, Col. William Lowther Chapter and Treasurer - Nancy Lamb, Ohio Valley Chapter.

Certificates of Appreciation were made and distributed in March, by this Director, and presented to all the "Pages" and Mrs. Randi Gray, that served from the Northern District at Northern District Meetings and State Conferences for the past three years. Pages that served were: Elizabeth and Kate Karrasch; Amanda Davis; Mindy Davis; Dani Gray; Charlotte Gray; Brianna Weekly; Hailee Stender, Brittany, Courtney and Sydney Hanket.

The Northern District was also honored to have our President General, Presley Wagoner, chose the doll donated by the Wheeling Chapter to the West Virginia State DAR Society, as the official "Miss Presley" as the National Junior Membership Doll.

I also served as WV Treasurer for the Calvin Associates Sales Campaign. Mrs. Linda Calvin is a candidate for the President General's Office. I especially thank all the chapters and District Officers - Lee Eddy, Treasurer and Lexie Hanket, Secretary for their cooperation and support during my three years as Northern District Director as well as our State Regent, Shirley Gilkeson

Again, it has been a pleasure to serve as Northern District Director these past three years.

Southern District

Kathy Robertson, District Director

2004

The Southern District of the West Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution, held its annual meeting July 24, 2004 at the Peterstown Missionary Baptist Church, Peterstown, WV with Peters Mountain Chapter as hostess.

There were 5 of 6 Southern District Chapters represented, with a total of 21 district members and 9 guests. Mrs. Shirley Gilkeson, State Regent was our honored guest.

Kathy Robertson, District Director, presided over the meeting. State Regent Shirley Gilkeson, State Vice-Regent Ginger Nalley, Corresponding Secretary Cora Teel, and Treasurer Barbara Rutledge held workshops.

Linda Chastain, Director of Resources, Tamassee DAR School was our featured lunchtime speaker. The hostess chapter issued a challenge to those attending to bring socks for the children of Tamassee, with a reward promised to the chapter bring the most socks.

The challenge was welcomed by all, with the John Chapman chapter leading the way and winning the prize. Much to Linda's delight, she took 456 pairs of socks back to the children at Tamassee with her.

2006

The Southern District held its yearly meeting at the Black Knight Country Club, August 5, 2005 in Beckley, WV with the Captain James Allen Chapter as hostess. There were 24 members and 9 guests in attendance.

Unfortunately, the District Director was unable to attend. Thankfully, her sister, a past district director conducted the meeting easily. This district director is grateful every day for her sister.

The State Regent, Mrs. Gilkeson brought greeting to the district along with some vitamins. All state officers in attendance brought useful information to each chapter.

And then there was state conference...the chapters in this district have done a wonderful job with favors and volunteers to help. I don't know what I would have done without them.

2007

The Southern District survived the State meeting of 2006! Survived and prospered! We have supported our veterans, and volunteered in our schools. We marched in a few parades, and we have welcomed and celebrated new members into our organization.

We held our annual meeting in historic Lewisburg with General Andrew Lewis Chapter as hostess. We were honored to have present and past state officers in attendance. Everyone had a wonderful time.

Western District

Dr. Mary Courtney-Collins, District Director

2004

The Western District Meeting was held on July 23rd at The Ramada Inn, South Charleston with the John Young Chapter serving as the Hostess Chapter. Eight of the nine Chapters were represented with seven reps present. Also, four State Officers were present: Mrs. Roy Gilkeson, Regent (Kanawha Valley Chapter); Mrs. Robert Nalley, Vice-Regent (Ohio Valley Chapter); Mrs. Cora Teel, Corresponding Secretary (Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter); and Mrs. Eldon Rutledge, Treasurer (Buford Chapter) also with eighteen State Chairmen. Fifteen of these chairmen were members of the Western District. Also, all three of the District Officers were present: Dr. Mary C. Collins, Director (Buford Chapter, Mrs. Kathy Bowling, Secretary (Kanawha Valley Chapter); and Mrs. Betty Kauff, Treasurer (Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter).

Mrs. Gilkeson conducted the morning workshop assisted by Mrs. Nalley, Mrs. Teel and Mrs. Rutledge. All four State Officers discussed the guidelines for completing The Master Questionnaire and The State Achievement Award; and stressed the importance of parliamentary procedures.

During the afternoon session, Mrs. Gilkeson gave out awards and certificates from the Continental Congress. Also, Dr. Collins asked the State Chairmen to make remarks. Mrs. Thomas Collins, Regent, Kanawha Valley Chapter, gave the invitation to the 2005 Western District Meeting.

Finally, this Director attended the 2003 State Conference, 2004 State History Day in Charleston, WV, the 2004 summer meeting at Tygart Lake State Park, and the 2004 Central District Meeting in Phillippi.

2005 and 2006

This District Director attended the 2004 and 2005 West Virginia State Conferences in Martinsburg and Parkersburg, respectfully. She also attended the 2005 Northern District Meeting in Harrisville on August 4th.

On August 6th, the Western District Meeting was held at the Sleepy Hollow Golf Club in Hurricane, WV. The Kanawha Valley Chapter served as hostess chapter. All nine of the district chapters were represented. More than fifty Daughters and guests were in attendance. The presiding officer was this District Director.

Four State Officers were present: Mrs. Shirley Gilkeson, Regent; Mrs. Ginger Nalley, Vice-Regent; Mrs. Cora Teel, Corresponding Secretary; and Mrs. Barbara Rutledge, Treasurer.

The morning session included a skit focusing on improving and maintaining chapter membership. Following the luncheon, "Mary Todd Lincoln," the wife of Abraham Lincoln, presented her life story. During the afternoon meeting, Mrs. Gilkeson announced and gave out certificates from the Continental Congress and Chapter Achievement Awards. Western District Chapter accomplishments included Anne Bailey Chapter sponsoring the first place state winner in the 2005 Good Citizen Contest; and the Buford Chapter hosting a reception for their DAR Medal of Honor recipient. Anniversary celebrations included the 75th year for the John Young Chapter in

Charleston, and the 104th year for the Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter in Point Pleasant. The district meeting concluded with the invitation to the 2006 Western District Meeting to be hosted by the Westmoreland Chapter

2007

The Western District Director attended the 2006 State Conference at Pipestem Resort State Park and the 2006 Northern District Meeting at Mineral Wells.

The 2006 Western District meeting was held on August 5 at the Kenova United Methodist Church with the Westmoreland Chapter serving as the hostess chapter. Four State Officers were present—Mrs. Shirley Gilkeson, State Regent; Mrs. Ginger Nalley, State Vice Regent; Mrs. Cora Teel, State Corresponding Secretary; and Mrs. Barbara Rutledge, State Treasurer. Mrs. Carmen Silliman, Honorary State Regent, was also present. Eight of the nine Western District Chapters were represented and six Chapter Regents were present.

The morning workshop was presented by Mrs. Barbara Rutledge, State Treasurer. She stressed the importance of completing the Chapter Treasurer's Report and adhering to the deadlines.

Following the luncheon, Miss Sally O. Cyrus, State Chairman DAR Good Citizen, introduced the National 3rd Place winner, Miss Anne Steel, a 2006 Honors graduate of Huntington High School. Miss Steel was presented a check from the State Society. Anne was sponsored by the Buford Chapter. Following the presentation, Mrs. Gilkeson installed the newly elected Western District Officers: Mrs. Patricia Daugherty, Director, Buford Chapter; Ms. Kathleen Bledsoe, Treasurer, Westmoreland Chapter; and Mrs. Betty Kauff, Secretary, Col. Charles Lewis Chapter.

The afternoon session included remarks from Mrs. Gilkeson and the distribution of Chapter Achievement Awards and certificates awarded during Continental Congress. A total of forty-nine Daughters and guests were present at the meeting.

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Anne Bailey Chapter
Charleston, West Virginia
Geraldine Jackson, Regent

2004

American History Contest – two entries: Cedar Grove Middle School, winner Callie Beaver. Joey Tolley, Buffalo High School, read his essay at February's meeting.

Good Citizens from Riverside, St. Albans, Nitro, and Hurricane High Schools attended a reception given in their honor at the St. Alban's Women's Club. Hilary Foster, Trinity Burch, Corrie McKee and John McKinney read their essays.

Programs Included: Dan Culter's impersonation of "Chief Logan", Mary Collins' Indian teaching experience, Neil Richard's historical overview of St. Albans, Sharing of heirloom quilts, Ken Hechler – "Constitution", shared his WWII book Hero of the Rhine.

Constitution Week – Displays were placed in the South Charleston and St. Albans Libraries plus a Proclamation was given by Governor Bob Wise.

Collected Campbell Soup labels and stamps. Riverside Nursing Home Veterans remembered on Fourth of July and Christmas with gifts.

Members attended: Naturalization Ceremonies, October and April.

Korean Veteran's Memorial Service at Capitol in Charleston, June 29th. Bronze plaque dedication in South Charleston, July 27th honoring Lt. Darwin K. Kyle, recipient – Congressional Medal of Honor. Veteran's Day Memorial Service Red House, November 03. ROTC medals were presented to Capital High School and West Virginia State College.

Two representatives went to Continental Congress, three to the Western District Meeting and one to State Conference. In September, we began sharing meetings with Charleston and William Morris Chapters primarily to share the speakers. Business meetings are held separately.

We welcomed Sally Hawley as a new member.

2005

Since Anne Bailey Chapter joined with the Charleston and William Morris Chapters this past year to share speakers we have enjoyed some memorable programs with around 25 members and guest present. We appreciate meeting and working with our DAR sisters. In October our chapter had Linda Collins of the Hagens-Evans Chapter in Morgantown to present a slide program on The DAR Period Rooms. The following month Chet Fleming, President of the VFW – Korea Chapter in Charleston spoke about Veteran's Day. The other chapters had the re4aming programs. Local hospitalized veterans are visited and given gifts and magazines during the year. Three short reports were given on the Flag of the United States with the topics, The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the Betsy Ross Flag Story, and the touching "Ode to America" tribute published in a Romanian newspaper.

The other two chapters helped us host a reception at the St Albans Women's Club for the five Good Citizens' selected from Kanawha/Putnam County Schools. The seniors selected were Rudi Raynes, Poca; Brittany Bailey, Winfield; Sarah Moore, St. Albans; Abby Rose Waldorf, Nitro and David Patrick, Riverside. We were fortunate that Past Regent, Kay Craig, sponsor of our Good Citizen project, invited tow additional schools to participate because Poca's first-time entry, Rudi Raynes, was the winner for West Virginia! Rudi's essay will be entered in the regional contest. The students' parents and counselors were also invited. A notice of the Good Citizens accomplishments was printed in the Gazette-Mail Metro West newspaper, a St. Albans monthly paper.

The Anne Bailey Chapter now has a DAR web-site, www.wvdar.org/annebailey, thanks to Robin McClure of the William Morris Chapter. We anticipate meeting our goal of attracting new members. All current members' dues are pain and in good standing.

We had one member to attend the DAR 99th State Conference in Martinsburg in October 2004. Three members attended the November naturalization Ceremony in Charleston and four members attended the ceremony in April 2005. Literature was distributed to the new citizens including "Know Your Rights" in regard to the Constitution; the DAR's "American's Creed," a copy of Patrick Henry famous speech, "Give me Liberty," the "Star-Spangled Banner" including the circumstances under which it was written by Francis Scott Key.

We continue to support our ROTC members, also our veterans with visits, gifts and magazines. Our chapter was recognized by the Riverside Nursing Center in a St. Albans Monthly ad as a Community Volunteer. Also Anne Bailey Chapter and one member has given \$50.00 each for the President General's portrait and we support programs for the American Indians. Stamps and soup labels continue to be collected.

2007

The Anne Bailey Chapter has been busy this past year. We started in September with a reception for our first-place winner Sally Hawley at Continental Congress for Historic Preservation of Cultural Traditions. It was a lovely affair with musicians entertaining with traditional music, complete with bag pipe. We also had Ruth Bonham win in the East Central Division for the Community Service Award. We attended Naturalization Ceremonies and handed out literature and bookmarks both spring and fall. We sent phone cards to support our troops and had members participate in parades at Veterans Day, Fourth of July, and Armed Forces Day.

A Veterans' Home was visited with gifts, magazines and treats. We presented 5 medals to the local ROTC programs. A short story was written about a Veteran and entered in the literature competition. Members conducted a Quilt SOS interview; Special Events participation was documented in Music; an entry was made in the Historic Preservation competition again, titled "The Quilt Lady"; and we are helping Anne Bailey Elem. With a beautification project to commemorate our namesake. We had entries in the elementary and high school history contests; had Constitution displays in two schools and one library and taught Constitution lessons at three grade schools. We made a donation to the American Indian Scholarship fund, clothing and book donation to Crossnore and Tamassee plus the Tamassee Shoe Fund and labels to Bacone College. Individual monetary contributions were also made to the Tamassee DAR Cottage, Friends of Veterans and President General's Project.

We had four members take the Jamestown/Yorktown tour in Virginia, four members attended 115th Continental Congress and four to attend Western District. We also participated in the Innsbrook project and Cpl. Monica Spriggs of the Charleston Police gave a program on Personal Defense and Women's Issues. A lovely reception was held for the "Good Citizens" selected from 3 schools; Hurricane, Riverside and St. Albans. Numerous songs were turned in about the US Flag. A member is a Friend of the Library and volunteers at a local school. We had

Had 12 news articles with 17 pictures published about our chapter events. Our web site was updated and expanded and our by-laws were also up dated.

**Anne Royall Chapter
Harrisville, West Virginia
Kathleen "Katy" Keith, Regent**

2004

Last year I told you Anne Royall was a small chapter of 43 members. Well, this year I am happy to report we now have 55 members. That's a 12 member increase! We have one pending at National, and 2 prospective members, at this time.

Well, we've had a busy year. In October 2003, Dr. Mary Collins spoke to our chapter of her experience as a Vista volunteer on the Crow Indian reservation in Montana. Her program was enjoyed by everyone. Items totaling 1145 pounds were sent to Tamassee School, and two Christmas packages were sent to the 1092 Engineer Battalion in Iraq, our adopted troops.

The November meeting was special. Gifts were brought for our Veterans at the VA Hospital in Clarksburg, WV. And then our entire group attended a Veteran's Day Service, sponsored by our VFW Post,

In early December we were asked to conduct the funeral of our oldest member, Nellie Irene Morrison, she was 104 years old. This was a request that Anne Royall had never been asked to do before. I called Miss Frankie Cline, and with her help, a beautiful service was put together. We received a lovely card of thanks, from the family. And thanks be to God, that we belong to an organization of women, that are equal to the task!

January and February meetings were busy with planning our fundraiser that was held in March, and preparing Easter baskets for Veterans.

We had 73 JAC entries from our Elementary Schools, for the JAC Contest. I believe we were first place, with the largest number of entries. On the State level, we had 11 winners, on the national level. Anne Royall had two first place winners and two Honorable mention.

In May, we honored all of our County winners, including DAR Good Citizen, and their parents and teachers. Also in May, eight of our members attended the 5 Chapter Regional meeting, at Vienna, WV.

We held a dues tea in June. And in July, we joined others in the bell ringing celebration, with nine bell ringers. And two of our members attended the Northern District Meeting, In Wheeling, WV.

A planning meeting was held in August. And in September we held our regular meeting and done several things for Constitution Week. Our school bulletin boards were decorated and 400 bookmarks featuring The "Preamble" were given out to elementary students. Our library was decorated, and many posters were placed around the county. Last year we purchased a banner to celebrate Constitution Week, which was hung across Main Street, in our town. This year, thanks to our fund-raiser, we were able to purchase another banner for a nearby town.

And finally, with the help of Monica Brooks, Anne Royall is getting a web page up. So watch for it on WVDAR.com. And I truly appreciate all the help that I have received from our staff of officers, this past year.

2005

This is the year that WV is celebrating 100 years of DAR, therefore I believe it is fitting and proper to take a look back, remember the ones who established our chapter and to recognize some of their accomplishments, especially those pertaining to education and the various work done to promote the war effort of the early and middle 1940's.

Anne Royall Chapter was organized on a Saturday afternoon on the 27th day of September 1941. This event took place at Chensoncrest, the home of our organizing regent, Mrs. Eve C. Robinson, of Harrisville, WV.

Since we became a chapter just three months before the start of World War II, our early years were filled with many projects that promoted the war effort. These projects are the accomplishments of our chapter that I am most proud of.

By the year 1944 our members had 2800 hours to their credit for Red Cross work. There was a class in Home Nursing offered by the Red Cross, which several of our members joined. During each of the war years, a contribution of money was given to the Occupational Therapy Unit of the United States Marine Hospital, located on Ellis Island, New York. An investment of \$5,000.00 was made in government bonds. Also during this time period, one of our members was Chairman of the State Radio Committee. In 1944 several radios were contributed to military hospitals and items were donated to the Red Cross for buddy bags.

Besides all of their successful work during World War II, the second thing I am most proud (and envious) of, are the great programs they had each month. In reading through past regents' reports, I have found such interesting and wonderful programs like:

1. An evening with Stephen Foster
2. Talk on colonial plants and their use in the garden
3. Discussions on early straw hats
4. A program on the lives of pioneer women
5. Programs presented by the drama club of Harrisville High School, and musicals presented by Professor Arms, of the music department

During the past six months we have held six regular meetings and two work meetings. From State Conference in October 2004, we were awarded 5 first place certificates, 1 – second place, 1 third place, and one certificate for "Honorable Mention". Anne Royall also took second place with our Press Book. In October we decorated cups and filled them with candy for our Veterans at the VA Hospital in Clarksburg.

The November meeting was patriotic, with very interesting program about the Lewis and Clark Expedition, presented by our Historian, Evelyn Mossor. In December, our National Defense Chairman, Beverly Prince, brought in a Red Cross volunteer who talked to us about the many services that the Red Cross provides. Also in December the Girl Scout Troop from Smithville, WV made Christmas cards for us and the cards along with various gifts were taken to our Veterans in the VA Hospital. The National Contest for a Constitutional Week Poster was in December. The State winner was Cheryl Haight, the Secretary of Anne Royall Chapter.

We started off in January, with an educational program presented by our Registrar, Randa Watson. This program was all about the proper way to complete an application and supplemental papers. Another educational program, "An Affair of the Heart" was presented in February, by Evelyn Mossor. We also decorated fifty cups and filled them with various candies for our Veterans.

Due to sickness, the speaker for our March meeting had to cancel. We used our program time talking about table decorations and favors and the upcoming State Conference.

Plans were also made in March to sell tickets on a Dresden Plate quilt, which had been hand pieced and quilted. This will be our fundraiser, with all proceeds to go to our flag fund.

Anne Royall had 91 students to participate in several of the JAC contests, during the fall of 2004. These students were from four different schools. A total of 21 participants have been sent on to State. And we had three students to participate in the American History Essay Contest, from two different schools. The county winner of that contest has been sent to State.

Besides having members who are faithful to do their work, Ann Royall's greatest accomplishment this year has been the approval of our web page, for inclusion at both the State and National level.

2006

Anne Royall Chapter is still growing in membership. We took four new members into our chapter during the past year. And have six prospective members, at this time. Also there is one pending at national.

At State Conference 2005, we were responsible for the table decorations and favors, for the Saturday morning Regent's Breakfast. There were four members from Anne Royall in attendance, and we took home 16 certificates of which 6 were first place. And our chapter received a level 1.

Our first meeting after conference was held in May 2005. That is the month we hold our "Awards Meeting." We had over 100 students, teachers and parents attending. Our students were awarded certificates on every level, from county to first and second place at national. The 2005 – 2006 school year has found us with 214 student entries in various JAC contest, essays and DAR Good Citizens participation. We are hoping for more winners.

The June meeting has been our "Dues Tea" for the past three years. We find this way of paying our dues early is very helpful to our Chapter Treasurer. Our program for June was about DAR History and Symbols, presented by one of our members.

In August Anne Royall was the host for Northern District Meeting. It was well attended and a fun day. In September our efforts are all toward Constitution Week. Posters are placed in our schools and business, articles are published in our local newspaper, and a banner is put up across Main Street. We give various types of pamphlets to our five County Elementary Schools, and the September chapter meeting is always about some part of our Constitution. Our October program was about Women Issues. Sally Davis, the manager of the South Atlantic Division of the ACS, was our speaker. And November found us learning all about Preserving the Heritage of Appalachian Foods, as our speaker was an employee of Sunny Hollow Farms, which is located in Ritchie County and is famous for its many home grown food items.

In December the meeting was one of interest to us, as we learned about quilts. Mrs. Helen Jackson, a well-known local quilter, who has won numerous awards for her beautiful pieces, presented a wonderful program on "Quilting." She spoke of the importance of signing and dating quilts after they are made, since there are only 15 known quilts in American today that were made in the 1700's. In January, all members participated in a membership workshop led by one of our new members, Mrs. Wanda Bartlett. We put together a real nice packet for prospective members. One of the items in the packet is a 2 way folded flyer, which will be in various places around the county. Wanda was also in charge of our February program. We titled the "Care of our County Poor." A most interesting program. Wanda now lives on the site of the former Ritchie County Poor Farm, and has done much work on this subject.

We chose March as American Indian month, and Roger Roche, a former Vice-President of the Little Kanawha Chapter of the WV Archeological Society, presented a most informative talk, with slides, on the Indians that once lived in the boundaries of Ritchie County. Roger has registered with the State of WV, 23 archeological sites in Ritchie County. Some other activities that Anne Royall has been involved in during the past year are:

1. We collected \$347.00 for the Katrina Relief Fund, and this was donated to the American Red Cross, as part of the DAR donation.
 2. All thru the year we have purchased items of all kinds for our Veterans; and our Veterans Chairman would deliver these to the VA Hospital in Clarksburg on special days. Along with our work in our schools, the help we give to Veterans is probably next on our list of things we do most.
 3. In October, along with some CAR members, we attended an Apple Butter Stir off. What a day of fun!! And what wonderful memories were made, especially for the young CAR members. We are hoping for an invitation next year.
 4. And finally, as always, many of us do the overnight Relay for Life, for the American Cancer Society.
- We have had a busy year, and some of it has been difficult, but our rewards have truly been great.

2007

Anne Royall members really did enjoy the year of 2006. We not only took care of all of our usual commitments, but we also were able to do some exciting different things. In January we compiled a Prospective Member Packet. We are proud of this accomplishment, as it has proved to be a helpful tool for those doing their lineage search. Along with the packet, we also designed a fold out pamphlet, which contains information about DAR, and Anne Royall's chapter. These pamphlets have been placed in different business places around the county. We enjoyed such great programs during the months of February and March. One was the history of our former County Poor Farm. These places are no longer in existence, but hold much resource about county people and government. The March program was about the Indians that once lived and roamed within the boundaries of Ritchie County. Again, we loved hearing of these by gone days. April we were entertained with a slide show of historic places in Ritchie County. The slides were put together 25 years ago by a couple of Anne Royalls' past members, and after the show we shared our own memories of the places shown. May was our awards meeting, and we served refreshments to over 100 people in attendance. We won first place in the State with our number of student participants and there were several State and East Central Division winners. There were five students that won National Honors. In June we traveled to Salem, WV, for a combined meeting with the other Northern District chapters. We enjoyed being with our State Regent and several of our State Officials. And the William Lowther Chapter was a most gracious host with their delicious meal and nice prizes.

On July 4th, we held a bell ringing ceremony. It began with 13 tolls of the bell, once for each of the original states. We were entertained with patriotic music by the Harrisville Baptist Church Handbell Choir. After an inspiring reading of the Declaration of Independence, the program concluded with a twenty-one gun salute from our local VFW Post. Also in July we attended the Northern District meeting at Mineral Wells, WV.

And in August Anne Royall assisted Elizabeth Zane Society, CAR host a joined meeting of other CAR chapters, at the Municipal Park in Harrisville, WV. The program for our October Meeting was educational. It was all about Consumer Protection and services that are available. Each member received a folder, packed with helpful booklets from State Attorney General, Darrell McGraw. In November our members collected and filled several boxes with comfort items for our local soldiers, who are serving in Iraq. We also held a combined Harvest Dinner, with other county organizations. The speaker for this enjoyable event was Dan Cutler, who portrayed the Indian, Chief Logan. In December we traveled to Paden City, WV for a combined chapter meeting with the Ohio Valley Chapter. Other chapters attending were Mound Chapter and the William Lowther Chapter. The meeting was held at Clarks' Supper Club and a delicious luncheon was enjoyed by all present. Anne Royall Chapter has just been informed by the State Chairman of DAR Good Citizens, that the essay judging has been completed, and our Ritchie County winner, Mallory Griffith, has won the State DAR Good Citizens Contest for 2007. Applause! Applause!

**Barboursville Chapter
Barboursville, West Virginia
Violet Hysell, Regent**

2004

The Barboursville Chapter was as active as possible with limited amount of active members.

Each committee chairman presented at least a short program in relation to their committee including posters which were displayed in local Libraries.

We donated personal care items and new clothing to V A Homeless Veterans Outreach Program, clean used clothing, books and puzzles to Barboursville Veterans Home; used clothing to Local ECCHO group for distribution to local needy; presented Memorial Wreath at Point Pleasant battle Days; donated used postage stamps to: Stamps for the Wounded; Donated stamps and items of need to the local Ronald McDonald House; provided refreshments, free musical program for Veterans on Veterans Day by Dulcimer Society; gave Good Citizenship Certificates and medals to children of seven local schools and had a luncheon for the students and their parents.

Certificates of Appreciation were given to Mayor and City Council of Barboursville, Barboursville Library, and several chapter members. The chapter awarded local author of the books, Golden Horse Shoe Vol. I and Vol. II and The History of Barboursville, with the annual Lucile McConkey Award.

We placed American Flags on graves of deceased members on Flag Day in local cemeteries and donated a book to Milton Library in memory of a deceased chapter member.

I edited chapter newsletters, placed articles in local newspaper describing each chapter meeting, all chapter activities, and a member made a press book using our published articles.

Chapter officers marked the grave and dedicated tombstone of deceased member with ceremony and Chaplin conducted memorial ceremony at meeting for recent deceased members.

VIS committee person designed and set up chapter web page.

I contacted five West Virginia mayors who signed a proclamation in accordance with our chapter to declare Constitution Week in their area and made large Constitution Week wall display at local Library using the Proclamations in the display.

We held fund raising rummage sale and open house on two occasions and placed pink flower wreath in Local Library to mark Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

We plan to continue our beautification project to outside area of chapter meeting house and seek new members

2005

Barboursville Chapter of NSDAR was chartered 19th December, 1936 with 15 charter members (all deceased now). The organizing Regent was Mrs. Will H. Daniels. First meetings were held at First Methodist Church in Barboursville and members homes.

In 1951 the chapter was able to buy for \$75.00, an old log toll house built in 1837 that sat on land Mrs. Elizabeth Merritt Derton inherited from her father, William Merritt, one of the earliest settlers of Barboursville and considered to be the founding father of Barboursville as the Village town was built on 20 acres of his property. It was used by James River Kanawha Turnpike Company as a Toll House until the first bridge was built across the Guyan River.

Among other projects, our most recent outstanding achievements during the reporting period of September 1, 2004 to April 14, 2005 were to gain four new members, have a member to be chosen as 2nd place winner of Constitution Week State Poster Contest, and one of our members was able to get three leading magazine companies to donate many kinds of magazines to Veterans stationed in Iraq territory and also enlisted other chapters to participate in this project.

It is our goal to have 100% of our chapter members to have at least one veteran to record his experience in the war he served in for the Veterans History Project, and our 2nd project is to get 100% of our members to buy at least one book of the Women's Breast Cancer Stamp Booklets for which proceeds go to benefit breast cancer research. We will be giving eight school children Good Citizenship Award Pins and certificates to chosen deserving children of eight different local schools and will have a reception for them and their parents at one of our meetings.

Another of our goals is to landscape the yard around our historic Toll House and replace shrubbery and Floral selections to time period of 1837.

2007

Barboursville made donations including school supplies to Tamassee; Salvation Army for distribution to City Mission; clothing and personal items to homeless veterans in association with the VA Hospital; clothing and books to Barboursville Veterans Home; women and children's clothing to ECCHO; supplies to Jeff George Comfort house and stamps for wounded veterans.

Twenty-seven entries were received by our Chapter Historian in the American History essay contest and six entries from high school were received for the Christopher Columbus essay contest. Darin Spurlock, 8th grade Barboursville Middle School student was the 2nd place State winner. Children of nine local schools were awarded Good Citizenship medals. Flag Day

was celebrated by marking deceased members' graves and this regent worked with a daycare class helping them make a foam Uncle Sam figure and each child was given a glad and a bookmark.

Constitution Week Chairman made a full wall display at the Milton Library. Proclamations were signed by Governor Manchin, six local mayors, the supervisor and three teachers at the Children's Place Daycare. Magnetic flags, bookmarkers of the American's Creed and the Preamble to the Constitution were passed out to the public.

Members decorated the showcase at the Guyandotte Library and a full wall display of Indian posters for American Heritage month were used. They read an American Indian storybook to children and helped them make crafts and held a pow-wow. Posters of historical figures were posted in many public places and certificates of appreciation were given to chapter members and members of the community. We placed a pink ribbon wreath in the Milton Library in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness month and distributed posters.

Two members entered the American Heritage Arts and Crafts contest.

**Bee Line Chapter
Charles Town, West Virginia
Beth Printz, Regent
Emily Cooper, Regent**

2004

Our year was both interesting and sad. Our programs consisted of the following:

A video of Lewis and Clark Expedition, Thanksgiving Traditions by members

Christmas Luncheon and program on schools, Show and Tell – Heirlooms with historic

The Louisiana Purchases, Three best essays out of 60 were read, Spring Luncheon with talk on CAR's

Annual picnic – covered dish, Celebrated George Washington's Birthday; contributed to the CAR's; an article on the signing of the United States Constitution was a program. The regent and Joyce Jackson attended the District meeting in Fort Ashby.

Forty pounds of candy and 2 garbage bags filled with personal items were taken to Newton D. Baker Hospital. Letters of thanks were received from George Moore, Jr. Director. A moving description was presented by Mrs. Ward on her trip to PA to honor the "Let's Roll" victims of the Terrorist attack. For the ladies program – and article was read on Ann Herrins Trotter Bailey's military services. \$10.00 was contributed to "Kevin's Fund." A moving memorial service was held at the Presbyterian Church honoring and remembering Mrs. C. William "Florence" Moore. A donation was made to Presley Wagoner's campaign, now our President General. 200 Valentines were given to and addressed by Mrs. Ward for the patients at Newton D. Baker Hospital. Stamps were saved for the Veterans and Soup labels for the schools.

2005

We are pleased to have a scholarship winner the past four years – she was excellent. We gave her \$1,000.00 a year. Each of our meetings contains the President General's message, National Defense report, Flag and Indian Minutes. Honored to have a member awarded for her activities at Newton D. Baker Hospital. Members attended State Convention in Martinsburg. Toilet articles, candy and 200 valentines were taken to the Veterans at Newton D. Baker.

Notes are written to members unable to attend the meetings by the Regent. One meeting was at lunchtime, so we brown bagged it with additions by the hostess.

Presented a book, "Revolutionary War Patriots and Soldiers" written and presented to our chapter by member Rosa Hall. Sixty-nine entries for the American History Contest were received. Five winners presented a certificate and a \$25.00 E Bond.

Good Citizenship medal presented to a member of Jefferson High School. Permission has been granted to the local Historical Society to reprint our "Cemetery Book". Memorial Service was held honoring Mrs. J. Edward Saville. Thirteen ounces of used stamps were mailed to the veterans and 141 soup labels for the schools and 29 box tops for schools.

We have had one death, two resignations and five members in Nursing Homes. Programs were held on the Constitution, Madonna of the Trail, American Indians, DAR Schools, U.S. Presidents and women's issues.

2006

Our year began with 50 members, now we have 47. Three still belong, but poor health prohibits their attendance. The regent has written letters to them including activities of the chapter. Meetings are held in the homes and the average attendance is 10. Articles from the National Defender are read at each meeting. Articles are also read from the magazine of CAR's. Our scholarship candidate expressed her appreciation for our assistance in supporting her 4-year college degree. Her replacement is Gage N. Levac. Scholarship information was delivered to Jefferson High. Five members attended the luncheon honoring the State Regent.

The Ritual is used at each meeting, information on the flag is given at least three times during the year. Candy is delivered to Newton D. Baker twice a year, taking into consideration that some cannot eat sweets. Members selected names from

the Tamassee list and mailed cards and small gifts to the children. School collections were \$100.00. We gained one new member.

Our programs consist of the following: Constitution with a reading, women's issues, a coincidence of Columbus Day and the founding of the National Society daughters of the American Revolution on October 11, 1890. November we were reminded of the sharing of recipes from long ago at the Thanksgiving Table and other tales, such as Great-Grandpa entertaining the children by removing his teeth and whistling the "Star Spangled Banner." This one is followed by Aunt Kate's horseradish spiked tomato aspic causing a mad dash for water. Our program for December was on Pearl Harbor bombing on the 7th.

88 essays were received for the History essays. Our program for February was "Show and Tell 1900's", but we were unable to meet due to the 12-inch snow. The March meeting will be "Literary Challenge" and of course plans for state convention. April is our spring luncheon with a speaker on "History." May we celebrate with a covered dish luncheon – no program.

We collect soup labels for the schools. Also stamps for the wounded veterans. We made donations required – filed a financial report. A program was planned for February on Abe Lincoln and George Washington, but unable to deliver-this information will be worked into one of the remaining meetings. A nominating committee has been appointed and hopefully a new slate will be chosen.

This Regent has not only done the duties of a Regent, but has also written all the write-ups for the newspapers, and I shall be happy to turn it over to a new person!!!

2007

We have had a busy and wonderful year full of changes. Elections were held and I, Emily Cooper, became the new Regent after Beth Printz had served in that capacity for many, many years. This is quite a big change for our chapter and we are working hard to attract new members.

Some activities included: Eighty-eight students entered the American History essay contest; Constitution week program entitled "Constitution of the United States of American: 219 Years Old and Growing Stronger!", met with Dolly Madison; Sally Ann Greenfield, State Organizing Secretary spoke about recruitment of new members; heart health month and a memorial service. Overall, it has been a joyous first year for this new regent. A time of learning, a time of observing, a time of pondering, a time of enthusiasm, a time of meeting many new DAR sisters, a time of sharing, and most of all, a time of finding many, many new friends.

**Blackwater Chapter
Parsons, West Virginia
Sharon Stavrakis, Regent**

2004

The Blackwater Chapter has decided to rejuvenate and rededicate to the ideals of DAR. We are in a rebuilding, and hope to be stronger for the well-being of our Chapter.

2005

The Blackwater Chapter is pleased to announce that we are working with a few perspective members and have papers pending for one person. We are hopeful that the sudden interest in our Chapter and DAR in general will be the shot in the arm that our chapter needs. Thank you to the State Officers for answering all of my questions!

Our Chapter continues to attend the ceremonies at the National Cemetery and our members find these to be a moving and rewarding experience to honor our fallen patriots from West Virginia.

2006

The Blackwater Chapter is working to recoup a history of the Evans Family Genealogy for the DAR Library. The Chapter has been contributing to the West Virginia DAR Memorial Book Project being sponsored by the State Registrar. We had many interesting programs throughout the year, but the one concerning the DAR Museum stands out as a spectacular presentation. We are proud of the work we do for our Chapter, our Churches and our Homes. Thank you to our members...looking forward to another great year!

2007

Blackwater has been very busy this year. We had so much sickness and lost three members to death and one member had to resign due to her work demands. Our chairmen have had wonderful programs and spoke of the special commemorative dates of the past year. The Indian Minute was given at each meeting and the National Defense report was also reprinted in the local papers.

Press news was written and most were published. The DAR Service to Veterans Chairman enjoyed volunteering and encouraged our members to collect stamps, cards, books and puzzles to be donated to our veterans. Our District meeting is to be hosted by our Chapter and we are busy preparing.

Membership chairman, Mrs. Louise Righman, worked and held a workshop for perspective members. One set of papers have been completed and are on their way to Washington. Mrs. Betty Evans Riley donated an Evans Genealogy book to

the NSDAR Library and all Blackwater Daughters were proud of this hard work. Books were also donated to our local library in memory of our deceased members.
May God bless each of you and thank you for your attention.

**Blennerhassett Chapter
Parkersburg, West Virginia
Mrs. Edna Barnes, Regent**

2004

This Chapter opened each meeting with proper ritual and all dues and obligations were met. Our programs varied widely from West Virginia nature photos to Ghost Stories of Parkersburg. Our Chapter celebrated Memorial Day jointly with James Wood Chapter in the Parkersburg City Park, placing two wreaths with flowers for each deceased Revolutionary War Soldier. We continue our monthly volunteerism at the Wood County Library and support one of the local elementary school classes. Christmas was spent celebrating with Marietta, Ohio Chapter, James Wood Chapter and the Captain James Neal Chapter, WVSSAR. This Regent was privileged to attend High Tea in Morgantown with Hagans-Evans Chapter, Installation of Col. Charles Lewis Chapter, Workshop at Tygart Lake and was pleased to be installed by the State Regent, Mrs. Carmen Silliman. July found this Regent in Washington, D.C. for her first, but not last, Continental Congress, a thrilling experience which all members should have at least once. Our yearly dues tea was a success with many members in attendance at the home of one of our members who lives in the Historical District of Parkersburg. We opened one meeting with Pat Boone's recording of "Under God" as a lead-into the Pledge of Allegiance. We are looking forward to a great year with new prospective members to work with.

2005

Blennerhassett Chapter has kept busy since our last State Conference even though the weather has tried our patience many times.

We were addressed by Gary Farris who is developing a war museum in Parkersburg and had the ROTC participate in the flag ceremony.

For Women's Issues we had a guest speaker from "Try Again Homes, Inc." dealing with the problems of obtaining persons to foster children in need. We plan to support this effort with totes and comfort items at our next meeting.

School supplies were brought to our February meeting to be distributed at a local elementary school. Two genealogical workshops had to be cancelled due to bad weather and icy roads. Used postage stamps, soup labels and box-tops for education were donated in a very satisfactory amount to be sent on to the schools and veterans.

We are at present working on a project in conjunction with James Wood Chapter to place an added marker on the monument at City Park with additional names of Wood County men who served in the Revolutionary War and we currently have three members who volunteer at the Wood County Library one day each month to assist all persons with their genealogy research.

2006

Blennerhassett Chapter is proud of the work that we have done this year. We donated 19 pounds of used stamps to the Veterans and sent hundreds of labels to the schools; participated in the Veteran's Day Parade and placed a wreath at the Revolutionary Memorial; donated 7 books to the DAR Library; supported McKinley Elementary School with supplies and clothing; donated money and clothing to the Veterans; we celebrated Constitution Week at the home of Mrs. Norman McCrary with Dr. Ray Swick as speaker and with displays in schools and banks and had Constitution Week proclamations from Gov. Manchin, Sen. Robert Byrd, 5 area mayors and the Wood County Commission.

Our Chapter birthday was celebrated with the presence of Miss Candy Bonecutter who portrayed Molly Pitcher; our national Defense Luncheon was graced by a message from Lt. Col. Robert Ellison, Retired, who spoke on the history of the 130th Airlift Wing at Yeager Airport and we enjoyed the Parkersburg South High School Junior ROTC as they presented and retired the colors. We had a January meeting at which the DAR Memorial Hall DVD was shown and the proper usage of Insignia was presented.

Enough cannot be said for three members, Rexien Johnson, Sylvia Bargeloh and Mary Ann Smith who faithfully donate their day monthly at the Wood County Library in the Genealogy department, helping all persons who are interested. We had a February meeting with the Preservation of the American Flag given by Mrs. Michael Braniff who also hosted our DAR Dues Tea this past year. One member, myself, was able to attend Continental Congress this past year and am looking forward to going again this year. Our Christmas was made more joyful by joining with the James Wood Chapter, DAR and the Captain James Neal Chapter, SAR for a luncheon. Our members fly the flag daily and several volunteer as Docents on Blennerhassett Island.

2007

The Blennerhassett Chapter is proud of the work that we have done this year. We participated in the Veteran's Day Parade and placed a wreath at the Memorial in City Park. We observed Memorial Day at our monument in City Park. We again served as docents at Blennerhassett Island. Chapter members knitted or crocheted 14 camouflage scarves to warm our soldiers.

We turned in over 54 Yoplait lids for cancer research and we donated our hair for "Locks of Love" program for area cancer patients. We presented a check to Emily Metz who was chosen to represent us overseas. We donated 14 ½ pounds of used stamps for "Stamps for the Wounded" that helps rehabilitate veterans—this makes a total of 36 pounds this administration!!

We donated over 150 crayons and pencils and new winter coats along with red, white and blue cupcakes to the students at McKinley School in Parkersburg.

Programs were given on Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty, Arlington Cemetery, Theodosia Burr, the daughter of Aaron Burr. Due to an interesting program on Multiple Sclerosis, we formed a team for their annual Walk-a-thon. We kicked off our annual fund drive by having an Easter Bonnet Tea at member Dina Braniff's lovely home. We had 17 Constitution Week proclamations signed including by both U.S. Senators and the WV Governor.

Our National Defense Program was given by Robert Konarske, one of our own HODARs, on "War Dogs". He had trained and fought with them in Vietnam and currently working to erect a memorial to honor the dogs in Washington, DC.

Our finest work, I believe, is the amount of time that now FOUR of our members do by serving one day a month in the Genealogy Room of the Wood County Library to assist all persons who are interested in finding their ancestors.

**Buford Chapter
Huntington, West Virginia
Patricia Daugherty, Regent**

2004

It is with pleasure that I present to you as Regent of Buford Chapter. We have had an exciting year! Our programs have been informative and entertaining. Dr. Alan Gould, Marshall University History Department, spoke to the Chapter about the Constitution. Ms. Kathleen Bleedsoe told us "How to Preserve our Family Treasures". Gerald Sutphin told of adventures on the Ohio River. We even had visits from Chief Logan and Mary Todd Lincoln. Our attendance has increased and the fellowship is rewarding.

The American History Essay Contest was very successful with over forty students participating. Twenty five senior high students responded to the Christopher Columbus Essay Contest. The four American History Essay winners and the one Christopher Columbus winner read their essays at the February meeting and were honored at a reception following. We also gave awards in Good Citizen Essay Contest, and to the ROTC at Marshall University and Huntington High School.

The highlight of the year was Buford's role in the "Eastern Legacy of the Lewis and Clark Expedition". This three day event at Harris Riverfront Park brought thousands to see replicas of the original keelboat and Pirogue and to explore the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Exhibit Barge. Visitors also enjoyed talking with the "Corps of Discovery" group of re-enactors from St. Charles, MO. and seeing hundreds of re-enactors at the Indian village and the Frontiersmen's outpost. The Children's Tent had visits from Sacagawea, Patrick Gass, singers and dancers and two beautiful Newfoundland dogs that were a hit with children and adults alike. A musical "Corps of Discovery" presented by Marshall University was a huge success, having sell-out crowds each night. Buford Chapter also sponsored Bob Ford, a Lewis and Clark historian, to give lectures and demonstrations to the Middle School students in our area. This project was rewarding experience for the chapter and for the individuals who participated – a living history experience that we will all remember. In August, Buford Chapter and two engineering groups held a Dedication Service at Harris Riverfront Park for the National Geodetic Survey marker presented to the committee, which commemorates the Lewis and Clark Army Expedition in 1803, "Where The River Runs West".

Eight members attended Continental Congress in Washington. What a week it Was! We had fun, learned a lot and were happy to be there to support our own Presley Wagoner, the newly elected President General. Beverly Bills, Chairman of the Chapter Revitalization Committee, presented to Sally O. Cyrus a certificate for Second Place, Small Chapter, Revitalization. Buford Chapter placed exhibits in the display windows at the Cabell county Public Library. We also worked with the library on the "Sign the Constitution" program by providing 200 notepads, pencils and stickers for the signers. We had seven articles in the local newspapers and two pictures. It has been a very active year for our chapter.

2005

It is an honor to represent Buford Chapter on this great occasion of the 100th Anniversary of the West Virginia State Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution.

Buford Chapter was formed in 1910 and is named for Captain William E. Buford, born 1745 in Bedford County, VA. He rendered Colonial Service 1771 – 1776. His Revolutionary Service began 1776 with the Fifth and Eleventh Regiments of Virginia. He was Honorable discharged in 1779.

Buford Chapter is recognized for organizing the Red Cross Chapter in Huntington during WW I. Also, Buford Chapter with its focus on conservation started the Huntington Garden Club, which grew to over 150 members in less than two months. In 1922, Buford Chapter rebuilt the log cabin that serves as our chapter house.

Last November, Buford Chapter adopted the 357th Combat Support Battalion serving in Iraq. We sent books to help build a library for their use and for the use of others rotating into the base. We sent cards at Thanksgiving and Christmas to their families at home, and sent gift packages of snacks, games and personal items to the unit in Iraq.

Buford Chapter, TRIAD Engineering, and the Society of American Military Engineers placed a plaque to mark the spot of the Lewis and Clark national Geodetic Trail marker at the Harris Riverfront Park. This marks Lewis's journey down the Ohio to *Where the River Runs West*. Certificates were presented to the three engineers who worked with us on this project and to the WSAZ-TV news announcer who helped us with the entire Lewis and Clark event.

History Day in Charleston was a special event: Caroline Rappold, 2nd Vice Regent, received a History Hero Award. She was honored for the book she wrote on the history of Buford Chapter. In 2002 this book was accepted by the National DAR Library in Washington, D.C.

Two of our outstanding programs included a talk about Dream Catchers by Native American Indian Bernard Cremeans and a presentation about the Rosanna Blake Civil War Collection by Jack Dickinson of Marshall University. American History Essay Winners were honored at the February meeting. After the four winners read their essays, they were presented Certificates and Medals. Following the meeting the winners, parents and guests were entertained at a Tea.

Three members of Buford Chapter are working to establish a complete record of every chapter member from 1910 to present. This will include birth and death dates, husband's name, military or patriot ancestor and admission date to NSDAR. Also, resignations, transfers to other chapters and transfers into our chapter.

In Women's Issues, one member was selected to help Cabell-Huntington Hospital call attention to services for Seniors. TV ads were produced featuring Mary Hodges during her extended stay in the hospital. These ads ran on two TV stations for over three months and were viewed by thousands. Buford Chapter stays busy in DAR and in the Community.

2006

This had been an exciting year for Buford Chapter. In June we hosted a reception for our DAR Medal of Honor winner, Hershel "Woody" Williams. Mr. Williams is West Virginia's only living Congressional Medal of Honor recipient. This event was held in our cabin in Ritter Park and was attended by over sixty-five guests. We were honored to have Virginia B. Johnson, Honorary Vice President General, and Shirley Gilkeson, West Virginia State Regent, with us for this celebration. It was a wonderful afternoon.

Buford Chapter has welcomed nine new members – five by application and four by reinstatements. The May meeting was dedicated to our members. A Memorial service remembered our deceased members. Certificates were presented to the members for their many years of service, a total of 165 years. Officers and Committee Chairmen were thanked for their continual willingness to help, and all members were recognized for their dedication and support. A Genealogy Workshop was held in September at the cabin to help interested people with research and with membership papers.

In response to the Project Patriot request we sent 120 signed holiday cards for the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany. We also sent two large boxes of clothing and assorted games to the Landstuhl Hospital. One member sent games, snacks, clothing and CD's in a carry-on suitcase to Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D. C. Other members provided sun block, lip protector, and phone cards to the troops. Personal items, games and snacks were collected at our Christmas Tea for the VA Hospital in Huntington, West Virginia.

Our programs have been excellent!! We "Celebrated the Constitution" with our usual school poster displays and library displays. We gave the schools Constitution Minutes to be read during the morning announcement program. Three radio stations aired our prepared Constitution Minutes as PSAs. At our meeting, cards with bells were given to every member to remind them to ring bells on September 17th at 4:00 pm. Buford Chapter was presented a Certificate of Congressional Recognition by Congresswoman Shelley Moore Capito.

We learned about the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route that led to the victory at Yorktown. We were honored to have a visit from State Regent Shirley Gilkeson in November. Our members were inspired by her talk and enjoyed visits with her during teatime. The Christmas celebration Rea at Sally O. Cyrus's lovely home honored our new members. In January Yvonne Johnson gave a fantastic program about Ann Pamela Cunningham and how she saved Mt. Vernon. We recognized the winners of the American History Essay Contest in February. This is always a special treat for us. In March Sally Cyrus brought many of her dolls from her marvelous collection and told about each one. Several members brought dolls from their childhood to show.

In October the Flag of the United States of America was presented to Karen Nance to be used in the historic Madie Carroll house.

Refrigerator magnets were made and sent to all members to remind them to save Campbell's Soup and Swanson labels and Box Tops for Education for the DAR Schools.

A National Defense program is presented at every meeting. One special report focused on Emergency Preparedness. Each member was given a Red (easy to see) folder which contained information on preparing for or coping with a national, emergency, either terrorism or natural disaster. We have presented the ROTC Certificate and Medal to the outstanding member of the ROTC programs at Marshall University and Huntington High School. We celebrated Ben Franklin's birthday by sending five special Ben Franklin minutes to the schools for their morning program.

Buford Chapter members donated \$490.30 for Katrina Relief. We are happy to say that our Web Page is up and running. Find out more about our activities there. Buford Chapter is a busy and happy chapter.

2007

This year has been exciting and productive. Buford Chapter members are active within the chapter and very visible within the community. In August, Buford Chapter hosted a reception honoring our DAR History Award Medal winner, Karen Cartwright Nance. Mrs. Nance was the pivotal person in saving the Madie Carroll house, probably the oldest house in Guyandotte, from destruction. Through her efforts the home is now restored and open to the public as a museum. We honored Myra McVey and Rosa Lee Vitez, winners of the Community Service Award, for their efforts in restoring a part of the old Huntington High School building and creating Arts Resources for the Tri-State (ARTS) center for the community. Phil Cline was recognized for bringing a one room school house to the Marshall University Campus. This 1889 one room school house was restored and preserved as a museum in honor of his parents, who were teachers. Mary and Churchill Hodges were honored for restoring and resealing the stone lions that stand at the entrance of the new Hospice House. The lions were placed on that property when the original home was built in 1870.

Constitution Month was filled with activities. Buford Chapter was fortunate to have the opportunity to join with five other sponsors to produce the educational newspaper supplement "Constitution: Blueprint of a Nation". 36,000 copies were sent to 60 schools in our area just in time for Constitution Week. Constitution Certificates were presented to the Herald-Dispatch and Lena Burdette, the Coordinator of Education Outreach Programs, for creating and publishing this educational newspaper supplement. We did displays in all libraries, placed posters in the schools, wrote Constitution Minutes for use in the schools, and sent PSAs to four radio stations for their Public Service time. We invited the SAR Chapter to join with us for a "Celebrate the Constitution" Dinner. There were fifty members present for the event. The program featured an excellent portrayal of Chief Justice John Marshall by Rev. Robert Murray. The Regent was honored to present a Constitution Certificate to Dr. Alan B. Gould at a celebration of the Constitution and the life of John Marshall at Marshall University. Dr. Gould was the coordinator of all Constitution events on the Marshall campus during Constitution Week. Twelve flag certificates were presented to very deserving and patriotic citizens. They were selected for their proper use, correct display, and presentation of the Flag. 348 Flags, 340 DAR Flag Codes, 240 copies of the "Story of the Pledge of Allegiance", and 60 Flag pins were given to various groups: Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, elementary school students, American History Essay winners, and participants in the Veterans Day program and the Memorial Day service.

A visit to Hindman School was very informative. Buford Chapter members donated many school supplies to take for our visit. We held a "Socks for the children at Tamasee" drive and sent 240 pairs to the school. Five DAR schools were sent a copy of the Lewis and Clark film "The Eastern Legacy, Down the Ohio to the Western Wilderness". Copies of this outstanding film were also sent to all local schools.

We responded to the Project Patriot request for items for Landstuhl Hospital in Germany by sending two boxes of clothing and 150 signed Christmas Cards. We also remembered our Veterans at the VA Hospital in Huntington on Valentines Day by taking over \$1,000.00 worth of items and 91 Valentines Day cards. We honored Jane Boylin, owner of Camden Park. For the unique and innovative educational opportunities offered at the park. The various exhibits featuring Dinosaurs, Sharks, and Bats have been remarkable. What an effective way to teach children!

Buford Chapter presented three ROTC Certificates and Medals to outstanding students, one at Huntington High School, one at Marshall University, and one to a U.S. Naval Sea Cadet. Major Paul Clark, director of the Army ROTC program at Marshall University, each received a Certificate of Award from Buford Chapter for their outstanding and exemplary leadership in the ROTC programs. We were thrilled to have our chapter winner, Anne Steel, win 1st place in the State then win East Central Division, and on to 3rd place Nationally. She truly exemplifies the qualities of a Good Citizen. She was honored at the Buford Chapter and at the Western District meetings. It has been a pleasure to serve as Regent of Buford Chapter. Our members are always ready to help and we enjoy working together. I am grateful to have had this wonderful opportunity.

**Captain James Allen Chapter
Beckley, West Virginia
Margaret Ann Bays, Regent**

2004

This is a report from our chapter for the 99th State Conference, October 22-24, 2004 at the Holiday Inn, Martinsburg, West Virginia. Mrs. Karen Bonifacio Vice Regent of this chapter is the alternative for Mrs. Bays. Mrs. Bonifacio was and is the good citizenship representative. She is accompanied by Mrs. Joan Sweeney former regent who currently presents the President General's Message and National Defense Message to our monthly meetings. Mrs. Sweeney is also the State Historian.

Since last October our chapter under the leadership of Mrs. Sweeney has completed many tasks that have contributed to the goals of God, Home, and Country. Our meetings have consisted of the following: In October Mary Stevenson who has made two picture books of WV Coal Camps gave a presentation. We had an auction in November as a fund raiser and our Christmas Party in December. In February we had our Good Citizenship award luncheon. In March the chapter had the students who entered and won the American History Contest to read their essays. The CEO of the Veterans hospital gave a talk in April about the improvements made to the hospital. Our May meeting had Major Carpenter with the ROTC presentation. A talk at the May meeting was given by Laura Salyers on Yorktown. We have now begun another three year term of officers. We old and new officers met in August at the home of Margaret Ann Bays to turn the gavel over and have a smooth transition of

information. We have had our September meeting a talk was given by our Registrar Linda Whitman on submitting supplemental applications.

2005

The Captain James Allen Chapter continues to support the goals of honoring God, Home and Country. We are pleased to have Mrs. Joan Sweeney serving at the State Historian. Since our last State Conference, we are continuing to train our new leadership and look forward to many new ideas and projects. We continue to be pleased with the support we receive at the DAR Good Citizens contest at our local high schools. We have volunteers from our Chapter working with the Linage Research project and support their activities.

2006

Thank you for allowing me to report the wonderful activities of the Captain James Allen Chapter. This year we continued to support the Blanche L. Reymann Scholarship Fund by donating money to continue this worthwhile scholarship. Programs were presented on Genealogy, History, Conservation, The Flag, The Constitution, and National Defense. We had the 1st place winner in the 6th grade for the Christopher Columbus essay contest in the state. The winner was Matthew S. McDaniel. We also received 1st place in American History for the amount of publicity we received on our activities. Thank you for the hard work!

We are pleased to participate in **Just Teach One**, which encourages teaching children/grandchildren to read; reading/literacy tutors; volunteers for libraries/literacy groups. We gained new members including Juniors! We sold Innsbrook wrapping paper to support Junior Membership and to help raise money for our Chapter.

2007

This chapter regent is pleased to report on the activities of this outstanding chapter. We are pleased with our members' activities in Linage Research and many of our members continue to be active with this committee by volunteering many hours of service. Our activities with the Literacy Challenge committee continue to amaze this Chapter Regent. One member, Linda Link Whitman has done an outstanding job in the area of Literacy for her community.

We participated in the Memorial Book project by the State Registrar. Our Chapter has over 25% of the membership who subscribe to the DAR Magazine and we all find great enjoyment from this publication. Once again, we sold Innsbrook wrapping paper to support the Junior Membership Committee.

Thank you for this wonderful learning opportunity to serve.

**Charleston Chapter
Charleston, West Virginia
Pauline Ratcliff, Regent**

2005

This chapter continues to support Project Patriot and looks for ways throughout the year to raise awareness of the needs of our troops, especially the wounded. We continue to meet in conjunction with the Anne Bailey and William Morris Chapters due to our small size. We are pleased to have Mrs. Harriet Brown serving as State Community Service Award Chairman during this Administration. The chapter promotes the activities of the Constitution Week Committee and continues to educate the community about the importance of the U.S. Constitution.

2006

The Charleston Chapter has many programs throughout the year that contribute to the DAR motto of God, Home and Country. We are able to have many nice speakers and appreciate the camaraderie of the Anne Bailey and William Morris Chapters. Our chapter has been working to increase our membership, especially with those who would be considered Junior members.

2007

This Chapter meets in conjunction with the Anne Bailey and William Morris Chapters

**Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter
Point Pleasant, West Virginia
Diana L. Johnson, Regent**

2004

The Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter exceeded the monetary contributions, participated in Constitution Week, Project Patriot and the annual Battle Days activities.

For Constitution Week Jim Wilson, mayor of Point Pleasant signed a proclamation. The Chapter held a picnic and Betty Sue Kauff (Mrs. John R.) presented a program on the Constitution.

Refreshments were served during both the Lantern Tour and after the SAR memorial Service during Battle Days. Chapter Regent Diana Johnson laid a wreath on behalf of the Chapter during the Memorial Service. The Chapter was also honored by the presence of State Regent Mrs. Shirley Gilkeson who laid a wreath on behalf of the State Society.

Betty Crocker coupons and veteran stamps were collected and, in conjunction with the Fort Randolph Society S.S.C.A.R., gift bags were made and delivered to the Veterans Hospital in Huntington.

The Chapter continues its responsibility to maintain the interior of the Mansion House at Tu-Endie-Wei State Park. In addition to acting as hostesses, Chapter members serve as guides for all tours. Approximately 40,000 people toured the house from May to October this year. The cellar kitchen was painted in September as well as a china display cabinet and new curtains were hung.

The 103rd Anniversary Luncheon was a success again this year. The theme was "Our History in Fashion". Attendees were encouraged to wear hats and tell about their hat. Table decorations carried out the theme with period fashion items on loan from members as the centerpieces. The program was a fashion show of styles from 1776 through 1976.

The next project for the Chapter is part of its care and maintenance of patriot graves, plans are to restore the Pioneer Cemetery the oldest cemetery in Point Pleasant. This includes re-setting old monuments and restoring broken ones.

Members are active in the Artist Series, Battle Days Committee, County Library Board, Historic Landmark Commission and various other organizations in the County.

2005

BRIEF HISTORY OF CHAPTER

The Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter was named for Colonel Charles Lewis, mortally wounded in the Battle of Point Pleasant on October 10, 1774 and buried at Tu-Endie-Wei State Park. The Chapter was organized in March 1901 and chartered on June 12, 1901. Organizing Regent was Dr. Livia Nye Simpson Poffenbarger.

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS

From 1901 through 1909 the Chapter led by Dr. Poffenbarger, restored and furnished the log cabin built by Walter Newman in 1797 as an "ordinary". The restored Mansion House stands in Tu-Endie-Wei State Park and serves as both a museum and the Chapter meeting house.

In 1909 an eighty-two foot high obelisk was erected and dedicated to the men who fought at the Battle of Point Pleasant. It was dedicated on October 10, 1909 and Point Pleasant was officially recognized as a battle of the American Revolution.

In 1922 the Chapter sponsored the organization of the Fort Randolph Society, Children of the American Revolution. That Society has re-organized recently and in once more becoming active in the community. From 1928 - 1931 Ora Hogg Vaught served as State Regent and was Vice President General from 1931 - 1934. Florence Juhling McClung was State Regent from 1950 - 1953. Cora Proffitt Teel served as State Vice Regent from 1992 - 1995. The Chapter has had 23 members served as State Officers and 11 members have served as District Officers.

In October 2002 the Chapter erected a beautiful new monument to a true daughter of the American Revolution, Anne Hennis Trotter Bailey. It replaced the smaller plaque which stood in Tu-Endie-Wei, her final resting place.

Throughout the years the Chapter has been the custodian and caretakers of all patriot graves in Mason County but especially the Pioneer Cemetery. Their efforts have seen Dr. Jesse Bennett, who performed the first caesarean section west of the Appalachian Mountains, moved to the Pioneer Cemetery. As part of these ongoing efforts the Chapter is attempting to repair, renovate or replace centuries old markers and monuments at the cemetery.

FULFILLMENT OF OBJECTIVES

The Chapter has fulfilled all of its monetary and service requirements of the State and National Societies throughout its one hundred four years of existence. Betty Crocker coupons, soup labels and Veteran stamps were collected. Socks were sent to the Native American children.

EDUCATION: The Chapter continues its support of the Fort Randolph Society, Children of the American Revolution, teaching our children about their heritage and responsibility to the community. In addition, American History essay winners were selected and awards given to elementary school students in the county. Awards were presented at the March meeting, where winners presented their essays to the Chapter.

PATRIOTIC ENDEAVORS: The Chapter continues its support of Battle Days, the annual commemoration of the Battle of Point Pleasant. Refreshment was 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. We were honored to have the State Regent also participate in the Memorial Service this year and lay a wreath on behalf of the State Society.

The Chapter continues its support of veterans in the county and region. Stamps were collected and sent to the veterans' home for use in their special projects. Personal care items were also collected by members and sorted by the Fort Randolph Society, NSCAR. These items were delivered by the Regent to the VA Hospital in Huntington for distribution to the patients.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION: The chapter continues its responsibility to maintain the interior of the mansion House at Tu-Endie-Wei. In addition to acting as hostesses, Chapter members act as guides for all tours. Approximately 40,000

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FULFILLMENT OF OBJECTIVES: The Chapter has fulfilled all of its monetary and service requirements of the State and National Societies. Betty Crocker coupons, soup labels and Veteran stamps were collected. Socks were sent to the Native American children. Three new members were added in the past year, including one Junior member.

EDUCATION: The Chapter continues its support of the Fort Randolph Society, Children of the American Revolution, teaching our children about their heritage and responsibility to the community. In addition, American History essay winners were selected and awards given to elementary school students in the county. Good Citizens were also chosen from all four secondary schools in the county.

PATRIOTIC ENDEAVORS: The Chapter continues its support of Battle Days, the annual commemoration of the battle of Point Pleasant. Refreshments were served during the Lantern Tour and after the Memorial Service. The Regent laid a wreath on behalf of the Chapter during the Memorial Service. We were honored to have our State Regent give a memorial address and lay a wreath this year. The Chapter continues its support of veterans in the county and region. Stamps were collected and sent to the veterans' home for use in their special projects. Personal care items were also collected by members. The CAR members also prepared valentines to be distributed to the patients. These items were delivered by the Regent to the VA Hospital in Huntington. Personal care items and caps were also delivered to the veterans at the extended care home in Lakin by Mrs. Betty Sue Kauff.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION: The restored Mansion House stands in Tu-Endie-Wei State Park and serves as both a museum and the Chapter meeting house. The Chapter continues its responsibility to maintain the interior of the Mansion House at Tu-Endie-Wei. In addition to acting as hostesses, Chapter members act as guides for all tours. Approximately 45,000 people tour the house annually. This past year saw the preservation of two original Currier & Ives prints in the Mansion as well as the original deeds to the property on which it stands. In addition, the 1901 Charter was restored, preserved and re-framed. Our next project is the re-upholstering of the antique settee and matching chairs in the Chapter meeting room.

**Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter
Fairmont, West Virginia
Judith Robinson and Grace Vincent, Regent**

2006

The Col. Morgan Morgan Chapter NSDAR held ten meetings. Three were Historical, two were Educational, three were Patriotic, and two were National Defense. All meetings were held on the third Saturday of the designated month. Each assembly opened with the Ritual, a message for our President General, a National Defense report and an informal report on our shut-ins.

Each chairman was asked to report on her progress with the goals she had set. Each meeting ended with an informal round table with each member reporting on local events that we might want to become involved in so the public would become more aware of our organization. (We get new members this way). I have a wonderful small active group that is helping me assume the duties of the Regent.

We had "reporting time" at my home and each chairman gave her report and ask for some ideas on setting new goals for a shining future for our daughters. We have four junior members who are active in community affairs, pursuing their education and performing their jobs in the workforce. We are proud of them and they support us.

We sent a Birthday Book to all of our members that included their addresses so that everyone can send greetings to one another. We adopted one Disabled Veteran and we plan to shower him with cards and visits and let him know how much we appreciate his sacrifice.

We look forward to continued health and ask for your prayers and encouragement as we "*Light the Way to the Future*" as we lead the Daughters into a Brighter Tomorrow.

2007

The Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter NSDAR held nine meetings. The categories were Historical, Educational, Patriotic, and National Defense. All meetings were held on the third Saturday of the designated month. Each assembly opened with the Ritual, a message from the President General and the informal National Defense report. The Caring and Sharing Committee gave the report on illness and greetings from our shut-ins. Cards were signed. The Regent gave an update on events to be held, answered questions and the each Chairman reported on her progress that she had made with the goals she had set. Our members are few but are quite active with community affairs and volunteer work. We have four very busy Junior Members who are involved in their schooling, their jobs and one is planning a wedding in March, one had a baby girl in January and my young granddaughter has announced the arrival of twins in July-August. (This Great Grandmother can hardly wait!) Our outstanding program was our 219th Anniversary Celebration with our Constitution Round-Up Tea with our Honored Guest, State Regent, Shirley Gilkeson, as our featured speaker and with help from the Music Teacher in three local schools helping me. A display was set up to highlight activities held in our schools. Another program was honoring our Veterans with Chairman, Janice Pittman, presenting guests from the VFW who presented the program and gave each member a sample of the materials they give to all the schools in the county. They presented our Chapter with the Americanism Award of Excellence in promoting Americanism and the patriotic principles of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. We were honored when they told us it was a First. We fixed boxes of gifts and goodies for them to mail to our active military. We honored our adopted local DAV with cards and gifts and visits. Main Street in Fairmont presented us with a certificate for participating in the project to replace worn flags for the bridges. This will be my final term as Regent and I have so enjoyed working with the Daughters to revitalize our Chapter. I have received wonderful support and have a helpful First and Second Vice Regents who have helped in so many ways. I want to thank all the State Officers and especially Shirley who helped me with all of my duties and responsibilities. I wish all of you continued success, but will not be able to attend the State Conference. I will continue with my Registrar job and hope to see you.

**Colonel William Lowther Chapter
Salem, West Virginia
Cheryl Higgins, Regent**

2005

The Colonel William Lowther Chapter held four meetings from October 1, 2004 to April 1, 2005 with the theme following the requirements of the NSDAR. Two meetings were cancelled due to inclement weather and illness. All meetings opened in ritualistic form and National Defense reports were given. For our October meeting, Michelle Kelly gave an excellent program about Founder's Day. We also voted to send a gift of \$50.00 for patients at the Louis A. Johnson Veterans Hospital.

In November we observed Veterans Day and were fortunate to have as our speaker, Miss Brianna Swisher, a junior at Doddridge County High School. Brianna was the DCHS Voice of Democracy speech contest winner. She gave her winning speech concerning veterans for us.

We held our Christmas meeting at the Cottage Corner Restaurant where we met for a nice dinner and fellowship. In February the chapter met at the Doddridge County Library where Charla Nutter presented our program on "Madonna of the Trail." We were also treated to refreshment in honor of Valentine's Day. Two members attended the State Conference October 24 - 26. Charla Nutter was installed as the State Recording Secretary.

2006

The Colonel William Lowther Chapter held seven meetings from May 1, 2005 to April 1, 2006 with themes following requirements of the NSDAR. One meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather. All meetings opened in ritualistic form and national Defense reports were given.

For our May meeting, we invited the recipients of the DAR Good Citizen Awards from Doddridge County High School and Liberty High School to attend. These young ladies, along with their mothers, came to the meeting and told us about themselves and their activities in school and what their future plans were.

In June we had our annual picnic at the Greathouse picnic shelter. Fern Nutter was in charge of the program about Flag Day. During our September meeting we observed Constitution week and Fern Nutter gave a report on a "Membership

Prescription" from the District meeting in Harrisville which was sponsored by the Anne Royall Chapter. We also voted to send \$50.00 to the Louis A. Johnson Veterans Hospital for the patients. We held our Christmas meeting at the Cottage Corner Restaurant where we met for a nice dinner and fellowship. In March the chapter met at the Doddridge County Library where Charla Nutter presented an enjoyable and very interesting program on some of the lesser known facts about our Presidential first ladies throughout history. We were also treated to refreshments.

Three members attended the State Conference in April and two members attended Continental Congress in Washington, D.C. in July.

2007

The members of the Col. William Lowther Chapter continue to support the ideals of God, Home and Country. During the past year, eight meetings were held and all national and state requirements were met. Our members are pleased to continue to participate in the Salem Applebutter Festival as a way to promote DAR and to spread the word about our Chapter. We are happy to have had 2 new members approved during the past year. We continue to recognize our area students and work with the local high schools, Liberty and Doddridge County.

In December we sponsored gifts to the Louis A. Johnson Veteran's Hospital for their Christmas party for the patients. Our January meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather, but we were able to combine two programs into our February meeting.

**Colonel Zackquill Morgan Chapter
Morgantown, West Virginia
Dorcas Harbert Davis, Regent**

2004

Membership 20. Lost 2 members this past year and one was a Chapter Member.

Chapter Highlights-Received Chapter Achievement Award Level 2, -3rd Place DAR Magazine Award

-Awards for American Heritage and Conservation, -Constitution Week and Commemorative Events, -Membership Award for Participating in Membership Blood Drive, -American History Award, -Literary Challenge, -Tireless Work in promoting and keeping members and many other awards, -Bought a new flag for Friendship Manor, -Walked in every Patriotic Parade in Morgantown, -Took part in Wreath Laying at the Court House Square for Memorial Day, 9/11 Services and acted as MC for the Fourth of July Celebration honoring the Crew of the USS West Virginia. I, also, was parade chairman for the Parade on the Fourth of July.-Sent clothing to Crossnore School for their Thrift Shop, sent soup labels to Tamasee, Hillside School and Kate Duncan Smith Schools.

We had three grade levels at the Trinity School to write essays in the American History essay contest and we awarded each participant with a certificate of participation. Gave a medal and certificate to the Army ROTC, at WVU. Awarded Good Citizen Award to a Senior at Trinity School. Had many very interesting meetings and are working on obtaining new members.

2005

Our Chapter, Col. Zackquill Morgan Chapter, is small in number but large in what we accomplish every year. We have fulfilled our obligations and then some. We sent Campbell Soup labels to three schools and clothing to Crossnore.

We have adopted a Veteran that has no immediate family and give him gifts on all the special occasions, Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, Easter and for Christmas we not only bought gifts for Rowdy, but all the Veterans at MonPointe Continuing Care Center. Gave them a gift, a ball cap with I'm Proud to be a Veteran and candy. We were well received at the Home. Have walked in every Patriotic Parade in Morgantown, and have laid a wreath in Veteran Ceremonies that are held on the Court House Square. Have participated in fundraiser to make money for some of our projects. Like we bought 20 classroom flags and the hardware to put them on the wall for a new Christian School. We also, bought a new outdoor flag for their flagpole in the courtyard. We also supplied 3 classroom flags to two different public schools in Monongalia County.

Had 14 eight graders write essays for American History essay and submitted he one that was considered to be best of the 14. This was very difficult to do since they were all well researched and well written. Will give them a framed certificate of participation on Awards Day at the end of the school year. We are happy to announce that Gabrielle LaFata was a third place winner this year. Will give Army ROTC a certificate and medal on their Awards day at WVU. I have written a letter of recommendation for a WVU student seeking DAR Scholarship in the Medical field. Certainly hop she is successful and happy that she sought us out.

2006

The Colonel Zackquill Morgan Chapter is small in number, but huge in Pride. We have fulfilled all our obligations for Chapter Achievement.

As I look back, on the past year, I don't think I'll ever forget 2005. When I was contacted about getting people to be on Stage with President Bush, for his Fourth of July visit in Morgantown, I started with my plea for the Daughters of the

American Revolution to be presented. I told the arrangers that had it not been for my forefathers we wouldn't be celebrating the Fourth. I kept the heat on, and they listened, and the DAR was right up there with all those Veterans.

There is an annual Flag Day Celebration in Kingwood, WV, and the DAR has been invited to attend and hand out flags and flag pins. We have been doing this for the past 2 or 3 years. For Flag Day, I also, called Rita Lashley and asked if she wanted to join me in handing our flags in Morgantown on the Court House Square. We were pleasantly received.

We have given new flags to the Trinity School, again this year and to the Madison Long-Term facility. We have ROTC Award ready to be handed out and Certificates of Participation to the entrants in the American History Essay Contest. Have sent clothes to Crossnore twice, and soup labels to 3 schools. We participated in fundraiser to make a couple of dollars. We have gained 2 new members and reinstated 2. Hopefully, 2006 will be even better.

2007

The Colonel Zackquill Morgan Chapter is small, but through teamwork, we continue to meet our State and National obligations. We had an excellent Jeopardy-type program to celebrate Constitution Week. A luncheon with the Hagans-Evans Chapter was also well attended. We continue to participate in the Kingwood Flag Day celebration where members of our chapter distribute flags and flag pins.

Our Chapter achieved the East-Central Division winner in the American Heritage Committee contest. We also sponsored the American History essay contest at Trinity Christian School. We had participants in the Jamestown/Yorktown celebration in October. One senior was awarded the Good Citizen pin and certificate at Trinity Christian School. One WVU senior was awarded the ROTC medal on behalf of our Chapter. The Chapter sent Campbell's labels to all the DAR schools and 10 pounds of clothing was sent to Crossnore School. The Monongalia County Commission signed a Constitution Week proclamation on September 14, 2007. We held a fundraiser. We sponsored a birthday party for Abraham Lincoln and George Washington at the Friendship Manor, an assisted living residence. We participated in a 9-11 Ceremony at Court House Square, a Memorial Day wreath laying and the annual Fourth of July parade and wreath laying. This has been a year I probably won't forget! Hopefully, we can continue to grow!

**Daniel Davisson Chapter
Clarksburg, West Virginia
Elizabeth Davis, Regent**

2004

The Daniel Davisson Chapter meets each month except December, January and February, due to the weather. We are experimenting with meeting dates, places and time in order to try to attract new members. During the reporting period we lost one member due to death, three to resignation, we gained one member by transfer and one member is listed as approved on e-membership but we have not received official notification. Percentage of members attending meetings is low but enthusiasm is high on those who do attend. We sent birthday cards and a semi-annual newsletter of chapter activities to all members.

We read the President General's report and had a national defense report at each meeting. The purpose of the society was furthered by having programs emphasizing patriotism, history and education in addition to conservation, American heritage, the constitution, flag and insignia.

The chapter participated in the local naturalization ceremony, sponsored a good citizen at all six county high schools and awarded two ROTC medals. We supported the veterans program with 43 books, 82 magazines, 12 terry bibs and miscellaneous personal care items, \$50.00 cash for canteen books and sent 7 1/2 ounces of stamps to the rehabilitation program. Total cash value of \$546.00. One family history book was donated to the DAR library and three research books to the Clarksburg and Shinnston libraries. Campbell's products labels were sent to DAR schools.

Constitution week proclamation was secured from the city of Clarksburg and Bridgeport. A copy of the proclamation was posted in both City Halls and the public libraries. We participated in the Memorial Day parade at Grafton and placed a wreath on the replica of the unknown soldiers' tomb.

The chapter was represented at the District Meeting and summer training seminar. Three members attended Continental Congress and the State Convention. We attended the "Almost Heaven Dessert", worked the Project Patriot table, attended the Registrar's Forum, the membership workshop and took the training for chapter volunteers to help digitize old application records in addition to attending all business sessions possible.

We have concentrated on publicity and have received excellent cooperation from the Clarksburg Exponent-Telegram, Shinnston News and The Grafton newspapers, with 255 inches of publicity. Our efforts seem to be bearing fruit as we have four applications that will be sent in during the month of October.

Our members also donate their time. One member spent 30 hours at a local grade school teaching children to read; another taught a 4 day income tax preparation class for volunteers preparing free tax returns for senior citizens, American heritage Skills were demonstrated at The Clarksburg Public Library's West Virginia Day Celebration, open house at the Philippi Adaland Mansion and various time in the historic area at Jackson's Mill.

2005

In as much as the Daniel Davisson Chapter does not meet during the months of December, January and February we do not have much to report except completion of educational, patriotic and historical projects that were in process.

203 9th grade students at Robert C. Byrd High School participated in the Christopher Columbus Essay Contest. 3 of our 6 local high school DAR Good Citizens entered the essay contest.

I am very proud of the chapter's contribution to the local veteran's medical center. The value of items were donated was \$1,086.00 consisting of 122 magazines, 56 paperback books; 50 terry bibs; 7 lap robes and 60 individual size personal care items for ditty bags. This is in addition to the \$50.00 for canteen books and the stamps we sent to the veteran's rehabilitation program. One new member was approved in January, and according to E-membership, three more should be approved in April.

You can tell by looking that I am not clothing representing the formation date of the chapter. All of my "antique" clothing represents 1850 and prior and Daniel Davisson Chapter is much younger than that, having been organized October 21, 1908 by Daniel's granddaughter Florence Davisson Post NSDAE Membership #831. I believe Eva hart Goff of Clarksburg, West Virginia's first State Regent may have also been involved with our chapter. We will be 100 years old in 2008 and I am currently trying to compile a history of the chapter to commemorate our birthday. I do not know, at this time, what our major accomplishment were. I guess you'll have to wait for the book...or perhaps, the movie.

2006

The Daniel Davisson Chapter met all National and State program requirements for the year. We awarded 6 Good Citizen and two ROTC medals; took 106 paper-back books, 64 magazines, 12 terry bibs, 2 lap robes, 50 personal care items, 164 note cards and 37 cent stamps, 19 decks of playing cards, 7 cross word puzzle books, and \$25.00 cash for canteen books to Clarksburg VAMC; sent 10 1/2 oz stamps to the Veterans Stamp Club; took part in the Memorial day Parade and Ceremonies at the National Cemetery in Grafton; and the Veterans Day Parade in Clarksburg; mailed two boxes of school supplies to Tamasee; secured Constitutional Week Proclamations from both Bridgeport and Clarksburg Mayors; welcomed 4 new members bur lost 5 to resignation.

2007

We currently have 32 members, however; our chapter was not very active this year, due to illnesses and ages of the member. We concentrated on what we could do with the limited attendance at meetings. We scheduled the recommended programs even though there were several times we did not have a quorum.

We awarded two ROTC and six DAR Good Citizen Medals to Harrison and Taylor County High Schools. We had an entry in the Good Citizen Scholarship competition. Constitution week proclamation were secured from the Mayors of both Clarksburg and Bridgeport. We donated recreation and comfort items to the local VA Medical Center and had an entry in the Clarksburg Veteran's Day parade.

**Elizabeth Ludington Hagans – Colonel John Evans Chapter
Morgantown, West Virginia
Deloris Biller, Regent 2004-2005
Rita K. Laishley, Regent 2006-2007**

2004

In June a tea was held to celebrate the Elizabeth Ludington Hagans Chapter's 100th anniversary. To commemorate the anniversary day a \$25,000.00 scholarship was given to WVU in honor of Elizabeth Ludington Hagans. The tea was attended by 100 + citizens of Morgantown and members from DAR Chapters around the state.

A very enlightening program was held in March by two of our members on the quest of finding Aaron Henry, a Revolutionary War Soldier.

Our chapter was one of the hosts of the State Conference last October at the Ramada Inn, in Morgantown. What an honor to have Linda Tinker Watkins, President General NSDAR and Presley Merritt Wagoner, future President General NSDAR.

At every chapter meeting the ritual, President General's message and National Defense report were given. Our chapter members collected 26 oz. of stamps, gave comfort items and gave a donation to the veterans at Christmas. We also collected labels and sent to DAR schools.

A monthly news article was published for our chapter regarding upcoming meetings and tidbits of information on the DAR and related interests.

Our chapter stayed in the public eye by participating in parades. Members attended wreath laying ceremonies at the county courthouse on Veteran's Day, Memorial Day and Patriot's Day. The Regent attended the ceremony at WVU at the USS West Virginia Mast in observance of Pearl Harbor Day. Our Chapter along with the Colonel Zackquill Morgan Chapter went in front of the County Commission to have a proclamation signed proclaiming September 17th – September 22nd for Constitution Week. We also participated in the Greatest Garage Sale and not only made some money for the Chapter bur gave out information regarding DAR and CAR and answered questions regarding both organizations. We gave various awards including ROTC, Good Citizenship and Junior American Citizen.

May goals as regent are to increase membership and participation and to increase public knowledge on the DAR and our commitment to the community.

2005

The Elizabeth Ludington Hagans Chapter was organized May 19, 1904. Harriett Codwise Edmondson (Mrs. R.H.) was the organizing regent. The Colonel John Evans Chapter was organized October 5, 1909. Mrs. Parks Fisher was the organizing regent. The Chapters merged in April 1993.

Numerous memorials and dedications to the country have been sponsored over the years by both chapters in Monongalia County and one of the latest major accomplishments by the Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans Chapter was the establishment of a scholarship for WVU students.

In October 2004, members of our chapter attended a meeting at the McGrew House in Kingwood. We were met by actors portraying Persis Hagans McGrew (a relative of Elizabeth Ludington Hagans) and her husband James Clark McGrew. A luncheon was held and several members toured other houses in Kingwood.

On November 11, 2204 members of our chapter attended the wreath laying ceremony at the county courthouse for the Veteran's Day ceremony. Also on that day, a marker dedication ceremony was led by our chapter for Aaron Henry, a Revolutionary War Soldier. It was attended by several of our DAR members and ancestors of Aaron Henry. The local television news station interviewed one of the ancestors and DAR member and the local newspaper covered the ceremony at the dedication site.

Our chapter stays in the public eye by participating in community events such as parades, wreath laying ceremonies, etc. On December 7, 2004, the Regent and Past Regent attended the ceremony at WVU at the USS West Virginia Mat in observance of Pearl Harbor Day.

In February, a tea and patriotic sing to honor Presidents Day was held for the residents at Friendship Manor sponsored by the Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans Chapter along with the Colonel Zackquill Morgan Chapter.

The March meeting consisted of a genealogy workshop regarding research on "How to Find that Illusive Ancestor". At every chapter meeting the ritual, President General's message and National Defense report was given. Our Chapter members collected stamps for the wounded, gave comfort items and gave a donation to the veterans at Christmas. We also collected labels and clothing and sent to DAR schools.

Each month a news article is published for our chapter regarding upcoming meetings and tidbits of information on the DAR and related interests.

We are in the process of giving awards for ROTC, Rhododendron Girls State, Good Citizenship and Junior American Citizen. This is also the 1st year for our Elizabeth Ludington Hagans DAR Scholarship to be given to a WVU Student.

My goals as Regent are to increase membership and participation and to increase public knowledge on the DAR and our commitment to the community.

2006

This Regent has focused on growth for the Chapter – both inside and out. We gained 5 new members by application, but we also have grown closer as a Chapter. We incorporated several "field trips" into our calendar between meetings to permit the forming of stronger bonds within. We used genealogy workshops, distribution of DAR information, and monthly newspaper articles to keep the Society visible in the community. Quarterly newsletters keep members abreast of Chapter events.

One of our members reached the 25-year milestone, while another celebrated 50 years of DAR membership.

Regrettably, 4 of our members passed away this year and will be missed. Two members successfully completed the 4-day Genealogy Consultant Course in Washington, D.C. One member has transcribed over 300 applications for the "Descendents Project."

Youth is important to our Chapter. We are establishing a CAR Chapter, with 7 members already verified and 9 more applications in various stages of completion. Our JAC Committee is very active in the JAC Contest, with one Chapter winner receiving 2nd place National Award for her short story! Members enthusiastically collected labels, box tops, and underwear for the DAR schools. We recognized the very first recipient of our Chapter's own endowed scholarship at WVU at the Central District meeting held in Elkins. Good Citizenship Awards were given to freshmen at both local high schools, and we sponsored a student for Rhododendron Girls State. Members participated for the first time in the Innisbrook Wrap sale, helping raise money for the Helen Pouch memorial Fund.

We were honored to have the State Regent, Mrs. Shirley Gilkeson and Honorary State Regent, Mrs. Maxine Spearman as special guests at our Constitution Luncheon. We planted a tree dedicated to the anniversary of the signing of the Constitution, had a proclamation signed by the County Commissioners for Constitution Week, and participated in Bells Across America.

The Chapter awarded the DAR Conservation Medal and Certificate to Dr. Kenneth Carvell for his extensive work in the field of conservation and preservation. Member Kay Bailey was presented the Outstanding Service of DAAR Member Award (Just Touch One) in recognition of her dedication to literacy. We presented both the Army and Air Force ROTC Awards to outstanding cadets at WVU. **History Alive!** Participant Doug Wood brought Cherokee Indian Ostenaco to life at an event opened to the public at which 565 people were present.

Members try to keep busy at all times to support the ideals and goals of the NSDAR. The Chapter takes an active part in all remembrance ceremonies and patriotic holidays though out the year: Memorial Day, Flag Day, 9/11, Independence

Day, Veteran's Day, Pearl Harbor Day. We marched in parades, place wreaths, distributed flags to the public, and supported the men and women of our military. We sent 13 boxes of items to a troop we adopted in Iraq, 225 cards to Project Patriot, 35 personal care items to Landstuhl Regional Medical Hospital, over 4 pounds of Stamps for the Wounded, and in excess of \$250.00 in comfort items for those at the VA Hospital.

The Chapter attended worship services en masse on the National Day of Prayer, sent a monetary donation for Hurricane Katrina Relief, did maintenance work on DAR monuments and markers in the area, and used a community fundraising event to raise awareness of the DAR by distributing information. We were recognized by West Virginia University at a ceremony on campus for the establishment of the Elizabeth Ludington Hagans DAR Scholarship. The Chapter was well represented at the District Meeting in Elkins and the State Conference in Parkersburg.

Programs covering a wide range of topics were presented though out the year. Presentations such as American Indians, Conservation, Stress management, Local History, and Iraq were supplemented with visits to Mount Vernon, Fort Ashby, Arthurdale, the War Memorials in Washington, D.C., the DAR Library, and Army band Concerts.

This Regent is very proud of its members who are so dedicated to America and all that it stands for. I eagerly look forward to an even greater year for the Chapter.

2007

It has been an extremely busy year for the Hagans-Evans Chapter. While we have actively participated in the usual parades, commemorative ceremonies, and distributing DAR information to the community, there have been a few not-so-ordinary projects this year. We sponsored a free Disaster Preparedness Clinic for the public in conjunction with the American Red Cross. The 3 hour event provided common sense, hands-on training to help attendees learn to be calm and effective "first responders" for disasters in their own neighborhoods until the professionals arrive on the scene. The Red Cross has decided to incorporate the clinic into their regular emergency training program.

The Chapter decided the best way to serve community members eager to learn about family lineage research was to teach them to use all avenues available to find their ancestors. We conducted a series of 5 genealogy workshops: Genealogy 101 (getting started), Courthouse Research, Parts I & II (classroom orientation about research in our county courthouse and a field trip to courthouse records room); Online Research (computer lab intro to navigating web sites); and DNA, Old Photographs, and Genealogy. Clinic was offered free but donations of more than \$100 were received, and money used to purchase genealogy-related books for local research library.

Our Flag Day luncheon featured a visit from "Betsy Ross" and included a solemn ceremony to retire several unserviceable Flags. The ceremony was directed by the State Flag Chairman and allowed participation by a local Girl Scout troop in this respectful process of retiring the Flags. Recognized at the luncheon was a kindergartener who had allowed her concern for the tattered appearance of her school's Flag to prompt her to take steps to have it replaced. In an attempt to educate new members and remind older members, some meetings included "Flag Protocol" and "Insignia Protocol" minutes. One membership application resulted in the establishing of a new Patriot line at NSDAR, that of Henry Dorton. Members participated in a Naturalization ceremony, providing gift bags with American Flags, Pledge bookmarks, DAR "Welcome New Member" cards, American Creed, and Preamble cards. We also attended a second Naturalization ceremony, offering congratulations to the new citizens.

Project Patriot and the men and women who are so bravely serving in our nation's military was foremost on our minds. Nearly 200 Christmas cards and over \$950 of donated items were sent to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center. In addition, boxes were sent to a local soldier serving in Iraq and manufacturer's coupons valued at \$882 to an Army unit stationed in Kitzingen, Germany. Women in the community have become involved with the chapter in donating handmade lap robes for the patients at Landstuhl and at the local VA Hospital.

We honored Hoppy Kercheval, statewide radio personality, for promoting patriotism and education via his talk radio show. Also, recognized this year were a 50 year member and a 25 year member, Army and Air Force ROTC and JROTC, Good Citizenship and National JAC winners. We wrote letters of support for DAR scholarship applicants, continued to sponsor the Michael Kerns Fort Society, CAR and promoted patriotism at Kinds' Day.

One of our members donated a 10,000 page family history on disk to the DAR Library and 3 books were purchased by the chapter from the Society's Wish List. We continued our support for the children at Tamasee by donating over \$600 in clothing and school items. We strengthened our knowledge of our nation's history by visiting Jamestown and Yorktown. Our monthly newspaper articles attracted several queries from interested women about membership and served as a reminder to the community that the DAR is indeed a service organization. Quarterly newsletters kept members abreast of all DAR matters. We are eagerly looking forward to an even more exciting year of promoting education, patriotism and historic preservation.

**Elizabeth Zane Chapter
Buckhannan, West Virginia
Linda Young, Regent**

2004

Members help to carryout the goals of the state and national societies and to make monetary contributions to Project Patriot, Tamasee shoe fund and the Wagoner Associates.

Members voted to again sponsor a candidate to Rhododendron Girls State and worked with other local chapters in providing food for the naturalization ceremony in Elkins.

Early scrap books purchased from an estate sale provided another link in the preservation of our chapter history.

The Regent and Registrar attended state conference and assisted with our duties as co-hosts of the Regents Breakfast at conference. All reports were submitted in a timely manner.

As spring approached and time for election of officers, we were unable to find members willing to serve. Members present voted to disband the chapter unless another course of action could be found. State Regent Carmen Silliman and State Regent Shirley Gilkeson met with members at our chapter meeting in June to help us find resolution. All past term officers will continue for this one year through 2005 until the problem is resolved. All members have been contacted by letter and asked for help. An Official vote will be taken at a later date.

The regent will work with genealogy workshops to try to get new members.

2005

No report. The Chapter is in the process of transferring all members to another chapter.

**Fort Ashby Chapter
Fort Ashby, West Virginia
Barbara Townsend, Regent**

2004

In 1927 a log building was purchased by the local DAER Chapter for \$200. The log structure was actually the barracks of a fort that George Washington ordered built in 1755 to protect the Potomac Valley during the French and Indian War. There were said to be 69 forts built and today, the Barracks is the only piece of all those forts left standing. The Potomac Valley Chapter, followed by the Fort Ashby Chapter have maintained it as a museum ever since.

We are a small but enthusiastic group of 18. Many of the elders in the chapter are retiring from being active and we are gradually taking in new members. Finding new members is challenging.

From October of last year we have had 78 stop by visitors and 3 school groups touring the Barracks Museum. On Saturday following Christmas, we held a Festive Open House. Over 120 people attended. On June 26, we hosted a West Virginia Day Celebration featuring a state Champion fiddler, an antique gun display, and living history reenactors called the Wills Mountain Renegades. West Virginia Senator Hunter attended along with 150 other people.

We also received a grant from the Department of Culture and History in Charleston and another one from Governor Wise for replacing dangerous electrical work and making lighting improvements.

Our planned future efforts will be in developing a fun and educational school program and enlarging our museum with Native American artifacts and objects from the 1700's.

2005

In 1927 a log building was purchased by the local DAR Chapter for \$200.00. The log structure was actually the barracks of a fort that George Washington ordered built in 1755. Out of the 69 forts built to protect the Potomac River basin, this building is all that remains.

This year we are commemorating the 250th anniversary of the French and Indian War and Ashby's Fort. There will be major celebrations on June 18th and October 22nd so watch for more information on our web site and in the newspapers.

To prepare for our events, we have used our grant money from the Department of Culture and History to replace all of the wiring in the barracks and we plan to begin rethinking the outside in late April. State Senator Jon Blair Hunter made an inspection of the Barracks in March 2005 and hand delivered a check from the Senate Budget Digest for \$3,000.00 to help in the renovation projects.

With help from volunteers in our village, woodworking, chinking and educational programs are beginning to come together. There is a rebirth of interest in our history and in the part that the DAR has played in preservation and education.

2007

Work on our log building continues to be the focus of our Chapter members.

**General Andrew Lewis Chapter
Lewisburg, West Virginia
Mary Frances Bodemuller, Regent**

2004

The General Andrew Lewis Chapter accomplished many projects and contributed donations to DAR programs.

Our Chapter daughters again conducted the American History essay contest and honored the winner with a certificate and monetary gift. We also recognized two Junior ROTC students for their leadership and academic achievement.

Our Chapter sent over 450 toilet items, t-shirts and underwear to the Veterans hospital in Beckley. The Chapter donated 50 pairs of socks to the Tamassee School during the Southern District meeting in addition to soup labels. The Chapter also sponsored a scholarship for one child to attend Carnegie's Hall Kids' College in the amount of \$160.00.

One of our members dressed in civil war period costume for the Battle of Lewisburg and introduced the speakers during the living history section.

2005

The General Andrew Lewis Chapter accomplished many projects and contributed donations to DAR programs. Since this is a short reporting year, there will not be too many activities to report for the last five months.

However, our Chapter daughters again conducted the February American History Essay contest and honored the winner, Josh Camp with a certificate, pin and \$25.00 check. The March meeting honored the winner of the Good Citizen Essay contest, Hillary E. Miller, with a certificate, pin and \$25.00 check.

The Chapter daughters also honored a fifty year member of the DAR, Sally Ford, with a ritual ceremony and rose. The Walter Reed Army Medical Center asked for assistance and our chapter mailed a large number of items to the Medical Center.

2006

The General Andrew Lewis Chapter continues to strive to uphold the goals of the National Society. We strive to make our meetings interesting with varied programs and activities. We, like other chapters, strive to increase our membership and to encourage active membership. Again, we honored our chapter's Good Citizen contest winner with a certificate, pin and a monetary donation to assist the student.

James Barbour Chapter Belington, West Virginia Karen L. Ketchum, Regent

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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, reports from the National Defense Chairman, reading of the President General's message and reports from the Secretary/Treasurer.

An Indian Moment was read at each meeting and product labels were sent to the schools. Donations were made to the Tamassee School. The Veterans Hospital at Clarksburg was visited several times and various small articles and reading materials were taken for the patients. The Chapter also participated in the reception for the new citizens following the Naturalization Ceremony at the federal Building in Elkins. Members hosted the District Meeting in July and attended State and National Meetings.

Programs were presented on Heritage; Genealogy; History; Conservation; The Constitution; The Flag; and National Defense. 50-year membership certificates were presented to 3 members and a 25-year membership certificate was presented to 1 member.

We had 245 middle school students to participate in the American History Essay Contest and a certificate of participation was given to each student. We had one 1st place state winner and one second place state winner this year. A certificate, pin and cash award were given to the Good Citizen winner.

We had one new member this year.

2005

The James Barbour Chapter, National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution had been busy, varied and informative half year. Each meeting was opened with the Ritual, reports from the national Defense Chairman, reading of the President General's message and reports from the Secretary/Treasurer.

An Indian Moment was read at each meeting and product labels were sent to the schools. The Veterans Hospital at Clarksburg was visited several times and various small articles and reading materials were taken for the patients. Members attended the State Conference in Martinsburg in October.

Programs were presented on Genealogy; History; Conservation; The Constitution; The flag; and national Defense. Our April meeting will be a Heritage Dinner with each member preparing a traditional dish.

We had 170 middle school students participate in the American History Essay Contest and a certificate of participation will be given to each student. A student from the Philip Barbour High School was selected as our Good Citizen.

We have one new Associate member this year and 2 prospective new members.

2006

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, reports from the national Defense Chairman, reading of the

President General's message and reports from the secretary and treasurer. An Indian Moment was read at each meeting and product labels were sent to the schools.

Three members attended State Conference in April and two members attended National Conference in July.

Programs were presented on Genealogy, History, Conservation, The Flag, The Constitution, and National Defense.

Our May meeting was a Heritage Dinner with each member preparing a family traditional dish. For our December meeting, members brought in family items from the past generations and shared the history of these items.

We had 150 Middle School children to participate in the American History Essay Contest. A certificate of participations will be given to each student. A certificate and medal will be presented to the winner in each class. A student from Philip Barbour High School was selected as our Good Citizen and will be given a certificate, medal and monetary gift.

One long time member passed away in February 2006. We had three members to resign. We are happy to have added two new members in 2006. We are anticipating two new junior members.

2007

The James Barbour Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, had a busy and informative year. Each meeting was opened with the Ritual, reports from the National Defense Chairman, reading of the President General's message, and reports from the secretary and treasurer.

Three members attended State Conference in April at Pipestem Resort and reported that an interesting time was had by all. Programs were presented on Genealogy, History, Conservation, Patriotism, The Flag, The Constitution, and National Defense. Our May meeting was a Heritage Dinner with each member preparing a traditional dish. Our June meeting was a trip to Wheeling to visit the Madonna of the Trail Site.

Members attended the Naturalization Ceremony at the Federal Building in Elkins in July. In November, we invited veterans to a luncheon meeting and enjoyed hearing about their military experiences. One visitor was a lady who had served in the WRENS in England during World War II. This year we did not have any schools to participate in the American History Essay Contest. We plan to contact the schools to attempt to encourage participation in the next essay contest. A student from Philip Barbour High School was selected as our Good Citizen and will be given a certificate, medal, and monetary gift. We received a new member by transfer.

James Wood Chapter Parkersburg, West Virginia Barbara D. Smith, Regent

2004

James Wood Chapter was involved in the following activities this past year.

Meetings and Programs

- September Dues Tea Antique Dolls.
- October Book Review by Barbara Reckard of Pleasants County on "The Ledges of Mammy Jane" by Sybil Jarvis Peschete, a true story set in rural Calhoun County.
- November Convention report Barbershop Quartet sang patriotic songs and hymns.
- December Combined meeting with Blennerhassett Chapter and Capt. James Neale SAR at which time US Attorney, Southern District of West Virginia Kasey Warner spoke.
- February Our Associate member Mrs. Virginia Gray gave presentation on Burning Springs, Wirt County, WV.
- March Good Citizen Award and new officers introduced.
- April Our National Defense Parkersburg High School NJROTC presented colors and gave a program on their activities.
- May Combined meeting of five DAR Chapters with Mrs. Carmen Silliman as guest.
- July Northern District Meeting attended by three members.
- July Two delegates attended Continental Congress.
- September Annual Dues Tea held at Henderson Hall with Girls State and Boys State representatives making presentations and tour of home given by Mr. Michael Rolston.
- October Major Stephens and his wife gave extremely interesting presentation on the deployment of the local 1092 Engineering Battalion to Iraq last year.

Activities

- Constitution Week Distributed posters, brochures, and bookmarks to local libraries, schools and store fronts
- State Convention Four members attended
- Librarian presented the book "American Revolution for Kids" to local public libraries
- Good Citizen Contest Four schools participated, with winner and parent guest at meeting at which time she read her winning essay and monetary award presented

- Christopher Columbus Contest Local high school students participated with winner reading winning essay at meeting and monetary award presented
- Presentation of \$1300 made to Vienna Public Library for a new computer. They made this request through our grant program
- ROTC bronze medal was awarded to a student at Parkersburg High School
- Sponsored Girls State representative and Boys State representative
- Six college scholarships given to college students
- Memorial Service held on Memorial Day at City Park with Blennerhassett Chapter
- Veteran's Committee made monthly visits to local veteran's center

2005

We began October by recognizing our own 1092 Engineering Battalion, which had recently returned from Iraq. Major Stephens spoke to us about his experiences and brought his wife who also spoke to us from a wife's perspective. We gave a financial donation to the 1092 Family Support Group.

We participated in the Veteran's Day Parade and presented a wreath for display on the Revolutionary War Monument at City Park. Our luncheon meeting followed this.

During December we met with the Captain James Neal Chapter, SAR and the Blennerhassett Chapter. DAR at which time we heard a presentation by WW II Veterans attempting to sponsor a museum here in the Mid-Ohio Valley.

At the February meeting we had a wonderful program about Heirloom Sewing and Smocking. We also honored our local Christopher Columbus essay winner, Jessica Schnell, junior from Parkersburg High School.

Dr. Logan Hovis spoke to us at the March meeting on the Retaking of Corregidor. We made a presentation of \$100.00 to the three winners of the Good Citizens Award and presented Anna Phillips, senior from Parkersburg High School, a check in the amount of \$1,000.00 for being the overall winner of the Good Citizens Award.

Highlights of this time period were:

- Purchase of 14 copies of Lynne Cheney's book, When Washington Crossed Delaware: A Wintertime Story for Young Patriots for presentation to all Wood County elementary schools, two public libraries and Adult Basic Education learning center.
- Sponsorship of one boy and one girl to Boys State and Girls State, 2005.
- Presentation of scholarships to seven students (\$1,500.00 each).
- Honoring Good Citizen Award winner with a certificate and \$1,000.00; certificate and \$100.00 to three school winners.
- Honoring Christopher Columbus essay contest winner with certificate and \$100.00.
- Local winner of Christopher Columbus essay is also State Winner.
- Sponsoring genealogy workshop conducted by State registrar Judy Fugate; 15 in attendance
- Purchasing *American Spirit* magazine for area high schools and Veteran's Office.
- Supporting Veteran's Office by taking cookie trays and magazines to Vets.
- Pursued a 1923 James Wood Chapter scrapbook on E Bay and purchased it, Historian has preserved it.
- Investigating an office in local historical home in which James Wood Chapter records and memorabilia could be kept.

2006

The James Wood Chapter of Parkersburg, WV says hello to all and a great big hey to all state regents and officers who came from near and far to see the best we have of the West Virginia DAR.

James Wood Chapter has many treasures to share. However, one treasure lost was very hard to bear to lose Louise Cruikshank and her husband Dwight sent a chill through us all but they'll never be out of our sight.

We've had many programs, interesting and varied from emergency kits to World War II memories. Indian Schools and Christopher Columbus to meeting with Blennerhassett and SAR at Christmas is our annual rule. Scholarships we gave as we've done in the past; four college students benefited from the Stewart cash. Since 1997 we have given 68,000 dollars. This year we donated \$6000 to these outstanding scholars

Parkersburg High School was in dire need of a flag for their stage. We donated it to them---that grand old American flag. A new cannon was made for Fort Boreman Hill Park. Again we stepped up with a donation from our park. We had fun riding in the Veteran's Day parade in antique cars from 1920's and 30's they were made. Gerry Kohler came to our membership tea and shared with us what a great history teacher could be!

We're very excited to greet five new members to our group. Sharon, Eva, Mary Ann, Freda and Margie will give you the scoop that new members don't have to be on the sidelines and watch. They can get involved and not sit by and feel lost!

Boys State and Girls State and coupons for our schools. ROTC medals and donations those are our rules. Cookies to Veterans and gifts to the students. To give generously when asked is always prudent.

We still have a problem with finding our pins on Ebay. Please watch those items ladies and always have a say with what happens to your DAR pins, books, and memorabilia all. Don't do this to you chapter and always be on the ball!!

In conclusion I'd like to say it's been a wonderful year with such great gals form our chapter and others who bring fine cheer to our meetings and projects no matter where we are we find the best is yet to come in the DAR!

2007

The James Wood Chapter has once again had a productive year! We continue to serve God, Home and Country through various projects in our community.

We began our year with a wonderful tea at the Parkersburg Art Center where we viewed an exhibit form the Smithsonian Institution. Our Girls State representative spoke to us about her experiences during the week-long event. Constitution Week was also celebrated at the tea. The Chapter also setup exhibits and distributed bookmarks and flyers throughout the Wood County schools.

James Wood Chapter programs ranged from a stirring Tribute to Freedom to How to Properly Wear DAR Insignia to a DAR Museum Trunk Show to an enthusiastic presentation on "Mad" Anne Bailey. We met with the Blennerhassett Chapter, the Marietta DAR and SAR Chapters and had a most interesting presentation on teaching of history in our schools by our own, Barbara Fish and American History Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Gerry Kohler. It was there that we also introduced our terrific nominee for the 2007 American History Teacher of the Year from Parkersburg South High School.

Our Stewart Scholarship honored 6 students during the fall semester and 4 students in the spring semester. We contributed \$7500 to their education through this scholarship. We also contributed to the community through a donation to the restoration to the Maddox Cemetery. A good year indeed!

John Chapman Chapter Bluefield, West Virginia Phyllis Smith, Regent

2004 and 2005

All financial obligations to District, State, and National Societies were met. Had 100% participation for President General's Project.

Three new members added and one application is now in Washington for review and approval.

Subscriptions for American Spirit were donated to the Bluefield Craft Memorial Library and the Bluefield High School Media Center.

The President's General's Message and the National Defense Report are scheduled for each meeting.

Joined with the American Legion, Riley Vest Post 9, for Veterans Day and Community Service Awards Celebrations.

December Officers' tea included a Musical Program including secular and spiritual songs of the season.

The George Washington Luncheon included and address "Washington a Man of All Seasons." Programs compiled by Munsey and Sutherland - DAR members. DAR Community Service Award presented to DAR member, Bailey.

Participated in the American History Essay Contest bestowing certificates, medals, and book-certificate gifts to students in the Bluefield schools. (Sponsored by the John Chapman Chapter) and in Princeton Schools (Sponsored by the Matthew French Chapter). Hosted winners, teachers, and family members. A Bluefield student won State First Place, and a Princeton student won State Second Place. Participated in the Socks for Tamassee AAR School. Led the Southern District and received a \$25 award for contributing 203 pairs of socks. Award given to school.

An outstanding program was on address on historic toys and a trip to the speaker's private museum containing thousands of high quality historic toys.

There was a carry-in luncheon at the Historic Sanders' home where the Chapter held an Auction. At the Constitution Luncheon the Speaker spoke on "Why the Constitution?" A 25-year pin was given as a Chapter gift to the Retiring Regent. The Programs were compiled by Chapter members Munsey and Sutherland.

"America's Godly Heritage" a video tape given to the Chapter by a niece to honor past Regent, Mary Louise Taylor, who served three terms as Regent, was shown at October 2004 Chapter meeting.

2006

The John Chapman Chapter NSDAR had two main projects this year. One of the projects had to do with the maintenance of the historic Joseph Davidson home, a home which they had moved to the City Park in 1940 due to construction and which they have maintained since that time. This Chapter in its ninety-nine history has completely restored and/or renovated the historic structure a number of times since 1940 and are repairing it once again so that it will be in good repair for the Chapters Centennial celebration in 2007.

The other project was a Project Patriot project. John Chapman Chapter and the Mercer County Quilting Bees joined forces to make sixty-two quilted lap robes for the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany where wounded service men and women are taken from the battlefields in Afghanistan and Iraq for treatment. Our very capable member and quilter chairman

for this project was Carolyn French Demopoulos. John Chapman Chapter also served as hostess for the Saturday Night Banquet for the WV NSDAR annual meeting at Pipestem.

Three very valuable members died this year. Our Registrar, Elizabeth Jones Greever died on July 25, 2005, Emily Shumate Frye died on January 13, 2006, and Oreda Neel Kayor died on February 14, 2006. Memorial contributions were made in loving memory for each of them to NSDAR charities or schools. Patriotic exercises and National Defense reports were held at every meeting. The President General's Report was also read.

This Chapter also promoted education by sponsoring American History Essay Contests and had two state winners bring their parents to a Chapter meeting where they read their essays. An outstanding program in May featured a none-woman show performed by an actress, Hendrika Schuster, as Dolly Madison. The Matthew French and For Maiden Spring Chapters were invited.

A John Chapman Chapter member, Helen Taylor Johnson of Mason, Georgia donated a reproduction set of America's First medal, and a program on them was presented by Mrs. Imogene Stovall Freeman. Presidents' Week and the US Constitution were celebrated at luncheons during this year with appropriate programs. One program on women's contribution to our constitution was presented by Nancy Komegay who used a collection of reproductions of pincushion dolls.

It has been a very rewarding, productive, and exciting year for the John Chapman NSDAR.

**John Cooke Chapter
Oceana, West Virginia
Anita Lusk, Regent**

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First, I would like to say how pleased we are to have Presley as our President General. She is such a special lady – we are very proud to have her as a friend.

Our Chapter took 85 Christmas gifts to our local VA Hospital. We included our out-of-state members this year, and they sent money for us to purchase more gifts. We also mailed a large amount of cancelled stamps to the Stamps for the Wounded. This is a project I feel that is very rewarding for us as DAR members.

We honored two seniors from our local High Schools as DAR Good Citizens. We held a reception for them and invited their families to this event. It is very nice to meet the families of such special young people. One of our out-of-town members, from Charleston, WV, was also able to attend this event. That was a treat for us. She doesn't get to attend many events with us.

We have two applications pending for membership. We plan to have a Membership Workshop sometime in the next six months. We have several in our area who are interested in becoming members.

As Regent, I receive several calls from people interested in their ancestors. I enjoy helping them with their application papers. I have formed some very special friendships through this way of helping others.

We were not able to be represented at our District Meeting but we were very glad to be a part of the children's sock drive for the DAR School. We try to be represented even though we can't attend many of the events. Our Chapter is small, as far as active members, which are in our area. I feel we do very well but my plans for the next year are to have more community activities. We have a new lady mayor in our town and I feel she will be glad to help us in any way.

I have a granddaughter in the first grade this year in our local elementary school. I would like to see our Chapter go into the schools with special projects for the small children to take part in. I think if we can encourage honoring our country in any way this is what we need to do in this day and time – they need to be taught the good things about our country – not dwell on the bad.

Our newsletter has also been a great success. I get so many letters of appreciation from our out-of-state members.

Our Chapter is very excited about getting a SAR Chapter in our area. They now have 9 members and need 10 to form their Chapter. One other member and myself have prepared the applications for these nine members. It will be very rewarding when they have enough to form the Chapter.

I helped with two applications this past year for ladies who live in Virginia. When we received the notification they were accepted into the DAR – they were so excited. It was as if they had been handed a large sum of money. When you see someone this excited about their lineage – it is worth all the time that we spend to help with their papers. One of the ladies said it was her Mother's dream to become a member of DAR. So when her application was approved, she said she felt she had helped her Mother fulfill her dream. That is when the work you do to help is very rewarding. Helping Others – that is what it is about.

2005

In May of 2004 our chapter honored two young ladies from our local high schools with the Good Citizen Awards. A reception was held at The Oceana United Methodist Church in their honor. The girls were also recognized at their Awards Assemblies. Some of our out-of-town members were able to attend this reception, which gave us time to visit with them.

In October 2004 our chapter welcomed two new members, Leannetta Jean Lusk and Patricia Rannigan. Jean had been a great help to our chapter. She is truly dedicated to genealogy. In December 2004, our chapter delivered 60 gifts to our local VA Hospital for distribution to the Veterans during the Christmas Season. Our chapter enjoys this project. It is very rewarding.

As Regent, I try to send out a Newsletter every year. Our members, especially the out-of-town ones, truly enjoy receiving their copy. Even though our Chapter is small in number for active members, I felt that we do quite well.

2006

In May 2005 our chapter honored two young ladies from our local high schools with Good Citizen Awards. We held a reception for them at the Oceana Methodist Church. They were also recognized at the Award Assemblies of their schools.

In July 2005 one of our former members who transferred to a chapter in Texas attended the 2005 Continental Congress. She shared with our chapter pictures of our President General, Presley. She states the WV Daughters can be very proud of our special President General.

In December 2005 our chapter delivered 50 gifts to the local VA Hospital for distribution to the Veterans during the Christmas Holidays. Some of our members have been working to prepare SAR applications for members of our families. The chapter will be called The Captain Ralph Stewart Chapter. It will probably receive its charter in May 2006. We feel that our DAR can work with the SAR and will be able to accomplish many more projects in our local area.

I have just sent in an application for membership from a lady in Florida. As Regent, I receive calls quite often asking me questions about their lineage. I enjoy helping those that I can.

2007

In April 2006, we honored two seniors from our local high schools with the Good Citizen awards. We held a reception for them at the Oceana United Methodist Church. The students were presented with a DAR Good Citizen pin as well as a wallet certificate. They were both recognized at their high schools' award ceremonies and presented the large framed certificates.

We received a new member, Brenda Lee Stewart Collinson. She was received using DNA proof for her father. Her parents were married a couple of months after she was born. She was very determined to go in DAR through her father's line. She used the DNA process to accomplish this and we gladly welcomed her into our Chapter.

Our Chapter was recognized in the Veterans' Parade. This was the first time we had participated in this parade. Our Chapter, along with the Captain Ralph Stewart SAR Chapter, were both first time participants. We hope to do more in our area, as a co-effort, with the new SAR Chapter. They held their organizational meeting in September, 2006 and are scheduled to receive their charter in 2007. Several of our members have worked on application papers for the new SAR Chapter.

Our Chapter delivered 56 gifts to the VA Hospital in Beckley, WV for distribution during the Christmas season. Most rewarding for this effort, was the receipt of two separate "Thank-You" notes. The men were most appreciative and expressed their thanks for not forgetting the Veterans. We also collect "Stamps for the Wounded" during the year.

All in all we have had a good year. We have plans for some new projects in 2007.

**John Hart Chapter
Elkins, West Virginia
Margaret Meredith, Regent**

2004

The John Hart Chapter gained three new members during the 2003 – 2004 year. We continue to work with a number of prospective members by inviting them to meetings and helping them with their applications.

Our meetings included the following: We toured the Randolph County Museum, the subscription school, and the restored Stalnaker cabin.

A panel of local teachers reported on "How history is taught in the Randolph County schools." We learned more about the Lewis and Clark Expedition from Ethel Swiger's son. At our Christmas "sharing time" we told stories about our Revolutionary Ancestors or displayed family heirlooms.

The Randolph County winners of our Middle School history contest read their essays to us. Elizabeth King, the seventh-grade winner, won second place at the State Level.

At our version of "The Antique Road Show" a local antiques dealer appraised items we brought to the meeting. The hospital's director of community services told us how we could benefit from a health awareness program. An archeologist reported on the lives of Indians near Seneca Rocks, as discovered through archeological digs by the U. S. Forest Service. A local genealogist told us the story of Mary Whitehead, who was married to three Revolutionary soldiers. We held our annual August picnic for family and friends. Two of our meetings were held jointly with the Elkins branch of the American Association of University Women.

With three other nearby chapters, we helped plan the Naturalization Ceremony and Reception held in Elkins in July.

Several members attended the 98th State Conference in Morgantown in October. John Hart member, Cece Wallace, was General Chairman of the conference and our Chapter and James Barbour Chapter were hostesses for the American History luncheon.

We reviewed and amended our by-laws to raise our dues. This increase was necessary because under the previous rate, the chapter was left with \$31.25 after mandatory national, state and district dues were paid.

As fund raising activities, John Hart sold cider and baked goods at Beverly's November Fall Festival (not a successful money maker) and ice cream and cookies during Beverly Heritage Day in July.

We planned a field trip to Pricketts Fort for their 18th Century Christmas market, but bad weather prevented our going.

2005

The John Hart Chapter gained two new members during the 2004 – 2005 year. We also lost two older members who are confined to Nursing Homes. We continue to work with a number of prospective members by inviting them to meetings and personal contact to help with applications.

Our meetings included the following:

We toured an older home being restored and heard description of other older homes being renovated. We met at the Randolph County Courthouse Annex and met with the County Clerk to visit the location of historical records and learn how to use them.

Members adapted recipes from Colonial times, prepared them, and served a buffet to all present. Slides of colonial clothing from the National DAR Museum in Washington, D.C. were shown and narrated by a member in a Revolutionary dress.

At our Christmas brunch, we enjoyed music played on the Violin and Recorder by a trio dressed in colonial costumes. It was a variety of music that could have been played by our English and German ancestors in the 14th through 18th centuries. Later, members share memories of earlier Christmas family traditions.

The Randolph County Middle School winners of the Lewis and Clark expedition essay contest read their essays to us. Our program chairman then explained how the American Flag had changed since the Louisiana Purchase. Two veterans demonstrated proper way to fold the flag and handouts were distributed on history of the flag and the Flag Code plus a map showing the area covered by the Louisiana Purchase.

We held our annual picnic for family and friends. With three nearby Chapters, we helped plan the Naturalization Ceremony and Reception held in Elkins in August.

Five of our members helped Colonial Place Assisted Living celebrate Heritage Week by dressing in American heritage costumes and having lunch with the residents; two of which are DAR members.

We entered a float in the Forest Festival parade in Elkins in October. Members were dressed in colonial costumes, including "Uncle Sam" played by a 94-year-old cousin of one of our members, and an 86-year old DAR member. They were scrubbing long johns on a washboard, knitting, using an antique churn, and rocking in an old rocker while tending the baby in an antique cradle. Our vehicles were decorated with DAR wheel, large DAR signs, flags, and yellow ribbons for our soldiers.

One of our members, Madeline Crickard, was selected as "History Hero" by the WV Archives and History, Charleston, WV. This award is to give State recognition to an individual for their dedicated service for organization programs. John Hart members helped collect data for the nomination.

Several members attended the State Conference in Martinsburg in October, which was very enlightening for new Chapter officers.

2006

The John Hart Chapter gained three new members but lost five to death. We have two prospective member's applications in national waiting approval.

Our meeting included the following:

Documentary film "The Cliff-Sealing Soldiers of West Virginia"

Skit regarding Benjamin Franklin's family

Author of "Rebels at the Gate" western Virginia's earliest days of the Civil War

A qualified genealogist conducted a Genealogy workshop

DAR's emphasis on conservation, "City Trees and Urban Forestry"

DAR supported schools

A minister spoke on THE PRINTING OF THE 1611 KING JAMES BIBLE

Colonial Dinner with program Colonial American Literature

Annual picnic with a retired minister playing the banjo and a sing-along

We got a web site for our Chapter. With three other nearby Chapters, we helped plan the naturalization Ceremony and reception held in Elkins in August. Had Mayor of Elkins proclaim Constitution Day. "Adopted" 31 veterans in our local nursing home, sending birthday cards, etc. Working on repairing or replacing historical markers along State's highways. Participated in Grand Feature Parade of the Mountain State Forest Festival. Entered American History Essay Contest in schools, one of which won 3rd place. Participated in Beverly Heritage Days. National approved and Tombstone ordered for Revolutionary soldier.

2007

The John Hart Chapter gained three new members but lost three due to death or Alzheimers. We have two prospective member's applications ready for submission to National and continue to contact prospective members.

Our programs included: Memorial Service for recently deceased members; Homestead School origin, development, and future of the homesteads, project of President Roosevelt; Sponsored with AAUW, a History Alive portrayal of Col. Ruby Bradley, WW II Army Nurse, by Becky Bolte in conjunction with Smithsonian exhibit; Colonial dinner and program on Colonial American literature, College Professor spoke on "Preserving our Natural Heritage"; Program on history of American Flag; Books on Family History/ and American History; Winners of the American History essay contest read their essays; Viewed photos of member's ancestors and heard about their history; and we held a annual picnic for famil and friends and enjoyed patriotic music. We helped with program and reception a Naturalization Ceremony. Dedication of tombstone for Revolutionary Patriot and helped celebrate Beverly Heritage Days and sold refreshments.

We entered the Mt. State Forest Festival float with a theme "Preserving our Past for Future Generations". We visited our "adopted" veterans and remember birthdays and special occasions. Three of our members served as Docents at Smithsonian Exhibit WWII home front in our city.

**John Young Chapter
Charleston, West Virginia
Mary Blaine McLaughlin, Regent**

2004

The John Young Chapter, NSDAR had a wonderful year. The organization began the year with a hundred and seven (167) members, ten of which were new members and two which were reinstated members. This is the highest official membership for the chapter since the millennium year 2000.

In order to come into the modern age, John Young Chapter members designed a website. Elements included a furled flag, red white and blue screen, music which could be played such as the stars and stripes forever as well as a flag which waved. The overall theme of the website was a patriotic organization. Also, pictures were distributed on the different screens showing the organization's activities. A patriot webpage was also created. This webpage was invaluable for not only its list of patriot ancestors, but also for its listing of the state or states he or she was form as well as the name of that patriot's spouse(s). A webpage listing the meetings was created as well as a contact page and a link to the National and State Societies. For this website, the National Society gave two awards. The first award was to the Regent, Mary Blaine McLaughlin from the Volunteer Information Specialist Committee, and was a Certificate of Special Appreciation. The second award was a Certificate of Outstanding Service to member Karen Vincent for Outstanding Contribution – Website Construction. (Karen came up with most of the design ideas for the construction of the webpages.)

Member Betty Fitzhugh loaned a portrait of her husband's ancestor Norman Fitzhugh to the historic Craik-Patton House. It now hangs over the mantle in the parlor. The portrait was painted in the Craik-Patton house while Mr., Fitzhugh was a guest.

Betty Ness, member of John Young Chapter, as well as a member of the West Virginia Humanities Council's program committee, donated a Seth Thomas mantle clock dated 1852 to the MacFarland/Hubbard House. The clock now sits in the library of the 1836 MacFarland/Hubbard house, and after 152 years, it runs perfectly.

Virginia Johnson donated five books to the National Society's library as well as gave a full set of the Patriot Index to the West Virginia State Archives.

Programs consisted of Senator Orten Jones' book, John Young; Brig. General J. Kemp McLaughlin's book, The Mighty Eight in WWII; a speech on literacy; Williamsburg Christmas Wreath making at Terra Salis; a video: Founding Brothers (Part I – Washington, Jefferson, Hamilton and Adams); Burford Chapter member, Dr. Mary Collins speak on "Life on an Indian Reservation"; Dr. Kenneth Sullivan on the MacFarland/Hubbard House, and John Young member Martha Cole's speech on "Historic Treasures – Memorabilia of the 1700's. (This included Daniel Boone's powder horn – which we all received a certificate if we held it.) (Joe Kerr's speech on "Architecture and Furnishings of the Revolutionary War Period" was cancelled and replaced by the literacy program.)

Musicians for the fall/spring Edgewood Country Club luncheons included member Delora Lucas' daughter Barbara Andrews. Barbara had previously sung at Continental Congress, and is a professional singer. Also included are Emily Powell, an ancestor of John Young, and her accompanist Guy Lynch, the minister of music at The First Presbyterian Church, Charleston, West Virginia.

During the fall Edgewood luncheon, Chapter Regent Mary Blaine McLaughlin dedicated a John Young Flag to the Chapter thanking the members for allowing her the opportunity and experience to be its Chapter Regent.

Hospitality was certainly noted at all the meetings. The food was not only good, but arranged beautifully around wonderful centerpieces. We thank Dorothy King, Eva Kennedy, Mary Karr, Brenda Durham, Christine Bower and Lib Miller for all their hard work.

The most beautiful event of the year always is the lovely Christmas party that Virginia Johnson has for the daughters each year. The food is all made from scratch and beautifully arranged on her dining room table with flowers and candles and always a red table cloth. Christmas decorations abound, and Virginia always has beautiful favors for each and every daughter who comes to take home. We appreciate and thank Virginia for all the joy and love which she brings to us during the Yuletide season. A Proclamation for "Constitution Week" as well as "Greetings from the Governor" for our Veterans Day Party was given by Governor Bob Wise. Members of John Young also had their picture taken with the Governor in celebration of "Constitution Week."

To honor our veterans, John Young Chapter gave a party at the Morris Memorial Nursing Home in Milton, West Virginia. Our ladies made sixty-nine brightly colored terry cloth bibs for the home. George Daugherty entertained with music, and daughter June Jones recited from memory many patriotic poems.

The Chapter regent and members participated in the annual Veteran's Day parade in Charleston, West Virginia. Members rode in vintage cars with Chapter and DAR signage. A John Young Flag, WWII flag and an American flag were carried. Becky Shipley even brought along her dog as a mascot. Children and grandchildren of member Brenda Durham were also involved in the march.

Two naturalization ceremonies were attended in the Federal Court House in Charleston, West Virginia. Handmade flag pins and flag codes were handed out to each new citizen, and Judge Copenhaver recognized chapter members who participated in the events.

Publicity was received on Dr. Mary Collins' talk to the John Young Chapter in the March 18th Cabel Record newspaper. John Young Chapter received a headline, a picture of its members Mary McLaughlin, Virginia Johnson, and Cleo Sears with Dr. Collins, and an article about the event.

John Young Chapter was privileged to host the 2004 Western District Meeting with our new District Director, Dr. Mary Collins. The Ramada Inn did a beautiful job with tablets of paper and pens, and a beautiful buffet. Member Dorothy King made beautiful candied roses for favors and raffle prizes of patriotic pictures were given at the meeting. Flower arrangements in red white and blue decorated both the registration table as well as the head table. All in all, it was a wonderful affair. Eight members participated from the chapter.

It is with great regret that the Chapter reports the loss of three members, Constance Leshon, Jean Pelzel, and former WV First Lady Hovah Underwood. All three of these ladies will be missed.

In summation, the John Young Chapter placed first in its Chapter Achievement Award Performance. However, the biggest honor a chapter can have is when it can maintain and sustain its membership, so that money can support both the State and National Societies. This I am proud to say for the 2003 - 2004 year we have done.

2005

John Young Chapter with the grace of God plans to continue being active in its community and State by obtaining a governor's proclamation to honor Constitution Week, participating in two naturalization ceremonies at the Federal Court House and handing out handmade flag pins and Flag Code brochures, marching in and driving antique cares in the Veterans Day Parade, awarding community service awards, honoring our members who have given so much to the community by sponsoring them as State History Heroes, supporting historic preservation by touring old homes in the Charleston area, laying wreathes for our patriots at the Battle of Point Pleasant, and participating in the DAR Good Citizen Contest.

Programs have ranged from musical ones to book reviews on Cokie Roberts' book Founding Mothers, and Carrie Rebera Barrett's and Ellen G. Miles' book Gilbert Stuart published by the Metropolitan Museum of Art, to an historical tour of the Craik-Patton house with a program by Shirley Gilkeson, our wonderful State Regent.

John Young Chapter's Regent's projects have included giving framed pictures of the "Signing of the Constitution" to all the high schools in Kanawha County, giving a U.S. Flag to the Clay Center, obtaining and framing a re-issue Chapter Charter, and planning a memorable 75th anniversary party.

In the coming years, the Chapter will continue to try to maintain its membership by having more members get involved in the chapter activities. For example, members will give programs on creating condominiums, writing policy on health for foreign countries and presenting book reviews as well as lead our activities in community service.

2006

In 2004 - 2005, the John Young Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution had an outstanding year.

First, was the celebrated 75th Anniversary luncheon at Edgewood Country Club, which many State Society Officers and other Chapter regents attended. George Daugherty sang patriotic music and there was a "History Alive" performance by Pearl Buck. Ted Elden took pictures of the historic event.

Community awards were won by George Daugherty for his work with veterans and Nancy Potter for her work with "Meals on Wheels."

At the Septembers Veteran's luncheon meeting at Edgewood Country Club, patriotic music was played by a Dixieland band and former marine, Randall Bare, spoke and received the Distinguished Mountaineer Award from Ronald Radcliff, a Cabinet Member of the Governor's Office.

Regent, Mary Blaine McLaughlin, gave the military tribute at an unveiling ceremony of a Blue Star Memorial marker. This marker marked Route 33 in Spencer, West Virginia, as a Blue State Memorial Highway in honor of all men and women who have served in the armed forces. The unveiling ceremony took place at the Roane County Courthouse in Spencer, West Virginia, with the Mayor presiding. The Hill and Hollow Garden Club invited Regent McLaughlin to participate in the event.

In October, noted historian Joseph Ellis, spoke on "Our Founding Brothers the Political Values of the Revolutionary Generation." Also, Regent McLaughlin was one of two representatives from West Virginia who attended the first "Conference in Early American Genealogical Research" held at the NSDAR Headquarters in Washington, D. C. on October 15 - 16, 2005.

In November, Diane K. Anestis, an 18th century living historian gave a wonderful talk on "Mary Draper Ingles: Caught in the Vortex of the French and Indian War." Also, the Chapter voted to call its Christmas party the Virginia B. Johnson Holiday Christmas Party. The Virginia B. Johnson Christmas Party was held at the historic McFarland-Hubbard House, which was elegantly decorated with a "Partridge in a Pear Tree" theme.

The 100th Anniversary of the Memorial Continental Hall video was shown at the January meeting, and the DAR insignia was discussed. In February, a program on the DAR antique silver collection, and the lifestyle of a silversmith was given to members. Finally, Pat Wendell gave an exciting talk on "How the West Virginia State Capitol Came Into Being." Over a hundred handmade flag pins and flag codes were given out to new citizens, and over two thousand dollars was given in private contributions to the National Society in support of its many programs. At the 140th Pinch Reunion in Pinch, West Virginia, Virginia Johnson represented the Chapter and received its Good Samaritan Award for the Chapter's work with veterans.

The National Society's American Heritage Committee recognized John Young Chapter's proposed candidate Berry Hutchinson for her outstanding achievement in preserving the Craik-Patten House by awarding her the National Society's Historic Preservation Award Medal. (The Craik-Patten House is the second oldest house in the Kanawha Valley. James Craik's father served as George Washington's private secretary and his grandfather was the personal physician of George Washington. Also, General Patten's grandfather owned the house.)

Finally, the Chapter has won first place in Chapter Achievement for the fourth consecutive year of the McLaughlin Administration, and has retained a membership of 148 members.

2007

The John Young Chapter of the West Virginia State Society, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution is pleased to announce that its current membership is one hundred forty-three members, and thus it has still maintained, over the past seven years - 2000-2007, its status of being the largest chapter in the state society.

Nine hundred and fifty dollars was given to the President General's project by the John Young Chapter. Also, credit was given for donations to veterans, DAR scholarship as well as the American Indian scholarship fund.

Throughout the year, the John Young Chapter has hosted three Edgewood County Club luncheons with programs ranging from "The Mary Ingles Trail", to the playing of Christmas music by the Horace Mann Middle School String Quartet to program by Sally Hawley, winner of the NSDAR Historical Preservation Award for 2006. At the September and December county club luncheons, members enjoyed a trunk showing from the DAR museum from which they ordered Christmas gifts as well as a DAR American Spirit Magazine trunk show respectively.

The John Young Chapter also held two receptions: one for Berry Hutchinson at the Craik-Patton House where both chapter members and Craik-Patton Foundation members saw the presentation of the NSDAR Preservation award, and the second at the West Virginia State Archives green room where John Young Chapter Honorary Vice President General Virginia Johnson had a plaque dedicated in her honor. This plaque was approved by the Historian General, NSDAR Cindy Seagraves Phillips. Hand-made flags and flag code brochures were given out at the new citizens ceremony at the Robert C. Byrd Federal Courthouse by John Young Chapter members.

Campbell Soup labels were sent to all DAR schools, and socks were given by chapter members to send to Tamassee and Crossnore schools. In conclusion, the John Young Chapter has accomplished high standards in its chapter achievement and membership and has been noted for this by the NSDAR. The chapter continues to move forward to maintain and sustain NSDAR objectives and ideals with God as a priority over all.

**Kanawha Valley Chapter
Charleston, West Virginia
Joan Collins, Regent**

2004

Kanawha Valley Chapter has had an enjoyable year. We welcomed three new members and three transferred members. The Veterans Home and Hospital have been a top priority; we donated over \$5,000.00 in clothes, books, and money,

and notions. Decorative table favors with candy treats for over 200 residents of the Veterans Home were made and delivered for Halloween, Christmas, Easter, Valentine's Day and St. Patrick's Day.

Six of our members attended both Naturalization Ceremonies in Charleston and presented each new citizen with a red silk carnation boutonniere, a flag, and a Good Citizenship document. Another member decorated a store window for Constitution Week, Veterans Day, and Independence Day.

One of the highlights of our year was the planting of a dogwood tree at the State Capitol; this was done to honor the men and women who serve our country in the fight against terrorism. The West Virginia National Guard performed the Color Guard Ceremony and contributed an excellent speaker.

All of our meeting included an "Indian Minute." We collected labels and 150 books for the Chamawha Indians, "Chief Logan" visited us and described his people, For National Defense we had a program on Homeland Security and another on Civil Defense. Once again we were able to present Tamasee School with labels and \$100. One of our members is president of a local genealogical society and did an excellent program on genealogical research; she prepared and presented each attending member with a booklet of our membership's family trees! At Christmas we enjoyed a program of historical music on the hammered dulcimer including songs that were from the Revolutionary period.

One innovation was a Chapter Newsletter, published and mailed at the end of the summer. It was especially well-received and we will plan to do it again.

We were saddened by the deaths of five long-time members: Elizabeth Lupardus, Margie Griffith, Gertrude Connelly, Phoebe MacAndrews, and Elma Lewis.

Kanawha Valley Chapter was represented at all District Meeting, State Conference, Summer Workshop, and Continental Congress. One of our members is now State Regent, another does the State Newsletter, one chairs the State American Indian Committee, while yet another member is the State DAR Magazine Chairman. We have met all the requirements for the highest National Achievement Award again this year and have participated in the American History and Christopher Columbus contests. This is our 90th year of serving God, Home, and Country. We look forward to continuing this service for years to come.

2005

Kanawha Valley Chapter is now 90 years old and we're still working hard. Helping the veterans, to whom we owe so much, continues to be a priority. This year we have donated new and used clothing, books, notions, puzzles and snacks, as well as the money we collect for them at each meeting. Many of our members participated in the Veterans Day Parade, some walking and some riding. The five-year-old daughter of one member walked in the parade and passed out candy to everyone along the way.

Members attended the October Naturalization Ceremony in Charleston and will also be at the April ceremony. We gave each new citizen a silk corsage or boutonniere. A rolled parchment document on Good Citizenship, and a small flag. Our Commemorative Events Chairman decorated shop windows with interesting displays for Veterans Day and Presidents Month.

In addition to the "Indian Minute" at each meeting, we enjoyed an excellent display of authentic Indian articles for American Indian Heritage Month. We sent 150 books, thrift items, school supplies and labels to Bacone College ad to the Chamawha School, plus scholarship funds in the amount of \$75.00, as well as \$75.00 to the Friends of American Indians. A lady who had spent the summer on an Indian reservation gave an interesting presentation of life on a reservation today with an emphasis on the children she worked with. Our April meeting featured an archeologist who described the findings of the Army Corps of Engineers pertaining to the Indians who once lived in our valley.

We were able to send labels and \$100.00 to Tamasee School as we have done previously. We participated in the American History and Christopher Columbus programs and two of our Good Citizens were finalists.

The President of the Kanawha Valley Genealogical Society taught us how to interpret land records in our research. We all needed proficiency in this phase of genealogy, and enjoyed the presentation. A plaque has been ordered to place beside the dogwood tree we planted at the West Virginia State Capitol; it will commemorate those who serve in the wars against global terrorism.

We have been fortunate in acquiring eight new members and hope to add more members in the near future. Sadly, two of our members have passed on. Members are now working on our web page. We are also trying to find the grave of a Patriot's daughter, which we hope to mark with a plaque.

We are looking forward to seeing you at Western District meeting on August 6. We'd love to see you all there!

2006

We enjoyed hosting the Western District Meeting at Sleepy Hollow in August. Our marble and brass plaque was procured and placed on the WV Capitol grounds to commemorate those who fight against world terrorism. One member placed displays in a store window for Veterans Day, Fourth of July, Constitution Week, Presidents Day and Memorial Day. Four members attended both naturalization Ceremonies held at the Federal Court House in Charleston; each new citizen was given a red, white, and blue corsage or a boutonniere and a copy of "Canons of American Citizenship": to frame.

This year we welcomed two new members to DAR and have four more pending at this time. Chapter Newsletters were sent out in both the spring and the fall. Two of our members won First Place Awards for Poetry and Art at Continental Congress. One received Second Place in State competition and another won Third Place.

Three members made clothes for our Ms. Presley Doll and the husband of another fashioned her outstanding trunk. Long bibs were made and then donated to hospitalized veterans. We continued to support our veterans by contributing notions, clothes, money, books and games to the Veterans Home. A highlight of the year was once again participation in the Veterans Day Parade in Charleston. This year we ventured out into the world and "set up" at a local flea market! It turned out to be a good way to add to our treasury while getting our homes in order!

Each meeting included a National Defense message and an Indian Minute. Dr. Maslowski of the Army Corps of Engineers described the lives and times of the Native Americans who once hunted on the banks of the Kanawha; he told about artifacts they have found here and how they were able to determine the lifestyle of these people.

Our all time favorite program was a hand bell ringer who explained how bells had been used to celebrate occasions and issue warning throughout history; we all to try our hands at bell ringing, too. Another interesting program was the portrayal of Army Nurse Ruby Bradley of Spencer, one of the most decorated women in military history.

This is our 91st year of serving God, Home, and Country! Long may the Flag of Freedom wave!

2007

The Kanawha Valley Chapter welcomed 6 new members this year! We are delighted to have these ladies with us. A chapter newsletter was sent out to all members detailing what we hoped to accomplish during the year. Four faithful members continued to attend Naturalization Ceremonies at the Federal Court, each new citizen received a copy of Canons of American Citizenship and each received a patriotic pin made by the committee members.

Helping the men and women at the Veterans Home continues to be a favorite endeavor. This year we were able to give them a check, clothing, notions, books and games. We had an Easter Party at the home and provided decorated cakes and edible favors; the Earl of Elkview performed with his fiddle, saw and song. We walked and rode in the Veterans Day Parade and a member's small son marched and threw candy to waiting children.

Once again we "set up" at a local flea market and were able to add to our treasury and clean out our homes at the same time.

One of our favorite speakers was Dr. Mark Wilson who spoke about Nobel Prize Winner, West Virginian John Forbes Nash. Susan Graves spoke knowledgeably about working with people afflicted with Alzheimers. A highlight was awarding Bill Fortune a Community Service Pin for his endeavors to minister to many needy people in Kanawha County and beyond. A bonus is learning that today he will receive the WV State Community Service Award.

New officers were elected and we look forward to working with them. In this 92nd year of serving God, Home, and Country, Kanawha Valley Chapter thanks God that we are Americans united under the Flag of Freedom.

**Matthew French Chapter
Princeton, West Virginia
Ann Johns, Regent
Barbara Maxwell, Regent**

2007

The Matthew French Chapter of the NSDAR has fulfilled all its obligations. We lost one member, but have gained 3 new members. We gave 250 Campbell Soup labels to Tammassee School. We always have a National Defense report and discussed the security of the homeland. We presented a JROTC medal to Princeton Senior High School. Matthew French gave 144 flags to first graders in area schools and 120 flag pins. We also gave 170 certificates for outstanding work in American history.

The Matthew French Chapter sponsored 5 newspaper memorials to commemorate both Veterans' Day and Memorial Day. 120 tray favors were donated to the Veteran's Hospital. Also \$100 in cash and \$50 in non-cash items were donated to the VA hospital.

We presented an Outstanding Woman Achievement certificate to Sandra Goodwin who led the fight in Mercer County resulting in smoke-free public places. Our programs were interesting, historical, and informative. One of our most outstanding programs for Women's Issues was on Helen Steiner Rice who faced many career hardships in days when women were only homemakers.

Even though we are decreasing in numbers, we still strive to preserve American history and patriotism and to uphold the high standards of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

**Mound Chapter
Moundsville, West Virginia
Lexie Hanket, Regent**

2005

Mound Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, in Moundsville, West Virginia was organized on April 14, 1934, with Mrs. H. M. Carpentar as Organizing Regent. The Chapter had seventeen charter members. The name was chosen because of the proximity to the large Adena Indian burial mound located in the center of Moundsville.

We have grown to 64 members and are active in public affairs in the county. Representatives have attended all Veteran's programs and selected organization meetings showing our interest in God, Home and Country. Mound chapter has recognized veterans, military personnel, conservation officers, programs for schools, persons preserving and restoring history and many more. We send donations to Tamassee School and the Veteran's hospital. These donations are both monetary and personal items.

This year, we have toured both the Paden City Museum and the Marshall County Historical Museum. We have had lessons on the history of Indian musical instruments, the history of the Railroads in America, the study of plants with emphasis on edible varieties especially the sunflower. Just last evening, we met with our Superintendent of Schools to discuss the future of education.

The Chapter has chosen to represent the Society at Fairs and Festivals in hopes of gaining new members to carry on the great traditions of the Daughters.

2006

Mound Chapter has just had a busy year. We have had dinner meetings, silent auctions, and interesting programs. We contributed to DAR projects and local projects. We participated in both the Memorial and Veterans Day Programs on the courthouse lawn by placing flowers in memory of our deceased brothers and sisters. We attended a Naturalization Ceremony at the Federal Building in Wheeling. We did annual reports.

We worked on recruiting new members and retaining our old ones. We enjoyed a joint meeting with Wheeling Chapter who entertained our State Regent, Shirley Gilkeson. The Marshall County Superintendent of Schools, Fred Renzella, spoke with us about his plans for the future of our students. Stan Stewart showed us Antique train memorabilia when he spoke on the impact transportation and communication have had on our lives.

Master gardeners taught us about edible herbs, the wild flowers on the highway and how we might help conserve our forests, trees and water. Local historian, Gary Rider told us about our own Jonathan Lockwood who served in the American Revolution. The curator of Independence Hall in wheeling spoke on the history of the hall and West Virginia. We were invited to the reenactment of the Civil War. We were entertained by a book review on "First Mothers." We often study our president's wives, but rarely their mothers who have a greater impact on the men they become.

Ohio Valley Chapter
St. Marys, West Virginia
Malinda "Mindy" Davis, Regent

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The Ohio Valley Chapter began its 50th year with pride and joy in being members of the DAR. Even though we are a small chapter we hope to accomplish many goals. We are proud to have a member of the Executive Committee among its number. Mrs. Robert Nalley (Ginger) serves as the State Vice Regent. We also have two members who serve as East Central Division Vice Chairman and five serve as State Chairmen for West Virginia.

One shining event of the last year was sponsoring a clothing drive for the Northern District Chapter. All clothing and items collected were donated to the Tamassee Thrift Shop. In addition, we were pleased to present one local school with 2 new American Flags. One flag was placed in the school cafeteria and the other was placed in a 3rd grad classroom.

The chapter recently purchased a Revolutionary War Marker to be placed in Memorial Park in Sistersville, WV. We also honor our Veterans by collecting and shipping items to service members overseas and to service members who are in the local Veterans Hospital in Clarksburg. We also presented veterans with Christmas gifts.

This past year we were pleased to have students take part in American History, Christopher Columbus, and the Good Citizen essay contests. We work with three counties and ten schools. A reception is held honoring the winners each February. This year we had 130 students who participated in the contests.

We continued with the Sharing of Family Heirlooms Program or as we like to say "Our Own Antique Road Show." Each member brings a family keepsake and shares with those in attendance. We also were pleased to have one member give a program about Lewis & Clark. Mrs. Rogers serves as a Co-Chairman for the Natural History Museum. In addition we were pleased to have Miss Marie Graybill, of the Wheeling Chapter present a program on the Madonna of the Trail.

Members attended the June Workshop, Continental Congress in July, Northern District, and State Conference. Members were pleased to participate in all activities and returned home with many interesting facts and even some storytelling. We are also pleased to report that our members love sharing DAR with our local communities. Members take part in blood

drives, story hour at local libraries, local Historical Societies, Christmas programs, Flag programs, and school programs. Members also participate in Memorial Day, Flag Day, Fourth of July and Veterans Days Services.

2005

The Ohio Valley Chapter is young by DAR standards (organized February 22, 1953.) The Organizing Regent was Mrs. Forrest Rabel. At 52, we are just beginning to sprout our wings and fly. The members of our chapter are proud of the work we do in promoting patriotism in our local area.

The Ohio Valley Chapter was named as a reminder to all, of the pride of all the families who have lived in the Ohio Valley. It was along the banks of the Ohio River and in its valleys that the first shot of the Revolutionary War was fired at Point Pleasant and the last shot was fired at Fort Henry (now Wheeling, WV.)

Many of the men of West Augusta, Virginia (a portion of which is now the Ohio Valley) were part of the soldiers who protected its shores, both in Indian warfare (Colonial) and during the Revolution. Also, upon its banks, nearby was a military garrison at the mouth of Indian Creek (near St. Mary's city limit). Here, during the Revolution was stationed Captain Jonathan Coburn with his company of the 13th Continental Line Virginia Regiment.

The Ohio River played an outstanding part in the colonizing of the North West Territory and the way west as it was the main artery of travel, by boat, for the frontiersmen and settlers. The Indians call the Ohio River "The River of White Caps" as it seemed to be never still and white foam caps float along making a picturesque setting. Also called "The River Beautiful." The Ohio Valley is one of grandeur and scenic beauty and tourist are thrilled to capture it in pictures and movies.

We are extremely proud to have a member of the Executive Committee among its number. Mrs. Robert Nalley (Ginger) serves as the State Vice Regent. We are also pleased to have received several awards at the 99th State Conference and to have received a Level One on the Chapter Achievement Award.

These past few months we were pleased to have students take part in the American History, Christopher Columbus, and the Good Citizen essay contests. We work with three counties and ten schools. A reception is held honoring the winners each February.

We continued with the Sharing of Family Heirlooms Program by having a Fashion Show. Each member brought a fashionable item to show from their family's history. The chapter once again collected items for the veterans and we presented them to the Louis A. Johnson Veterans Hospital at Christmas.

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I would like to report that even though we may be a small chapter, the members of the Ohio Valley Chapter are hard working and make being a member of DAR enjoyable.

Madam State Regent, thank you for your guidance and this privilege of working with you.

2006

The Ohio Valley Chapter has had a very successful DAR year. We are so proud of our members and the work that they do to preserve history. Many of our members are pleased and privileged to serve locally and on the state level in the goals of the DAR.

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Members of our chapter have attended Continental Congress, State Conference, District Meeting and local meetings. Members have also participated in the District workshops and were very busy at the 100th State Conference serving on many of the committees. We also had two members visit Tamassee over the past year. One member donated a television for the WV cottage at Tamassee.

Over the past year we have had several interesting meetings and have enjoyed learning about the many topics discussed at each meeting. At one meeting a member presented a program on the proper display and use of the American Flag. In September, one member and our Constitution Week Chairman presented a program on the constitution and we had each of us read a fact about the constitution and then we each rang a bell.

Each member present at the October meeting was thrilled to attend a Genealogy Trouble Shooting program. Two members gave us useful and helpful hints on genealogical troubleshooting. Lee Eddy also reported on her attendance to the workshop held in Washington, DC. In November, the State Vice Regent presented a program on National Defense. She began the program by asking each of us what we thought the phrase National Defense means to us. She then presented her program defining National Defense. Many of the members enjoyed how such a small phrase can mean so much to so many.

In December, we were once again remembering those who have fought defending our freedom. We held our annual Christmas Luncheon in honor of our Veterans. Members do not do a gift exchange for each other, but we bring a gift or two for a veteran. These gifts are then delivered to the Veteran's Hospital in Clarksburg. This year we worked with the local Red Hat's Society and we were able to deliver over \$500.00 worth of gifts to the hospital.

January was a busy month in that we were working on the Chapter Achievement and making sure that all of our reporting was done. Members met and we held a Chapter Achievement workshop. During this workshop members answered the questions on the Chapter Achievement and we all enjoy a little time together.

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Many of our members enjoyed the Women's Issue program held in March. The program was titled: A Woman's Financial Security." Members were pleased to listen to Neoma Spratt discuss the many financial opportunities they can have. Ms. Spratt is a Field Representative for Modern Woodmen. She presented members with an interesting program.

We continued with the Sharing of Family Heirlooms Program. Each member brings an item/heirloom to share with the group. We are pleased to report that our members love sharing DAR with our local communities. Members take part in blood drives, story hour at local libraries, local Historical Societies, Christmas programs, Flag programs, and school programs. Members also participate in Memorial Day, Flag Day, Fourth of July and Veterans Days Services. I would like to report that even though we may be a small chapter, the members of the Ohio Valley Chapter are hard working and make being a member of DAR enjoyable.

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2007

Once again, the members of the Ohio Valley Chapter have been extremely busy and continue to show the love of God, Home and Country. We are happy to spread the word of DAR throughout our local communities and work hard to promote patriotism.

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The members are working to increase our membership and are always willing to assist prospective members with their records search.

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Thank you for your hard work and I look forward to the many productive and successful years ahead for the Ohio Valley Chapter.

Pack Horse Ford Chapter Shepherdstown, West Virginia Dorrene G. Hale, Regent

2004

Our Chapter has had an informative, varied, and busy year. All regular meetings opened with the Ritual followed by reports from the National Defense Chairman, President General's message and reading from Indian minutes. This was followed by minutes of previous meeting, treasurer's report and reports by officers and committees.

Soup labels and "Educational Box Tops" were sent to DAR schools. A monetary contribution was made to Tamassee for the shoe fund. Used stamps for the wounded were collected and sent and the Veterans at the local hospital received gifts at Christmas.

Monetary contributions as required for Chapter Achievement recognition were sent.

Programs of most interest included: Sacagawea of the Lewis and Clark Expedition; Dolly Madison-A Model for First Ladies; National Defense; Early History of Shepherdstown; Early History of Settlements in Berkeley County & the C&O Canal.

Grades 5, 6, 7 and 8 from the Shepherdstown Schools submitted a total of 78 essays for the American History Essay Contest. Each student selected as first, second, and third place winners were invited with their families to a tea where essays were read and certificates presented along with a monetary gift. Teachers from the schools also attended.

Flags were placed in cemeteries in Shepherdstown on July 4th were Revolutionary Soldiers and Patriots rest. The church bells rang loud and clear and members flew their flags.

Two socials were planned for the year, our Christmas Tea and our Birthday Luncheon. The purpose of these gatherings is twofold. It is a time we just have fun and enjoy our fellowship. It also provides a time to invite prospective members and they are able to chat with us and get to know our work.

We had seven new members accepted for membership. Sadly we lost two of our older members, Elizabeth M. Ambrose Gageby and Elizabeth Johnson Tally.

Mrs. Margaret Writt was the National Winner in the Membership Photo Contest. Mrs. Writt received her award at the Membership Meeting during Continental Congress in Washington, D.C. in July. This was a wonderful experience for those of us who attended and we are very proud of her.

Many members are involved in local Historical Societies both in Berkeley and Jefferson Counties. Members have spent many hours working in their community, the hospitals and churches.

One book, "Shepherdstown-An American Treasurer", was donated to the Library this past year.

Two historical bus trips were organized by the Chapter. Other local DAR Chapters and members in the community were invited to go on the trips. We visited "Mount Vernon at Christmas by Candle Light". Also, in September we traveled to Fredericksburg, VA, and visited George Washington's Ferry Farm, the home of Mary Washington (George's mother) and the home of Betty Lewis (sister of George Washington). Both trips were very educational and historical.

Constitution Week was celebrated with the Mayor of Shepherdstown signing a proclamation, which was publicized in the newspaper. We had displays at school and church bells rang. We had a history teacher from the local high school talk to us at our September meeting on the Constitution.

2005

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By this route, the famous company of patriots, organized at Morgan's Spring on the outskirts of Shepherdstown, made their famous march to Boston and had the honor of being the first company of soldiers from south of the Potomac to be greeted by general George Washington.

The Chapter has actively continued to serve the National Society and strongly believes in God, Home and Country.

During this reporting period a program was presented by a Park Ranger on the History of the C&O Canal. Chapter member Mrs. James P. Reinhart gave an interesting program entitled "Facts about the Tombs of the Unknown Soldiers."

We celebrated Christmas with a "Christmas Tea" where prospective members were invited to attend. It was an afternoon of games, singing carols, delicious food and fellowship. We also marched in the Shepherdstown Christmas Parade. Flags and flag pins were distributed along the parade route.

Mrs. Lucille Waltz, Chairmen of Veterans Affairs, delivered 80 filled Christmas stockings to the veterans at the Medical Center near Martinsburg and 18 lap robes knitted by Miss Jean A. Elliott. Mrs. Waltz made and decorated the stockings. This was a joint project with the UDC of Shepherdstown. The members of both organizations contributed items to fill the stockings. The Chapter received a special thank you from the Medical Center for these gifts.

In February we celebrated the Chapter's 89th birthday with a luncheon at the Bavarian Inn. Again, new prospective members were invited. With only a short business meeting, the members enjoyed fellowship and fun.

A reception in March was held at the Entler Hotel in Shepherdstown to honor the American History Essay winners from Shepherdstown Elementary and Middle Schools. The affair was well attended by students and their families. The essays were well written and all students from both schools are to be congratulated for a job well done. The 5th grade essay submitted by Sierra Grabowska won first place in the State. The 7th grade essay submitted by Pamela Smoot won third place in the State.

We continue to emphasize "membership". At the February Board, four new members were admitted to the National Society and to our Chapter.

2006

The Pack Horse Ford Chapter would like to report the following for the year. The following programs and activities for this reporting period are as follows.

Our National Defense Program and Luncheon was held at Cress Creek Country Club in April. Again this year our speaker was Dr. Robert Wilgoos, Professor at Shepherd University.

In April members attended the WVDAR State Conference in Parkersburg and enjoyed being with our President General, Presley M. Wagoner. In May Mrs. Michael Sholl presented her DVD "On Top of Branch Mountain" which was a story about her two Mennonite Aunts who ran a 200 acre farm near Mathias, WV. Mrs. Sholl entered her DVD in the American Heritage Committee, Traditions and Cultural Events Contest. She was the first national Winner. She and her daughter traveled to Continental Congress in July and she received the award at the American Heritage Committee Meeting. Also in May, the Chapter members along with family and friends boarded a bus in Shepherdstown and headed for Annapolis, MD. The group visited the MD State capitol, rode a trolley through "Old Town" and toured the William Paca House. Paca was a signer of the Declaration of Independence and Governor of MD. In June we gathered for our annual covered dish picnic. The guest speaker was Don C. Wood, President of the Berkeley County Historical Society. Mr. Wood spoke on the Morgan families in Berkeley and Jefferson Counties. Church bells rang and flags were placed at the cemeteries in Shepherdstown to celebrate the 4th of July.

The Regent attended Continental Congress. Our State was at center stage with our WV daughter, President General Presley M. Wagoner, presiding over Congress. It truly was exciting and a wonderful time for all WV daughters. We are all so very proud.

In September Chapter members were docents at the Berkeley County Historical Society fall House Tour. The Chapter was responsible for one of the houses on tour. Of course, we also celebrated the signing of the Constitution in September. The Chapter enjoyed a slide program on the Signers Hall at Philadelphia, PA, which was presented by Dr. Raymond W. Spock, Director of the Robert C. Byrd Center for Legislative Studies at Shepherd University. We also attended the first program on the Constitution at Shepherd University. The guest speaker was Senator Robert Byrd. Poster displays at the Shepherdstown Elementary and Middle Schools, window display in downtown Shepherdstown and church bells ringing all marked our celebration for Constitution Week. Chapter members presented programs on "Women's Issues" and "A Military Woman's Point of View."

Our Christmas Tea was a time of fellowship and food and prospective members were invited and introduced to the group.

Our biggest event this reporting period was to celebrate the Chapter's 90th Birthday. A reception was held at the Entler Hotel on Saturday, February 18th. The Chapter was organized on February 22, 1916. Guests were from the town, Sons of the American Revolution, and daughters from the Eastern District. A short program was presented by the Regent before refreshments were served. The affair was complete when the Chapter's 50-year member Ruth Thacher, 94 years old, attended the event. Ruth is so loved by all the members and is an inspiration.

March was the time to honor our American History Essay Contest winners from Shepherdstown Elementary and Middle Schools. The 1st place winners were presented a medal, a savings bond and a certificate. The other students received monetary gifts and certificates. Mrs. Evelyn Reinhart, Chairman, worked very diligently on this project – it was a job well done.

We have seven new members join our Chapter during this reporting period. Membership in an on-going program.

2007

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The Chapter has been very productive and would like to report an increase in membership. This is an on-going project for the Chapter and we are extremely pleased with our efforts and welcome our new members.

**Peters Mountain Chapter
Peterstown, West Virginia
Nancy Kornegay, Regent**

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The Peters Mountain Chapter WVDAR has had another busy year. We've had a cookie exchange, a chapter picnic, and a constitution dinner. We celebrate another State Officer and State Parliamentarian.

We attended the summer meetings, planned and survived hosting the Southern District meeting. We entertained Linda and Raymond Chastain from Tamassee, with Linda being our Southern District speaker and the chapter financed their trip to West Virginia and back to South Carolina.

Peters Mountain sent 150 washcloths to the Chemwa Indian School, and \$256.00 worth of toiletries to the veterans. We sponsored a local Good Citizen at James Monroe High School and awarded her with a savings bond.

Since we love Tamassee, we sent Christmas gifts to the children in All States II and their house parent, sent \$100.00 to their chapters for children summer program, \$150.00 to the grits and gravy program, 340# of used clothes to the thrift shop, 1,194 soup labels, 155 labels for education. 102 wash rags and 366 pairs of socks! We gave \$100.00 to the state shoe fund and sent \$100.00 to the Josephine C. Peters Cottage in loving memory of HODAR, Vernon Dunn.

The Chapter issued a competitive challenge to the Southern District to bring socks for Tamassee. We sent \$25.00 in honor of James Chapman Chapter for bring the most socks.

We placed flags on the graves at three local cemeteries on Memorial Day. We celebrate one new member and one associate member from Maryland.

2005

While it has been just a short time since reporting the many projects of our chapter, Peters Mountain has been busy.

As a money making endeavor our Chapter serves dinner to the local Rotary Club once each month. By having all the food for the delicious meals donated by our members, our loyal committee nest \$80.00 a month.

With that we continue in our support of Tamassee. Our chapter has four members who belong to the Sunshine Club and send money to Tamassee on a monthly basis. As a chapter we sent \$150.00 to Tamassee's return to school project commonly known as their "Grits & Gravy" campaign. Additionally, we contributed \$100.00 to West Virginia's Shoe Fund and Christmas gifts were sent to the Allstates II cottage at Christmas. As always, we continue in our monthly collection of socks for the children. We also enjoy a very unexpected visit with Linda Chastain from Tamassee as she traveled though to visit with other West Virginia chapters. Our doors are always open to our friends at Tamassee.

We collected toilet articles, books, etc. for the Veterans Hospital in Beckley and sent \$75.00 to the Chemawa Indian School. Our chapter will celebrate its 25th Anniversary this summer and we are making plans to make it a wonderful celebration.

2006

Our chapter has done the same projects year after year, but each year we accomplish more and more with those same projects.

We continue our support of Tamassee School. It seems now they depend upon our chapter to keep their children in socks. This year we sent 535 pairs of socks, 102 wash clothes, 5 pairs of flip flops, 2 used cell phones, 10 notebooks, 10 big boxes of crayons, 10 school boxes, 1 puzzle, 5 infant onesies, 351 soup labels, 145 labels for education, and 4 children's classics; four members belong to the Sunshine Club and send monthly checks for use as fits the need of Tamassee. We contributed \$100.00 to the State's Shoe Fund and sent 416 pounds of used clothing to the thrift shop. We collected toilet articles, books, lap robes, etc., for the Beckley Veterans Hospital.

In May we placed American Flags on the graves of our veterans in three local cemeteries, placing more than 300 flags. But most exciting to our Chapter this year, we celebrated our 25th birthday. We fulfilled the dream of every DAR lady we had a tea party! And we entertained many of our State dignitaries, our State Regent, Mrs. Gilkeson, Honorary Vice President General, Honorary State Regent Virginia B. Johnson, and Honorary State Regent Maxine Spearman, just to name a few. Just think, we are the youngest West Virginia Chapter and we are 25 years old!

We also made contributions to our local library, the national library and to the West Virginia Cottage at Tamassee. In support of the programs sponsored by our county school board we have one member and one HODAR who are now serving as mentors in our junior high school in the Telemachus Program as well as volunteers who are tutoring children outside the Telemachus project.

We celebrated Constitution Week with a Constitution Week dinner, a program on the Constitution and by placing posters throughout the community. We celebrated the Christmas holidays with a cookie exchange and a time of fun and games.

It is with much sadness that we mourn the loss of one of our organizing members but at the same time we celebrate the addition of two new members.

We continue our project of serving dinner once a month to the local Rotary Club, this project generated the funds to keep our chapter moving and shaking!

2007

The Peters Mountain Chapter has once again had a busy year. We placed flags on Veterans graves in three local cemeteries on Memorial Day, and attended a Bell Ringing ceremony hosted by the Matthew French Chapter of Princeton. We also sent toiletries and personal items totaling \$100.00 to a local veteran's hospital. Once again, we tried to help the children of Tamassee by sending:

- 808 pairs of socks
- 50# of school supplies
- 245 labels for education
- 643 Campbell soup labels
- 152# used clothes

We also sent cash of \$400.00 toward their 2006 summer program and to assist in paying their winter utility bills. Four members still belong to the Tamassee Sunshine Club and send cash each month. We celebrate one new member!

**Shenandoah Valley Chapter
Martinsburg, West Virginia
Susanne Horner, Regent**

2004

Sometimes we have to have things spelled out for us in order to "get it done", so here goes!

- S State Conference in Morgantown was great!
- H Historic Shepherdstown was the location of the
- E Eastern District meeting August 2004.
- N Naples, Italy, and the Mediterranean Sea were toured, thanks to Jerry Horner and his Navy experiences and pictures.
- A American Indians were visited via a VCR.
- N Naturalization ceremony saw patriotic bookmarks given to new U.S. Citizens.
- D Display cases at the Martinsburg Berkeley County Public Library housed our patriotic Constitution exhibit.
- O Off to Washington, DC, a few went for DAR Continental Congress.
- A A Colonial diet was presented by Dorothy Myers.
- H Historical Homes Tour in Berkeley County with DAR members serving as hostesses.

- V Voting was out theme, as Bob Frankenberry explained about the voting process.
- A All members shared a favorite Christmas picture.
- L Louisiana Purchase was explained more in depth, during the meeting we honor American History Essay winners.
- L Last picnic of the summer started our meetings in September.
- E Enough said...except
- Y Why do we do this? - Because we are DAR!

2005

1921 - It was the time of "flapper dresses" prohibition. Warren G. Harding was the 29th president of the United States, the Scopes Monkey Trial, and the organization of the Shenandoah Valley Chapter, NSDAR, April 28, 1921. The name was chosen because Shenandoah is an Indian name for "Daughter of the Stars", and Valley denotes our location as well as respect for the past. There were 15 members and Mrs. S. W. Walker (Annette Thayer) was the organizing regent.

All of our programs for the new West Virginia DAR year, include the theme of God, Home and Country through education, patriotic endeavors and historical preservation programs. The most outstanding program found our chapter learning about WW II, and the recording process that Angela Sima, a student Musselman High School, is doing through the Library of Congress, where she is interviewing WW II veterans, and completing the paperwork that entails 15-20 hours per veteran that she has interviewed. She was the only high school student in the nation to be invited to the dedication of the WW II Memorial in Washington, DC, because of the historical records she is helping to preserve for the Library of Congress. Our Chapter has met the Wright Brothers, Pat Boone, Lewis & Clark, and found the vast resources that are available for genealogical research at the Martinsburg Berkeley County Public Library.

2006

"DARing to Let Our Light Shine for Patriotism!"

Through the American History Essay contest, we traveled with Lewis and Clark on their journey westward. The students were very creative with the presentations and we felt like we had been along on the trip in many different capacities, even that of a mouse.

The DVD of Constitution Hall took us back 100 years, and for some that have never been to Constitution Hall in Washington, D. C. the virtual tour opened their eyes to our organization and the building that is our headquarters.

Speaking of Washington, D.C., several of our members traveled to Continental Congress 2005, where they served on House Committees, enjoyed the WV breakfast and the many activities of the week, but most importantly made new friends and enjoyed the fellowship with old friends.

The State Regent's visit with the Eastern District Chapters, took us back to the way of life of the previous generations. This was done through a presentation and a video that won a national DAR award.

Next we traveled to Bethlehem, to for our study of "Women's Roles at Christmas." Think how Mary must have felt! We discussed how our roles have changed and what our own individual roles are and how they are alike and different from that of our earlier years.

In August, we stopped over in Martinsburg, WV, where the Shenandoah Valley Chapter sponsored the Eastern District meeting. We toured the Cogle Museum (a private collection), and then had our meeting and luncheon at Trinity United Methodist Church where the "good doctor" prescribed medications for a better DAR year.

Have you been to Hollywood? You could have played "Constitution Squares" (Hollywood Squares) at one of our meetings with the questions base on the Constitution. We had a great time!

Another Constitution sidelight, all 1550 students at Hedgesville High School was given bookmarks that included the Preamble to U. S. Constitution. These same bookmarks were also hand delivered to Senators Byrd and Rockefeller's offices on Capitol Hill in September.

We traveled to many countries at the naturalization Ceremony where we gave bookmarks to the new citizens that included the Pledge to the Flag of the United States of America.

Each month, we traveled to the DAR Schools, met the Indians, and "rode" the DAR school bus, studied our Constitution, and received a message from the President General, (West Virginia's own Presley Wagoner).

We did not go "over there", but we did lay a wreath at the Doughboy Monument in Martinsburg, for the Veteran's Day Celebration. "Produce for Victory"; that may be a term that is not familiar to you, but this was the way of life and what was done on the home front to produce goods and services for the soldiers during World War II. Many of our chapters remembered and were able to add to our discussion from personal experience or from stories told to them as children. This program was an introduction to a display and programs that will begin April 30 – June 8, 2006, at the Musselman-South Berkeley County Community Library. Our June meeting will be there, along with a reception for local World War II veterans.

So, at the end of our 2005 – 2006, DAR journey, we have been many places and in many generations. And of course, this journey will continue with the next DAR year and in successive years to come.

2007

Midnight, high noon, donuts, and eggs---what do these bring to mind and have in common? The number 12, of course! It is also the number of new members in the Shenandoah Valley Chapter and most definitely, the highlight of our year! Our Chapter Registrar and State Organizing Secretary, Sally Ann Greenfield has been extremely busy, but we are so proud of her!

Along with the new members, the Chapter played Constitution Jeopardy at the September meeting; attended and hosted the reception at the Naturalization Ceremony at the Federal Building in Martinsburg, WV after the members learned about becoming a naturalized citizen at our meeting in October.

Members acted as docents during the Berkeley County Historical Society's fall historic homes tour. A wreath was placed the Doughboy Monument on Veterans' Day and a Native American spoke about her heritage, area meetings, her tribe's dress and customs and many other interesting points. Members shared what they remembered or stories they had heard family members tell about the home front during World War II and several also remembered the dreaded telegram message that announced the death of a serviceman.

A former docent and a chapter member shared her expertise about Benjamin and Caroline Harrison; their home and his presidency. The Shenandoah Valley Chapter was represented at both the State Conference and Continental Congress. The American History essay contest winners were honored at a reception in May with the Chapter pleased to have the first place state winner in the 7th grade and the second place state winner in the 8th grade. The first place state winner in the Christopher Columbus essay contest was from Musselman High School and sponsored by the Shenandoah Valley Chapter.

Of course, the Chapter supported the DAR Schools, collected labels and stamps, our veterans and had 100% participation in the President General's Project. Local high school students were honored with the ROTC medals and the Go Citizen pins and certificates.

South Branch Valley Chapter Petersburg, West Virginia Susan L. Garrett, Regent

2004

Greeting from the daughters of South Branch Valley Chapter! Some of the highlights of this past year include very informative programs such as *The Louisiana Purchase* presented by retired history teacher, Mr. Loring Vance, *Slave Quilts and the Underground Railroad* presented by member Susan Garrett; and the annual American History essays presented by the student authors. East Hardy Middle School student Jessica Mathias, who attended the Wright Brothers Centennial in Kitty Hawk, NC in December 2003, shared highlights of the commemoration at our April meeting. Another annual event was our Constitution Coffee Hour and program to kick-off the celebration of Constitution Week.

This year we have been opening our meetings with Show and Tell. One member shared a dress from the 1860's and another brought an early 1900's candy container shaped as an old time lantern.

Five members attended the 2003 State Conference, two members attended Continental Congress, and three members attended the Eastern District Meeting.

Schools were supported with monetary donations, labels and clothing. At Christmas, members donated money to the Martinsburg VA Center to be used for gifts for the patients.

Our chapter sponsored the second place state winner in the Christopher Columbus Essay Contest.

We gained one new member this year. Sadly, we lost two to death. Books in their memory were presented to two schools and a public library in three counties.

Our big project this year is chapter revitalization. Members who do not attend regularly nor live nearby, have been challenged to try to attend at least one meeting this year to experience that DAR is fun!

2005

Greetings from the daughters of South Branch Valley Chapter! Our chapter was organized in July 1935 by becoming a chapter for members of the South Branch Valley counties of Grant, Hampshire, Hardy and Pendleton. Its members have been affiliated with the Heiskell Jacobs Forman Chapter. The fist chairman was Mrs. B. H. Hiner who was appointed by

State Regent Mrs. Gary Hogg. Mrs. Hiner was later elected Regent when the chapter became officially recognized by the NSDAR Board of management in October 1935.

Our chapter is proud to have as a member the newest Honorary State Regent Mrs. Charles L. Silliman. Some of the highlights of meetings since our last conference include a program on Appalachian speech given by member Norma Clark and a program on first ladies given by member Annabelle Vance.

This year we have been opening our meeting with Show and Tell. One member shared glassware given to her as a youth by the grandfather of another member. What a coincidence!

Five members attended State Conference in Martinsburg. Several members serve as state chairmen and have been working with contest and reports.

Schools were supported with monetary donations, labels and clothing. At Christmas, members donated money to the Martinsburg VA Center to be used for gifts for the patients.

The South Branch Valley Chapter will be sponsoring a Junior American Citizens chapter at Moorefield Middle School. Chapter member Elizabeth Bosley is the leader of the school's 4-H club and at their May meeting each 4Her will be given a JAC membership card and pin.

2006

Greetings from the Daughters of South Branch Valley Chapter. We are pleased to report several activities since our last state conference. We continue to open our meetings with show and tell and have shared such interesting items as leather pot chards, mourning pins made in Germany, a mesh net evening purse dating from the 1920's, a WWII soldier's field manual dated July 23, 1941, ledger with entries dating 1824 - 1860, and a lavender and black wedding dress with matching hat and evening bag which dated circa 1920's.

We also have a time for celebrations and concerns and share updates on members who cannot regularly attend meetings. Our programs this past year have included the liberty trees, Memorial Constitution Hall, Benjamin Franklin's birthday anniversary, and the Papago Indians.

Five members attended last year's state conference, four members attended the Eastern District meeting held in Martinsburg last August, and three members joined with the other Eastern District chapters on November 5, 2005 for the State Regent's chapter visitation. They were entertained with the DVD, "On Top of Branch Mountain," about the Tusing sisters of Hardy County.

South Branch Valley Daughters recognized one of their own by awarding member Carmen Silliman with the Community Service Award for her service assisting the American Red Cross in the Texas and Oklahoma areas following Hurricane Katrina.

We continue to support DAR Schools with labels, Kate Duncan Smith School with box tops, and monetary contributions to Tamassee's Sunshine fund. American Legion and VFW Posts in our four county area have been presented flags in our chapter as part of the work for Flag Committee. The Literacy Committee donated books to area libraries. Our DAR Teran Patients Committee donates to the Martinsburg VA Hospital and provides transportation for DAR patients in our area.

Since our last conference we lost one member to death and three members to resignations. Currently we are planning the summer Eastern District meeting which will be hosted by our chapter.

2007

Greetings from the Daughters of the South Branch Valley Chapter. We are pleased to submit this report of activities since the last conference. Our most informative program this year was presented by our Vice-Regent Patricia Williams. Mrs. Williams, a registered nurse, serves Hardy County as an emergency preparedness coordinator. She gave an insight on how our area could see a massive onslaught of evacuees from the Washington, D. C. Area if a major terrorism event should occur. This topic, although not historical, related to issues that affect women as it informed us of how our individual households need to prepare with emergency supplies and equipment.

We were also visited by Sally Franklin who gave us a very enlightening look at her father, Ben. Her character was portrayed by our own Carmen Silliman. Our chapter hosted the Eastern District meeting in August at Lost River Retreat. This meeting covered the necessary business and had a memorial service, but members left their insignia pins at home and donned summer casual clothing for the picnic-style get-together.

Three members attended last year's state conference at Pipestem Resort. After having a mix-up with carpooling arrangements, South Branch Valley daughters thought nothing could get any worse until Mother Nature decided to give the conference heavenly fireworks which resulted in sending us home early. As to other chapter activities, we continue to support DAR schools with labels and donations. Moorefield Middle School in Hardy County donated their stash of over 3100 labels to our chapter to send to Tamassee. We also made donations of clothing and books to Tamassee. Patients at the VA Hospital in Martinsburg received their annual Christmas donation from our members. We sponsored a student for the Caroline Holt Nursing scholarship, gave DAR Good Citizen and ROTC awards, and promoted Constitution Week. We welcome our newest member who recently transferred from the Benjamin Lyon Chapter in Denton, Texas.

**Trans-Allegheny Chapter
Weston, West Virginia
Julia Bragg, Regent**

2004

Membership in Trans-Allegheny Chapter DAR located in Lewis County WV increased by 14 for a total of 35 members. At the Central District meeting, we received 5 certificates from National and 7 certificates from East Central Division for this increase.

Erseline Rumbach attended the DAR 113th Continental Congress at the National Headquarters in Washington, D.C. in July. She is the first from Trans-Allegheny to attend a Continental Congress to our knowledge. While there she served on the National Registration Committee and received a ribbon and certificate for her work.

Last year we sponsored the WVDAR State winner of the Good Citizen Essay Contest, Stephanie Bean, from Lewis County High School.

At Lewis County High School's Award Ceremony last June, Trans-Allegheny members presented a JROTC medal and certificate, and a \$50.00 bond to the Good Citizen Winner, and two American History Winners.

Trans-Allegheny Chapter was represented in Patriotic parades in Weston on Memorial Day and July 4th.

We filled out all the report forms and sent them to appropriate Committee Chairman.

Monthly programs included Christian Heritage, DAR Pins, Genealogy, Conservation, God, Home, and Country, and an excellent program on How to Properly Dispose of an American Flag.

One member attended the State DAR conference in Morgantown last year. Four members attended the State meeting on Fund Raising in Grafton. Three members attended the Central District Meeting in Philippi.

2005

In 1914 a group of Weston ladies met and organized the Alexander Schott Wither's Chapter. About 40 members belonged until the summer of 1921 when the Chapter disbanded. November 7, 1921 fifteen of the daughters got together to organize a new chapter. November 15th sixteen ladies devoted the evening to the work of organizing and naming the new chapter. On December 9th a meeting was held and a letter from NSDAR Secretary Mrs. Hanger stating that the new Charter would date from December 9, 1921 and the name of Trans-Allegheny was unanimously chosen. Charter members numbered 40 with Mrs. Earl Jackson (Alcinda Cookman) serving as Regent.

Our membership has increased from 21 on 1 Jan. '03 to 37 on 1 Jan '05 in part due to the disburdenment of the Phoebe Cunningham Chapter in December 2004. We were glad to accept seven members who wished to transfer. Unfortunately one who was 100 years old passed away without us getting to meet her. Barbara Philips has been a member for 31 years and Betty Heavener has belonged 25 years. Most of the others have joined, transferred, or were reinstated since 1998.

We give a \$50.00 savings bond each year to the Good Citizen winner and to two History winners from Lewis County High School. We donate Box Tops for Education and some money to Tamasee and other DAR Educational institutions. We remember our Veterans in VA Hospitals with books, stamps and other needs. We participate in local patriotic parades.

This year a different member is giving a report on her Patriot at each meeting. A long-term goal is to verify Patriots buried in Lewis County and to put markers on each gravesite. One member has organized groups to help preserve the Weston State Hospital building and she organized the Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendents and Central WV Genealogy Library. We met at the library and support their effort at preserving historic information for Central WV. Five of our members participate in heritage fiber arts such as spinning, weaving, and knitting and demonstrate these skills at festivals, schools, and other interested groups.

2006

Trans-Allegheny Chapter DAR is located in Lewis County, WV continues to search for new members. Since last April four members have joined as new members, two as transfers, and two as reinstatement. Regrettably four resigned.

Erseline Rumbach attended the DAR 114th Continental Congress at the National Headquarters in Washington, D.C. in July. She served on the National Registration Committee and received a ribbon and certificate for her work.

The Good Citizen Essay award, JROTC Medal, and two American History Medals were given to Lewis County High School students and \$50.00 bonds were given to the Good Citizen Winner, and two American History Winners.

Trans-Allegheny Chapter was represented in Patriotic parades in Weston on Memorial Day, 4th of July, Veteran's Day and Christmas. A window display was arranged for Constitution Week.

Monthly programs included, Patriots: Lewis County Connection, Our Flag, Women's Issues, National Defense: Lewis County's Plan, Conservation: Aquaculture, Memorial Continental Hall, DAR Services to Veterans, Women in American

History: Margaret Roby Straley impersonated by her great-great-great-granddaughter Joy Stalnaker, History of American Glass: by Dave Bush, a local glass collector.

Six members attended the State Conference in Parkersburg last year and dressed in 1921 era clothing to depict the year the chapter was organized. Four members attended the Central District meeting in Elkins. Two fundraisers allowed the Chapter to buy new Rituals, city signs, and posters.

2007

Trans-Allegheny Chapter began the 2006 year with 39 members. The 2007 year started with 38 members. Although 7 new members have joined, two transferred and 6 resigned mostly because they were young working women.

Work with the Veterans in the area VA Hospitals has been a major effort of the Chapter this year. Stamps were sent to the Pittsburgh VA Hospital in quantities of at least 596 ounces. Patients at the Louis A. Johnson VA Hospital in Clarksburg were given comfort blankets, books and magazines for their library and personal care items estimated value of \$1363.00. Two chapter members were appointed by the President General to the VAMC committee and attend the hospital meetings and have volunteered over 50 hours at the hospital library.

The Good Citizen essay winner from Lewis County High School was given a \$50 savings bond along with the certificate and pin. This is the first year that the Chapter has had an entry in the American History Essay Contest for middle school students. Laura Marks, a seventh grade student at Robert L. Bland Middle School was the winner and will be awarded a \$25 savings bond. Box Tops for Education and some money were sent to Tamassee. Three subscriptions to the "American Spirit" magazine were given to local libraries. We participated in local patriotic parades.

A long-term goal continues to verify patriots buried in Lewis County and to place markers on each grave. In the summer of 2006, Adam Fleisher was verified and his grave marked with a DAR Patriot Marker and a dedication ceremony was held with representatives from the Pt. Pleasant SAR acting as Honor Guard. Refreshments were served to all in attendance at the Henry Fleisher Restaurant in Weston.

Five of our members participate in heritage fiber arts such as spinning, weaving, and knitting and often demonstrate these skills at festivals, schools and to other interested groups. We meet regularly at the Hackers Creek Pioneer Descendents Library and support their effort at preserving historic information for Central West Virginia.

Westmoreland Chapter Huntington, West Virginia Kathleen Bledsoe, Regent

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Westmoreland Chapter started the year with the initiation of a new member in September, Barbara Murray, and in October, Wilma Skeens. Over the summer the Regent attended Continental Congress and the Western District meeting and she presented a wreath on Memorial Day. The chapter had programs on constitution, John Adams, and currency and coins in Colonial America. We had the "pumpkin man" Rick Griffith speak to us in October and the Marine Corps League presented a patriotic program on the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, flag etiquette and the correct way to fold a flag and the meaning of each fold. At the December luncheon, members brought gifts for the Veterans' hospital patients. In February we learned about the Louisiana Purchases and Thomas Jefferson. At the present we have two pending members and expect to initiate them this year. Another year of fun and fellowship is planned and we are looking forward to it.

2005

Our year began with a salute to our Constitution and a visit from Chief Justice John Marshall who gave us a more personal view of legislation. We honored our veterans by seeing a video presentation on homeless veterans. We rang out 2004 with a visit from our State Regent Shirley Gilkeson and the initiation of two new members. It would have been three, but the third new member was having eye surgery and could not attend our Holiday Luncheon.

The February program was given by our American History Essay winners. It is always interesting to hear the essays and meet the parents and families of our winners. We have one young man who has won the last 3 years and we have been able to watch him grow in size and confidence.

Always mindful of our heritage, our March program approached it from a different perspective. Our heritage through hymns was the program that month. Our April meeting has been postponed a week so members count attend the state meeting, but when we get back our program will be on the Hatfields and McCoys: The Vendetta.

We have lost members and gained members, but we are still striving for an increase in our chapter membership. We have 5 state chairmen and the VAVS and Deputy VAVS representatives and people who volunteer weekly at the Veteran's Hospital. We have given to the Present General's Project and to the State Regent's Project. This year we were able to give one of our members a 25-year certificate and another a 50-year pin. Several other members will qualify for 25-year certificates soon.

We have had a good year and are looking forward to the next.

2006

Since our last report, the Westmoreland Chapter has had a number of interesting and informative meetings and activities. Last April we heard the real story behind the Hatfield and McCoy Feud and had reports from the state annual meeting. The May meeting that ended our year was held at Beech Fork State Park and was given by Debbie Keener the Superintendent of the park. Although we had no meetings in the summer months, members were busy with their usual activities but attended Memorial Day services in Huntington. The Regent attended Continental Congress and rode the bus out and back. At our September organizational meeting, we had a program on the Constitution and everyone caught up with what we were doing over the summer months. In October we had a program on Native Americans and collected school and art supplies for Chemawa School. A Native American display was placed in the Credo-Kenova library through the month of November. Our annual veteran's program in November was given by Major Elizabeth Bledsoe, Assignment Officer for Acquisition Branch, Human Resources Command, U.S. Army. Her speech was on women in the army and her experiences in Somalia, Haiti, Germany, France and here in the United States. Our Christmas luncheon was a buffet with Christmas music by The Rameys, a gospel music group and Sharon Curmutte who lead the chapter in carols. In January, the Regent gave the program on Women's Roles in American Life from the 1600's to the present. Inclement weather forced the cancellation of the February meeting, but our history kids came in March and read their essays on "Benjamin Franklin - More than a Revolutionary."

Besides interesting meetings we have several members serving as volunteers to the Huntington Veteran's Administration Hospital where they participated in the Country Store, Salute to Veterans, and Valentine's Day at the VA as well as do volunteer work two days a week. Members have attended Veteran's Day ceremonies, Memorial Day services and the funeral of one of our founding members. An Indian minute was given at each meeting as was a national defense report and the President General's message. We will be hosting the Western District meeting this year so much time was given in preparations for this event.

Although we have added no new members this year, we have had several people inquire and attend our meetings and several members who were not able to attend have come back. We have added a HODAR.

2007

The Westmoreland Chapter started the year off with a Constitution Week program and the initiation of Ruth Nunly, who has been a member for almost a year. In October, we went to China with Rev. Craig Michel, who took us back to "olden" times, through the dynasties and into the China of today. In November, we found out why we should all be VA Volunteers and in December, we remembered our Veterans with supplies for the ditty bags the VA Hospital distributes to the patients. In January, our Regent used her trip to Jamestown and Yorktown combined with Washington's March to give us a short history lesson in the early days of our country. The February meeting was delayed a week because of the weather, but the American History essay winners were wonderful as usual and their essays on the founding of Jamestown were very interesting and imaginative.

Deputy Sheriff Stafford G. Poff came in March to talk about personal safety and we enjoyed beating up the big doll he brought with him. In May, we will install new officers and a new era will begin for the Chapter. We lost 2 members to death this year and had one member move away.

Members attended Continental Congress last summer and our Chapter hosted the Western District meeting in August 2006. Members also attended Memorial Day, 4th of July and Veterans' Day celebrations and parades. Members volunteer at the VA Hospital on a weekly basis and our chapter has supported their efforts with donations to their summer carnival, salute to veterans and Take A Woman Veteran to Dinner programs. We have also been quite concerned with the placement of roadside markers for our revolutionary war ancestors buried in Wayne County. We dedicated a DAR marker on Jewel Shingleton's headstone as she was a charter member of our Chapter. We have a Chapter website up and running and are working on becoming computer literate. All in all, it has been a good year for Westmoreland and with the advent of a new group of officers, things are looking good!

**Wheeling Chapter
Wheeling, West Virginia
Judith Fugate, Regent
Joan McClelland, Regent**

2004

Naturalization of new Citizens: Wheeling Chapter has participated in this ceremony for the past three years and also 2004. Mrs. Marie Graybill welcomes the new citizens for the Wheeling Chapter. The Regents prepare information packets. State award recognition was given to the Chapter for preparing the packets.

American History Essay Contest: Mrs. Eloise Puglise, Chapter Chairman presented 35 certificates of participation. We also had the state winner in the Christopher Columbus Essay Contest, Neil Meredith from Wheeling Park High School.

Continental Congress: 2004 attendance from Wheeling Chapter: Judy Fugate, Chapter Registrar, Debi Smith, Mary Smith, Eloise Puglisi, Gloria Brinkmeier, Joan McClelland, Jenny Hepburn and Pat Marx

The Wheeling Chapter will serve as hostess for the Northern District Meeting to be held July 31, 2004 at Oglebay Park, Wheeling WV.

State Conference: Joan McClelland, Judy Fugate, Mrs. Jack Adams, Mrs. Marie Graybill, Mrs. Eloise Puglisi, Mary Smith, Jennifer Renshaw, Jenny Hepburn, Pat Marx attended.

Nineteen (19) state awards were presented to the Chapter in 2003. They are as follows: (1) Americanism & DAR Manuel for Citizenship - Honorable Mention; (2) DAR Service to Veterans - 1st place; (3) Membership Award for participating in Membership Blood Drive; (4) Children of the American Revolution - 2nd place; (5) Level 1 Chapter Achievement Awards - 3rd place (454 points); (6) WV Membership - Overall Best Membership Promotional Activities Award; (7) State Lineage Research - Honorable mention (two lookup volunteers); (8) Membership - Chapter with the best results from the Members/prospective members to other chapters or states; (9) Membership - Chapter with the best results from the Membership Blood Drive; (10) Judy Fugate for membership award for their tireless work in promoting and keeping members; (11) Wheeling Chapter - 1st place for WV membership Award - largest percentage increase in membership; (12) Constitution Week and Commemorative Events - 2nd place; (13) American Indians - Honorable Mention; (14) DAR magazine - 3rd place; (15) 1st Place for WV Membership Award - most new members by application; (16) Membership - for an increase in number and maintained most members; (17) American Heritage and Conversation - 1st place; (18) The State Historian presented an award to Wheeling Chapter for Outstanding Historic Involvement; (19) The State Membership Chairman presented 1st place certificate of award for membership essay contest "Who Touched You and Made You A Daughter" to Judy Fugate.

At the 2003 Meeting, Judy Fugate was elected State Registrar for 2004 - 2007.

Children of the American Revolution Chapter: Judy Fugate, Chapter Registrar, Regent, Joan McClelland, Senior CAR Leaders - Mary Smith and Jennifer Renshaw, organized the Fort Henry Chapter NSCAR which was finalized in 2003 and Chartered: "Fort Henry Chapter NSCAR" in 2004 with seven members.

Bylaws Revision: The Wheeling Chapter bylaws were completely revamped and brought into compliance with state and national bylaws. This was a huge undertaking by the bylaws' committee: Mary Smith, Chairman, worked closely with Regent, Joan McClelland, Chapter Parliamentarian, Vera Weitzel, State Regent, Carmen Silliman, Cora Teel, State Parliamentarian, Jennifer Renshaw, Debi Smith, Chapter Librarian, and Sally Ezell, Finance Chairman.

Scholarships: In 2003, three \$200.00 scholarships for a total of \$600.00 were presented to WV Northern Community College students: Mary Dudley, Briana Carney and Patricia Bloomfield by Debi Smith, Scholarship Chairman. - At our October 2003 meeting, the monies obtained in our basket will go to the Scholarship Fund. This was passed by unanimous chapter vote. In September 2004, a scholarship of \$300.00 was presented to Carrie Smeldon, student at WVNCC.

Librarian: December 2003, Wheeling Chapter donated \$50.00 to the National DAR Library. Debi Smith, Chapter Librarian, reported at the April 2004 meeting, that National DAR Library purchased the following books: 3 volumes entitled "Abstracts of Deeds Book, Ohio County West Virginia."

Finance and Auditing Committee: Chairman, Sally Ezell met with the two separate committees: Becky Jewell, Judy Fugate, Missy Glessner, and Ethel Mozena, Ex-officio member. Budgets for 2003 - 2004 were prepared. The Chapter unanimously approved the budgets and also approved the treasurer's books to be computerized.

Auditing Committee: Becky Jewell and Sally Ezell audited the books which are to be found in compliance and balanced.

National Defense: Marie Graybill did an outstanding job as National Defense Chair. Her programs were outstanding and educational. A special Veteran's Program was given by her in May of 2004 with a Color Guard, American Legion and Veterans Administration Personnel giving the program.

Registrar: Judy Fugate more than fulfilled her office as Registrar. Much time and effort was put forth to obtain new members, 25 applications have been processed.

Other events sponsored/held/attended by the Wheeling Chapter NSDAR:

Project Patriot - several members donated \$100.00. 223 Christmas cards were sent to USS John C. Stennis.

1092 US Army Reserve Unit from WV - letters were sent and received by our members, packages were sent.

Constitution Week - Ellen Dunable, mailed articles to newspapers, churches, radio and television stations asking them to promote constitution week. Display was set up in the Ohio County Public Library, approximately 1000 pieces of literature was distributed.

Fort Henry Days: Wheeling Chapter and Ft. Henry Chapter CAR held a display at this event, at Oglebay Park, Memorial Day weekend. DAR's were: Mary Smith, Joan McClelland, Gloria Brinkmeier, Vera Weitzel, Mary Brosch, Mary Eleanor Colvin, Petty Tebay, Carolyn Forman, CAR's Kate, Elizabeth Karrasch.

Memorial Service: Lisa Kleevic, Chaplin, held a memorial service at our annual meeting in May honoring the members in our chapter who have passed away.

Girl's State: Two girls were sponsored by our chapter, contributed clothing, soup labels and monies to support DAR schools and Hindman School. Members have volunteered at hospitals, reading to shut-ins, tutoring students after school,

participated in community activities such as the American Lung Association, funeral services for chapter members, in October 2004: Mrs. Coeey, Mrs. Worthington.

Election of Officers: May 2003, election of officers were held: Regent – Judy Fugate, VR – Jenny Hepburn (resigned) Joan McClelland will fill in until May 2005, Caplain – Phyllis Jenkins, R. Secretary – Gloria Brinkmeier, Corr. Secretary – Sally Ezell, Treasurer – Rebecca Jewell, Registrar – Mary Smith, Librarian – Eloise Puglise, Historian – Ellen Dunable.

Naturalization Ceremonies: October 2006, ten folks were naturalized, Marie Graybill welcomed the new citizens on behalf of Wheeling Chapter. Six members attended the ceremonies for our chapter.

2005

Wheeling Chapter has had a busy time. All local, active members of our chapter are participating in some capacity in our chapter. We open each meeting with the DAR Ritual, Pledge to the American Flag and America's Creed followed by the President General's Message, National Defense Minute, American Flag Minute, Indian School Minute, and DAR Minute by the Vice-Regent.

Following are the achievements of our chapter to date.

September 2004: Six members attended the Naturalization Ceremony at the Federal Building in Wheeling. Welcome was given to the new citizens. American Flags and information regarding our precious documents and rights were presented to them,

October 2004: Meeting was on Naturalization.

November 2004: Meeting program on Lydia Boggs Shepherd, the instigator of national Road going to Wheeling. Spouses and five CAR members also attended the meeting.

December 2004: We had a silent auction to raise \$150.00 to sponsor a Local high school girl to WV Girls State.

January 2005: No meeting due to weather. Chapter members helped with the Red Cross Blood Drive and we collect items and stamps for our veterans.

February 2005: Was our American History Essay Winners. 93 essays were submitted and five winners presented with medal, certificate, and monetary awards.

March 2005: We presented a Conservation Medal and certificate to an outstanding gentleman.

April 2005: Wheeling member, Mrs. June Wheeler presented a program on "Digging up the Continentals" program on how she traveled all over to obtain proof of her American Revolutionary Ancestor. Also, in April our sponsored Ft. Henry Chapter NSCAR officers were installed.

We have two new members; our goal is to increase membership by 10% by next year.

**William Henshaw Chapter
Martinsburg, West Virginia
Eleanor Amos, Regent**

2004

The members of William Henshaw Chapter, NSDAR had many activities, nice programs, and lots of fun in our year of 2003 – 2004. This chapter is small in number but make up for that in wonderful people. We are very proud of our past and eagerly looking forward to our future. At this point – there are six people working on their genealogy records and one possible transfer who have just moved to this area.

At the Federal Building on October 8th I met a lady who has her records – no problem – but was never interested until that day. When she saw the work that the two chapters (Shenandoah and William Henshaw) were doing for the newly naturalized citizens. She said she felt a warmth there and would like to join us. We are working on her papers next week.

One interesting part of our year is the program where we honor the youth who have participated in the Essay Contest. Julia Gates who was Regent last term is the chairman of this committee. There is very good participation from the students in the Essay Contest from our schools. This has become a highlight in April. The program is held in a church meeting room on the ground floor. Easy accessible to any handicapped and next door to this room is the kitchen. It is held in the evening and each child is told to invite family, friends and neighbors. We hear the essays, have refreshments and spend time with the youth and parents. It truly is a lovely affair.

You are welcome to come and visit us at any time. We would be honored to have you. Last year was a good year and we plan many interesting activities for this year.

This is the voice mail of William Henshaw Chapter, NSDAR.:

Captain Henshaw may have gone back to Bunker Hill (1776).

Your Regent is away from her desk right now—to reach her voice mail press one. To reach the Vice Regent press two. If you do not get a signal, the Chaplain will pray for you.

2005

The new officers for William Henshaw were elected in May. The 29th of June a “Dessert Doings” was held at the Home of Eleanor Amos, 175 Shadow Lane. This was just to have a little social and some members that had not attended for a long time came and enjoyed choosing from 20 different desserts, coffee, tea, soda and punch. It was fun and there were lots of stories told about the good old days. Laughter was in abundance.

July was hot and slid by us in a hurry. But on August 21 the regent had a meeting of the Board of Directors, All Officers and Committee Chairman at 175 Shadow Lane to work on By-laws, Budget, and Programs. This was a very successful meeting and much was accomplished. Eleven members were in attendance. Things fell into place and the budget, by-laws and the program schedule were all accepted at the next meeting. The By-laws were then mailed to every member for passage at the October meeting.

September 18, 2004 was a very interesting meeting with a tour of the famous Round House in Martinsburg. It is now being renovated and we had the opportunity to see and hear of the progress on the project. Quite famous because of the Civil War and the hop of its completion will bring much activity to the Berkeley County Community.

A business meeting was held at the home of Eleanor Amos on October 16th. Eleanor and Ruth Widmyer were the hostesses. By-laws were discussed and passed. Programs were accepted. Appropriations and Budget were accepted.

November 20th was a business meeting held at the Citizens national Bank Conference Building. We also had a speaker, Mr. David Myers who was very informative about The County Constitutional office of Surveyor. Mr. Myers has been elected to that office and his stories were factual but it was also comical. Ruth Ellen Myers was the refreshment committee person. Enjoyable meeting.

December was our annual Christmas party at the Woods Resort. The room was beautifully decorated, most came with Christmas theme clothing and 31 people were in attendance. Pictures were made of the Officers and the Officers and Committee Chairman. The food was delicious.

During the cold months when we can have very bad weather we had meetings but of a social nature, January at Myra Avey’s and February at Ann Spickler’s. It was a refreshing change from regular business meetings and surprising enough no bad weather and no cancelled meetings.

Time moves on and a regular meeting in March at the Bunker Hill Presb. Church was a fun day. We were disappointed that our speaker could not be there. Her workdays had changed and she could not attend on a Saturday. However, we had a great time and much was discussed and the refreshments were great.

We always look forward to our April special meeting honoring the students that enter our essay contest. It is always an enjoyable evening with many parents and grandparents attending to hear the students read their essays.

Programs for the rest of the year sound like fun and programs for next year are beginning to fall into place quite nicely.

Believe-it-or-not!!!! William Henshaw Chapter is helping about five people to get their papers for membership filled out and we are having success in reaching the schools, and getting the name of our Chapter as a member of the Daughter of the American Revolution out there in a positive way.

Spring is back. Things are growing. Things are blooming. William Henshaw Chapter is working. Sometimes it seems like things aren’t moving fast enough but I can assure you more members are coming out to meetings, more are working on committees and we are getting things done. Sometimes things move slowly. I like many things. Watch a bird build his nest. Small pieces of grass soon become a home. Also, the clouds in the sky – small ones gather together and soon you have a rain. So, I try to think big as we put small gains together.

**William Morris Chapter
Charleston, West Virginia
Mary Ellen Hamrick, Regent**

2004

The William Morris Chapter meets the first Saturday of each month from September to June. The excellent programs planned were patriotic, educational or historical and were presented by knowledgeable speakers.

On September 11th, Dr. Ken Hechler spoke and members asked questions concerning the Constitution.

Past Regent Robin McClure created a William Morris Chapter website this year.

The Chapter sponsored one student scholarship.
We lost a beloved member, Jane Veazey Lewis, through death.

Total membership: 33

2005

The William Morris Chapter was named in honor of William Morris, pioneer and first permanent settler of the Kanawha Valley. He was born in England on December 1, 1722 and came to Virginia when he was 14 years old. He was the guardian of Kelly's Post and founder and defender of Fort Morris, the first fort on the Great Kanawha River.

Mrs. Fenton Morris Brown, Organizing Regent, organized the William Morris Chapter and the first meeting was held February 27, 1922 in Pratt, West Virginia. The chapter was confirmed by the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution on March 27, 1922. The charter was issued March 13, 1944. It was given the national number 1898. During the early history of the chapter the membership was restricted to Morris decedents only. However, due to declining membership, by the 1950's the chapter was opened to all women who were eligible to become members of the national society. The chapter membership was further enhanced in 1992 when the William Morris and Fort Lee Chapters merged.

The William Morris Chapter continues its service to the national and state societies through participation in activities that promote education, patriotic endeavors and historical preservation. Our chapter recognizes two (2) JROTC programs in local high schools and presents awards to their outstanding members.

We look forward to more opportunities to serve our communities and state and national societies.

Linda B. Hendrickson (Mrs. John R.), Vice Regent

2006

The William Morris Chapter continues to meet monthly with the Anne Bailey and Charleston Chapters. We have had a very busy, productive year and had the opportunity for excellent speakers and programs. Following the programs, the chapters met individually to discuss each chapter's business.

At this time, the William Morris Chapter has 28 members. We have lost several to death, transfer and resignation. A new member was added during the February National Board of management meeting. We continue to pursue new members.

Last spring, our chapter presented JROTC awards to students at three high schools, *Nitro, St. Albans and South Charleston. These students and their schools are very appreciative of this recognition. Chapter member Adele Hagerman is responsible for the project.

Our website, maintained by chapter treasurer Robin McClure, continues to be monitored and updated. We have responded to numerous requests for information on William Morris and the DAR. Ms. McClure also completed the Anne Bailey website.

We look forward to yet another year where we can serve Home, God and Country through our efforts with other Daughters of the American Revolution.

Linda B. Hendrickson (Mrs. John R.), Vice-Regent

2007

The William Morris Chapter meets monthly with the Anne Bailey and Charleston Chapters. We have found this joining of chapters for programs advantageous for providing quality speakers and programs. At this time, the William Morris Chapter has 24 members. We have lost several to death and resignation. Although we continue to pursue new members, we have not added any new ones this year. The chapter website, maintained by chapter treasurer, Robin McClure, continues to be monitored and updated. We have responded to several requests for information about William Morris and the DAR as a result of the website. We look forward to yet another year of serving God, Home and County through our efforts with other Daughters of the American Revolution.

**Ye Towne of Bath Chapter
Berkeley Springs, West Virginia
Elizabeth Anne Spriggs, Regent**

2004

- P Participated in Veterans Day Celebration and laid a wreath at the War memorial. Placed a wreath at the War Memorial on Memorial Day, May 30.
- A Award for Good Citizenship presented to Danielle Fox.

- T Two new members welcomed to the Chapter. Present Chapter members: 60. Two verified for numbers to be issued October 9, 2004. Three current status-in-process of which one is a Jr. Applications for new member and one for a reinstatement approved for submission.
- R Representation of Chapter at Continental Congress and all State Meetings. Red rose placed on deceased members' graves in local cemeteries on Memorial Day.
- O Organized and participated in a program for Ring the Bells for Freedom on July 4, 2004 at the State Park in the Town of Bath. All local churches were requested to toll their bells at 2 pm and one responded.
- T Town of Bath Chamber of Commerce honored a Chapter member Iva Dawson, as one of the volunteers for the year 2004.
- I issued over one hundred certificates to students participating in American History Essay. Chapter winners Jenna Hansroth, grade 5; Lesley Yost, grade 6; Nathan Bowers, grade 7; Rachel Buser, grade 8 read their essays at the Chapter's march meeting. Each was presented a bronze medal, a winner's certificate and a gift. Gifts were presented to State second place winner, Lesley Yost and State third place winner, Rachel Buser at the Chapter's May meeting.
- S September 17 thru 23, 2004 declared Constitution Week by Morgan County Commissioners at the request of our Chapter.
- M Money donated to Veteran's hospital in Martinsburg, WV to be used for stamps and telephone calling cards. Money and labels sent to Tammessee and K. D. Smith schools. Members Nancy Largent and Iva Lou Dawson presented community service certificates.

Interesting programs:

1. Morgan County Extension Agent explained how the 4-H program has incorporated Indian traditions into their program.
2. Members brought ancestor treasures and shared the history of the item. Among the items were dentist tools used in the early years and an original Homestead Act grant signed by the President Wilson for the settlement of land in the West. It is still in the possession of that family.

Goals: Enlarge membership. Member participation.

2005

The Ye Towne of Bath Chapter, organized July 15, 1932 by Martha Harmison was named for the original name of the town of Bath referred to by George Washington in his diaries on his visits there. When the war for Freedom started in 1776 the Warm Springs became a center for the ill and wounded soldiers. The first General Assembly of Virginia's new Statehood, by their prompt official action, established there "Ye Towne of Bath". The name was chosen in honor of the famed English Town of bath first developed by the Romans and restored by Christopher Wren. The analysis of the water and the contour of the land of the two towns were similar, so the name was quite fitting. The following introductory comments were read at the organization meeting for the Chapter:

"Now, the organization meeting of Ye Towne of Bath Chapter, with just thirteen Daughters joining, making thus a magic circle. May we add, as did our Nation, new starts to our Chapter Flag until we number as many as does the "Star Spangled banner."

and we have.

Within these years we have had four (4) markers approved and place on revolutionary soldier/patriot graves, rededicated the George Washington Plaque and placed a bronze marker on the Old Dutch Cemetery lots 1 and 2 under original deed. Our organizing regent served as State recording Secretary in 1937 and a members served as State Historian for the term 1998- 2001. The Chapter has been served by 43 Regents. Our members have been verified with about 48 different soldier/patriot ancestors. We have about 86 deceased. Many are buried locally and a red rose is placed on each grave on Memorial Day. Many of our members belong to the Morgan County genealogical society donating countless hours maintaining a research room in our library two of which hold the present positions of president and vice president. Two of our members are on the Town of Bath Museum Board. Some of our members are in the garden club providing and maintaining the flower gardens in public areas and we have member volunteers in the school programs.

The Chapters' present membership is 61. Since 1 October 2004 we have gained four new members. Three by new application and one reinstatement but lost two (2) by resignations and one (1) by transfer out.

Two high school seniors were presented Good Citizen certificates and flag pins at our Christmas cover dish meeting. Their parents were also our guests. They each read their essay submitted for the Scholarship contest.

Even though we did not meet in the months of January and February and snow cancelled March our American History Chairman was working with the schools and judges of our winners. We had 87 students participate in this year in the 6th, 7th and 8th grades. The winners read their essays at our April meeting and were presented with certificates and flag pins.

This year we had one member reach the golden anniversary (50-year) of membership, one the goal of forty years and one obtained 25 years. Since our golden anniversary member is residing in a care facility, we met for punch and cookies on Sunday afternoon at the facility and presented the three with framed certificates.

The goal remains to get more membership participation.

2007

To date our membership is 53. Our membership is mostly senior citizens and out of towners with an on average of fifteen attending our meetings. The Christmas and June dinners will bring out some others with guests. We gained one new member by application in 2006 and one by transfer. We mourned the deaths of three (3) which included Joann Harris our secretary and one of the glues of our chapter. Several of us tromp all over the local cemetery on the Sunday afternoon before Memorial Day placing a red rose on our deceased members' graves and enjoying an ice cream treat afterwards. We obtained a proclamation from the Morgan County Commissioners for Constitution week. Our chapter is included in the American Legion's Veterans Day celebration where we lay our wreath at the War Memorial in the town square. We sent over 100 labels to DAR schools. We sent cards to the soldiers at the Landstuhl medical center and a memorial donation to the VA Hospital in Martinsburg, WV. As usual our high school Good Citizen winner was honored at our Christmas dinner where she was presented a framed certificate, a good citizen lapel pin and a flag pin. We had over 100 students participate in the American History Contest and our winners will be honored and read their essays at our April meeting. Rosie the Riveter was our guest for our June dinner presenting a great program on the changing of the rolls of women during and after World War II. The presenter is a local and a 2005 West Virginia pre-teen gold public speaking medal winner. She was a WV representative at National in the spring of 2006. She was also our guest for the October meeting presenting her National Trophy winning speech "What Freedom Means to Me".

**West Virginia State Chairmen of National Committees
Chairmen Reports
2004-2005-2006-2007**

**American Heritage Committee
Frankle K. Cline, State Chairman**

2004

Last year the committee was a combination of American Heritage and Conservation but has now been once again divided into two different committees.

37 chapters submitted reports for the American Heritage and Conservation Committee in 2003 – 2004.

Many interesting and varied programs were presented by these 37 chapters. Many members were involved in various cultural events in their communities.

Mailing was sent to each chapter regent during July/August 2004 regarding the various contests of the various components of this committee and encouragement given by the state chairman for chapter members to submit entries in the competition in the different areas – fiber arts, sculpture/art, literature, and music. Hopefully West Virginia will have some of our talented Daughters to send examples of their crafts to the national competition.

Awards:

Blue – Buford, Kanawha Valley, Pack Horse Ford

Red – John Hart, Ohio Valley, Peter's Mountain, Shenandoah Valley

White – John Chapman

2005

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| Number of chapters in the state | 40 |
| Number of chapters reporting | 37 |

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| Number of chapters having programs on Historic Preservation or projects involving preservation | 11 |
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Fort Ashby, Col. Charles Lewis, Trans-Allegheny, Daniel Davisson,

John Young, Col. Zackquill Morgan, Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-

Col. John Evans, Kanawha Valley, Pack Horse Ford, John Hart, Buford

Number of chapters having programs on cultural events and traditions 9

South Branch Valley, program on Appalachian speech. Elizabeth Zane, Thanksgiving customs, John Hart, met in home being restored with members preparing Revolutionary war era recipes. Col. Zackquill Morgan, program on antique quilts. Pack Horse Ford, traditions of Christmas tomb of the unknown soldier. Buford, published a 24 page booklet on markers erected or sponsored by the chapter. Hagans-Evans, 100th chapter anniversary of the chapter, members dressed in period costumes and held tea, cosponsored Mason-Dixon festival and obtained grant from WV Humanities foundation for Mike Snider's touring musical theater. Fort Ashby, members are rein-actors at 1755 For Ashby barracks. Daniel Davisson, program on growing flax, hand spinning and making linen thread.

Other programs or chapters activities:

Wheeling Chapter had a colonial style and was entertained with dulcimer music. Ohio Valley Chapter had a program on women in history-women who played a significant role to the DAR past or in the independence of the country. John Young had a program on the mothers of the founding fathers. Shenandoah Valley Chapter members serve as docents for the Berkeley Historical Society. Mound Chapter had a program on; how American Indians made and used flutes for ceremonies.

State Chapter Awards:

Blue: Pack Horse Ford, Buford, Kanawha Valley, Trans-Allegheny

Red: Daniel Davisson, Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Col. John Evans, Ohio Valley

White: Shenandoah Valley, Fort Ashby, John Hart, Col. Zackquill Morgan

Chapter participating in the quilters S O.S.(Save Our Stories)

Quilters oral history project

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(Colonel Zackquill Morgan Member Frankie Cline "The Story of an Antique Quilt – The McBee Family Quilt")

Fiber Arts Awards: 1st place in quilts/wall hangings - Wall hanging "American Threatened"
Carol Linger – Kanawha Valley Chapter

2nd place in quilts/ wall hangings – Coverlet: Symbols of America
Lois Taylor – Kanawha Valley Chapter

1st place hooked rugs--Chair Pad: Inherited Vision
L. Lee Eddy – Ohio Valley Chapter

Crafts: 1st place – beaded flag purse – Erelene Rumbach

Historical Preservation: – Kathleen G. Sholl – Pack Horse Ford
"On Top Of Branch Mountain"

Literature, Poetry, Short Stories:

Poetry, First Place – Frances Adams, "Whither the Sexton" – Wheeling Chapter
Frances Vanscoy – "385 Years in 30 Lines" – Col. Zackquill
Morgan Chapter

I would like to express appreciation to the Vice-Chairmen of this committee:

Joan Collins – Fiber Arts, Sculpture, Art, Crafts
Pat Daughterly - Historic Preservation
Anna Summers – Music, Literature and Drama

I would like to also express much appreciation to those who have entered the contests this year. Without you to represent the state of West Virginia, and to illustrate the talent and skills of members in this state, the role of the committee would prove to be less meaningful. The Committee has been a learning experience for all involved for the State Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, and well as those entering the contests. Dealing with contradictory and often confusing information was a challenge.

Hopefully, the next two years will prove to have the committee operate in a more organized manner. It is an honor and privilege to serve in your administration .

2006

Twenty-six of the 39 chapters reported in the State of West Virginia State that they had a program on some topic of American Heritage or had participated in an American heritage preservation project.

Three chapters report that they had presented or planned to present an historic preservation medal. John Young Chapter is presenting a medal to Barry Hutchinson for his work in helping to reserve the Craik-Patton House in Charleston, WV. The Anne Bailey Chapter plans to present a medal to member Sally Hawley, for her work in preserving traditional Appalachian music and teaching individuals to play these instruments. Sally Hawley has submitted and entry in the American Heritage Cultural Events and Traditions National Contest.

The Col. Morgan Morgan Chapter plans to present a medal to Joann Lough for her work with many historical projects in Marion County. The Fort Ashby Chapter has worked with the Lion's Club rethinking and replacing a log in the building, initially constructed for use during the French and Indian Wars. South Branch Valley Chapter has worked with the Fort Edward Foundation in Hampshire County to rebuild the fort and stockade used by settlers of the area in the 1700's.

A Chapter member has submitted a short story "First Grade at Limestone Elementary School" and a Poem "Thank You Ladies" to the American Heritage Literature Contest. The Ohio Valley Chapter has transcribed and presented a setoff books listing death records of a local funeral home. A member has transcribed 1600 pages of genealogy. Another member had participated in the Arts and Crafts Contest of the American heritage Committee in 2005 and her chair pad cover is being used in the office of the NSDAR President General in Washington, D.C. The William Henshaw Chapter has worked with the Historical Society in preserving a railroad roundhouse. Two members of the Colonel Zackquill Morgan Chapter submitted articles for the National Save Our Stories Quilting/Quilt Preservation Project. The Chapter also contributed to the renovation projects at the Garlow House in Morgantown. Pack Horse Ford Chapter member Kathy Sholl who was the National First Place winner in the American Heritage Preservation Committee with her project, "On Top of Branch Mountain" presented programs at several meetings in that area. Members served as docents for the Berkeley County Historical Society Fall House Tour.

Kanawha Valley was honored to have had three members who entered the 2005 National American Heritage Contests and were winners of the National First Place for Acrylics (Carol Linger with a painting – The American Eagle in War and Peace). Joan Collins was awarded the Evelyn Cole Peters Award for poetry titled "A Heritage to Cherish." Lois Taylor won Third Place in quilting. Chapters participated in "Sheep to Shawl" events, quilting bees, toured historic buildings and had a multitude of programs on heritage customs and traditions.

West Virginia members have displayed that they are multi-talented and have skills to share not only with our State Members, but with the Country.

I appreciate the hard work of members in making this committee successful for the WVDAR.

American Heritage Committee Awards:

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|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Fort Ashby | Colonel Morgan Morgan |
| Anne Bailey | Pack Horse Ford |
| South Branch Valley | Ohio Valley |
| John Young | Colonel Zackquill Morgan |

2007

American Heritage – Miss Frankie K. Cline, State Chairman

Art and Sculpture – Multimedia Category

- 1st Place – Collage – Joan Collins, Kanawha Valley
- 1st Place – Collage – Frankie K. Cline, Colonel Zackquill Morgan
- 1st Place – Calendar – Pat Daugherty, Buford

Art and Sculpture – Pen and Ink Drawing

- 1st Place - “Like Father, Like Son” – Barbara Herron, Hagans-Evans

Art and Sculpture – WV Clay

- 1st Place – Rebecca Bias, Barboursville

Fiber Arts - Quilt/Wall Hanging Category

- 1st Place – Coverlet – Lois Taylor, Kanawha Valley

Fiber Arts – Crochet

- 1st Place – “A Sound of Independence” Melissa Blake-Smith,
Barboursville

Fiber Arts – Quilter’s Save our Stories

- 1st Place – Quilt Oral History Project – Frankie K. Cline, Colonel Zackquill Morgan

Literature and Drama

- 1st Place – Frances L. Van Scoy, Colonel Zackquill Morgan
Chapter, for Creating Memories”, Lit & Drama Contest;
Poem, “385 Years in 30 Lines”, Proud Heritage of Freedom
Contest; Short Story, (historical fiction) “Rebellion”
- 1st Place – Short Story (and framed quilt picce) – Ethel Dye,
Kanawha Valley
- 1st Place – Short Story- Nancy Schmellenkamp, Kanawha Valley

American History Committee

Judith Bowyer, State Chairman

2004

40 chapters, 33 Chapters reported, 2 Chapters no report.

- I. American History Programs
 - 91 – given at chapter meeting
 - 19 – given by chapters to other groups
 - 14 – outstanding American Women programs
 - WHO – Display of 40 women and their history at Milton Library
 - Anne Trattle Herrins Bailey
 - Sacajawea
 - Martha Washington
 - Betsy Ross
 - The two Molly’s of the Revolution
 - Martha Dandridge Custis Washington
 - Frances Jones Karens
 - Emma Logan Scott

- Mary Louise Davis
- Gladys Karens Colket
- 2. American History Displays
 - 14 – in schools
 - 30 – in public places
- 3. American History Publicity
 - 24 – spot announcements
 - 2 – radio or television minutes
 - 2184 – press inches
- 4. American History Essay Contest
 - 60 – schools participating
 - 1678 – students participating
 - 1288 – certificates of appreciation
 - 97 – certificates of award
 - 62 – bronze medals
- 5. Christopher Columbus Essay Contest
 - 12 – schools participating
 - 48 – students participating
 - 14 – certificates of participation
- 6. American History Awards
 - 68 – certificates for outstanding work in schools
 - 48 – bronze medals
 - 1 – silver medal

State winners of the American History and Christopher Columbus essay Contest were announce in the WVDAR News in May 2004.

American History Committee Awards:

American History Programs

- 1st – John Hart and Shenandoah Valley
- 2nd – Barboursville and Buford
- 3rd – Bee Line and Kanawha Valley

American History Displays

- 1st – Buford, John Hart and Shenandoah Valley
- 2nd – Barboursville and Matthew French
- 3rd – Anne Bailey
- Honorable Mention – Col. Charles Lewis

American History Publicity

- 1st – Ohio Valley and Buford
- 2nd – Bee Line and Shenandoah Valley
- 3rd – Kanawha Valley and Capt. James Allen
- Honorable Mention – Ye Towne of Bath

American History Contest

- 1st – James Barbour, Ohio Valley, Shenandoah Valley, William Henshaw and Ye Towne of Bath
- 2nd – Buford, Pack Horse Ford and South Branch Valley
- 3rd – John Chapman, Kanawha Valley and Westmoreland Honorable Mention – Bee Line, Capt. James

All, Col. Charles Lewis, John Chapman and Elizabeth Ludington Hagens – Colonel John Evans

Christopher Columbus Essay Contest

- 1st – Buford and Wheeling
- 2nd – Capt. James Allen
- 3rd – James Wood
- Honorable Mention – Anne Bailey and Gen. Andrew Lewis

American History Awards

- 1st – James Barbour and Matthew French
- 2nd – Ohio Valley
- 3rd – Ye Towne of Bath

2005

American History –

1st place – Matthew French

2nd place – Ohio Valley, Anne Bailey

American History Program

1st place – Pack Horse Ford, John Hart, Shenandoah Valley

2nd place – Barboursville, Buford, Peters Mountain

3rd place – Daniel Davisson, John Young, Cononel Zackquill Morgan

Honorable Mention – Matthew French, Kanawha Valley, Fort Ashby

American History Displays

1st place – Shenandoah Valley, Wheeling, Fort Ashby

2nd place – Daniel Davisson, Barboursville, Kanawha Valley, Ohio Valley

3rd place – Buford, James Wood

Honorable Mention – John Hart, Colonel Zackquill Morgan

American History Publicity

1st place – Captain James Allen, General Andrew Lewis, South Branch Valley

2nd place – Barboursville, Buford

3rd place – Shenandoah Valley, William Henshaw

Honorable Mention – Fort Ashby, Wheeling, Pack Horse Ford, Colonel Charles Lewis

American History Essay Contest

1st place – James Barbour, Shenandoah Valley

2nd place – John Chapman, Pack Horse Ford, Bee Line, Wheeling, Ye Towne of Bath, Matthew French, William Henshaw

3rd place – Colonel Charles Lewis, Captain James Allen

Honorable Mention – Colonel Zackquill Morgan, John Hart, General Andrew Lewis, Anne Royall

Christopher Columbus Essay Contest

1st place – Kanawha Valley, Wheeling, Buford, Daniel Davisson

2nd place – Bee Line, James Wood, Anne Bailey, Shenandoah Valley,
Captain James Allen

Special American History Award – Presented to Creeda Antinori, for her scripts about Lewis and Clark and their journey down the Ohio River, which were used as programs on her school's closed circuit TV each week.

2006

39 Chapters

37 Chapters reported

2 Chapters no report

American History Program

118 given at chapter meetings

24 given by chapters to other groups

35 outstanding American Woman programs

WHO - Dolly Madison – One Woman Show, Professional Actress Hendrika Schuster

Historical Dolls of outstanding American Women – roles in history explained

Skit on Sarah Franklin Boche's Revolutionary War activates

Pioneer Women given by CAR members

Col. Ruby Bradley – WWII Army nurse

President's Mothers

Founding Mothers

Women's Fashion

Women's Issues

Tateri Tekakwitha

Ann Pamela Cunningham – Saving Mount Vernon

DAR Founders

Molly Pitcher by Candy Bonecutter

First Mothers – Book review

Deborah Sansom – Her life and activities as a Revolutionary war Soldier

Mary Todd Lincoln

- American History Displays
 - 23 – in schools
 - 36 – in public places
- American History Publicity
 - 58 – spot announcements
 - 7 – radio or television minutes
 - 1230.5- press inches
- American History Essay Contest
 - 62 – schools participating
 - 2220 – students participating
 - 1851 – certifications of appreciation
 - 97 – certificates of award
 - 37 – bronze medals awarded
- Christopher Columbus Essay Contest
 - 17 – schools participating
 - 150 – students participating
 - 90 – certifications of participation
 - 5 – bronze medals awarded
- American History Awards
 - 252 – certificates for outstanding work in schools
 - 3 – bronze medals awarded
 - 0 – silver medals awarded

State winners of the American History and Christopher Columbus Essay Contests will be announced in the WVDAR News August publication. There are as follows:

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| Grade 5 | 1 st place | Romeo Vences-Leonard | William Henshaw Chapter |
| | 2 nd place | Natalie Elizabeth Redick | Ye Towne of Bath Chapter |
| | 3 rd place | Emilie Ruth Myers | Pack Horse Ford Chapter |
| Grade 6 | 1 st place | Matthew S. McDaniel | Capt. James Allen Chapter |
| | 2 nd place | Jillian Cockerham | Matthew French Chapter |
| | 3 rd place | Lori Beth Wooten | Col. Charles Lewis Chapter |
| Grade 7 | 1 st place | David Wells | Shenandoah Valley Chapter |
| | 2 nd place | Lewis Zackary Butts | William Henshaw Chapter |
| | 3 rd place | Philip Steptoe | Pack Horse Ford Chapter |
| Grade 8 | 1 st place | Trey Zambito | Wheeling Chapter |
| | 2 nd place | Rachel L. Blunt | Shenandoah Valley Chapter |
| | 3 rd place | Aasir Khan | John Hart Chapter |
| Christopher Columbus 9 – 12 | 1 st place | Heidi Elizabeth Chrisman | Shenandoah Valley Chapter |
| | 2 nd place | James Nicolas Troeger | Wheeling Chapter |
| | 3 rd place | Amanda Edwards | James Wood Chapter |
| | Hon.Men. | Jamie Katherine Cokeley Anne Royall | Chapter |

American History Committee Awards:

American History Programs

- 1st place – Pack Horse Ford and Matthew French
- 2nd place – Barboursville, Buford, Anne Bailey, and Fort Ashby
- 3rd place – Kanawha Valley, John Young, Col. Zackquill Morgan, Gen. Andrew Lewis, and Shenandoah Valley
- Honorable Mention – Peters Mountain and Elizabeth Ludington Hagans – Col. John Evans

American History Displays

- 1st place – Buford and Elizabeth Ludington Hagans – Col. Johns Evans
- 2nd place – James Wood, Anne Bailey and Kanawha Valley
- 3rd place – Fort Ashby

Honorable Mention – Shenandoah Valley, Barboursville, and Pack Horse Ford

American History Publicity

- 1st place – Captain James Allen
- 2nd place – Fort Ashby and Buford
- 3rd place – Elizabeth Ludington Hagans – Col. John Evans
- Honorable Mention – Anne Bailey, Gen. Andrew Lewis, Pack Horse Ford and Col. Charles Lewis

American History Essay Contest

- 1st place – John Hart, William Henshaw and Col. Charles Lewis
- 2nd place – James Barbour, Pack Horse Ford and Shenandoah Valley
- 3rd place – Ye Towne of Bath, Capt. James Allen and Bee Line
- Honorable Mention – John Chapman, Buford and Anne Royall

Christopher Columbus Essay Contest

- 1st place – Bee Line, Anne Royall and Buford
- 2nd place – Col. Zackquill Morgan
- 3rd place – James Wood, Wheeling and Ohio Valley
- Honorable Mention – Capt. James Allen, Anne Bailey, and Shenandoah Valley

American History Awards

- 1st place – Matthew French
- Honorable mention – Col. Charles Lewis and Trans-Allegheny

2007

38 Chapters reported

1. American History Programs

- 116 - given at chapter meetings
- 50 - given by chapters to other groups
- 29 - outstanding American Woman programs

2. American History Displays: 22 – in schools, 53 – in public places

3. American History Publicity: 102 – spot announcements, 70 – radio or television minutes, 903 ¼ – press inches

4. American History Essay Contest: 56 – schools participating, 1404 – students participating, 724 – certificates of appreciation, 99 – certificates of award, 33 – bronze medals

5. Christopher Columbus Essay Contest: 20 – schools participating, 102 – students participating, 49 – certificates of participation, 1 – bronze medals awarded

6. American History Awards: 183 – certificates for outstanding work in schools, 7 – bronze medals, 4 – silver medals

7. \$420 – Friends of American History

State winners of the American History and Christopher Columbus essay Contests will be announced in the WV DAR News August publication.

American History Committee Awards:

American History Programs

- 1st – Pack Horse Ford and Fort Ashby
- 2nd – Buford and Shenandoah Valley
- 3rd – Barboursville, Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Col. John Evans, Matthew French, and Wheeling
- Honorable Mention – Trans-Allegheny and Mound

American History Displays

- 1st – Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Col. John Evans and Buford
- 2nd – James Wood and John Hart
- 3rd – Kanawha Valley and Shenandoah Valley

American History Publicity

1st – Buford

2nd – Fort Ashby, Trans-Allegheny, and Pack Horse Ford

3rd – John Hart, Barboursville, and Kanawha Valley

Honorable Mention – Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Col. John Evans

American History Essay Contest

1st – William Henshaw

2nd – James Barbour and Shenandoah Valley

3rd – Pack Horse Ford and Wheeling

Honorable Mention – John Chapman, Barboursville, Westmoreland, and Anne Royall

Christopher Columbus Essay Contest

1st – Wheeling, Anne Royall, and Buford

2nd – Ohio Valley and Barboursville

3rd – James Wood

American History Awards

1st – Matthew French

2nd – Pack Horse Ford

3rd – Ohio Valley and Col. Charles Lewis

Honorable Mention – James Wood

Gerry Kohler, last year's WVDAR History Teacher of the Year was named the 2006 National "Preserve America History Teacher of the Year." I plan to recognize her at this year's conference with an Outstanding Work in American History Award.

American Indians Committee Carol Massey, State Chairman

2004

The following information comes from the Master Questionnaire.

Chapters reporting show a total of \$233.00 donated to the American Indian Scholarship Fund and/or Friends

American Indians.

Beacon College - \$377.00 cash, 1,236 Campbell's Soup labels, 44 box tops and 35 pounds of clothing.

Chemawa Indian School - \$912.00 cash, 30 pairs of socks, 186 washcloths and 220 Campbell's Soup labels.

Indian Youth of America summer camp program - \$34.00.

Nineteen chapters presented a program on The American Indians. Twenty-one chapters observed an Indian minute.

Dr. Mary Collins, a member of Buford Chapter, presented three programs relating her twelve-month experience as a

VISTA volunteer on the Crow Indian Reservation in Montana.

You are encouraged to have an Indian minute at each meeting and your program chairman should plan at least one Native American program each year. Don't forget to save Campbell's Soup labels and box tops. I have enclosed a letter to each American Indians Chapter Chairman in the Regent's packet. Please make sure they receive this. Let's be enthusiastic about this committee!

2005

The following comes from the master Questionnaire:

Chapters reporting: 37 of 41 Chapters reporting show a total of \$353.00 collected for the American Indians Scholarship Funds and/or Friends of the American Indian.

Bacone College: All funds contributions of \$71.00, 40 pounds of items for the Treasure Chest, 640 Campbell's Soup Labels and \$53.42 for school supplies.

Chemawa Indian School: All funds contribution of \$45.00, Dorm and personal items \$15.00, Campbell's Soup Labels 432, other contributions- 150 books for the Library and 150 washcloths. Indian Summer Camp: \$21.00.

Sixteen Chapters presented a program on the American Indian. Twenty one

Chapters observed an Indian Minute. Seven Chapters donated to other Native American Indian groups, such as buying Authentic Indian Crafts from Cherokee, Aztec, Navajo and other Native American Indians.

The Kanawha Valley Chapter donated 150 books to the Chemawa Library, sent 40 pounds of items to Bacone College for the Thrift Store and read Indian related stories to pre-school and first grade students at Sherman Elementary School during

Thanksgiving season. Buford Chapter worked with Native American Indians on Lewis and Clark events. They presented Bernam Cremeans a Certificate of Appreciation for his work on the Lewis and Clark Committee. Peters Mountain Chapter has a Native American Indian Chief. Window displays were provided by several Chapters. One member from Barbourville contributes a year support for an American Indian Scholarship. A member of John Young Chapter helps produce, acts in and directs the choreography of a Play where all the other actors are Indians. Members present programs on American Indians. Several members present Pow-Wows.

You are encouraged to have an Indian minute at each meeting and your program chairman should plan at least one Native American program each year. Don't forget to save Campbell's Soup labels and box tops. Don't forget to pass a bank at each meeting for the Scholarship fund and other projects. Thanks to all who contributed to this report!

2007

Chapters reporting show a total of \$478.00 donated to the American Indians Scholarship Fund and /or Friends of the American Indians. Bacone College- \$727.98 to all funds. Five Hundred Fifty Three (553) Campbell Soup labels. Chimawha Indian School -\$717.78 to all funds. Nine Hundred Thirty Eight (938) Campbell Soup labels. Summer Camp Program- \$24.00. Sixteen Chapters presented a program on the American Indians. Nineteen Chapters observed and Indian Minute. Four Chapters donated to other Native American Indian groups such as money to St Josephs Indian School and Lakota Children, buying authentic crafts and visits to Indian Reservations. Two Chapters spent time working with Native American Indians in their community. You are encouraged to have an Indian Minute at each meeting. Pass a bank at each meeting for The American Indian Scholarship Fund and other projects. One Chapter has a Charter Member of the National Native American Museum in Washington D.C. In November several Chapters had beautiful Indian displays and obtained proclamations from several Mayors. Thanks to all who contributed to this report.

Americanism Committee
Marion McCullough, State Chairman

2004

This committee for Americanism and DAR Manual for Citizenship needs to be reminded that the title has been changed to "Americanism Committee". The Dar Manual for Citizenship has been eliminated from the title, because the Manual is no longer published by the NSDAR. It is however, available in its entirety "on-line on the member-only site". There will be questions pertaining to it on the "Master Questionnaire" so that members will find it on-line and refer it to others, as a study tool for new citizens.

This committee is not only responsible for working with local naturalization ceremonies, but also, for awarding the two most prestigious awards that the NSDAR can give: "The Medal of Honor and the Americanism Medal."

The "Medal of Honor" is the highest award that the NSDAR can give to a United States Citizen. This requires a lasting contribution to our American heritage, usual on the state and national level.

The "Americanism Medal", its equivalent (but given to naturalized citizens) requires that contributions have been made, preferably to the foreign-born community.

In the Regents packet, I have placed a letter to the Chapter Chairman of Americanism. In every community of West Virginia there is someone who is worthy of these awards. Search them out and honor a U. S. citizen or a naturalized citizen.

2005

Americanism reports were received from our WV chapters minus three. Chapters worked well in their areas by laying wreaths honoring patriots killed in all services and placing American Flags on veteran's graves. Constitution displays were placed in libraries. Welcome receptions on naturalization day honoring new citizens. Dogwood tree was planted on the WV Capitol grounds to honor those who served in war against terrorism. Bronze and Marble marker is ordered and will be placed at the WV Capitol to honor all servicemen. Pearl Harbor Day was honored at the WV University to remember the USS West Virginia crew who lost their lives during WW II. Members sent cards, care packages, phone cards, and personal items, snacks, and letters to our armed forces.

One Chapter sent reading material to Iraq as they were informed the soldiers were making a "Traveling Library." They mailed pounds of reading material. One member who lives in a retirement home held a July 4th party and asked each guest to ring the bells 13 times at 2 pm. (Members are never too old to participate.) A chapter held a dedication ceremony on the Ohio River and placed a "Lewis & Clark National Geodetic Trail marker." This commemorated the expedition journey. Certificates to three engineers who provide invaluable help in placing this survey marker and the plaque. A new media announcer was also given an award for his help in promoting this project.

The "Americanism" Awards for 2005 goes to:

Buford, Col. Zackquill Morgan, Kanawha Valley

2006

The Americanism Committee Chapters reported, attending nationalization Ceremony's. Members gave the new citizens patriotic materials, flags, flag pins, bookmarkers, copies of the American's Creed, copies of a framed document which dictates how to be a good citizen, also gave Red, White and Blue corsages and held receptions for the new citizens.

Patriotic materials to schools consisted of One large Stage Flag, U.S. Flag Pins, bookmarkers, copies of the American Creed, Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag, Notebooks and Patriotic Pencils. Two chapters gave "DAR Medal of Honor" for the highest level of leadership, trustworthiness, service and patriotism.

Chapters participated in Patriotic activities. They marched in parades, helped in pep rallies, were there for military send off and welcome home festivities, wrote letters, sent cards, made lap robes for wounded soldiers, and had business and library window displays to support the Veterans. One of the members provided ushers for President Bush on his visit to their town. Madam Regent, my thanks to the chapter who worked hard on this committee and the awards for "Americanism 2005 - 2006" go to:

Buford Chapter
Elizabeth Ludington Hagans- Colonel John Evans Chapter
Barboursville Chapter

2007

Throughout the state, WV Daughters supported our troops and the veterans hospitals. Phone cards were sent to Walter Reed Hospital, clothing was sent to Landstuhl Hospital in Germany; boxes were mailed to the troops in Iraq that included cards, compact discs, cd players and a total value of \$1538.51. Chapters gave parties to welcome home members of our armed services as they returned from active duty in Iraq. Chapters donated puzzles, books, plus clothing to our Veterans for a total of \$1066.00 to our veterans.

Members participated in Armed Forces Parades, laying of wreaths for Battle Days, Memorial Day services, and honoring our veterans in other services. We honored the ROTC and presented awards to students.

Chapters also presented to schools—small American flags, the American's Creed cards, small flag codes and gave large outdoor flags to a local rehabilitation center. During Naturalization Ceremonies, DAR members welcomed new citizens with receptions and handed out the American's Creed and packet versions of the Flag Code.

Awards this year go to: 1st place—Hagans-Evans Chapter, 2nd place—Buford Chapter

Chapter Achievement Award Committee Dorrene Hale, State Chairman

2004

The Chapter Achievement Award form summarizes the activities, monetary contributions, and services rendered the Chapters to the organization (Chapter, State and National) and to the community.

The Chapter Achievement Awards' Certificates were given to the State Regent at Continental Congress in July. At the District meetings, Mrs. Gilkeson presented the certificates to the Chapters. Thirty-two Chapters were presented certificates. I congratulate all of you. The Chapter Achievement Award Form was in your National Packet. The deadline for submitting this form for 2004 - 2005 is March 1, 2005. Please mail them to me on time.

2005

The Chapter Achievement Award form summarizes the activities, monetary contributions, and services rendered by the Chapter to our organization and to the community. For the 2004 - 2005 report we had:

Level 1 - 12 Chapters

Level 2 - 19 Chapters

Level 3 - 4 Chapters

One Chapter had no award; two were late and I did not respond.

I would like to congratulate the following Chapters who achieved Level 1:

Anne Bailey, Anne Royall, Blackwater, Buford, John Chapman, John Young, Kanawha Valley, Ohio Valley, Pack Horse Ford, South Branch Valley, Wheeling and Ye Towne of Bath.

There was a problem with receiving the form on time. I would hope that this will improve for the next reporting period. This form is not that difficult to complete. All Chapters Achievement Awards will be presented at the summer District Meetings.

2006

The CCA Form summarizes the activities, monetary contributions, and services rendered by the Chapter to our organization and to the community. We had 100% participation. You are to be commended.

For this reporting period, we had:

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| Level 1 | 15 |
| Level 2 | 16 |
| Level 3 | 7 |
| No Award | 1 |

There are still a few problems. There has to be two signatures on the form – one has to be the Chapter Treasurer. Also, two copies are to be sent to the State Chairman.

I want to thank the State Regent and our State Treasurer for their help in sending me information on membership and monetary contributions. All Chapter Achievement Awards will be presented to the State Regent at Continental Congress in June. She will distribute the awards to the Chapters.

2007

The CCA Form summarizes the activities, monetary contributions, and services rendered by the Chapter to our organization and to the community.

We had 100% participation. You are to be commended. For this reporting period we had:

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| Level 1 | - 10 |
| Level 2 | - 26 |
| Level 3 | - 2 |
| No Award | - 1 |

There were still a few problems. I think the main problem is that whoever prepares the report is not reading carefully. The form is not that hard to complete. All Chapter Achievement Awards will be presented to the State Regent at Continental Congress in June. She will distribute the awards to the Chapters.

Children of the American Revolution Betty Sue Kauff, State Chairman

2004

37 DAR Chapters reported. 7 are actively working with C.A.R. Societies. These Chapters provide senior leadership.

Many are proud to have activities with C.A.R. members, such as programs, transportation, serving as Senior Officers, and monetary donations.

Several Chapters participated in joint activities with C.A.R. societies.

One Chapter is working to reorganize Fort Kerns Society in Morgantown, and The Wheeling Chapter reorganized the Fort Henry Society this year. Adult leadership is needed.

Amy Alvarez, Jr. member and part State C.A.R. President attended the Potomac Ball, in D.C. as a debutante also attending were her mother Joanne Alvarez and grandmother Betty Sue Kauff, Sr. State C.A.R. president, both members of the Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter NSDAR. Several daughters made donations to Mid-Southern Regional, and 3 daughters attended, the meeting in Richmond VA along with WVDAR member Kathleen Morton, a C.A.R. national officer. Four (4) DAR members hold dual membership in C.A.R. and 1 Junior members transferred from C.A.R.

2005

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4 DAR members hold dual membership in CAR and 2 Junior members transferred from CAR.

2006

We are very proud of the West Virginia Society C.A.R. We have four active societies and two in the process of reorganizing and have a full state of Senior and Society Officers, two live promoters. Our Societies are busy working on membership, marking Patriot graves, making gifts for the VA hospitals, saving coupons for the DAR schools and taking part in

parades and historic events in their communities. We are always working on membership, you probably have children, grandchildren, nieces or nephews and we need them. This year we had 100% reporting for the DAR Chapters. Some helped with programs, transportation, money for projects etc. Even if your area does not have a C.A.R. Society you can always help the State Society. The WV Society will be hosting the Mid-Southern Conference this summer and will need support.

2007
 Thirty-Six (36) DAR Chapters reported. 7 are actively working with C.A.R. Societies. These Chapters provide senior leadership. Many are proud to have activities with C.A.R. members, such as programs, transportation, serving as Senior Officers, and monetary donations. Several Chapters participated in joint activities with C.A.R. societies. One Chapter has reorganized Fort Kerns Society in Morgantown which is very active with excellent DAR leadership. The Wheeling Chapter reorganized the Fort Henry Society this year. CAR Mid-Southern was attended by several Daughters, We are proud to have Kathleen Morton as a Senior National CAR Officer. The following CAR Awards were given: **FIRST PLACE**- Elizabeth Ludington Hagen, **SECOND PLACE**-Ann Royal, **THIRD PLACE**- Colonel Charles Lewis, **HONORABLE MENTION**- Wheeling Chapter, James Wood Chapter, and Ohio Valley Chapter.

**Commemorative Events Committee
 Kay Craig, State Chairman**

2005
 Thirty-seven chapters submitted reports.

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| Participation in the Washington DC parade | 2 |
| Participation in any July 4 th celebration | 17 |
| Program on Lewis & Clark Expedition | 17 |
| L & C field trip | 1 |
| Ancestor on original L & C expedition | 2 |
| Members who purchased L & C pin | 6 |
| Plan to have program on L & C route | 2 |
| Purchase of W3R plaques | 0 |
| Victory at Yorktown programs | 2 |
| Purchase of Yorktown pin | 4 |
| Program about our nations Birthplace, Jamestown, VA | 2 |
| Chapters with no report | 8 |

Other Commemorative Events include:
 Laid a Veterans Day Wreath at DAR plaque on courthouse square and one on Memorial Day. Also participated in 9/11 ceremony at courthouse square – Col. Zackquill Morgan Chapter

One member followed a portion of the L & C trail – Blennerhassett Chapter. Participated in Constitution Week, Veteran’s Day, Patriot’s Day (9/11), battle of Point Pleasant (Battle days) laid wreath – John Young Chapter. Various members attended the Point Pleasant Battle Days, Inauguration of Gov. Manchin, The Vandalia Festival, and The Veteran’s Day parade – Kanawha Valley Chapter. West Virginia Day – Fort Ashby Chapter. Members held commemorative program at the Madonna of the Trail in Wheeling – Mound Chapter. On July 4th, flags were placed at the Shepherdstown cemeteries to remember veterans and Revolutionary soldiers. Rang bells for the 4th – Pack Horse Ford Chapter July 4th local bell ringing ceremony at Berkeley Springs State Park – Ye Towne of Bath Chapter. Commemorative Events – Buford Chapter.

We encouraged everyone to ring bells 13 times on July 4th. One member, who lives in a retirement community, held a party on the 4th, and everyone rang bells 13 times at 2:00 pm EDT. Program on the significance of the national Geodetic Trail marker as a survey method. Three Buford Chapter members are related to William Clark through the Rogers family. Williams Clarks’ mother was a Rogers. One member is related to the Meriwether family. Buford Chapter had the honor of receiving one of the Lewis Clark national Geodetic Trail markers, commemorating the 200th anniversary of this historic journey. Our project was to have the marker placed in an appropriate spot as a survey marker. Three engineers assisted us in this effort. Buford Chapter also provided a plaque to be placed below the marker indicating the organizations responsible for the placement of the marker. A ceremony was held on August 28, 2004 at Harris Riverfront Park in Huntington to dedicate this special project. The dedication was help prior to the POPS Concert, which gave many people the opportunity to view this honor given to Huntington for promoting the Lewis and Clark “Corps of Discovery” story. In November, the three engineers, who assisted us in placing the marker, were invited to our meeting and were presented Certifications of Appreciation by our Chapter. We also recognized a

member of the WSAZ-TV News staff with a Certificate of Appreciation for his part in announcing the dedication at the service and prior to the Concert.

2006

Thirty-seven chapters submitted reports.

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| Participation in the Washington DC parade: | 5 |
| Participation in any July 4 th Celebration | 14 |
| Program on Lewis & Clark Expedition | 12 |
| L & C field trip | 1 |
| Ancestor on original L & C expedition | 3 |
| Members who purchased L & C pins | 9 |
| Plan to have program on L & C route | 3 |
| Purchase of E3R Plaques | 0 |
| Victory at Yorktown programs | 2 |
| Programs about our Nation's Birthplace, Jamestown, VA | 3 |
| Chapters with no report | 14 |

John Chapman:

Regent represented the chapter at Veteran's Day Service conducted by the local American Legion.

Col. Morgan Morgan:

Worked with the local museum on the programs planned for Historic Main Street. Had Open House January 21, 2006 to celebrate Founder's Month and to promote DAR.

Col. Zackquill Morgan:

Participated in the 250th Anniversary of Fort Ashby (French and Indian War Fort) and 9-11 commemoration.

Kanawha Valley:

Participated in the West Virginia History Day at the West Virginia State Capitol.

Fort Ashby:

Chapter maintained a French and Indian War barracks ordered built by George Washington. Organized a town celebration – 250 years with a parade, musicians and the youth doing colonial games.

Pack Horse Ford:

On July 4th flags were placed at the old cemeteries in Shepherdstown to remember Revolutionary soldiers and ancestors. Participated in Constitution Week events. Had public event to celebrate the chapter's 90th birthday – coincides with Washington's birthday.

Barboursville:

Placed 20 X 30 posters on Victory at Yorktown in Barboursville Library.

Blennerhassett:

Members placed 125 American Flags at Riverview Cemetery in Parkersburg. Members rode in Veteran's Day Parade and place wreath at Memorial.

Mound:

Members visited "Madonna of the Trail" in Wheeling for a commemorative program.

Anne Bailey:

One member participated in celebration of Memorial Day in St. Albans, visited the Korean War memorial in South Charleston and the Soldier's Memorial in Charleston.

Blackwater:

Attended the National Cemetery.

Col. Charles Lewis:

Attended Battle Days Weekend.

2007

Thirty-eight chapters submitted reports.

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|---|----|
| Participation in the Washington DC parade: | 3 |
| Participation in any July 4 th Celebration | 15 |
| Program on Lewis & Clark Expedition | 6 |
| L & C field trip | 2 |
| Ancestor on original L & C expedition | 1 |
| Members who purchased L & C pins | 7 |
| Plan to have program on L & C route | 5 |
| Purchase of E3R Plaques | 0 |
| Victory at Yorktown programs | 7 |
| Programs about our Nation's Birthplace, Jamestown, VA | 10 |
| Chapters with no report | 13 |

One of the highlights of the year included a three-day trip to the Jamestown-Yorktown settlements by the WV Daughters. Members who attended represented 13 chapters.

**Community Service Committee
Harriet Brown, State Chairman**

2005

There was one State winner whose nomination was presented last year. This year there were four nominees. They will receive their medals this year and be entered in the state contest for next year.

Chapter Regents try to have at least one nominee from each chapter. Have the applications to me by January 15th so that I can get them on to the Division Chairman by February 1st. If they do not get to the Division Chairman by February 1st they automatically are considered for the State winner the following year. However they do get their medals for the year submitted. They just do not in the State contest until the following year.

2006

There were 9 entrants this year. They were:

- Ohio Valley Chapter – Christine Bills Hart and Walter Sherrod Carpenter
- John Young Chapter – Nancy Rapp Potter and George Albert Daugherty
- Anne Bailey Chapter – Ruth Miller Bonham
- Barboursville Chapter – Ernest Edward Midkiff
- Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter – Betty Kauff
- Mound Chapter – Lexie A. Hanket
- South Branch Valley Chapter- Carmen Silliman

Thanks to the chapters for participating and thanks to the Regents for their effort, time and work.

- First Place goes to: Nancy Potter – John Young Chapter
- Second Place goes to: Ruth Bonham – Anne Bailey Chapter
- Third Place goes to: Carman Silliman – South Branch Valley Chapter

2007

There were 7 participants in the Community Service Project this year. Thank you, Regents and Daughters for supporting community volunteerism. It is very enlightening to read of all the good work and how people give of their time and energy to make life easier and better for others. Last year, Ruth Bonham was a third place winner in the Eastern Division. Ruth was 93 years old and very proud of it. I would like to thank our State Regent and the Daughters for allowing me to serve as State Chairman of the Community Service Committee.

Conservation Committee
Randa Watson, State Chairman

2005

Information was requested by and sent to the Wheeling Chapter on the NSDAR Conservation Medal. The Kanawha Valley Chapter planted a pink dogwood tree on the Capitol grounds to honor those men and women who served against global terrorism. The accompanying ceremony included Presenting of the Colors by members of the WV National Guard and a speech by Col. Hammel. A bronze and marble plaque will be placed when the weather permits, Kanawha Valley Chapter members also belonging to garden Club participated in various beautification projects by planting bushes and flowers in public places. Two Arbor Day Foundation members planted their small trees at River Cities Therapeutic Riding Center for children with special needs. The children helped plant the trees and care for them while they watch them grow.

The Barboursville Chapter upgraded the ground at their 1837 Toll House by planting shrubs and flower gardens with the type that would have been prominent in that era. Arbor Day posters were placed in local library.

The Ohio Valley Chapter maintains a tree in Memorial Park at Sistersville, WV. Members are conservation minded in that they recycle, compost, plant trees and shrubs, feed birds and take part in hometown beautification. One family uses money collected from recycling to make donations to local groups such as Girl Scouts. Birds are fed and logs kept of visitor at bird feeders.

The Mound Chapter hosted a program presented by Sergeant David Shriner on Conservation of Waterways and Wild Flower Planting. Seed packets were distributed.

Six Chapters reported have in a conservation project. Three participated in tree planting. Eleven had a conservation program. Seven participated in community beautification. Five educated members on wildlife issues. And two participated in Arbor Day.

Awards presented were:

- 1st place – Kanawha Valley
- 2nd place – Barboursville
- 3rd place – Ohio Valley
- Honorable Mention – Mound

2006

Conservation is an important committee to most West Virginia Chapters. Chapters continue to have an annual conservation project, participate in tree planting as well as Arbor Day Celebrations. Many are active in community beautification projects and continue to recycle.

The number of chapters having a Conservation Program and a conservation minute at a Chapter meeting has increased.

Outstanding Conservation Committee events included the awarding a Conservation medal by the Elizabeth Ludington Hagans – Colonel John Evans Chapter to Dr. Kenneth Carvell.

The efforts of the many active chapters continue to promote the beautification of West Virginia. Many public areas are under litter patrol, family recycling is promoted, and the wildlife is thankful for the new trees as well as the winter food.

Constitution Week Committee
Betty Reinhart, State Chairman

2004

1st place – Buford, Shenandoah Valley, South Branch Valley, Anne Royall, Pack Horse Ford, Kanawha Valley and Anne Bailey Chapters

2nd place – Colonel Zackquill Morgan, Barboursville, Hagans-Evans, John Young, Peters Mountain and James Wood Chapters

3rd place – Daniel Davisson, William Henshaw, John Chapman, Ye Towne of Bath Chapters

Honorable Mention – Trans-Allegheny, Matthews French and Captain James Allen Chapters

2005

Report from 37 Chapters was received with twenty-four reporting activities. Three Chapters entered the Constitution Week Poster Contest. The results were:

- 1st place – Cheryl Haught, Anne Royall Chapter “The Constitution- It is all about Freedom”
- 2nd place – Violet Hysell, Barboursville Chapter “Treasure you independence”
- 3rd place – Margaret Witt, Pack Horse Ford Chapter “A Novel Idea – Tested by Time”

Cheryl Haught’s poster was the Eastern Central Division first place winner.

Twelve Chapters reported a total of 27 proclamations signed by Mayors and Commissioners. Three Chapters obtained Governor Wise’s signature. Eight Chapters participated in or promoted the “Ringing of the Bells Across America.” This included 22 church bells, 4 school bells and 10 others. Two CAR groups also participated. Eighteen Chapters provided a total of 73 displays. Chapters with less than 49members reported 37 displays. Displays included were at 8 schools, 12 libraries, 3 city halls, 10 store fronts and 5 restaurants. Chapters with 50 to 100 members reported a total of 36 displays. Displays included were at 16 schools, 12 libraries, 1 city hall, 6 store fronts and 1 restaurant.

Eight Chapters reported a total of 304 inches of news print and 8 pictures to enlighten the public about Constitution Week. Six Chapters sent letters to the Editor on this subject and 5 articles were printed in church bulletins. Twelve Chapters had a special luncheon or tea usually with a speaker to celebrate the week of September 17 – 23. Eight Chapters provided some token of appreciation for their speaker. The Chapter reports showed hours of planning and hard work on Constitution Week projects that made this week more meaningful to people in the communities.

2006

Mary W. Rowe serves as Chairman of Constitution Week for South Branch Valley Chapter. This Chapter has members in Hardy, Grant, Pendleton and Hampshire Counties, so Mary creates activities for all four counties. She contacted churches, schools, courthouses and government offices requesting that someone be responsible to ring bells at 4:00 p.m. on September 17th, as a part of the “Ringing the Bells Across American Project.” She also suggested that if you were unable to ring a bell but heard one, please pause, reflect and be grateful for the freedom our Constitution provides (31 bells reported). Mary contacted all of the area ministers and asked that they please incorporate something about the Constitution in their sermons and church bulletins (36 inches of data was published). She created displays in all area libraries, high and middle schools and most elementary schools. These displays included the United States Flag, the flag etiquette brochure, patriotic posters and some included pictures of the original signers of the Constitution. These activities resulted in 19 displays, 247 inches of newsprint including pictures that were published in local papers. A total of 40 service announcements, totaling 80 minutes, were heard on the air. To complete her Constitution Week Program she planned with the Chapter members for a patriotic presentation to be given at the Methodist Church in Moorefield for all interested folks.

Constitution Week Chapter Awards

| <u>1st place</u> | <u>2nd place</u> | <u>3rd place</u> |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Anne Bailey | Blennerhassett | Bee Line |
| Anne Royall | Ludington – Hagans | Col. Charles Lewis |
| Barboursville | James Hart | Col. Zackquill Morgan |
| Buford | James Wood | Daniel Davisson |
| South Branch Valley | Kanawha Valley | Gen. Andrew Lewis |
| | Ohio Valley | John Chapman |
| | Pack Horse Ford | Peters Mountain |
| | Wheeling | Wm. Henshaw |
| | Ye Towne of Bath | |

Reports from 39 Chapters were received with 30 Chapters reporting activates during Constitution Week.

Proclamations totaling 68 were obtained, six of these signed by the Governor and the others signed by various county officials. Three reports stated proclamations from U. S. Senator Byrd or Congresswoman Shelley Capito. On September 16, 2005 at 4:00 p.m., Senator Byrd speaking to a large audience at Shepherd University (which was also broadcasted) proclaimed Constitution Week Celebration would begin September 17, 2005 at 4:00 p.m. and continue for the next seven days. Several WVDAR members were present.

WVDAR members caused 138 bells to be added to the “Ringing of the Bells Across America Project” with 13 Chapters participating. The distribution was: churches 69, schools 30, CAR 2, individuals 36 and the fire department 1.

A total of 96 displays pertaining to our Constitution were placed in 32 schools, 23 libraries, 19 store fronts, 8 city halls and 14 others and an exhibit in an old toll house.

Sixteen special luncheons or teas were enjoyed honoring speakers or Chapter members who contributed something special at this time. Chapters reported that messages appeared in 61 church bulletins and a total of 655 inches of news print and 58 pictures appeared in local papers throughout our State. A total of 41 minutes on the subject in service announcements were heard in our State.

Some individual Chapter reported:

Ohio Valley – Honored their Constitution Chairman by making a donation in her name to the State Regent's Project.

Anne Bailey – Provided instructions and materials on the Constitution in two elementary schools.

Buford – Among other activities they provided and wrote 5 special Constitution minutes that was used in six middle schools for the morning exercises.

Ludington-Hagans – Planted a tree and dedicated it to 218th Anniversary of the Signing of the Constitution.

Captain James Allen – Provided activities in every classroom during Constitution Week at the Bradley Elementary School.

2007

1st Place – Colonel Morgan Morgan, Buford, Barboursville, Anne Bailey and Pack Horse Ford

2nd Place – Mound, Captain James Allen, Anne Royall, Hagans-Evans, Fort Ashby and Kanawha Valley

3rd Place – Matthew French, John Hart, Shenandoah Valley, Blennerhassett, John Wood and Daniel Davison

DAR Good Citizen Committee

Sally O. Cyrus, State Chairman

2004

This new State Chairman attended the summer workshop at Tygart Lake where an announcement was made about the DAR Good Citizen Committee. She also attended the first district meeting in Charleston, WV. At this time the DAR Good Citizen materials and order blanks were placed in the Western District packets and given to a state officer for placement in the other packets for the rest of the district meeting.

We have 40 chapters in West Virginia. Twenty three chapters participated by reporting. Twelve chapters sent essays for judging for this award program.

The state winner was Stephanie Marie Bean sponsored by the Trans-Allegheny Chapter. She received her award and a check for \$250.00 at the Central District meeting.

The awards for the 99th WV State Conference (2004) are as follows:

James Wood Chapter – First Place

Buford Chapter – Second Place

Kanawha Valley Chapter – Third Place

Honorable mention was awarded to the following chapters:

Anne Bailey, Anne Royall, Captain James Allen, James Barbour, Mound, Ohio Valley, Peters Mountain, Trans-Allegheny, Ye Towne of Bath.

2005

Some problems of communication with the chapters have occurred because of two deadlines, one for WV and the other recommended by the Master Questionnaire schedule. There are also two mailings by the chapter for DAR Good Citizens chairmen, the essays to the state chairman and the Master Questionnaire to the 1st Vice Regent of the State. The solution to this dilemma is a "work in process."

Another communication difficulty is that the chapters are only to submit ONE essay to be judges on the state level. When they have more than one school participating, they have a local judging by three non DAR members who choose the chapter winner. ALL SCHOOL WINNERS DO RECEIVE THE PIN, CERTIFICATE AND WALLET CARD.

No one school can have more than one winner. Chapters need to share the schools in the respective areas.

PLEASE READ THE DIRECTIONS THAT WILL BE CIRCULATED AT THE DISTRICT MEETINGS.

The old order forms for supplies are now obsolete. Please throw away ALL order blanks, use those with current dates. Some old National Information Packets said postage for orders under \$10.00 was FREE. A minimum order costs more than a dollar to ship so there is a new postage and handling chart on the new forms.

Thank your chapters for their participation. We had 25 of 39 chapters turning in a report and showing some participation on the local level. Only 59 of the 145 approved high schools in WV were asked to participate this year. With the modern media, internet and e-mail you can go outside you immediate area where we do not have chapters. Come to the district

meetings and learn more. Twelve chapters sent essays to be judged. Each participating chapter received a letter of thanks with a judge's report and some suggestions.

The Winners of the Essay Contest (High School) & Sponsoring Chapters were:

- 1st place – Rudi Anne Raines (Poca HS) – Anne Bailey
- 2nd place – Valerie Priscilla Conley (Chapmanville HS) – John Young
- 3rd place – Paige N, Butcher (Lincoln HS) – Daniel Davisson

Certificates Awarded for Master Questionnaire – Chapters were divided by size

Large Chapter – 50 or more members

- 1st place (Tie) - James Allen
Ye Towne of Bath
- 2nd place - Buford
- 3rd place (tie) - Anne Bailey
James Wood
Kanawha Valley

Small Chapters – less than 50 members

- 1st place (Tie) - Ohio Valley
Trans-Allegheny
- 2nd place - Daniel Davisson
- 3rd place (Tie) - General Andrew Lewis, Peters Mountain

2006

First, I want to thank all of the chapters for responding to the Master Questionnaire even those with No Report. You can avoid this NO REPORT status by giving \$1.00 to the National DAR Good Citizens Scholarship Fund on the Chapter Achievement report form that is due December 1st. Better yet! West Virginia gets \$250.00 for our state winner from NSDAR. Shouldn't all our chapter contribute a Dollar to this fund? Best of all! Find some accredited public, or private high schools in your community, county, and adjoining counties to participate in the DAR Good Citizen Essay Contest. Let us give more students an opportunity for a scholarship.

Second, there has always been confusion between DAR Good Citizens and Good Citizenship. I have made a chart outline these differences which may be picked up outside where you can purchase your awards for next year.

Winners:

Anne Steel from Huntington High School won the state contest. Her essay was submitted by Buford Chapter. Second place was Rustyn Goff from Ritchie County High School sponsored by Anne Royall Chapter. Third place winner was Mary Beth Long from Greenbrier East High School sponsored by General Andrew Lewis Chapter.

Chapter Awards:

Chapters with 43 or more members:

- 1st place General Andrew Lewis
- 2nd place Anne Bailey
- 3rd place Colonel Charles Lewis and Buford----Tied

Chapters with 42 or fewer members:

- 1st place Ohio Valley
- 2nd place Anne Royall
- 3rd place Peters Mountain

The statistics for 2005 – 2006 are:

Of WV 39 chapters, 25 participated in the DAR Good Citizens Committee

12 chapters submitted an entry for the Essay contest

30 chapters gave awards

5 new schools participated in the contest in 2005

The average monetary gift given to winners was \$29.00

2007

An honor received by the WV DAR Good Citizen this past year was having the 3rd Place National Winner. She was Miss Anne Louise Steel, a senior at Huntington High School and she was sponsored by the Buford Chapter.

First, I want to thank all of the chapters for responding to the Master Questionnaire even those with No Report. Did you know that you can avoid using this No Report status by giving \$1 to the National DAR Good Citizen Scholarship Fund on the Chapter Achievement report. This Chapter Achievement report is the one that goes to the State Treasurer before December 1.

Better yet—West Virginia State Society gets \$250 for our State Winner for the National Society. Shouldn't all thirty-nine chapters contribute at least a \$1 to this fund? Our national winner this year received \$1700 from the National Fund.

Best of all—Find some accredited public or private high school in your community, county or adjoining counties to participate in the DAR Good Citizen Essay contest. Let's give more students an opportunity to try for a scholarship.

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Winners:

Mallory Griffith from Ritchie County High School and sponsored by the Anne Royall Chapter is this year's winner. Second place is Staci Ann Standiford from Magnolia High School and sponsored by the Ohio Valley Chapter.

Chapter Awards:

Chapters with 43 or more members:

- 1st place Buford
- 2nd place Colonel Charles Lewis
- 3rd place Anne Bailey

Chapters with 42 or fewer members:

- 1st place Ohio Valley
- 2nd place Colonel William Lowther
- 3rd place Daniel Davisson and Trans-Allegheny

The statistics for 2006-2007 are:

Of WV 39 chapters, 18 participated in the DAR Good Citizens Committee

10 chapters submitted an entry for the Essay contest

20 chapters gave awards

4 new schools participated in the contest in 2006

The average monetary gift given to winners was \$25.00

DAR Magazine Committee Kathy Bowling, State Chairman

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Reinvented, rejuvenated and ready for the 21st century, the bimonthly DAR Magazine, *American Spirit*, is an award-winning publication that features well written and beautifully illustrated stories of interest to everyone who enjoys history, genealogy, patriotism and education. Subscriptions include copies of the companion *Daughters* Newsletter, which is designed to keep every member up to date on the progress and achievements of the National Society.

The new motto is "Lets Gain Five by 2005" with the goal being a net gain of five subscriptions for each chapter by July 2005. This can be accomplished and it is our responsibility to promote our magazine's availability to the public and to fellow members.

The "Spread the American Spirit" contest allows chapters to be recognized for increasing their total percentage of subscribers. Even the smallest of chapters can win big because the contest is based on percentages. The "Traveling Trophy" will be awarded to the chapter with the greatest percentage of magazine subscriptions and that chapter will be featured in the *Daughters* newsletter.

At just \$18 per year, six combined editions each of *American Spirit* and *Daughters* Newsletter are an affordable and enjoyable way to both celebrate our heritage and stay current on Society business.

Each chapter should include the DAR Magazine Co-Op advertising project in their yearly budget. The total is \$40 and should be sent to the State Treasurer by December 1st of each year. This qualifies your chapter for 25 points worth of Chapter Achievement Award credit. 100% participation in this project is encouraged and expected.

Be sure to look for West Virginia's ad in the January/February issue. Your ideas for possible futures ads are always welcome.

2005

Did you know that a skull fragment was found at Jamestown Island, Virginia, which dates back to 1607 that has circular cut markings that indicate that a surgeon was among the first settlers of Jamestown?

Did you know that in the mid 1700's Patience Lovell Wright was the country's first professional sculptor and her lifelike wax busts preceded madam Tussaud's creations by 30 years?

Did you know that nine signers of the Declaration of Independence were Freemasons?

If you subscribe to the DAR Magazine, *American Spirit*, you do know that... and much more! The companion *Daughters* newsletter is full of information to keep members current on activities of the National Society.

If you love DAR, (and I KNOW you do), you'll want to include the DAR Magazine as part of your total "DAR experience."

At the next State Conference in April 2006, we will be displaying an exciting and informative DAR magazine Traveling Exhibit so prepare to be inspired.

Information received from the Master Questionnaire reveals that 6 chapters have at least 25% of their members subscribing to the magazine. The average chapter percentage rate for the state is 13%.

36 chapters contributed \$40.00 to the magazine co-op fund for Chapter Achievement credit. It is important for every chapter to contribute to this fund and it should be included in your chapter's yearly budget.

You have indicated that your favorite topics for articles in the magazine are genealogy, number one and history and historic places are numbers two and three.

29 chapters use information from *American Spirit* as chapter program material, 15 chapters use the magazine to promote DAR to prospective members and 30 chapters share information found in *Daughters* newsletter. I feel as if I'm getting a very special gift every other month when my magazine arrives that I can barely wait to open. Why not treat yourself and "catch the spirit" too!

2006

Can you imagine going on a trip without directions on how to get there? Can you imagine trying to assemble something without instructions on how to put it together? And what if you went to a play that didn't list the cast of characters? Well, being a member of DAR and not subscribing to the DAR magazine could compare to all of these things. The *American Spirit* magazine and the companion *Daughters Newsletter* are valuable tools for the DAR member. What better way to stay current on society business than to have a "road map" at your disposal?

West Virginia currently has 314 subscriptions and it would be wonderful to see this number increase. Individual subscriptions may be sent directly to the DAR Magazine office, complete online, by telephone or submitted by the chapter treasurer. Either way, your chapter will receive Chapter Achievement Award Credit.

Subscribers, please be sure to check for your renewal date to avoid a lapse in receiving your magazine. This renewal date is on your magazine mailing label.

The Master Questionnaire reveals that nine chapters received Chapter Achievement Award credit for having at least 25% of their members subscribe. Thirty-one subscriptions are given to libraries, schools or to the public outlets and fourteen are given as gifts to family and friends.

All but four chapters contribute \$40.00 to the magazine advertising co-op fund. The goal of our state is to have 100% participation in this fund.

Thank you for your support of our award-winning magazine. Continue to encourage all members to subscribe so they can "catch the spirit" too!

2007

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DAR Museum
Nancy Edwards, State Chairman

2005

40 Chapters 31 Chapters Reported 6 Chapters No Report

1 Programs: Museum and Period Rooms 5

2 Trained Museum Docents 1
a. Jimelle Rumberg Kanawha Valley3 Trained Museum Correspondent Docent 1
a. Kathy Gess Shenandoah Valley

Note: Linda Collins has interest in training for a Correspondent Docent Hagans-Evans

4 Programs by docents or correspondent docents to other organizations 0

5 Programs by docents or correspondent docents to Chapters 1

6 Chapters that know about Museum Shop's Trunk Show 12

7 Chapters interested in hosting a Trunk Show at a meeting 14

8 Donated objects to the DAR Museum 0

9 WVDAR chapters' donations to DAR Museum Fund 19 \$31.00

10 Friends of the Museum Fund 6 \$8.00

11 Give-A-Book Program 0

12 Adopt-An-Object Fund 0

13 Camper Buddy Program Fund 0

14 Chapter Fundraisers or Fundraiser Participation

First: Buford, Kanawha Valley, Shenandoah Valley

Second: Col. Charles Lewis, Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Col. John Evans
 General Andrew Lewis

Third: Anne Bailey, Shenandoah Valley

2006

39 Chapters 34 Chapters Reported 5 Chapters No Report

Programs:

DAR MUSEUM AND PERIOD ROOMS

Items the Museum collects and displays. Blackwater Chapter

Memorial Hall "100 Years of History" (video), poster display of Period Rooms, photos of special features within the Museum, distribution of folders and picture post cards of memorial Continental Hall purchased from the Museum Store. Donate-An-Object and Give-A-Book were explained. Buford Chapter

Constitutional Hall (video) Capt. James Allen Chapter

DAR Museum and Period Room Charleston Chapter

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| Memorial Continental Hall (video) includes Museum | John Young Chapter |
| Memorial Continental Hall "100 Years of History" | Trans-Allegheny Chapter |

TRAINED DAR MUSEUM DOCENTS

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| Jimelle Rumberg | Kanawha Valley Chapter |
| Kathy Gess | Shenandoah Valley Chapter |

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| Trained DAR Museum Correspondent Docents | 0 | |
| Chapter programs for other organizations through the use of DAR Museum Docent or CD. | | 0 |
| Chapter program presented by a DAR Museum or CD. | 0 | |
| Chapters that know about DAR Museum Shop Trunk Show | 22 | |
| Chapters interested in hosting a trunk show during a meeting | 17 | |

DONATIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

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| Chapters that donated objects to the Museum | 0 |
| DAR Exhibition Fund donations | \$87.00 |
| Friends of the DAR Museum Fund | \$206.00 |
| Give-A-Book program | \$1.00 |
| Adopt-An-Object Program Fund | \$108.50 |
| Chapter Buddy Program Fund | 0 |

Chapters sponsoring or participating in a fund raising program for the DAR Museum or period rooms:

Col. Charles Lewis Chapter – had a fund raiser for the West Virginia Room.

Ohio Valley Chapter – donated funds to the West Virginia Room.

A program prepared by your State Committee Chairman for the DAR Museum has been sent to all WV Chapters. Hopefully many of the chapters will allow about fifteen minutes to present it during the 2006 – 2007 meetings schedule. A sincere "Thank-You" for the increased interest in the DAR Museum's programs and activities. Hopefully you have found the programs educational and entertaining.

If any member is interested in becoming a correspondent docent, please contact me at 304-258-2259 or ungerman@aol.com

Information sheets have been sent to 17 chapters interested in having a museum trunk show at a chapter meeting.

West Virginia Daughters donated a total of \$402.50 that covered DAR Museum exhibition fund, Friends of the Museum, Give-A-Book program and Adopt-An-Object fund, over ten times the amount donated last year.

It is "DAR FUN" to be chairman of the State DAR Museum Committee.

- 1st place – Buford Chapter
- 1st place – John Young Chapter
- 2nd place – Col. Charles Lewis Chapter
- 2nd place – Ohio Valley Chapter
- 3rd place – Blackwater Chapter
- 3rd place – Capt. James Allen Chapter
- 3rd place – Charleston Chapter
- 3rd place – Trans-Allegheny Chapter
- 3rd place – Ye Towne of Bath Chapter

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- 1st Place – Buford Chapter
- 2nd Place – Ohio Valley, Hagans-Evans
- 3rd Place – Colonel Charles Lewis, James Wood, John Young and William Henshaw

DAR Project Patriot Committee
Barbara "Barby" Frankenberry, State Chairman

2004

During the 113th Continental Congress, I was able to sign up to work a shift at the Project Patriot display. This gave me the opportunity to see this committee at work. The DAR in West Virginia continues to support the activities focused on the men and women serving on the USS Stennis. I will be introducing a new project called S.A.M. (Smiles Across the Miles) for the West Virginia Daughters to send support messages to those in the military. More details will follow in 2005.

2005

Thirteen chapters sponsored programs, events or activities in support of DAR Project Patriot. Eight chapters participated in community efforts regarding the war against terrorism. A total of twenty-six volunteers took part in DAR Patriot Project and fifty-five hours were spent on this project. \$250.00 in monetary donations was collected by our state form chapters. Volunteers in our state traveled more than 1,736 miles working for DAR Project Patriot. The following chapters were recognized for their contribution to this program: Buford, Charleston, Col. Charles Lewis, Col. Zackquill Morgan, Elizabeth Zane, Hagans-Evans, James Wood, John Chapman, John Hart, Kanawha Valley, Ohio Valley, Shenandoah Valley, and Wheeling.

2006

DAR Project Patriot Awards

The following Chapters are to receive award certificates for their work with the 2005 – 2006 DAR Project Patriot:

- 1st place – Buford
- 2nd place – William Henshaw
- 3rd place – John Chapman
- Honorable Mention – Col. Zacquill Morgan
John Young
Kanawha Valley
Ohio Valley
Barboursville

West Virginia DAR Chapters have worked to support DAR Project Patriot with the following:
making monetary donations, Sending holiday cards, Sending clothing, magazines, books, DVD's, cards, socks and toiletries to Landstul Regional Medical Center, Sending snack cakes, books, cards, game boards, socks, sweat suites, pads of paper in a rolling carry-on suitcase for mailing to Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D.C.; contributing money to the Mary Kay project for sun block and /or lip protector, purchasing phone cards that were sent to troops in Iraq, delivering personal items, games and snacks to local Veteran hospitals, having a yard sale to purchase a computer monitor for the office of a Home Land Security office, making quilts that were sent to wounded service personnel at Landstul Regional Medical Center

DAR Scholarship Committee
Barbara Fish, State Chairman

2005

40 Chapters
37 Chapters Reporting

Three inquiries were made to the state chairman concerning NSDAR scholarships. No chapter reported having sponsored with the exception of the American History Scholarship.

Six chapters offered scholarships other than those offered by NSDAR

- Two general scholarships
- Two nursing scholarships

Six academic scholarships

One history scholarships

The Total of scholarships awarded this year was \$11, 200.00.

Each scholarship is awarded on a yearly basis. Eight Scholarships are renewable. Eligibility is listed as follows: DAR descendants and history majors; senior girl at Princeton High School; high school graduate accepted at accredited college who meets academic standards; nursing student at Shepherd University; outstanding and needy students referred to DAR by staff of Randolph County Vocational Technical Center; 2.5 – 3.0 average maintained through college; any student attending West Virginia Northern Community College.

Recipients this year include the following:

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| James Wood Chapter 4-025-WV | \$9,000.00 | Lauren Smith, Erin Cottle, Adam Kirk, Ben Sandy, Christina Smith, Ryan Taylor |
| Bee Line Chapter 4-004-WV | \$1,000.00 | Arielle McGowen |
| Wheeling Chapter 4-052-WV | \$300.00 | Cara Olako |
| Wm. Henshaw Chapter 4-053-WV | \$400.00 | Recipient's name not received |
| John Hart Chapter 4-029-WV | \$500.00 | Recipient selected in February |
| Hagans – Evans Chapter 4-013-WV | no amount | Recipient selected in February |

36 Chapters donated \$41.00 toward Chapter Achievement Award

2006

40 Chapters

39 Chapters Reporting

One inquiry was made to the state chairman concerning NSDAR scholarships. One chapter reported having sponsored a NSDAR scholarship application.

Seven chapters offered scholarships other than those offered by NSDAR.

Seven general scholarships

One nursing scholarship

One medical scholarship

One history scholarship

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Recipients this year included the following:

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| James Wood Chapter | 4-025-WV | \$6,000.00 |
| Bee Line Chapter | 4-004-WV | \$1,000.00 |
| Wheeling Chapter | 4-052-WV | \$300.00 |
| William Henshaw Chapter | 4-053-WV | \$400.00 |
| John Hart Chapter | 4-029-WV | \$500.00 |
| Elizabeth Ludington Hagans- | | |
| Colonel John Evans Chapter | 4-013-WV | |
| Mathew French Chapter | 4-034-WV | \$100.00 |

Donations

31 Chapters donated \$41.00 toward the Friends of DAR Scholarship Chapters Achievement Award.

36 Chapters donated \$46.00 toward the DAR Good Citizen Scholarship Fund.

Ann Bailey Chapter member Rudi Raynes donated \$250.00 to the DAR Good Citizen Scholarship Fund.

Barboursville Chapter donated \$57.00 to the Caroline E. Holt Nursing Scholarship Fund.

DAR Schools Committee
Malinda "Mindy" Davis, State Chairman

2005

This committee is a hard working and very rewarding committee to work with. It has been this chairman's pleasure to receive many notes of thanks and letters from the children of the DAR supported schools. The West Virginia Daughters are very giving of their time and money to the children.

The state had 37 chapters to report on the DAR Schools for the 2004 – 2005 year. We had 14 chapters to report that they had a program on the DAR schools in the past year. These programs were done on Tamassee, KDS and Bacone. Two chapters reported that their program was on all of the DAR schools.

The chapters in the state donated 8656 Campbell's soup labels, 15 Books of trading stamps & 333 trading stamps, 353 box tops, and 134 pounds of clothing & 935 pairs of socks to the children. Once again the many contributions were made to the schools. Donations reported to the following schools: Berry College, Crossnore School, Hillside School, Hindman Settlement, Katie Duncan Smith, and Tamassee. In addition to the funds required for chapter achievement the daughters of West Virginia contributed \$1,379.75 to special projects throughout the year.

In response to the new national Schools Project and the purchasing of the "Butterfly Pins" one chapter did exceedingly well in that they purchased 11 pins over the past year. Congratulations to the Kanawha Valley Chapter. We had 5 additional chapters to report that at least one pin had been purchased.

One chapter reported that they were participating in the "Ring the Bells for the DAR Schools" national project. In West Virginia nine chapters reported that the chapter had sponsored a special project to benefit the DAR Schools. One chapter (Peters Mountain) has a "sock shower" at every meeting. These ladies collected a total of 479 pairs of socks for the children of Tamassee. This chapter also issued a challenge to the chapters in the Southern District to a "sock drive." The result of this challenge was that 456 pairs of socks were sent to Tamassee. Additional special projects included raising money for Tamassee Shoe Fund and collecting school supplies and sending them to the schools. Two chapters reported that they used a shoe to collect money for the shoe fund.

In addition, one chapter donated to the Chapters for Children Summer Program, the Grits and Gravy Program, the Josephine C. Peters Cottage and the Sunshine Club. One chapter reported sending birthday cards and Christmas cards to the children of Tamassee.

The state of West Virginia is also very proud to sponsor the Josephine C. Peters Cottage at Tamassee. This cottage has recently undergone a few changes and updates with the structure and the furniture. This holds a special place in our hearts in that we can have a small part in helping the youth at Tamassee.

The following awards were presented to the chapters:

Outstanding Program and Overall Work

1st place – Peters Mountain Chapter

2nd place – Bee Line Chapter

3rd place – Kanawha Valley Chapter

Honorable Mention – Buford Chapter

Donations of Items to the Schools-Campbell Labels, Trading Stamps, Clothing

1st place – Pack Horse Ford Chapter

2nd place – Matthew French Chapter

3rd place Tie – Ye Towne of Bath Chapter and Anne Royall Chapter

Butterfly Pins Purchased – Purchased to Support the National Project

1st place – Kanawha Valley Chapter

2nd place Tie – Buford Chapter and Ohio Valley Chapter

2006

This committee is a hard working and very rewarding committee to work with. It was this chairman's privilege to visit Tamassee this past year and to attend the graduation ceremony in May. Along with the State Regent, State Vice Regent and one Honorary State Regent, I visited the Josephine C. Peters Cottage and we did a little yard work in the process. It was quite a site for us to see our lovely State Regent in her gardening gloves. The State Regent and the State Vice Regent made two official visits to Tamassee.

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The chapters in the state donated 8,290 Campbell's soup labels, and 836 pounds of clothing and 535 pairs of socks to the children. Betty Crocker coupons and box tops were also collected. Over 4,500 coupons and box tops were sent to the schools. Once again many contributions were made to the schools. Donations were made to Berry College \$39.00; Crossnore

School \$39.00; Hillside School \$39.00; Hindman Settlement \$39.00; Katie Duncan Smith \$188.00 and Tamassee \$507.00 for the chapter achievement contributions for the state of West Virginia.

One chapter made a special \$100.00 donation to Tamassee in the honor of one of its members husband Ebb Cummings. The daughters of West Virginia contributed \$1,132.80 to special projects for the schools throughout the year. Several items were donated for the cottage at Tamassee. Some of the items donated were a toaster oven, a television set, and some of the yard items. Several chapters collected school supplies for the schools and also sent items for Christmas.

Once again we had several chapters in the state to purchase the "Butterfly Pins." We had eight chapters to report that they had purchased at least one pin. This money is forwarded on to national.

One chapter reported that they were participating in the "Ring the Bells for the DAR Schools" National project. In West Virginia fourteen (14) chapters reported that the chapter had sponsored a special project to benefit the DAR Schools. The Peters Mountain Chapter is a very active chapter in our state for the DAR Schools. This year they are having a monthly "shower" at every meeting. They collect personal items for the children and sent them each month. These ladies collected a total of 535 pairs of socks for the children of Tamassee along with many other items. Two chapters are members of the Tamassee Sunshine Club and they send cards, letters, and money directly to the school each month. Additional special projects included raising money for the Tamassee School Bus Fund, Tamassee Shoe Fund and collecting school supplies then sending these items onto the schools. A few chapters collected items for Christmas time to be used as stocking stuffers for the children.

In addition, chapters had bakeless bake sales, ceramic shoe drive, and donations made in lieu of flowers to raise money for the schools. One chapter (Buford) made their members "reminder magnets" to place on the refrigerator to remind each member of the labels they should be collection for the schools. Another chapter (South Branch Valley) DAR School chairman wrote a poem about the schools. A copy of each of these is enclosed. Three chapters had members to visit Tamassee and to "Clean Up" in and around the cottage. (No one got poison ivy!)

The following awards were presented to the chapters:

Outstanding Program and Overall Work

1st place - Peters Mountain

2nd place (3 way tie) - Hagans-Evans, Kanawha Valley and Ohio Valley

3rd place - South Branch Valley

Donations of Items to the Schools

Campbell labels

1st place - Bee Line

2nd place - Hagans-Evans

3rd place - Trans-Allegheny

Clothing

1st place - Peters Mountain

2nd place - Ohio Valley

3rd place - General Andrew Lewis

DAR School

There is a school that the DAR did approve,
To which many needy children could move,
In the classroom the tots learn their ABC,
The teens are also taught at Tamassee,
Education, clothes, books, food; they're not free,
That's why a chapter helps in the South Branch Valley.

The South Branch Valley Chapter knows,
Just how far a dollar goes.
Campbell's labels they save and clip,
At home with their scissors, after a grocery store trip.
Box Tops 4 Education is another contribution,
But labels and box tops aren't the only solution.

To the Sunshine Club they also donate,
This monthly fee, just watch it accumulate.
A butterfly pin looks good on a lapel,
So the daughters purchased them as well.
Clothes are collected for the school's thrift shop,
They've donated so many items; it was soon a bumper crop.

The DAR theme throughout the nation,
Ring the bells during the Wagner Administration.
At DAR schools, students pre-school through college,

In classrooms and labs will receive the best knowledge.
Choir, band, art their education will enhance,
When DAR members give these kids a chance.

These schools are a wonderful and safe place to live,
If only we daughters won't forget to give.

By Norma Clark

Reminder magnets were sent to every member in the Regent's September newsletter. These magnets were to be placed on the refrigerator as a constant reminder to save Campbell's Soup labels, Swanson labels, Box Tops for Education, and used US postage stamps. Four members of Buford Chapter gave \$25.00 each, for a total of \$100.00 in memory of Ebb Cummings, Anne Cummings' husband. This money was designated for use at the WV Cottage at Tamassee.

DAR Service to Veteran Patients Committee Linda Parsons, State Chairman

2004

In the last year West Virginia daughters have traveled 5,053 miles and gave 2,039 hours of service to our country's veterans. We have given \$502.00 in cash and canteen, \$437.00 in food, and \$2,816.00 in comfort items, and \$1772.00 in magazines and books. Donations for gifts totaled \$4,190.00 and in stamps 185.2 ounces. We have sponsored in 431 activities with 139 volunteers. West Virginia has 3 active duty members, 20 members veterans and 46 family members serving in the Armed Forces. We have participated in the National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans, the Country Store, award programs, parades, memorial services, and on councils and committees.

We make lap robes, bibs, ditty bags, valentines, cookies and cakes to take to our area veterans. Several chapters have remembered our women veterans and especially the homeless with special gifts for their needs. Our goals for the coming year are to increase our support and activities and to give support to our members whose family members are now serving in our Armed Forces.

Awards for membership for chapter 50 and under:

1. Ohio Valley Chapter
2. Westmoreland Chapter
3. Elk River Chapter

Honorable Mention: Shenandoah Valley

awards for membership for chapters 51 and over:

1. Kanawha Valley Chapter
2. Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter
3. Anne Bailey Chapter

Honorable Mention: James Wood Chapter

2005

In the past months 61 West Virginia daughters have traveled 13,221 miles and given 841 hours of service to our country's veterans. We have given \$1,006.00 in cash and \$16,057.71 in non-cash items (clothing, food, personal care items, games, puzzles, magazines, books, and handmade items.)

"Goodie bags" have been delivered to our various Veterans Hospitals and Veterans Homes for the special holidays: Halloween, Thanksgiving, Charismas, Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day and Easter. Your chairman personally visited the Huntington VA Medical Center where she visited with the veterans and gave them valentine cards and candy for "National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans Week." One of our West Virginia daughters, Miss Jean Elliott of Pack Horse Ford Chapter, has personally knitted 18 lap robes to be distributed to veterans in her area. That chapter also decorated 80 hand-made stockings to be sent to the Martinsburg VA Medical Center. Shenandoah Valley Chapter reported that one student Angela Sima, spend around 550 hours preparing interview material for the "Veterans History Project." This student really puts us all to shame. If anyone would be interested in participating in this project, I can give them the phone number or web site to receive information for this project.

Our West Virginia Daughters are out there supporting our veterans, but we can always do more. I want to personally thank those of you who are working so hard to thank the men and women who have given so much to our country. I want to encourage all of our chapters to get in touch with their local veterans hospital (if one is nearby) or go to a local nursing home and see what they can do to help the veterans there.

2006

During the past year our West Virginia Daughters have been exceedingly busy honoring, helping, and working for our veterans. As a group, we consider it our duty and honor to do so. Eighty-eight daughters have volunteered a total of 1650.5 hours and traveled 15,636 miles to participate in various veteran activities. A total of \$741.00 in cash and \$12,942.22 in non-cash items has been donated throughout the year. With the increase of women involved in our military services, we have been able to assist 16 women veterans this year.

We still have a few members who are out there interviewing men and women veterans for the Veterans History Project and I want to encourage more daughters to participate, Our WWII veterans are passing away at an alarming rate and we are missing out on the opportunity to record their stories.

Our chapter reports indicate that there are still some chapters that have not taken the advantage of helping those who have served our country and done so much to insure each of us our individual freedoms. I want to encourage each of our chapters to get in touch with your local veterans hospital or nursing home and see what you can do to help those veterans there. Take the time to survey your chapter members. I'm sure that there are daughters, nieces, and wives who continually take their veteran family members to the doctor, grocery store, drug store and etc. and have just never considered the fact that they can count the time they spend to do this.

Much thanks is extended to the ladies who have spent so much of their time helping our veterans, but I specially want to thank Lucille Waltz of Pack Horse Ford Chapter and Avis Marcum of Westmoreland Chapter. These two ladies, both over the age of 80, are out there volunteering their services to our veterans and, also, setting an example for the younger daughters to follow.

Chapters with membership of 50 or under:

- 1st place – Westmoreland
- 2nd place – Daniel Davisson
- 3rd place – Ohio Valley

Chapters with membership of 51 and above:

- 1st place – Kanawha Valley
- 2nd place – Anne Royall
- 3rd place – Pack Horse Ford

Certificates of appreciation (if possible) to the following:

Mrs. Avis Marcum – Westmoreland Chapter, for her dedication to our country's Veterans. She has continued to volunteer weekly at the Huntington VA Medical Center and has set a wonderful example for all other volunteers to follow.

Mrs. Lucille Waltz – Pack Horse Ford Chapter, for her dedication to our country's Veterans. She has managed to help provide much needed items to the hospitalized Veterans at the Martinsburg VA medical Center and by doing so, has set an example for all other volunteers to follow.

2007

West Virginia Daughters consider it our duty and honor to serve our veterans. During the past year we have been busy helping, honoring, and working for them. Eighty-eight daughters have volunteered a total of 1,214 hours and traveled 5,748 miles to participate in various veteran activities. A total of \$1,010 in cash and \$15,402.95 in non-cash items have been donated throughout the year. With the increase of women involved in our military services, we have been able to assist 25 women veterans this year.

Because our WWII veterans are passing away at an alarming rate, we need to increase our efforts to interview these men and women, as well as the veterans of our other wars for the Veterans History Project. We do have some members who are out there interviewing men and women for this project, but I want to encourage more daughters to participate.

Our chapter reports indicate that there are still some chapters that have not taken advantage of the opportunity to give to the men and women who have already given so much to us. It is because of them that we enjoy the freedoms that we have. I want to encourage each of you to get in touch with your local veterans hospital or nursing home and see what you can do to help the veterans there. Take the time to survey your chapter members. I'm sure that there are daughters, nieces, and wives who continually take their veteran family members to the doctor, grocery store, drug store and etc. and have just never considered the fact that they can count the time they spend to do this. A sincere thanks is extended to the ladies who have spent so much of their time helping our veterans.

Chapters with membership of 50 or under:

- 1st Place – Trans-Allegheny
- 2nd Place – General Andrew Lewis
- 3rd Place – Westmoreland

Chapters with membership of 51 and above:

- 1st Place – Kanawha Valley

2nd Place – Pack Horse Ford

3rd Place – Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans

**Friends of the Library Committee
Laura Patterson, State Chairman**

No Reports Received.

**Genealogical Records Committee
Frances “Frannie” Weekley, State Chairman**

2004

The Genealogical Records Committee has come up with some new and exciting projects for the next three years which I know the WV Daughters will want to be a part of. One of these projects is a new indexing system which will make the books in the National DAR Library assessable to all the members on line. This will make doing genealogy a lot easier and quicker. If any chapter members would like to help with this project you can either contact me or check it out on the DAR Website.

Another project is to make an easier access to the member's applications for the chapter Registrar's to use. These are just a couple of examples of the projects I want to see the WV Daughters involved in.

We have another project that has been an on going process of information gathering that will be helpful for all the chapters. We are trying to make an accounting of all the members (past and present). Each chapter will be getting a list of their chapter members and data that we currently have. They will be asked to add to this list the names and information on members who have transferred out of the chapter or older members who are now deceased but were not on the list from National. After this data has been process, it will be used for two projects. The first one is to complete Miss Jean Elliott's State Regent's project, which is an accounting of all WV Daughters. This information will also be used as part of Mrs. Shirley Gilkeson's State Regent's Project of updating the history of each WV Chapters.

I would like to encourage each chapter to submit Genealogical Records through the WV Genealogical Records Chairman. In this way the WVDAR and the chapter, both get credit for the donation.

2005

This chairman has been working hard learning the new indexing system and encouraging chapter members to participate in this important project. We have three chapters already participating: Kanawha Valley, South Branch Valley, Ohio Valley and several others who are interested.

Eighteen chapters have updated their chapter member listing for the State Regents' Project and we are making great strides in finding all our disbanded chapter members information. This is an ongoing project and must be kept updated. The Captain James Allen Chapter is compiling a list of base born and orphaned children in Greenbrier County, WV from the Greenbrier County Court Records 1700's and 1800's.

The Ohio Valley Chapter has donated a surname research book entitled "Searching for you Williamson Family Roots through Surname Research" to the National Library. They are also compiling and indexing a 10-volume record of the Ruttencutter Funeral Home Records. A complete set will be donated to the national Library, Marshall University and two local Historical Societies. Four members are currently working on a history book for Tyler County Historical Societies. They also have done a workshop on how to preserve genealogical records, how to find records, and how to share the information that you find. Seven of their members volunteer at two local Historical Societies to preserve and maintain genealogical records. Four members work with genealogical records to assist any prospective member.

Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans Chapter maintains an extensive genealogical reference collection used to help prospective members research their lineage. Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter has submitted 100 pages of miscellaneous genealogical records. Daniel Davison has one member and Pack Horse Ford Chapters have two members participating in the Descendants' Project. The Colonel Charles Lewis and Ohio Valley Chapters have members participating in "Book Worm" projects.

The goal of this chairman is to get as many chapters as possible to participate in genealogical records projects, to finish the state regents project within the next year and see it published. Also to encourage as many members as possible to copy old records and submit them to their State Genealogical Records Chairman.

2006

This Genealogical Records Chairman has been very busy indexing books and manuscripts to send to the National Library. The Bee Line, John Hart, Ohio Valley, Mound, South Branch Valley and Wheeling Chapters are participating in the every Name Index Project of the DAR Library's miscellaneous Genealogical Records Collection and 10 volumes were completed.

The Kanawha Valley Chapter members are involved in abstracting deeds and wills in their county for the years 1880 – 1900 for submission to the DAR Library. The Ohio Valley Chapter has submitted a book and is getting a 10-volume set of Funeral Home Records ready to submit to the DAR Library. The Ohio Valley Chapter and the Col. Charles Lewis Chapter members are participating in the Book Worm projects. The Pack Horse Ford Chapter has 2 members participating in the Descendants Project through the internet. The Blackwater Chapter is working to recoup a history of the Evans Family Genealogy for the DAR Library. The Elizabeth Ludington Hagans – Col. John Evans Chapter has members using their personal genealogical libraries to provide genealogical assistance to the prospective members. The John Young Chapter has donated to the President General's Project and the NSDAR Achieves Fund. The John Hart Chapter has made donations to the DAR Library and the Seimes Tech Center.

All the chapters have been participating in the State Regent's Project in providing a listing of their past and present members.

2007

Descendants Project— Carol Linger, State Chairman

The DAR Genealogy Preservation Committee was formed as part of the President General's Project for the purpose of indexing genealogical, organizational and membership information into computerized, searchable databases. The Descendants Project is the newest project of the committee, requiring volunteers to enter data from the second page of membership applications into a database at National. Hundreds of volunteers are now working on this project nationwide.

At the close of the Chapter Achievement year for 2006-2007, over 280,000 lineages had been completed with approximately 500 being added each day. The results are already being made available to members through the eMembership website.

The Descendants Project is in need of more volunteers. There are nine West Virginia daughters currently working on the project who completed a total of 2,936 applications for the 2006-07 reporting year. This is commendable but we can do better. If you have access to a computer and can type, you can help with this very important project. The instructions can be downloaded from the member's website and printed off for reference. Applications are assigned to you in batches of 10. There are very specific rules, but once you have done your first batch, you will have become familiar with the rules, and the more you do the easier it becomes.

I find it very rewarding to be involved in the preservation of our precious records and hope that many of you will volunteer also. Should you need it, help is available to get you started.

Insignia Committee Cora P. Teel, State Chairman

2005

The chairman has answered questions about pin placement and the use of the Official Insignia.

2006

The chairman has answered questions about pin placement and the use of the Official Insignia.

2007

The chairman has answered questions about pin placement and the use of the Official Insignia.

Junior American Citizens Committee Susan Garrett, State Chairman

2004

This chairman attended the 98th State Conference in Morgantown, WV, and the Western District meeting in Charleston, WV.

This has been a wonderful year for the Junior American Citizens of West Virginia. Through the diligent efforts of Randa Watson of Anne Royal Chapter, Rita Lashley of Elizabeth Ludington Hagans – Colonel John Evans Chapter and your State Chairman of Westmoreland Chapter, the JACs of West Virginia received the following East Central Division awards: (1) States with most students participating in JAC Program, Category B – First Place; (2) States with most new schools and youth groups participating in JAC Program, Category B – First place; (3) States with largest number of JAC Clubs, Category B – First place; (4) States with largest number of JAC Contest Entries Category B – First Place.

Anne Royall had two first place winners and two honorable mentions on the National Level for their contest entries. The above mentioned awards allowed this chairman to receive the Thatcher Award, an honor which is greatly appreciated.

The JACs is one of the easiest groups to form. Any child from kindergarten to senior high school is eligible to become a member. All chapters should dare to step out beyond the classrooms and encourage church groups, scout groups, private schools, home schoolers and even neighborhood friends to become part of the Junior American Citizens.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Linda Parsons for her work with this committee. I will be working in a transitional stage this year to learn the responsibilities of this committee. Please contact me if I can be of any service to you and your chapter. I promise that I will work to get out information, acquire materials and look into resources to make this committee build on the great things accomplished by Mrs. Parsons and others during the previous administration.

2005

This Chairman received master Questionnaire forms from 37 chapters with four reporting activities. Of these four chapters, all sponsored JAC programs, two-reported chapter members participating in JAC Clubs, programs, and activities, and one reported sponsoring JAC Clubs.

Statewide, 14 schools participated in JAC programs, which included 32 classrooms, three youth groups including a Girl Scout Troup, and a total of 783 students. Seven new schools and on new youth group were added to the count this year. Six hundred ninety-two pins and 120 membership cards were distributed. One chapter sponsored four JAC clubs with one being a new club.

Two hundred five contest entries were received with the most being in the art category. Twenty-seven entries were sent to the state level for judging and 19 were forwarded to the East Central Division level.

Awards went to the following chapters:

- 1st place – Elizabeth Ludington Hagans – Colonel John Evans Chapter
- 2nd place – Anne Royall Chapter
- 3rd place – Westmoreland Chapter
- Honorable Mention – Kanawha Valley Chapter

Outstanding chapter chairmen included Rita Laishley of the Elizabeth Ludington Hagans – Colonel John Evans Chapter and Randa Watson of the Anne Royall Chapter. Next year's contest theme will be commemorating Ben Franklin's 300th birthday.

2006

This Chairman received Master Questionnaire forms from 39 chapters with four reporting activities. Of these four chapters, all sponsored JAC clubs, programs, and activities.

Statewide, 10 schools participated in JAC programs which include 36 classrooms, one youth group which was a 4-H club, and a total of 966 students. Four new schools and one youth group were added to the count this year. Seven hundred ninety-two pins and 35 membership cards were distributed.

Two hundred thirty-nine contest entries were received with the most being in the art category. Twenty-four entries were sent to the state level for judging and 19 were forwarded to the East Central Division Level.

Awards went to the following chapters:

- 1st place – Anne Royall
- 2nd place – Elizabeth Ludington Hagans – Colonel John Evans
- 3rd place – Kanawha Valley
- Honorable Mention – South Branch Valley

Outstanding chapter chairmen included:

Katy Keith – Anne Royall Chapter
Rita Laishley – Elizabeth Ludington Hagans – Colonel John Evans Chapter

2007

This chairman received Master Questionnaire forms from 36 chapters with five reporting activities. Of these five chapters, all sponsored JAC programs and two reported chapter members participating in JAC clubs, programs, and activities. Statewide, 12 schools participated in JAC programs which include 74 classrooms, 25 youth groups, and a total of 1328 students. Twenty-seven new schools and several youth groups were added to the count this year.

One thousand forty-four pins and 60 membership cards were distributed as well as United States flags, fact sheets, and contest citation cards. One hundred eighty-eight contest entries were received with the most being in the art category. Nineteen contest entries were sent to the state level for judging and 15 were forwarded to the East Central Division level. This chairman was honored to receive a Thatcher Award for her work with the committee from National Chairman Janet Whittington.

Awards went to the following chapters: 1st place- Anne Royal Chapter, 2nd place- Elizabeth Lundington Hagans Chapter and Colonel John Evans Chapter, 3rd place- Kanawha Valley Chapter, Honorable Mention- Barboursville and Westmoreland. This chairman would like to thank those chapters who participated in Junior American Citizens committee work during these three years. It has been rewarding.

Junior Membership Committee
Dina Braniff, State Chairman

2004

It was this chairman's great pleasure to attend the Junior Potpourri luncheon with former West Virginia Junior Chairman, Edna Barnes, in Washington during Continental Congress.

Edna received a National Junior Product Superstar Award and West Virginia received several other national awards including:

3rd place Junior Sales/States with 21 – 50 Chapters

2nd place HPMF Contributions/States with 21 – 50 chapters

2nd place East Central Division Junior Sales

My sincere congratulations and respect for Edna and the job she did for the West Virginia Junior Committee.

Juniors continue to fill important offices in their Chapters. They represent an enormous potential that can greatly benefit our organization. Remember that you get more points for a new Junior member in comparison to just one point for a new member in your count for Chapter Achievement. The Juniors are selling voices for a doily with the DAR Spinning Wheel and words Daughters of the American Revolution. This doily was hand crocheted and donated by Sylvia Bargeloh of the Blennerhassett Chapter. We have a large display of items for sale this year and hope you shop early for the best selection.

Save your sales receipts from Junior purchases and submit to your chapter treasurer for inclusion and Chapter credit on Chapter Achievement. Information for Junior's were placed in the Chapter packet. It is this Chairman's goal to have a West Virginia Outstanding Junior. Please help me realize my goal.

2006

West Virginia had fourteen new juniors admitted this year! Anne Royall Chapter, Charleston Chapter and Pack Horse Ford Chapter will be awarded a First Place Ribbons from this committee for two new juniors. Second Place Ribbons will be awarded to Barboursville Chapter, Capt. James Allen Chapter, Elizabeth Ludington Hagans – Col. John Evans Chapter, Dan. Davisson Chapter, John Young Chapter, Kanawha Valley Chapter, Peters Mountain Chapter and Ye Towne of Bath Chapter for each obtaining one new junior member. Thank you one and all for the efforts you have put forth recruiting these new Junior members in your point count for Chapter Achievement!

Juniors continue to fill important offices in their Chapter, They represent an enormous potential that can greatly benefit our organization and they are our leaders of tomorrow. Our Junior's Sales Table had total sales of \$606.74 at State Conference last April in Parkersburg. We are excited about our merchandise and encourage you to do your shopping early for best selections. Remember to say your sales receipts from Junior purchases and submit to your chapter treasurer for inclusion and Chapter credit on Chapter Achievement.

The Innisbrook Wrap products continue to be national Junior Sales project. The product is high quality and I really encourage you to carefully review the information when it is sent to you for your chapter junior sales consideration. One roll will wrap seventeen shirt boxes and the paper is very strong. Daughters you know what it costs for a gift wrap in the dept. store. Captain James Allen Chapter, Elizabeth Ludington Hagans – Col. John Evans Chapter and James Barbour Chapter sold Innisbrook Wrap products this year.

Chapters donated a total of \$156.00 to the Helen Pouch Memorial Fund and the Regent of John Young Chapter made a \$100.00 donation to the "Friends of junior membership." I can't say enough what your support means to our Juniors. Thank you all so much.

Two Chapters named Outstanding Juniors this year. Barboursville Chapter named Melissa Blake-Smith their Outstanding Junior and Col. Morgan Morgan named Jennifer Vincent as their Outstanding Junior. It is still this Chairman's goal to have a West Virginia Outstanding Junior. If I can be of assistance in any way please do not hesitate to contact me. Please help me realize the goal of a West Virginia Outstanding Junior.

2007

West Virginia had fourteen new Juniors admitted this year! Shenandoah Valley Chapter will be awarded a 1st place ribbon from this committee for five new Juniors by application. Anne Royall Chapter will received a 2nd place ribbon for four new Juniors, three by application and one by reinstatement. The 3rd place ribbons are awarded to Pack Horse Ford Chapter for 2 new Juniors and Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Col. John Evans Chapter, Col. Charles Lewis and Col. Zackquill Morgan chapters for each obtaining one new Junior members. The Barboursville Chapter will also receive a 1st place ribbon for naming Melissa Blake-Smith as their Chapter's Outstanding Junior.

Juniors continue to fill important officers in their Chapters. They represent an enormous potential that can greatly benefit our organization and they are our leaders of tomorrow!

Stop by the Junior Sales Table. We are excited about our new merchandise and encourage you to shop early for the best selections. We also appreciate the donations that many of you have made to our sales table. Remember to save your sales receipts from Junior purchases and submit to your Chapter Treasurer for inclusion and credit on the Chapter Achievement.

The Innsbrook Wrap products continue to be a National Junior Sales Project. The product is of high quality and I really encourage you to carefully review the information when it is sent to your chapter for consideration. One roll will wrap 17 shirt boxes and the paper is very strong. Captain James Allen Chapter, Anne Bailey Chapter, James Wood Chapter, Hagans-Evans Chapter, and James Barbour Chapter all sold the Innsbrook pater this year and will be receiving an Honorable Mention ribbons. I can't say enough what your support means to the Juniors. Thank you all so much!!

Lineage Research Committee Linda Hendrickson, State Chairman

2005

The Lineage Research Committee is an important tool available to prospective members. We have an obligation to assist them. Vital to this endeavor is the Lineage Research Lookup Volunteers.

Currently we have 26 such volunteers in our state society who are willing to look for specific information in state achieves county courthouses, local cemeteries, local genealogical societies, libraries and personal collections.

This past year volunteers responded to 30 requests, conducted lineage research workshops, provided information for genealogy workshops sponsored by other organizations, indexed funeral home records and conducted genealogical research workshops at public libraries.

Thanks and appreciation is extended to all chapters and volunteers who have made membership possible through their efforts in lineage research. Four chapters have made significant contributions to the efforts of this committee. They have received the following awards:

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| 1 st place | Barboursville Chapter |
| 2 nd place | Kanawha Valley Chapter |
| 3 rd place | Captain James Allen Chapter |
| Honorable Mention | Ye Towne of Bath |

2006

With membership being a top priority for both the national and state societies, lineage research is an important tool to achieve that goal. Rapid communication, exchange of accurate information and the sharing of local and personal genealogical resources are vital to the Lineage Research Committee.

To that end, 20 chapters reported 61 members serving as volunteers for lineage research. Forty-one Lineage Research requests were resolved at the chapter level, 1 from the state level and 3 from the national level. Of the 48 Lineage Research workshops/workdays conducted, 12 of which were sponsored by other organizations, 61 prospective members were identified, 18 of which became members.

Chapters report many activities that promote lineage research: volunteers at local libraries for genealogical research, compiling research for the National Society Library, programs during chapter meetings, donations to the Friends of Lineage Research Committee, establishing records of chapter members, providing links for prospective members on websites, distributing DAR materials to prospective members and assisting prospective members with the completion of application forms.

Chapters receiving recognition:

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| FIRST PLACE: | Barboursville Chapter |
| SECOND PLACE: | Wheeling Chapter |
| THIRD PLACE: | James Wood Chapter |
| HONORABLE MENTION: | Ohio Valley Chapter |
| | Blennerhassett Chapter |
| | Colonel Charles Lewis |

Literacy Challenge Committee Susan Arnold, State Chairman

2004

Thirty-six master Questionnaires, representing 1768 West Virginia Daughters, were received with eighteen of these chapters submitting "No Report."

Anne Royall Chapter submitted member Anne Royall in nomination for the Literacy Challenge Committee Contest for Outstanding Service of a Member. Mrs. Royall's nomination was forwarded to the East Central Division.

Thirty-six daughters participated in literacy programs with 409 hours tutoring or promoting literacy in adults, and 2286 hours with children. Several chapters reported that members were teachers who contributed daily, but these hours cannot be counted. Hours must be voluntary.

Awards for the largest number of literacy work hours per participating members:

- 1st place – Barboursville Chapter – 925 hours
- 2nd place – Shenandoah Valley Chapter – 390 hours
- 3rd place – John Hart Chapter – 220 hours

Awards for the largest percentage of member participation in literacy work:

- 1st place – Ohio Valley Chapter – 19%
- 2nd place – Shenandoah Valley Chapter – 11%
- 3rd place – South Branch Valley Chapter – 10%

Special recognition to these chapters for donating books to schools, libraries, programs:

- 1st place – Ohio Valley Chapter
- 2nd place – Shenandoah Valley Chapter
- 3rd place – Pack Horse Ford Chapter

All participation was up from last year. I would like to encourage all West Virginia chapters to continue to participate in literacy activities and to record their efforts. There are detailed descriptions of ways to participate on the Literacy Challenge Committee website. These include serving as a reading tutor, teaching your own children and grandchildren to read, and donating books to libraries or schools. There will again be contests for Outstanding Service of a DAR Member and Outstanding Service for a Chapter.

2005

Thirty-four Master Questionnaires, representing 1,827 West Virginia Daughters, were received, with fifteen of these chapters submitting "No Report." I am pleased to report that participation in all aspects of the Literacy Challenge was up significantly this year.

One hundred thirty daughters in nineteen chapters participated in literacy activities this year, with 1,477 hours reported for tutoring or promoting literacy in adults, and 3,218 hours reported for working with children. The total reported number of hours spent working with literacy activities was 4,695, and the total number of books donated to libraries and schools were reported as 1,843. The number of daughters participating in literacy activities is up 250% from last year, and the total number of hours spent working with literacy activities is up 74% from last year.

West Virginia Daughters are doing some great things with literacy programs. Members are volunteering with their local literacy organizations, as well as with schools and libraries, and with reading programs such as Head Start, Energy Express, and Read Aloud. Their experiences range from tutoring English as a second language to reading to children at story hours. Many of our members are also teaching their children and grandchildren to read. Members and chapters have been generous with their book donations to schools and libraries, and with monetary contributions to literacy programs.

Awards given this year were as follows:

Just Teach One—(Teaching children/grandchildren to read; reading/literacy tutors; volunteers for libraries/literacy groups)

- 1st place – Anne Royall
- 2nd place – Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Col. John Evans
- 3rd place – Ohio Valley

Honorable Mention – (>100 hours in literacy activities accumulated by members): Buford, Capt. James Allen, John Hart, John Young, Pack Horse Ford, Shenandoah Valley, Trans-Allegheny, Wheeling, Ye Towne of Bath

Search & Rescue—(Raising public awareness of the literacy crisis and ways to help)

- 1st place – John Hart
- 2nd place – John Young

Fundraising—(Donations of books to libraries or schools; funds to literacy programs)

- 1st place – Elizabeth Ludington Hagans – Col. John Evans
- 2nd place – Capt. James Allen
- 3rd place – Anne Royall

Honorable Mention – Kanawha Valley, Ohio Valley

Three nominations were received for the Literacy Challenge Committee Contest for Outstanding Service of a Member. A panel of three judges selected Kay Bailey, of the Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Col. John Evans Chapter, as the state winner. Her nomination was forwarded to the East Central Division. Marie Graybill, of the Wheeling Chapter and Hilda Wright, of the Ohio Valley Chapter, were awarded Honorable Mention.

In the next year, I would like to encourage all West Virginia Chapters to keep a log of hours donated by their members to literacy – related activities. Please remember that the hours reported must be voluntary. There are detailed descriptions of ways to participate on the Literacy Challenge Committee website. These include serving as a reading tutor, sponsoring programs on literacy, teaching your children and grandchildren to read, and donating books to libraries or schools. Books can be donated by individuals of chapters; again, keeping a chapter log of book donations would be helpful. I would like to ask that when chapters report their literacy – related activities on the next master Questionnaire, that they include a brief description of hours their members achieved the hours reported so that these can be detailed on our state report.

2006

Thirty-nine Master Questionnaires, representing 1,912 West Virginia Daughters were received. Sixteen of these chapters submitted “No Report.” I am pleased to report that the number of chapters participating in the Literacy Challenge increased this year by 21%.

One hundred fourteen daughters in twenty-three chapters participated in literacy activities this year, with 751 hours reported for tutoring or promoting literacy in adults, and 5,077 hours reported for working with children. The total number of hours spent working with literacy activities was 5,828, and the total number of books donated to libraries and schools was reported as 1,011. In addition, chapter reported a total of \$171.00 in monetary donations to libraries and literacy groups to support their projects. While the number of daughters participating in literacy activities was roughly the same as last year, the total number of hours spent working with literacy activities was up 24% from last year.

West Virginia Daughters are doing some great things with literacy programs. Members are volunteering with their local literacy organizations, as well with schools and libraries, and with reading programs such as Energy Express and Read Aloud. Their experiences range from tutoring English as a second language to reading to children at story hours. Many of our members are teaching their children and grandchildren to read. Members and chapters have been generous with their book donations to schools and libraries and with monetary contributions to literacy programs. A few chapters reported that their members are supporting the literacy program sponsored by Verizon. The definition of literacy is broadening to include computer literacy, with some members helping people to complete on line forms such as job applications.

Awards presented this year are as follows:

Just Teach One—(teaching children/grandchildren to read; reading/literacy tutors; volunteers for libraries/literacy groups)

1st place – Anne Royall

2nd place – Ohio Valley

3rd place – Buford and Shenandoah Valley

Honorable mention – Anne Bailey, Barboursville, Capt. James Allen,

Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Col. John Evans, John Hart, John Young,

Kanawha Valley, Peters Mountain, South Branch Valley, Ye Towne of

Batch

Arch & Rescue—(raising public awareness of the literacy crisis and ways to help)

1st place – Elizabeth Ludington Hagan-Col. John Evans

2nd place – South Branch Valley

3rd place – Blennerhassett

Honorable Mention – Barboursville, Kanawha Valley, Peters Mountain,

Shenandoah Valley

Unfortunately, no nominations were received this year for the Outstanding Service of a Member Contest or the Outstanding Service of a Chapter Contest, both of which are sponsored annually by the Literacy Challenge Committee.

In the next year, I would like to continue to encourage all West Virginia Chapters to keep a log of hours donated by their members to literacy-related activities. Please remember that the hours reported must be voluntary. There are detailed descriptions of ways to participate on the Literacy Challenge Committee website at <http://members.dar.org/literacy/index.htm>. These include serving as a reading tutor, sponsoring programs on literacy, teaching your children and grandchildren to read, and donating books and /or cash to libraries, schools, or literacy programs. Books can be donated by individuals or chapter; again, keeping a chapter log of book donations would be helpful. Also, it is more useful to report the actual number of books donated rather than the estimated monetary value of book donations. However, actual monetary donations to a library, school, or literacy program by chapters or members are encouraged to be included on the chapter’s report. I would again like to ask that when chapter report their literacy-related activities on next year’s Mast Questionnaire, that they include a brief description of how their members achieved the hours reported so that these can be detailed on our state report.

2007

Thirty-seven Master Questionnaires representing 1,845 West Virginia Daughters were received. Twelve of these chapters submitted “No Report.” One hundred three daughters in twenty-five chapters participated in literacy activities this year.

The total number of hours spent working with literacy activities was 6,989, with 803 hours reported for tutoring or promoting literacy in adults, and 6,186 hours reported for working with children. There were a total of 879 books donated to libraries and schools. In addition, chapters reported approximately \$300 in monetary contributions to libraries and literacy groups in support of their projects.

West Virginia Daughters are participating in a variety of activities to promote literacy. Members are volunteering with their local schools and libraries, and with reading programs such as Energy Express, Read Aloud, and children's story hours. Many members are keeping track of hours spent teaching their children and grandchildren to read. While much of the state literacy effort is focused on children, some members are reaching out to adults through volunteer work with libraries and local literacy organizations and by reading to the elderly and blind. Members and chapters have been generous with their book donations to schools and libraries, and with monetary contributions to literacy programs, both directly and through the United Way.

Awards presented this year are as follows:

Just Teach One—(teaching children/grandchildren to read, reading/literacy tutors; volunteers for libraries/literacy groups)

1st place—Ye Towne of Bath

2nd place—Anne Royall

3rd place—Barboursville

Honorable Mention (> 100 hours): Anne Bailey, Bee Line, Buford, Capt. James Allen, Col. Charles Lewis, Elizabeth Ludington Hagans – Col. John Evans, James Wood, John Hart, Kanawha Valley, Ohio Valley, Pack Horse Ford, Shenandoah Valley, South Branch Valley, Trans-Allegheny, Wheeling

Fundraising—(Donations of books to libraries or schools; funds to literacy programs)

1st place—Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Col. John Evans

2nd place—Kanawha Valley

3rd place—Bee Line

Honorable Mention: Barboursville, Capt. James Allen, Ohio Valley, South Branch Valley

Outstanding Service of a Member Contest:

State Winner: Linda Link Whitman, Capt. James Allen Chapter

Second Place: Shirley W. Sergeant, Kanawha Valley Chapter

Special Recognition Certificates to Outstanding Literacy Volunteers:

Violet Hysell—Barboursville Chapter

Lois Hatfield—Elizabeth Ludington Hagans—Col. John Evans Chapter

Marie Graybill—Wheeling Chapter

Valerie Fish—Wheeling Chapter

Eloise Puglisi—Wheeling Chapter

In the next year, I would like to encourage all West Virginia Chapters to continue to keep a log of books and volunteer hours donated by their members to literacy-related activities. There are detailed descriptions of ways to participate on the Literacy Challenge Committee website at <http://members.dar.org/literacy/index.htm>. Madam State Regent, thank you for the opportunity to serve as Literacy Challenge Chairman during your administration; it has been a pleasure.

Membership Committee Edna Barnes, State Chairman

2004

This Chairman wishes to extend special thanks to Frannie Weekley for giving me hands-on experience before I actually took over this position. The challenge now is to assist Prospective Members to obtain membership and to regain members lost to Member At Large status and who have been dropped. We have been fortunate to add sixty-nine new members since last State Conference. We must, however, remain vigilant and keep active those who are new. We have one hundred sixteen Prospective Members reported and hope that each Chapter is striving to aid these ladies in their quest to become members. I ask that each Chapter supply me with a contact person so that information may flow as swiftly as possible between us.

A patriot throw has been donated and voices will be sold on it with the proceedings going to the State Regents project. A tree is also on display holding bells with the names of the new members. New members may retrieve their bell at the close of the Conference or a friend may take it to them.

Thank you State Regent for your faith in assigning me this position. I am finding it rewarding and challenging.

2005

The main purpose of the Membership Chairman is to assist those wishing to join our beautiful organization. This includes seeing that they are referred to a Chapter closest to them so that they may become a participant in the affairs of the Chapter to the best of their abilities.

Since our last State Conference last October, we have had the following: 17 Deceased, 26 Resigned, 6 Transferred Out, 5 Transferred In, 6 Reinstates and 37 new Members. This results in a deficit of members. This is a step backwards, which we cannot afford.

Seventeen new prospective members were assigned and nine have been verified as of March 24, 2005 and were assigned # 3 this past week and are our current newest members and we have 20 prospective members with applications pending. We must reach out to these ladies and see that they are assisted and welcomed among us.

Thank you, Madam State Regent for appointing me to this most interesting and rewarding job.

2006

Madame State Regent, Membership Chairman is a position with many ups and downs. New prospective members are a joy, deaths and resigned or dropped are not. Before I get into numbers, I would like to thank those Chapter contacts who respond to my request for progress reports on the ladies that I assign to their Chapters, Carol Linger is a shining example of one who is diligent in this respect. Others are starting to report as well and I thank you all.

Above all, do NOT hand out papers to prospective and ignore them. Most need help in filling out their papers – not that you are asked to do that for them! Keep in touch and ask if they need assistance – a kind work will sometimes mean the difference between a new member and one who drifts off and is never heard from again.

This year we have 75 new members, 21 in pending in Washington with 7 verified. Our thirty-nine Chapters have 1,912 official members as of January 1, 2006, which is a loss of 41 members during the past year. We cannot afford these losses.

We have 148 Prospective members on the National eMembership list and there are some that Chapters have that I am not aware of. We also have had 24 Supplementals approved with 34 in process. Letters have been written to every member who resigned or was dropped their membership from February 2005 to December 2005. Every Chapter Regent who has unpaid members have been contacted. Ladies, continue the good work. We must strive to stay alive!

2007

Membership is the lifeblood of any organization. In DAR, the Membership Chairman is a vital role. She assigns new prospective members to the viable Chapter nearest them. This allows for more participation and attendance.

Since our last State Conference, we have added 85 members to our rolls: 65 new members, 12 reinstated and 10 transferred in. These numbers sound marvelous, and they are, until you hear the following: 11 transferred out of state, 42 deceased, 30 resigned and 30 dropped. This is a loss of 28 members in the WV Society. The resigned and dropped members are the most disturbing. When questioned, some felt that we are not meeting the needs of our members in some fashion.

We have 140 prospective members. Of these, 28 are pending and fifteen have been verified by National as of April 8, 2007. We MUST keep in close contact with our members and perspective members if we are to thrive. Apathy is the major killer of every organization. Use your members whenever possible. No one wants to feel that they are not needed in some fashion. We must STRIVE to stay ALIVE.

I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the valiant efforts of the Shenandoah Valley Chapter during this past year. They have 12 new members, five of whom are Juniors and six of whom belong to the same family. They also have five pending members with four already verified. A HEARTY well done to them!

National Defense Committee Anne Cummings, State Chairman

2004

Thirty-six chapters finished the National Defense portion of the master Questionnaire. We have six – 1st place, nine – 2nd place and six- 3rd place certificate winners.

Programs this year range from Early American Soldiers; how the Constitution works for us; information on the Boeing 747 planes; life in Afghanistan on a military base; Veterans and defense issues; and the most reported – Homeland Security both over the entire country to what is being done here in West Virginia.

Thirty-three chapters reported having the three-minute National Defense report. Fifteen chapters donated at least one entire program to national Defense. Thirteen chapters presented 45 Good Citizens medals. Ten chapters presented 13 bronze medals and two chapters presented 3 gold medals. Twenty chapters contributed a total of \$243.00 to the NSDAR ROTC awards

program. Several chapters reported sharing the national Defender and other National Defense material to chapter members, friends and also placed these items in libraries.

Awards:

1st Place Chapters: Anne Bailey, Barboursville, Buford, Capt. James Allen, Elizabeth Ludington Hagans – John Evans, and James Wood

2nd Place Chapters: Bee Line, Blennerhassett, Col. Zackquill Morgan Matthew French, Pack Horse Ford, Shenandoah Valley, South Branch Valley, Trans-Allegheny, Ye Towne of Bath

3rd Place Chapters: Col. Charles Lewis, Col. Morgan Morgan, Daniel Davisson, General Andrew Lewis, John Cooke, Ohio Valley

2005

The Chairman received reports from 40 Chapters, 100% reporting.

39 Chapters devoted at least three minutes at regular meetings.

20 Chapters had one full program on National Defense.

13 Chapters distributed material to members and 3 Chapters to the general public.

47 Chapters presented Good Citizenship Medals.

13 Chapters presented Bronze ROTC Medals and 3 Chapters presented Gold Medals.

21 Chapters contributed to NSDAR ROTC Awards Program \$40.00.

Most of the National Defense Programs were presented by active or retired military personnel, County and City officials and also the American Red Cross. Topics were "Home Land Security", "Terrorism – the role of the American Red Cross." Governor Joe Manchin spoke at the Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter. Kasey Warner from the U. S. Attorney General's office and President Bush's appointee to Homeland Security was the speaker at the Kanawha Valley Chapter. Suggestions were a list of speakers from state to be composed so chapters could contact. "National Defender" to be sent to Chapter Chairman rather than two copies to the Chapter Regent. A template for the 3 minute presentation.

A good project for the State would be if Chapters could invite persons having sons and daughters in war zones to a reception honoring service personnel.

2006

Thirty-nine Chapters reported. Thirty-seven had reports on National Defense. Twenty-one Chapters had program with speakers for the National Guard, American Red Cross, County Emergency Services, Active and Retired Military Service persons.

Three programs stood out----Dr. Robert Wilgoss, Professor at Sheppard College, Major Elizabeth Bledsoe "Iraq and the Women in the Military", St. Sgt. Shaffer of National Guard, "The Other Side of the War in Iraq – how the Citizens reacted to the Soldiers."

Several Chapters had articles in local newspapers and received favorable comments. Fifty-four Chapters presented Good Citizenship medals. Fifteen bronze ROTC Medals and five gold ROTC Medals were presented. Two comments were interesting....."Include liberal approach as well as the conservative.....we are all Patriots." The National Defender seems to have lost its SPARK. It seems to be afraid to offend.

2007

37 Chapters reported. 36 Chapters had programs on National Defense with notable speakers concerning: consumer protection, Army National Guard, History of Woman Suffrage, World War II Veterans, American Legion, The Flag of the United States of America, service of veterans, and the status of the military around the world.

16 bronze and 3 gold medals were presented to ROTC units across the state. Huntington High School and Marshall University ROTC units presented the Colors at Chapter meetings. Several chapters attended the annual award ceremonies of ROTC units.

Two chapters ties for first place in Chapters with 50-100 members: Buford Chapter and Hagans-Evans Chapter. Second place went to Kanawha Valley Chapter and third place was Pack Horse Ford Chapter. Chapters with 20-50 members winners are: first place is Shenandoah Valley Chapter; second place was Ohio Valley Chapter and third place was Anne Bailey Chapter. Honorable mention goes to Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter and Colonel Zackquill Morgan Chapter.

**President General's Project Committee
Betty Belcher, State Chairman**

2004

The President General's Project committee is an on-going committee for the three year term of the President General's Administration and I thank Patricia Daugherty for her dedication and energy in promoting the project set forth by President General, Linda Tinker Watkins.

West Virginia Daughters contributed \$9,186.00 with twenty-one Chapters achieving 100% participation and individual contributions given were \$200.00.

During Continental Congress in July 2004, a West Virginia Daughter was selected to serve behind our Golden Wheel and she needs our support to reach her destination. President General, Presley Merritt Wagoner will continue to preserve our valuable genealogical records and enhance online accessibility. In the years to come, public access to this information will help to generate the revenue needed to fund the operations of our National Society.

The President General's Project Theme is: "Preserving Our Patriotic Heritage". Each member is asked to contribute six dollars over the three year term. Chapter may Budget for this expense and Chapters are to use the membership count of January 1, 2005 to achieve the 100% participation certificate.

Our goal is for West Virginia to have 100% for the project of The Wagoner Administration. "The Bell of Freedom" - "The Sound of Patriotism", gives me great pleasure to report one contribution has been made for this Administration.

Chapters receiving awards: Anne Bailey, Anne Royall, Buford, James Allen, Col. Charles Lewis, Col. Zackquill Morgan, Elizabeth Ludington Hagen-Col. John Evans, James Barbour, General Andrew Lewis, James Wood, John Chapman, John Hart, Kanawha Valley, Westmoreland, Wheeling, and Ye Towne of Bath.

Madam State Regent, thank you for the opportunity to serve as chairman of the President General's Project Committee.

2005

The President General's Project committee is an ongoing committee for the three year term of the President General's administration and the membership count for the Waggoner President General's Project will be taken from the official count of January 1, 2005 for the chapters in existence on that date. Once the membership count is set, it remains the same through the three-year administration even if a chapter gains or loses members.

Guidelines for the President General's Project were sent out to all members on the WVDAR e-mail list. West Virginia Daughters have been very generous this past six months "Preserving Our Patriotic Heritage"

West Virginia has thirty-nine chapters with 1,953 members and thirty-six chapters have contributed to the project. Eight chapters have achieved their 100% participation. Chapters contributed \$4,670.00 and Individual contributions received were \$150.00. Total sent to the office of Treasurer General, NSDAR was \$4,820.00 and I thank State Treasurer, Barbara Rutledge for keeping me informed of the funds she received. "The Bell of Freedom...The Sound of Patriotism," our goal is 100% by the end of the Wagoner administration. Madam State Regent, it is with pleasure to serve as Chairman of the President General's Project committee.

2006

Great progress is being made "Preserving Our Patriotic Heritage" and this Chairman is pleased to report that all thirty-nine chapters have made contributions.

Thanks to the James Wood and Shenandoah Valley Chapters, ten chapters have achieved their 100% participation.

This year chapters have sent contributions of \$3400.00. Individual donations made were \$800.00 and miscellaneous State donations were \$1150.00.

Special thanks go to the Cameo Club for their generous donation, to the West Virginia Congress bus Director, Marion McCullough for distributing donation forms and to our State Treasurer, Barbara Rutledge for keeping me informed of the funds she received.

Next year will finalize this project for this administration. "The Bell of Freedom...The Sound of Patriotism", our goal is 100%. Remember when sending in chapter contributions, the membership count is January 1, 2005. Please see me if you have any questions. I have donation forms and order blanks for the President General's Project items.

Madam State Regent, Thank you for your support to the President General's Project and it is a pleasure to serve. President General's Project, Committee

Chapters with - 100% Participation to the President General's Project:--James Wood and Shenandoah Valley Individual - Contribution to the President General's Project:

Patricia Daugherty - Buford Chapter
Carmen G. Sillman - South Branch Valley Chapter
Edna J. Barnes - Blennerhassett Chapter
Marion E. McCullough - Buford Chapter
Nancy A. Hollandsworth - Captain James Allen Chapter
Margaret Ann Bays - Captain James Allen Chapter
Mary Blaine McLaughlin - John Young Chapter
Ginger Nalley - Ohio Valley Chapter
Deborah Smith - Wheeling Chapter

Geraldine Jackson – Anne Bailey Chapter
Sally Ford – General Andrew Lewis Chapter
Barbara Fish – James Wood Chapter
Marjorie Allen – Peters Mountain Chapter
Judith Ramey Workman – Westmoreland Chapter
Avis Marcum – Westmoreland Chapter

2007

“The Bell of Freedom...The Sound of Patriotism” inspired our West Virginia Daughters with an abundance of love for “Preserving Our Patriotic Heritage”. During the Wagoner Administration, WV Daughters made generous contributions to the President General’s Project. All of our 39 Chapters made donations and thirty-four Chapters have achieved 100% participation. Members purchased sale items, promoted sales at Congress and made donations so they could purchase the Bell Pin from the J.E. Caldwell Company.

Our WV Target was \$11,718 with 1,953 members and as of March 20, 2007, it is a pleasure to announce that we went over our target with \$13,126, making us over by \$1,408. Our State achieved 100% participation!

A special thanks goes to our State Treasurer, Barbara Rutledge, for keeping me up to date with the donations received. If any member or Chapter would still like to donate, there is time. The deadline to meet the National Target Goal is June 1, 2007. Madam State Regent, it has been a pleasure to serve you!

Program Committee Virginia “Ginger” Nalley, State Chairman

2006

We have 100% reporting this year. Of the thirty-nine chapters twenty-five chapters reported “No Report” with two chapters requesting information to assist them next year.

The other fourteen chapters used Manuscripts, DVD’s, CD’s and Videotapes. Eight of these chapters have used the national Program Office for program ideas. The Lewis and Clark Expedition and One Hundred years of Constitution Hall were the favorite programs.

Madam State Regent it is a pleasure to serve in your administration. Below are the following award for the year:

1st place – Wheeling Chapter and Col. Morgan Morgan Chapter

2nd place – Barboursville Chapter, John Young Chapter, Shenandoah Valley Chapter, South Branch Valley Chapter, Trans-Allegheny Chapter

3rd place – Bee Line Chapter, Blennerhassett Chapter, Buford Chapter, Captain James Allen Chapter, Col. Zackquill Morgan Chapter, Matthew French Chapter

Honorable Mention – Anne Bailey Chapter, Anne Royall Chapter, Blackwater Chapter, Col. Charles Lewis Chapter, Col. William Lowther Chapter, Charleston Chapter, Daniel Davison Chapter, Elizabeth Zane Chapter, Elizabeth Ludington Hagens - Col. John Evans Chapter, Elk River Chapter, Fort Ashby Chapter, General Andrew Lewis Chapter, James Barbour Chapter, James Wood Chapter, John Chapman Chapter, John Cooke Chapter, John Hart Chapter, Kanawha Valley Chapter, Mound Chapter, Ohio Valley Chapter, Pack Horse Ford Chapter, Peters Mountain Chapter, Westmoreland Chapter, William Henshaw Chapter, William Morris Chapter, Ye Towne of Bath Chapter

Public Relations, Motion Picture, Radio and Television Committee Nancy Largent, State Chairman

2005

37 chapters reported as follows

400 Articles

200 Photos

8 Radio Spots

2 TN Interviews

5 TV Spots

16 Chapter published newsletters

1 Chapter used Fact Sheet

11 Distributed PR materials available from NSDAR

8 Chapters published programs on Independence Day

20 Chapters observed Constitution Week

8 Chapters on Flag Day

6 observed the 225th Anniversary of the American Revolution

7 observed the 200th Anniversary of the Lewis & Clark Expedition

4 published articles on Veterans Day

Dedication by the Buford Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail marker Unveiling of the Revolutionary War Soldier Aaron Henry marker by the Hagans – Evans Chapter. Bells Across America Talk Show by the Col. Zackquill Morgan Chapter. Please list the public relations activities on you regent's report.

2006

39 Chapters in the State.

Media Placement:

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| Number of articles published: | 393 |
| Number of photos published: | 291 |
| Number of radio spots aired: | 147 |
| Number of radio interviews: | 1 |
| Number of television spots that mentioned your chapter | 10 |

Member Communication:

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| Number of chapters that publish newsletters: | 14 |
| Number of chapters that publish fact sheets/brochures: | 9 |
| Number of chapters that use the PR materials available from NSDAR: | 9 |

Publicity:

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|---|----|
| Number of chapters that initiated publicity for: | |
| Veteran's Day | 9 |
| Independence Day | 7 |
| Constitution Week | 22 |
| Flag Day | 8 |
| 225 th Anniversary of the American Revolution | 5 |
| 200 th Anniversary of the Lewis & Clark Expedition | 5 |

Other commemorative events publicized:

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| Historical Marker Restoration |
| Historical marker Unveiling |
| Fort Ashby "Fort" Celebration |

Motion Picture, Radio and Television:

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| Number of awards presented to media programs or personnel: | 1 |
| Number of contact made to media Re. programming | 0 |

2007

39 Chapters in the State.

Media Placement:

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| Number of articles published: | 340 |
| Number of photos published: | 263 |
| Number of radio spots aired: | 52 |
| Number of radio interviews: | 4 |
| Number of television spots that mentioned your chapter | 10 |

Member Communication:

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|--|----|
| Number of chapters that publish newsletters: | 15 |
| Number of chapters that publish fact sheets/brochures: | 9 |
| Number of chapters that use the PR materials available from NSDAR: | 12 |

Publicity:

| | |
|---|----|
| Number of chapters that initiated publicity for: | |
| Veteran's Day | 9 |
| Independence Day | 6 |
| Constitution Week | 24 |
| Flag Day | 7 |
| 225 th Anniversary of the American Revolution | 3 |
| 200 th Anniversary of the Lewis & Clark Expedition | 5 |

Other commemorative events publicized:

Pearl Harbor Day
Battle of Yorktown
250th Anniversary of the French and Indian War
65th Anniversary of a Chapter

Motion Picture, Radio and Television:

Number of awards presented to media programs or personnel: 1
Number of contact made to media Re: programming 2

Seimes Technology Center Committee
Marlene Jones, State Chairman

The Flag of the United States of America
Diana L. Johnson, State Chairman

2005

- F Flags were distributed, displayed and draped.
Two hundred thirteen small flags were presented, 180 brochures were given and 164 bookmarks.
Favorite quotes were given: "Fly the flag forever"
"You're a Grand Old Flag"
"It's a rugged old flag"
- L Lists were kept by chairman, their activities to provide.
Large flags were gifted also, twenty-seven in all.
- A All Chapters reported in proper form.
Accomplishments were provided and I was quite impressed.
Some got their picture in the paper while others marched in parades.
One even saw a 13 star flag fly in Iraq.
- G Gloves are to be removed whenever pledging or saluting.
God is in our pledge, and there he should remain.
Great things were accomplished. I look forward to much more.

2006

Thirty-nine (39) of forty-one (41) Chapters reported to this Chairman. Five thousand thirty (5,030) flags of all sizes were distributed across the State. Four hundred one (401) Flag Codes were also distributed.

Thirty-eight (38) certificates were presented to outstanding citizens and businesses of West Virginia for their proper display and respect of the Flag. Five hundred one (501) Flag pins were also presented in parades, schools and programs. An additional three thousand two hundred eighty-eight (3,288) patriotic bookmarks and other literature were disseminated.

Presentations on the Flag were given to schools, civic organizations such as the Elks, historical societies, the Scouts, JAC, veterans, and the Children of the American Revolution. One Chapter even hosted a Flag Day luncheon.

Favorite submission was the photograph of the two-year-old CAR member saluting the Flag. One Chapter member placed a Flag on a civil war veteran's grave. Another Chapter donated money for the restoration of Civil War flags.

Great achievements were made by all participating Chapters. I look forward to another year as Chairman.

2007

Thirty-six (36) of forty (40) Chapters reported to this Chairman. One thousand four hundred ninety-nine (1,499) flags of all sizes were distributed across the State. Eight hundred ninety-one (891) Flag Codes were also distributed. Fourteen (14) certificates were presented to outstanding citizens and businesses of West Virginia for their proper display and respect of the Flag. Six hundred fourteen (614) Flag pins were also presented in parades, to schools and during programs. An additional six hundred ninety-seven (697) patriotic bookmarks and other literature were distributed.

Presentations on the Flag were given to schools; civic organizations such as the Elks; historical societies; the Scouts; JAC; the American Legion; and the Children of the American Revolution. One Chapter hosted a Flag Day luncheon at which this Chairman portrayed Betsy Ross and told her story regarding the first flag. Chapter members cared for veterans graves and placed flags for Memorial Day and Veterans Day. Two Chapters participated in Flag Retirement Ceremonies. Favorite

submissions were photographs of young children proudly waving or saluting the Flag. Best Flag Fact was that "the only resolution adopted by the first DAR Continental Congress in 1892 was to honor and respect the Flag." It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as Chairman of this Committee.

Volunteer Genealogists Committee Lillian "Lee" Eddy, State Chairman

2004

The changes in technology at National are reflecting in changes to the Volunteer Genealogy program. The efforts will no longer be limited to working on supplemental. The Registrar General, and Bett Houston, Volunteer Genealogy National Chairman, are working to establish programs, perhaps at a state level, to best utilize this new freedom.

This Chairman is looking forward to the future of the Volunteer Genealogy program.

2005

There are two purposes of the Volunteer Genealogy committee; verifying supplemental applications while in Washington DC and by helping members properly prepare applications and supplemental to be submitted.

There is now available a Genealogy Consultant training seminar at Washington DC available if you are interested. This training concentrates on improving the papers submitted rather than how to verify papers. This is a four-day session with limited number accepted. These were scheduled for February 22 - 25, 2005, April 25-28, May 23-26 and August 8 - 11, 2005. Information is available on line under committees at the membership site or you may contact this Chairman.

2006

The Volunteer Genealogist Committee is comprised of three parts: the *Volunteer Genealogist*, the *Volunteer Field Genealogist* and the *Genealogy Consultant*. Their purpose is to support the Registrar General in the recruitment of new members by expediting the preparation of properly prepared and properly documented applications.

The *Volunteer Field Genealogists* attend a special 2-day training seminar. They then present workshops to share this knowledge on how to properly prepare an application. The *Genealogical Consultant* attends a 4 day training session at National which focused on research genealogy rather than verification genealogy in order to improve the quality of applications. The *Volunteer Genealogist* will also attend a 4-day training and will now mentor both new applications and supplementals; may also assist Lineage Research department at National. There is information on training session dates at the Members web site.

Both volunteer Genealogists and Genealogy Consultant as of October 8, 2005 may now receive credit toward eligibility for the VG pin by establishing a line to a new Patriot or through a new child of an established Patriot for either prospective member applications or member supplementals. Twenty lines are required to qualify for the pin.

The West Virginia chapters continue to be active. We have had 4 members attend the Genealogical Consultant training at National. They are willing to help. One member has transcribed 330 applications for the "Descendents Project" while another member has volunteered 1600 hours a year in a genealogical library; others mentor prospective members with research. There were a total of 7 Workshops held by various chapters with a total of 67 in attendance and 18 prospective members.

2007

This past year has been a very busy one for many chapters in our state. Seventeen chapters reported 54 members serving as volunteers for lineage research. Seventy-four lineage research requests were resolved at the chapter level. Of the 81 workshops/workdays in which chapters participated, 30 prospective members were identified, 13 of which became members. Chapters reported many activities that promoted lineage research; application forms transcribed for local historical societies, computer researches using various genealogical research databases, compilation of old funeral home records, genealogical workshops, chapter websites, volunteer service at the WV State Archives and computer indexing of records. Several chapters have dedicated much effort to lineage research. Those receiving recognition are: First Place- Ohio Valley Chapter, Second Place- Captain James Allen Chapter, Third Place-Kanawha Valley Chapter, and Honorable Mention- Elizabeth Ludington Hagans- Colonel John Evans

Volunteer Information Specialists Committee Monica Brooks, State Chairman

2005

This year we have had significant activity in the area of Chapter web design that has helped publicize DAR and encourage membership. I recommend the following individuals and Chapters for VIS recognition:

Approved sites:

- **Mrs. Robin Aileen McClure, William Morris Chapter** – Ms. McClure should be recognized for their hard work preparing a graphically pleasing site that also makes excellent use of current navigational technology. The William Morris chapter's history, membership and unique features are expertly displayed in a fashion that entices potential memberships. National VIS Committee approval was obtained this year and the Chapter displays the official VIS approval image.
<http://www.wvdar.org/WilliamMorris/index.htm>
- **Ms. Katy Keith, Anne Royall Chapter** – Ms. Keith has provided guidance and hard work building a new page for the Anne Royall Chapter. Many components she provided share the history of the chapter and region in interesting photos of both past and present. She worked many weeks assisting the WVVIS in creating a beautiful theme that best describes the Chapter's efforts in this complex process. National VIS Committee approval was obtained this year and the Cipher displays the official VIS approval image.
<http://www.wvdar.org/AnneRoyall/>

New sites – Approval pending:

- **Ms. M. Ann Bays, James Allen Chapter** – Ms. Bays should be recognized for her initiative that has assisted in establishing a template for new website creation for future chapters. A basic outline has been compiled and Ms. Bays is working with WVVIS to add more content to the site. Upon State Regent review, it will be submitted to National VIS sometime during spring of 2005.
<http://www.wvdar.org/JamesAllen/>
- **Ms. Susan Arnold, Elizabeth Ludington Hagans – Col. John Evans** – Should be recognized for her beautiful and technically sound design on the Hagans-Evans page. The site provides a patriotic theme that is pleasing to the eye while being very informative to users and Chapter members. A wealth of information is provided to keep members informed while encouraging new membership. The site is currently under review and should be approved sometime during the summer of 2005 and can be found at: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~wvelhce/DAR/index.htm>
- **Ms. Robin Aileen McClure, on behalf of the Anne Bailey Chapter** – Ms. McClure has extended her excellent design skills to another chapter in which a beautiful site is currently being development and reviewed. It is anticipated approval will be forthcoming during the spring or summer of 2005. When approved, the site will be located at: <http://www.wvdar.org/AnneBailey/>

2007

We now have 18 chapters that have a webpage. Below are the updates for 2007:

New Webpage Development:

1. Elizabeth Zane – Final review pending
2. Kanawha Valley – Final review pending
3. Shenandoah Valley – under construction
4. South Branch Valley – under construction
5. William Henshaw – under construction

Outstanding use of a computer for DAR business, genealogical research, & communication:

1. Barboursville
2. Buford
3. Col. Morgan Morgan
4. Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Col. John Evans
5. John Cooke
6. Ohio Valley
7. Pack Horse Ford
8. Trans-Allegheny

Women's Issues Committee
Kathleen E. Bledsoe, State Chairman

2004

The Women's Issues Committee is sponsoring an essay contest. We want you to write an article on our three big issues; health, career, or family. These articles can be on issues of interest to the writer or perhaps something that the writer experienced. The Regent's packet has the information on guidelines and deadlines.

Family, career, health are the big three for women. But there are other issues too, in fact I cannot think of an issue that isn't in some way a women's issue. Check your packets, have a women's issue program and don't forget to vote next month. Voting is a women's issue. Our grandmothers were not born with the right to vote, as we were. It took 92 years for them to gain that right of citizenship. Honor them by voting on November 2.

2005

With 36 Chapters reporting, it was easy to see women's issues were a topic of many DAR meetings. Nineteen chapters reported programs, 16 reported activities and 9 said the information in *American Spirit* magazine gave them ideas for programs. No one participated in the Women's issues contest but there is always next year.

Some of the programs included:

- The Colonial Diet
- The Constitution and women
- Founding Mothers
- Service for Seniors
- Susan B. Anthony and voting

Activities included:

- Forums on health issues
- Child welfare and fostering
- Relay for life
- Breast Cancer
- Ronald McDonald House

For other ideas and activities check the women's issues web site and the local newspapers.

2006

This was a banner year for women's issues both in programs and activities. With 40 chapters reporting, there were 28 plus different programs given on many important and informative topics. Seven chapters used the women's issues website for ideas. We were active too, at least 46 activities were participated in, sponsored, or donated to by West Virginia Daughters. Nineteen chapters helped their members learn to use the DAR member's web site. One had a computer workshop to teach members how to find information online. We even had two entries in the Women's Issues Essay Contest.

Some of the topics for the programs were: Mary Draper Ingles, Colonel Ruby Bradley, military women, domestic violence, women and the constitution, Presidential and founding mothers, Girl's State, stress management, rights and problems of Native American women, women's rights and roles, legal issues in medical care and emergency preparedness.

Some of the activities participated in, sponsored by, or donated to are: women's free clinic, Red Cross blood drive, relay walks for breast cancer, heart association, March of Dimes, Alzheimer's, cancer, muscular dystrophy, multiple sclerosis, YWCA program for abused women, financial planning, clothing drive for the shelters, cancer advocates at the state legislature, pink ladies, Red Cross Volunteers, Vital Signs Volunteers, support groups, and mentoring middle school girls.

Nine chapters responded with not report. Sandra Massey of the Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter won the essay contest with her essay in the family category titled "An American Family." Second place in the same category was an essay titled "It's Ryan" by Barbara Frankenberg of the Shenandoah Valley Chapter.

Three special program awards were given by the chairperson this year. They are: Shenandoah Valley Chapter for the program "Women's Roles at Christmas: From the Virgin Birth through Today", Bee Line Chapter for the program "Coincidence of Columbus Day and the Founding of NSDAR, October 11, 1890", and South Branch Valley for their program on personal safety "Women Beware".

Other awards:

Chapters with members numbering 51 plus:

1. Kanawha Valley
2. Buford
3. John Young

Honorable Mention:

- Anne Royall
- Colonel Charles Lewis
- Elizabeth Ludington Hagans - Colonel John Evans

Chapters with members numbering 1 through 50:

1. Peters Mountain
2. Colonel Morgan Morgan

3. Ohio Valley

Honorable Mention:

Anne Bailey
Colonel Zackquill Morgan

2007

With 35 WV Chapters reporting, the Women's Issues Committee report has grown this year. We had 2 essay contests entries reported, but only one was received by this Chairman. Eleven chapters provided information to help members prepare for disasters. Sixteen chapters helped other members learn to use DAR websites, but no one had a computer workshop.

Programs included: personal defense, consumer protection, identity theft, personal health, women veterans, disaster preparedness, stress, financial security and pandemics. Activities are too numerous to name them all, but some of them were relays, walks, seminars and workshops on cancer, heart disease, March of Dimes, multiple sclerosis, diabetes and smoking. Many of our members work with the Red Cross, local food pantries, clothing pantries, the homeless, the handicapped and orphans. We make prayer shawls and heart pillows and take training and teach CPR. These are all wonderful activities and interesting programs. Keep up the good work!

It has been a pleasure for this Chairman to serve the State Society in this capacity. I have thoroughly enjoyed myself and thank you for the opportunity!

Other awards:

Chapters with members under 51:

1. Anne Bailey
2. Ohio Valley
3. Barboursville

Honorable Mention:

Col. Morgan Morgan and South Branch Valley

Chapters with members numbering over 51:

1. Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Col. John Evans
2. Kanawha Valley
3. Buford

Honorable Mention:

Pack Horse Ford

State Chairman of State Committees

Awards Committee Ann VanVoorhis, State Chairman

2004

State Officer's Awards

State Historian – Mrs. Joan Sweeney

- Historic Markers – 2nd place – Buford Chapter
- Fifty-year History Chapter – 3rd place – Ohio Valley Chapter

State Librarian – Mrs. Marjorie Allen

- 1st place – Colonel Charles Lewis and John Young Chapters
- 2nd place – Buford Chapter and Wheeling Chapter (with special recognition to Joan McClelland)
- 3rd place – Barboursville, Hagans-Evans, Pack Horse Ford and Westmoreland
- Honorable mention – Blackwater and Ohio Valley Chapters

State Registrar – Mrs. Judy Fugate

- Outstanding Work on State Registrar's Project:
- 1st place – Buford Chapter
- 2nd place – Bee Line Chapter
- 3rd place – Pack Horse Ford Chapter

State Committees

American Heritage Committee – Miss Frankie K. Cline, Chairman

- 1st place – Buford, Kanawha Valley and Pack Horse Ford Chapters
- 2nd place – John Hart, Ohio Valley, Peters Mountain and Shenandoah Valley Chapters
- 3rd place – John Chapman Chapter

American History Committee – Mrs. Judith Bowyer, Chairman

- 1st place – James Barbour and Matthew French Chapters
- 2nd place – Ohio Valley Chapter
- 3rd place – Ye Towne of Bath Chapter
- Programs – 1st place – John Hart and Shenandoah Valley Chapters
- 2nd place – Barboursville and Buford Chapters
- 3rd place – Bee Line and Kanawha Valley Chapters
- Displays – 1st place – Buford, John Hart and Shenandoah Valley Chapters
- 2nd place – Barboursville and Matthew French Chapters
- 3rd place – Anne Bailey Chapter
- Honorable Mention – Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter
- Publicity – 1st place – Ohio Valley and Buford Chapters
- 2nd place – Bee Line and Shenandoah Valley Chapters
- 3rd place – Kanawha Valley and Captain James Allen Chapters
- Honorable Mention – Ye Towne of Bath Chapter
- Essay Contest –
- 1st place – James Barbour, Ohio Valley, Shenandoah Valley, William Henshaw and Ye Towne of Bath Chapters
- 2nd place – Buford, Pack Horse Ford and South Branch Valley Chapters
- 3rd place – John Chapman, Kanawha Valley and Westmoreland Chapters
- Honorable Mention – Bee Line, Captain James Allen, Colonel Charles Lewis, John Chapman and Hagans-Evans Chapters
- Christopher Columbus Essay Contest –
- 1st place – Buford and Wheeling Chapters
- 2nd place – Captain James Allen Chapter
- 3rd place – James Wood Chapter
- Honorable Mention – Anne Bailey and General Andrew Lewis Chapters

American Indians Committee – Mrs. Carol Massey, Chairman

1st place – Buford Chapter

2nd place – Peters Mountain Chapter

3rd place – James Wood Chapter

Honorable Mention – Anne Bailey, Bee Line, Colonel Charles Lewis and Kanawha Valley Chapters

Americanism and DAR Manual for Citizenship Committee – Mrs. Marion McCullough, Chairman

1st place – Anne Bailey and Buford Chapters

2nd place – Shenandoah Valley Chapter

3rd place – John Young and Wheeling Chapters

Honorable Mention – John Hart, Matthew French and Kanawha Valley Chapters.

Chapter Achievement Awards Committee – Mrs. Dorrene G. Hale, Chairman

Level 1 (325+ points)

1st place – Wheeling Chapter (576)

2nd place – Trans-Allegheny Chapter (506)

3rd place – John Young Chapter (460)

Honorable Mention – Buford Chapter (418)

Level 2 (200+ points)

1st place – Barboursville Chapter (303)

2nd place – Peters Mountain Chapter (297)

3rd place – John Hart Chapter (296)

Honorable Mention – Colonel Zackquill Morgan Chapter

Level 3 (125+ points)

1st place – Charleston Chapter (193)

2nd place – Fort Ashby Chapter (157)

3rd place – Mound Chapter (156)

Constitution Week Committee – Mrs. Evelyn H. Reinhart, Chairman

1st place – Buford, Shenandoah Valley, South Branch Valley, Anne Royall, Pack Horse Ford, Kanawha Valley and Anne Bailey Chapters

2nd place – Colonel Zackquill Morgan, Barboursville, Hagans-Evans, John Young, Peters Mountain and James

Wood Chapters

3rd place – Daniel Davisson, William Henshaw, John Chapman, Ye

Towne of Bath Chapters

Honorable Mention – Trans-Allegheny, Matthews French and Captain James Allen Chapters

DAR Good Citizens Committee – Miss Sally O. Cyrus, Chairman

1st place – James Wood Chapter

2nd place – Buford Chapter

3rd place – Kanawha Valley Chapter

Honorable Mention – Anne Bailey, Anne Royall, Captain James Allen, James Barbour, Mound, Ohio Valley, Peters

Mountain, Trans-

Allegheny and Ye Town of Bath Chapters

DAR Magazine Committee – Mrs. Kathryn L. Bowling, Chairman

1st place – Buford Chapter

2nd place – Kanawha Valley Chapter

3rd place – Captain James Allen

DAR Schools Committee – Mrs. Mindy Davis, Chairman

1st place – Peters Mountain Chapter

2nd place – Kanawha Valley Chapter

3rd place – Pack Horse Ford Chapter

1st place – most Campbell Soup labels – (over 1000) – William Henshaw

1st place – most Betty Crocker box tops – Shenandoah Valley

1st place – sponsoring Northern District Clothing Collection for Tamassee – Ohio Valley

DAR Service for Veterans Committee – Mrs. Linda Parsons, Chairman

Chapters with membership of 50 or under:

- 1st place – Ohio Valley Chapter
- 2nd place – Westmoreland Chapter
- 3rd place – Elk River Chapter

Chapters with membership of 51 and over:

- 1st place – Kanawha Valley Chapter
- 2nd place – Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter
- 3rd place – Anne Bailey Chapter

Certificates of Appreciation to:

- Ruth Harmison Ward, Lee Line Chapter
- Linda Marcum Parsons, Westmoreland Chapter

Junior American Citizens Committee – Mrs. Susan Garrett, Chairman

- 1st place – Anne Royall Chapter
- 2nd place – Hagans-Evans Chapter
- 3rd place – Westmoreland Chapter

Literacy Challenge Committee – Mrs. Susan J. Arnold, Chairman

Largest number of work hours per participating members:

- 1st place – Barboursville Chapter (925)
- 2nd place – Anne Royall Chapter (390)
- 3rd place – John Hart Chapter (220)

Largest percentage of members participating:

- 1st place – Ohio Valley Chapter (19%)
- 2nd place – Shenandoah Valley Chapter (11%)
- 3rd place – South Branch Valley Chapter (10%)

Special recognition/book donations to schools, libraries, programs:

- 1st place – Ohio Valley Chapter
- 2nd place – Shenandoah Valley Chapter
- 3rd place – Pack Horse Ford Chapter

Membership Committee – Mrs. Edna Barnes, Chairman

Most New Members by Application

Chapters with 12 – 25 members:

- 1st place – John Cooke Chapter (2)
- 2nd place – Peters Mountain Chapter (1)

Chapters with 26 – 50 members:

- 1st place – Westmoreland Chapter (3)
- 2nd place – Barboursville Chapter (2),
General Andrew Lewis Chapter (2)

3rd place – Blackwater Chapter (1), Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter (1), Daniel Davisson Chapter (1),

James Barbour Chapter (1), Ohio Valley Chapter (1) and Trans-Allegheny Chapter (1)

Chapters with 51 – 100 members:

- 1st place – Anne Royal Chapter (9), Kanawha Valley Chapter (8), Pack Horse Ford Chapter (7)
- 2nd place – Ye Towne of Bath Chapter (5), Wheeling Chapter (4), Buford Chapter (3)
- 3rd place – Hagans-Evans Chapter (2), John Chapman Chapter (2) and Mound Chapter (2)

Honorable Mention – Anne Bailey Chapter (1), Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter (1), James Wood Chapter (1), John Hart Chapter (1) Largest Percentage Increase In Membership

Chapters with 12 – 25 members:

- 1st place – John Cook Chapter
- 2nd place – Peters Mountain Chapter

Chapters with 26 – 50 members:

- 1st place – Barboursville Chapter
- 2nd place – Westmoreland Chapter
- 3rd place – James Barbour Chapter

Honorable Mention – Blackwater Chapter, Trans-Allegheny Chapter, Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter,

General Andrew Lewis Chapter Chapters with 51 -100 members:

- 1st place – Anne Royall Chapter
- 2nd place – Kanawha Valley Chapter
- 3rd place – Ye Towne of Bath Chapter
- Honorable Mention – Pack Horse Ford Chapter, John Chapman Chapter, Mound Chapter, Buford Chapter, Anne Bailey Chapter, John Wood Chapter, Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter, John Hart Chapter Chapters Referring

Most Prospective Members to Other States:

- 1st place – Buford Chapter
- 2nd place – John Cooke Chapter
- 3rd place – Pack Horse Ford Chapter
- Honorable Mention – John Hart Chapter

Chapters Having Most Members Approved at April, July and Octobers Boards, 2004:

- 1st place – Kanawha Valley Chapter
- 2nd place – Pack Horse Ford Chapter
- 3rd place – Anne Royall Chapter

Chapters Receiving DAR Family Tree Award:

(Chapters that increased their membership and maintained their numbers)

John Cooke Chapter, Peters Mountain Chapter, Westmoreland Chapter, Barboursville, Chapter, Blackwater Chapter, Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter, General Andrew Lewis Chapter, James Barbour Chapter, Trans-Allegheny Chapter, Anne Royall Chapter, Kanawha Valley Chapter, Pack Horse Ford Chapter, Ye Towne of Bath Chapter, Buford Chapter, John Chapman Chapter, Mound Chapter, Anne Bailey Chapter, Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter, James Wood Chapter, John Hart Chapter

National Defense Committee – Mrs. Anne Cummings, Chairman

- 1st place – Anne Bailey, Barboursville, Buford, Captain James Allen, Hagans-Evans, and James Wood Chapters
- 2nd place – Bec Line, Blennerhassett, Colonel Zackquill Morgan,

Matthew French, Pack Horse Ford, Shenandoah Valley, South Branch Valley, Trans-Allegheny and Ye

Towne of Bath Chapters

3rd place – Colonel Charles Lewis, Colonel Morgan Morgan, Daniel Davisson, General Andrew Lewis, John Cooke and Ohio Valley Chapters

President General's Project Committee – Mrs. Betty Belcher, Chairman

Chapters who gave 100% to the Project:

Anne Bailey, Anne Royall, Buford, Captain James Allen, Colonel Charles Lewis, Colonel Zackquill Morgan, General Andrew Lewis, Hagans-Evans, James Barbour, James Wood, John Chapman, John Hart, Kanawha Valley, Matthew French, Pack Horse Ford, Peters Mountain, Shenandoah Valley, South Branch Valley, Westmoreland, Wheeling and Ye Towne of Bath Chapters

Volunteer Information Specialist Committee – Ms. Monica Brooks, Chairman

Outstanding Chapter VIS Project – Ohio Valley Chapter, with recognition going to: Mrs. Robert Nalley, Mrs. John Davis, Mrs. Gary Weekley, Mrs. Robert Ash, Mrs. Clifford Eddy, Mrs. Rikki Parks, Mrs. Keith Jenkins, Mrs. Glen Wright, Mrs. Ross Hart, Mrs. Patricia Bills, Mrs. Glen Moore and Mrs. James Rogers

Outstanding Individual Volunteers – Sally Ann Greenfield and Jan Clancy, Shenandoah Valley Chapter Violet

Hysell, Barboursville Chapter

Outstanding Chapter Web Page – John Young Chapter – Mary Blaine

McLaughlin Blackwater Chapter, Louise Righman

Outstanding State Project – Barboursville Chapter, Tracy Edwards

Outstanding Workshop – Barboursville Chapter, Melissa Blake

Press Book Winners

- 1st place – Buford Chapter
- 2nd place – Anne Royall Chapter
- 3rd place – South Branch Valley Chapter

Scrapbook Winners

- 1st place – Pack Horse Ford Chapter
- 2nd place – Kanawha Valley Chapter

3rd place – John Hart Chapter
Buford Chapter received the most awards – a total of twenty-one. Kanawha Valley and Pack Horse Ford Chapters were next with seventeen and sixteen, respectively.

2005

STATE OFFICER'S AWARDS

State Regent – Mrs. Shirley Gilkeson

Chapter Revitalization Achievement

Elizabeth Zane, Anne Bailey, Charleston, William Morris

Chapter Revitalization Growth – Members of 20 and under

Fort Ashby, Peters Mountain

Chapter Revitalization Growth – Members of 21 and over

Anne Royall, Buford, Kanawha Valley, Pack Horse Ford,

Trans-Allegheny, William Henshaw

State Registrar – Mrs. Judy Fugate

Special Awards re WV memorial Book Project

- Marion McCullough, Buford Chapter – initial promotion of WV Memorial Book Project
- Chapter Registrar Recognition – Gloria Crump Rouse, Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter – 101 obituaries
- Registrars of New Chapters Participating – Barboursville, Blennerhassett, Charleston, Colonel Charles Lewis, Colonel Morgan Morgan, Colonel Zackquill Morgan, James Wood, John Young, Mound, Peters Mountain, Shenandoah Valley, Westmoreland, Wheeling
- Chapters – for Past (and Future) Participation – Anne Bailey, Bee Line, Blackwater, Hagans-Evans, James Barbour, Kanawha Valley, Ohio Valley, Pack Horse Ford, Trans-Allegheny, William Morris

Special Chapter Recognition – Most Accepted Applications

Ohio Valley, Trans – Allegheny, Pack Horse Ford, John

Chapman, Blennerhassett

State Historian – Mrs. Joan Collins

1st place – Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans – Marked Aaron Henry grave

2nd place – Buford – Lewis and Clark Marker dedicated

3rd place – John Young – Battle of Point Pleasant Soldiers remembered with a wreath

Honorable Mention – Ohio Valley – Updated 50-year chapter history

District Director Award – Northern District Director, Mrs. Joan McClelland

Award of Appreciation/ Participation In Planning 100th State Conference

Barbara Smith – James Wood, Edna Barnes – Blennerhassett,

Cheryl Higgins – Colonel William Lowther, Judy Fugate –

Wheeling, Lexie Hanket – Mound, Mindy Davis – Ohio

Valley, Kathleen Keith – Anne Royall

State Committees

American Heritage – Miss Frankie Cline, Chairman

1st place – Buford, Kanawha Valley, Pack Horse Ford, Trans-Allegheny

2nd place – Ohio Valley, Daniel Davisson, Hagans-Evans

3rd place – Shenandoah Valley, Fort Ashby, John Hart, Colonel Zackquill

Morgan

Special Awards for Entries in National American Heritage Committee Contest

- Craft 1st place – Ernestine Rumbaugh, Trans-Allegheny, beaded purse
Historic Presentation 1st place – Kathy School, pack Horse Cord, On Top of Branch Mountain
Needlework 1st place – Lee Eddy – Ohio Valley, hooked chair pad
2nd place – Carol Linger, Kanawha Valley, quilted wall hanging and
Lois Taylor, Kanawha Valley, Quilt
Painting 1st place – Carol Linger, Kanawha Valley, Eagle painting
Poetry 1st place – Joan Collins, Kanawha Valley
2nd place – Fran Adams, Wheeling and Frances VanScoy, Colonel Zackquill
Morgan

American History – Mrs. Judy Bowyer, Chairman

- 1st place – Matthew French
2nd place – Ohio Valley, Anne Bailey

American History Program

- 1st place – Pack Horse Ford, John Hart, Shenandoah Valley
2nd place – Barboursville, Buford, Peters Mountain
3rd place – Daniel Davisson, John Young, Cononel Zackquill Morgan
Honorable Mention – Matthew French, Kanawha Valley, Fort Ashby

American History Displays

- 1st place – Shenandoah Valley, Wheeling, Fort Ashby
2nd place – Daniel Davisson, Barboursville, Kanawha Valley, Ohio
Valley
3rd place – Buford, James Wood
Honorable Mention – John Hart, Colonel Zackquill Morgan

American History Publicity

- 1st place – Captain James Allen, General Andrew Lewis, South Branch
Valley
2nd place – Barboursville, Buford
3rd place – Shenandoah Valley, William Henshaw
Honorable Mention – Fort Ashby, Wheeling, Pack Horse Ford, Colonel
Charles Lewis

American History Essay Contest

- 1st place – James Barbour, Shenandoah Valley
2nd place – John Chapman, Pack Horse Ford, Bee Line, Wheeling, Ye
Towne of Bath, Matthew French, William Henshaw
3rd place – Colonel Charles Lewis, Captain James Allen
Honorable Mention – Colonel Zackquill Morgan, John Hart, General
Andrew Lewis, Anne Royall

Christopher Columbus Essay Contest

- 1st place – Kanawha Valley, Wheeling, Buford, Daniel Davisson
2nd place – Bee Line, James Wood, Anne Bailey, Shenandoah Valley,
Captain James Allen

Special American History Award – Presented to Creeda Antinori, for her

scripts about Lewis and Clark and their journey down the Ohio River, which were used as programs on her school's closed circuit TV each week.

American Indian Committee – Mrs. Carol Massey, Chairman

1st place – Kanawha Valley

2nd place – Buford

3rd place – Barboursville

Honorable Mention – Peters Mountain, John Young

Americanism – Mrs. Marion McCullough, Chairman

1st place – Buford, Kanawha Valley, Colonel Zackquill Morgan

Children of the American Revolution – Mrs. Betty Sue Kauff, Chairman

1st place – Anne Royall

2nd place – Wheeling

3rd place – Shenandoah Valley, Colonel Charles Lewis

Honorable Mention – Colonel Zackquill Morgan, Hagans-Evans, Ohio Valley

Community Service – Mrs. Harriett Brown, Chairman

1st place- John Young

2nd place – Ohio Valley

Conservation and Environmental Awareness – Mrs. Randa Watson, Chairmen

1st place – Kanawha Valley

2nd place – Barboursville

3rd place – Ohio Valley

Honorable Mention – Mound

Constitution Week – Mrs. Evelyn Reinhart, Chairman

1st place – Anne Royall, Barboursville, Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-
Colonel John Evans, South Branch, Pack Horse Ford

2nd place – Anne Bailey, Buford, Colonel Charles Lewis, Colonel
Zackquill Morgan, Matthew French, Shenandoah Valley

3rd place – Daniel Davisson, James Woods, Kanawha Valley, Ohio
Valley, Peters Mountain, William Henshaw, Ye Towne of
Bath

Honorable Mention – Charleston, Colonel Morgan Morgan, Elizabeth
Zane, James Barbour, John Young, Wheeling

Constitution Week Poster Contest Winners

1st place – Cheryl Hought, Anne Royall

2nd place – Violet Hysell, Barboursville

3rd place – Margaret Writt, Pack Horse Ford

Dar Good Citizens – Miss Sally O. Cyrus, Chairman

Chapters with more than fifty members

1st place – James Allen, Ye Towne of Bath

2nd place – Buford

3rd place – Anne Bailey, James Wood, Kanawha Valley

Chapters with less than fifty members

- 1st place – Ohio Valley, Trans-Allegheny
- 2nd place – Daniel Davisson
- 3rd place – General Andrew Lewis, Peters Mountain

DAR Magazine – Mrs. Kathy Bowling, Chairman

- 1st place – Trans-Allegheny
- 2nd place – Buford
- 3rd place – Colonel Zackquill Morgan
- Honorable Mention – Anne Bailey, James Wood, Ohio Valley

DAR Museum – Mrs. Nancy Edward, Chairman

- 1st place – Buford, Kanawha Valley, Shenandoah Valley
- 2nd place – Colonel Charles Lewis, Hagans-Evans, General Andrew Lewis
- 3rd place – Anne Bailey

DAR Scholarship – Mrs. Barbara Fish, Chairman

- 1st place – Wheeling, Bee Line, John Hart
- 2nd place – William Henshaw, James Wood, Hagans-Evans
- Honorable Mention – Daniel Davisson, John Young, Ohio Valley, South Branch Valley

DAR School – Mrs. Mindy Davis, Chairman

Outstanding Program and Overall Work

- 1st place – Peters Mountain
- 2nd place – Bee Line
- 3rd place – Kanawha Valley
- Honorable Mention – Buford

Donations of Items to Schools

- 1st place – Pack Horse Ford
- 2nd place – Matthew French
- 3rd place – Ye Towne of Bath

Butterfly Pins Purchased

- 1st place – Kanawha Valley
- 2nd place – Buford, Ohio Valley

DAR Service to Veteran Patients – Mrs. Linda M. Parsons, Chairman

Membership fifty and under

- 1st place – Barboursville
- 2nd place – Anne Royall
- 3rd place – Daniel Davisson
- Honorable Mention – Westmoreland

Membership fifty-one and above

- 1st place – Kanawha Valley
- 2nd place – Pack Horse Ford
- 3rd place – Blennerhassett
- Honorable Mention – James Wood

Certificates of Appreciation

Jean Ann Elliott, Pack Horse Ford- for knitting eighteen lap robes for distribution to hospitalized veterans.
Angela Sirna, student at Musselman High School. Reported by Regent, Shenandoah Valley Chapter, Angela presented a program about her project of recording WW II veterans' (4 women and 24 men) experiences. Interviews were printed and sent to the Library of Congress. A WV Voice of Democracy winner, she was the only High School student in the nation invited to WW II Memorial dedication.

Genealogical Records – Mrs. Frances L. Weekley, Chairman

Genealogical Records Submitted

- 1st place – Ohio Valley, Colonel Charles Lewis
- 2nd place – Captain James Allen

Outstanding Work in Genealogy

- 1st place – Ohio Valley, Colonel Charles Lewis, Captain James Allen
- 2nd place – Kanawha Valley, South Branch Valley, Daniel Davison, Pack Horse Ford
- Honorable Mention – Elizabeth Ludington Hagens – Colonel John Evans

Junior American Citizens – Mrs. Susan L. Garrett, Chairman

- 1st place – Elizabeth Ludington Hagens- Colonel John Evans
- 2nd place – Anne Royall
- 3rd place – Westmoreland
- Honorable Mention – Kanawha Valley

Outstanding Chapter Chairman

Rita Laishley, Hagens-Evans and Randa Watson, Anne Royall

Junior Membership – Mrs. Dina Braniff, Chairman

- 1st place – Barboursville
- 2nd place – Anne Royall, Blennerhassett, Captain James Allen, General Andrew Lewis, John Young, and Pack Horse Ford

Lineage Research – Mrs. Linda Hendrickson, Chairman

- 1st place – Barboursville
- 2nd place – Kanawha Valley
- 3rd place – Captain James Allen
- Honorable Mention – Ye Towne of Bath

Literacy Challenge – Mrs. Susan J. Arnold, Chairman

Just Teach One

- 1st place – Anne Royal
- 2nd place – Elizabeth Ludington Hagens-Colonel John Evans
- 3rd place – Ohio Valley
- Honorable Mention – Buford, Captain James Allen, John Hart, John Young, Pack Horse Ford, Shenandoah Valley, Trans-Allegheny, Wheeling, Ye Towne of Bath

Search and Rescue

- 1st place- John Hart
- 2nd place – John Young

Fundraising

- 1st place – Elizabeth Ludington Hagens – Colonel John Evans
- 2nd place – Captain James Allen

3rd place – Anne Royall

Honorable Mention – Kanawha Valley, Ohio Valley

Outstanding Service of a DAR Member

1st place – Kay Bailey, Elizabeth Ludington Hagans- Colonel John Evans

Honorable Mention – Marie Graybill, Wheeling and Hilda Wright, Ohio Valley

Membership – Mrs. Edna J. Barnes, Chairman

Most New Member by Application

12 to 25 members -----1st place – Fort Ashby (1)Peters Mountain (1)

26 to 50 members-----1st place – Ohio Valley (2)

2nd place – Daniel Davisson (1) General Andrew Lewis (1)

51 to 100 members-----1st place – Pack Horse Ford (4) Captain James Allen (3)

2nd place – Blennerhassett (2), Buford (2), John Hart (2)

3rd place – Anne Royall (1), Mound (1), Ye Towne of Bath (1)

150 to 200 members----1st place – John Young (2)

DAR Family Tree Award

Captain James Allen , Ohio Valley, Pack Horse Ford

Largest % Increase

12 to 25 members -----1st place – Peters Mountain, Fort Ashby

26 to 50 members-----1st place – Ohio Valley

2nd place – Daniel Davisson, General Andrew Lewis

51 to 100 members-----1st place – Wheeling

2nd place – Captain James Allen

3rd place – Pack Horse Ford

Honorable Mention – Blennerhassett, Anne Royall, Buford, John Hart

Kanawha Valley, Mound, Ye Towne of Bath

150 to 200 members -----1st place – John Young

Approved Most Members December and February Boards

1st place – Captain James Allen (4)

Pack Horse Ford (4)

Recommended by Chapter for Promotion of Membership

Eloise Puglisi, Wheeling; Linda Hare Collins, Hagans-Evans; Sylvia Bargecloh, Blennerhassett; Frances VanSoy, Colonel Zackquill Morgan; Frances Jane Munsey, John Chapman; Carmen Silliman, South Branch Valley; Joan Sweeney, Captain James Allen; Linda Whitman, Captain James Allen; Dorrene Hale, Pack Horse Ford; Elizabeth Lowe, Pack Horse Ford; Virginia Bias, Barboursville; Janet Isner, John Hart; Carol Linger, Kanawha Valley; Mary Anger, John Hart; Carrie Lou Floyd, Elizabeth Zane; Kay Craig, Anne Bailey; Barbara Townsend, Fort Ashby; Lonny Watro, Fort Ashby; Pat Lucas, James Wood; Sally O. Cyrus, Buford; Helen Webb, Buford; Kathy Robertson, Peters Mountain; Anita Lusk, John Cooke; Cathy Miller, John Young; Virginia Johnson, John Young; Gail Yoho, Mound; Gloria Roush, Colonel Charles Lewis; Rexine Johnson, Blennershasett

National Defense – Mrs. Anne Cummings, Chairman

60 to 100 members

1st place – Pack Horse Ford

2nd place – Buford

3rd place – James Wood

40 to 60 members

- 1st place – General Andrew Lewis
- 2nd place – Colonel Morgan Morgan
- 3rd place – Captain James Allen

1 to 40 members

- 1st place – Barboursville
- 2nd place – Colonel Zackquill Morgan
- 3rd place – Shenandoah Valley

President General's Project – Mrs. Betty Belcher, Chairman

100 % participation

Anne Bailey, Blennerhassett, Colonel William Lowther, John Chapman, Ohio Valley, Peters Mountain Westmoreland, William Morris

Individual Contributions

Barbara M. Rutledge – Buford, Sally O. Cyrus – Buford, Betty A. Belcher – Westmoreland

Public Relations, Motion Picture, Radio and TV – Mrs. Nancy Largent, chairman

- 1st place – Buford
- 2nd place – Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans
- 3rd place – Colonel Zackquill Morgan

The Flag of the United States of America – Miss Diana Johnson, Chairman

- 1st place – Buford
- 2nd place – Colonel Zackquill Morgan
- 3rd place – Barboursville

Honorable Mention – Ohio Valley, Shenandoah Valley, Kanawha Valley

Volunteer Information Specialist – Ms. Monica Brooks, Chairman

Web Design recognition to Individuals and their Chapters

- Robin Morris – William Morris
- Katy Keith – Anne Royall
- M. Ann Bays- Captain James Allen
- Susan Arnold – Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans
- Robin Aileen McClure – on behalf of Anne Bailey

Women's Issues – Mrs. Kathleen Bledsoe, Chairman

Fifty and under

- 1st place – Anne Royall
- 2nd place – Ohio Valley
- 3rd place – Peters Mountain
- Honorable Mention – Trans-Allegheny

Over fifty

- 1st place – Kanawha Valley
- 2nd place – John Young
- 3rd place – Buford

Blanche L. Reymann Scholarship Fund – Mrs. Eloise Puglisi, Chairman

- 1st place – Wheeling
- 2nd place – Blennerhassett, Colonel Charles Lewis

3rd place – John Hart, Hagans-Evans
Honorable Mention – Captain James Allen, Colonel Morgan
Morgan, Colonel Zackquill Morgan, Daniel Davisson, James
Barbour, James Wood, John Young, Matthew French, Park
Horse Ford, Shenandoah Valley, Trans-Allegheny,
Westmoreland, William Morris, Ye Towne of Bath

Special Committee – DAR Project Patriot – Mrs. Barbara Frankenberry, Chairman

Recognition of Participation

Buford, Charleston, Colonel Charles Lewis, Colonel
Zackquill Morgan, Elizabeth Zane, Hagans- Evans, James
Wood, John Chapman, John Hart, Kanawha Valley, Ohio
Valley, Shenandoah Valley, Wheeling

Press Book

1st place – Buford
2nd place – South Branch Valley
3rd Place – Anne Royall
Honorable Mention – Westmoreland

Scrapbook

1st place – John Hart
2nd place – Pack Horse Ford
3rd place – John Young
Honorable Mention – Anne Royall, Kanawha Valley

2006

A total of 419 awards were presented to all 39 chapters and to deserving members of some or the chapters. The Elizabeth Ludington Hagans - Col. John Evans Chapter received 30, the most awards received by a chapter. Buford Chapter received the next highest amount of 26, and Ohio Valley Chapter was third with 25 awards received. Awards received from State Officers, District Director, and State Chairmen are as follows:

STATE OFFICERS' AND DISTRICT DIRECTOR AWARDS

State Treasurer – Mrs. Barbara Rutledge

1st place – Lily Faye Lanham, Colonel Charles Lewis (first chapter treasurer's report received by State Treasurer)
2nd place – Marguerite Long, William Lowther (second chapter treasurer's report received by State Treasurer)
3rd place – Inez D. Lucas, John Young (third chapter treasurer's report received by State Treasurer)
4th place – Lois Taylor, Kanawha Valley (fourth chapter treasurer's report received by State Treasurer)

State Registrar – Mrs. Judy Fugate Tuttle

Special Recognition – to chapters sponsoring member supplication workshops – Captain James Allen, General Andrew Lewis, John Chapman, John Cooke, Matthew French, Peters Mountain

Special Recognition – to chapters contributing to the West Virginia DAR Memorial Book Project - Anne Bailey, Barboursville, Bee Line, Blackwater, Blennerhassett, Buford, Charleston, Colonel Charles Lewis, Colonel Zackquill Morgan, Daniel Davisson, Hagans-Evans, Elk River, General Andrew Lewis, James Barbour, James Wood, John Chapman, John Hart, John Young, Kanawha Valley, Mound, Ohio Valley, Pack Horse Ford, Peters Mountain, Shenandoah Valley, South Branch Valley, Trans-Allegheny, Westmoreland, Wheeling, William Morris, Ye Towne of Bath

State Historian – Mrs. John Sweeney

1st place – Ohio Valley – historical programs
2nd place – James Wood – outstanding history teacher (1st place)
3rd place – John Young – outstanding donations to NSDAR Achieves and Americana
Honorable Mention – Captain James Allen – outstanding history teacher (2nd place)

Northern District Director – Mrs. Joan McClelland

Special Recognition – for outstanding community service – Anne Royall, Blennerhassett, Colonel William Lowther, James Wood, Mound, Ohio Valley, Wheeling

STATE COMMITTEES

American Heritage – Miss Frankie K. Cline, State Chairman

1st place – Fort Ashby, Anne Bailey, John Young, South Branch Valley

2nd place – Pack Horse Ford, Colonel Morgan Morgan, Ohio Valley, Colonel Zackquill Morgan

American History – Mrs. Judith Bowyer, State Chairman

American History

1st place – Matthew French

2nd place – Colonel Chares Lewis, Trans-Allegheny

American History Programs

1st place – Pack Horse Ford, Matthew French

2nd place – Barboursville, Buford, Anne Bailey, Fort Ashby

3rd place – Kanawha Valley, John Young, Colonel Zackquill Morgan, General Andrew Lewis, Shenandoah Valley

Honorable Mention – Peters Mountain, Hagans-Evans

American History Displays

1st place – Buford

2nd place – James Wood, Hagans-Evans, Anne Bailey, Kanawha Valley

3rd place – Fort Ashby

Honorable Mention – Shenandoah Valley, Barboursville, Pack Horse Ford

American History Publicity

1st place – Captain James Allen

2nd place – Fort Ashby, Buford

3rd place – Hagans-Evans

Honorable Mention – Anne Bailey, General Andrew Lewis, Pack Horse Ford, Colonel Charles Lewis

American History Essay

1st place – John Hart, William Henshaw, Colonel Charles Lewis

2nd place – James Barbour, Pack Horse Ford, Shenandoah Valley

3rd place – Ye Towne of Bath, Captain James Allen, Bee Line

Honorable Mention – John Chapman, Buford, Anne Royall

Christopher Columbus Essay Contest

1st place – Bee Line, Anne Royall, Buford

2nd place – Colonel Zackquill Morgan

3rd place – James Wood, Wheeling, Ohio Valley

Honorable Mention – Captain James Allen, Anne Bailey, Shenandoah Valley

American Indians – Mrs. Carol Massey, State Chairman

1st place – Kanawha Valley

2nd place – Buford

3rd place – Barboursville

Honorable Mention – Pack Horse Ford, Hagans-Evans, South Branch Valley, James Wood, John Young

Americanism – Mrs. Lyle McCullough, State Chairman

1st place – Buford

2nd place – Hagans-Evans

3rd place – Barboursville

Children of the American Revolution – Mrs. Betty Kauff, State Chairman

1st place – Anne Royall

2nd place – Colonel Chares Lewis

3rd place – Wheeling

Honorable Mention – William Henshaw, Pack Horse Ford, Shenandoah Valley

Constitution Week – Mrs. Evelyn H. Reinhart, State Chairman

1st place – Anne Bailey, Anne Royall, Barboursville, Buford, South Branch Valley

2nd place – Blennerhassett, Hagans-Evans, John Hart, James Wood, Kanawha Valley, Ohio Valley, Pack Horse Ford, Wheeling, Ye Towne of Bath

3rd place – Bee Line, Colonel Charles Lewis, Colonel Zackquill Morgan, Daniel Davison, General Andrew Lewis, John Chapman, Peters Mountain, William Henshaw

Special Award – Outstanding Chapter Chairman – Mary Williams Rowe, South Branch Valley

DAR Good Citizen – Miss Sally O. Cyrus, State Chairman

Large Chapters – 43 or more members

1st place – General Andrew Lewis

2nd place – Anne Bailey

3rd place – Colonel Charles Lewis, Buford

Small Chapters – 42 or less members

1st place – Ohio Valley
 2nd place – Anne Royall
 3rd place – Peters Mountain
DAR Good Citizen Essay Winner
 1st place – Anne Steel, Huntington High School, Sponsor – Buford
 2nd place – Rustyn Goff, Ritchie County HS, Sponsor- Anne Royall
 3rd place – Mary Beth Long, Greenbrier East HS, Sponsor – General Andrew Lewis
DAR Magazine – Mrs. Kathryn Bowling, State Chairman
 1st place – James Wood
 2nd place – Peters Mountain, Colonel Zackquill Morgan
 3rd place – William Henshaw, Kanawha Valley
 Honorable Mention – Trans-Allegheny, Buford, Ohio Valley, Anne Bailey
DAR Museum – Mrs. Nancy Edwards, State Chairman
 1st place – Buford, John Young
 2nd place – Colonel Charles Lewis, Ohio Valley
 3rd place- Blackwater, Captain James Allen, Charleston, Trans-Allegheny, Ye Towne
 of Bath
DAR Scholarships – Mrs. Barbara Fish, State Chairman
 Special Recognition – James Wood, Bee Line, Wheeling, William Henshaw, John
 Hart, Hagans-Evans, Matthew French
DAR Schools – Mrs. John A. Davis, State Chairman
Outstanding Program and Overall Work
 1st place – Peters Mountain
 2nd place – Hagans-Evans, Kanawha Valley, Ohio Valley
 3rd place – South Branch Valley
Donations of Items to Schools
Campbell Labels
 1st place – Bee Line
 2nd place – Hagans-Evans
 3rd place – Trans-Allegheny
Clothing
 1st place – Peters Mountain
 2nd place – Ohio Valley
 3rd place – General Andrew Lewis
DAR Services to Veteran Patients – Mrs. Linda Parsons, State Chairman
Chapters with membership 50 or under
 1st place – Westmoreland
 2nd place – Daniel Davisson
 3rd place- Ohio Valley
Chapters with membership 51 and above
 1st place – Kanawha Valley
 2nd place – Anne Royall
 3rd place – Pack Horse Valley
Special Recognition
 Mrs. Avis Marcum, Westmoreland and
 Mrs. Lucille Waltz, Pack Horse Ford –for their dedication to our country's Veterans
Genealogical Records – Mrs. Frances L. Weekley, State Chairman
Participation in Every Names Index
 1st place – Bee Line, Wheeling
 2nd place – Ohio Valley, John Hart
 3rd place – Mound, South Branch Valley
Genealogical Records Submitted
 1st place – Ohio Valley
 2nd place – Colonel Charles Lewis
 3rd place – John Hart
 Honorable Mention – Bee Line, Barboursville
Most Members Abstracting Deeds and Wills
 1st place – Kanawha Valley
Most Books Compiled
 1st place – Ohio Valley
Participation in Bookworm Project
 1st place – Ohio Valley, Colonel Charles Lewis
Participation in Descendants Project
 1st place – Pack Horse Ford
Best Genealogical Records Project
 1st place – Ohio Valley
 2nd place- Pack Horse Ford

3rd place- Blackwater, Kanawha Valley, Hagans-Evans
 Honorable Mention – John Hart, John Young
Junior American Citizens- Mrs. Susan L. Garrett, State Chairman
 1st place – Anne Royall
 2nd place- Hagans-Evans
 3rd place- Kanawha Valley
 Honorable Mention – South Branch Valley
Special Recognition
 Outstanding Chapter Chairmen- Katy Keith, Anne Royall and
 Rita Laishley, Hagans-Evans
Junior Membership – Mrs. Dina Braniff, State Chairman
 1st place- Anne Royall, Charleston, Pack Horse Ford
 2nd place – Barboursville, Captain James Allen, Hagans-Evans, Daniel Davisson,
 John Young, Kanawha Valley, Ye Towne of Bath
 3rd place – Barboursville- for naming Melissa Blake-Smith, Outstanding Junior,
 chapter level
 Colonel Morgan Morgan – for naming Jennifer Vincent, Outstanding
 Junior, chapter level
 Captain James Allen – Innesbrook Wrap Sales
 Hagans-Evans – Innesbrook Wrap Sales
 James Barbour – Innesbrook Wrap Sales
Lineage Research – Mrs. Linda Hendrickson, State Chairman
 1st place – Barboursville
 2nd place – Wheeling
 3rd place – James Wood
 Honorable Mention – Ohio Valley, Blennerhassett, Colonel Charles Lewis
Literacy Challenge – Mrs. Susan Arnold, State Chairman
Just Teach One – Teaching, Reading, Volunteering
 1st place – Anne Royall
 2nd place – Ohio Valley
 3rd place – Buford, Shenandoah Valley
 Honorable Mention – Anne Bailey, Barboursville, Captain James Allen, Hagans-
 Evans, John Hart, John Young, Kanawha Valley, Peters Mountain, South
 Branch Valley, Wheeling, Ye Towne of Bath
Search and Rescue – Raising Public Awareness
 1st place – Barboursville
 2nd place – Colonel Morgan Morgan
Fundraising – Donations of Books/Funds
 1st place – Hagans-Evans
 2nd place – South Branch Valley
 3rd place – Blennerhassett
 Honorable Mention – Barboursville, Kanawha Valley, Peters Mountain, Shenandoah
 Valley
Membership – Mrs. Edna Barnes, State Chairman
Most New Members by Application 12-25 members
 1st place – Barboursville (4)
 2nd place – Peters Mountain (2)
Most New Members by Application 26 -50 members
 1st place – Daniel Davisson (4)
 2nd place – Trans-Allegheny (3)
Most New Members by Application 51 – 100 members
 1st place – Pack Horse Ford (6)
 2nd place – Hagans-Evans (5), James Wood (5)
 3rd place – Ye Towne of Bath (4), Anne Royall (4)
Most new Members by Application 150 – 200 members
 1st place – John Young (3)
Percentage Increase in Membership 12 -25 members Largest
 1st place – Barboursville
 2nd place – Peters Mountain
Largest Percentage Increase in Membership 26 – 50 members
 1st place – Daniel Davisson
 2nd place – Trans-Allegheny
Largest Percentage Increase in Membership 51 -100 members
 1st place – James Wood
 2nd place – Ye Towne of Bath
 3rd place – Pack Horse Ford
 Honorable Mention – Hagans-Evans

Most New Members During the Year

Pack Horse Ford, Hagans-Evans

Special Recognition to Outstanding Chapter Members Promoting Membership

Joyce Blake, Barboursville; Doreene Hale, Pack Horse Ford; Kathy Robertson, Peters Mountain; Gloria Rousch, Colonel Chares Lewis; Lillian McCrary and Dina Braniff, Blennerhassett; Helen Webb, Buford; Barbara Herron, Hagans-Evans

Blue Ribbon Winner

Carol Linger, Kanawha Valley

National Defense – Mrs. Anne Cummings

1st place – Buford

2nd place – Anne Bailey

3rd place – Pack Horse Ford

President General's Project – Mrs. Betty Belcher, State Chairman

Chapters with 100% Participation

James Wood and Shenandoah Valley

Individual Contributions to President General's Project

Patricia Daugherty and Marion E. McCullough – Buford

Carmen G. Silliman – South Branch Valley, Edna J. Barnes – Blennerhassett, Nancy Hollandsworth and Margaret Ann Bays-Captain James

Allen, Mary B. McLaughlin – John Young, Ginger Nalley – Ohio Valley, Deborah Smith – Wheeling, Geraldine Jackson – Anne Bailey, Sally

Ford – General Andrew Lewis, Marjorie Allen – Peters Mountain, Barbara Fish – James Wood, Judith Workman and Avis Marcum –

Westmoreland

Program – Mrs. Ginger Nalley, State Chairman

1st place – Wheeling, Colonel Morgan Morgan

2nd place – Barboursville, John Young, Shenandoah Valley, South Branch Valley,

Trans-Allegheny

3rd place – Bee Line, Blennerhassett, Buford, Captain James Allen, Colonel

Zackquill Morgan, Matthew French

Honorable Mention – Anne Bailey, Anne Royall, Blackwater, Colonel Charles

Lewis, Colonel William Lowther, Charleston, Daniel Davisson, Hagans-

Evans, Elk River, Fort Ashby, General Andrew Lewis, James Barbour,

James Wood, John Chapman, John Cooke, John Hart, Kanawha Valley,

Mound, Ohio Valley, Pack Horse Ford, Peters Mountain, Westmoreland,

William Henshaw, William Morris, Ye Towne of Bath

Project Patriot – Mrs. Barbara Frankenberry, State Chairman

1st place – Buford

2nd place – William Henshaw

3rd place – John Chapman

Honorable Mention – Barboursville, Colonel Zackquill Morgan, John Young,

Kanawha Valley, Ohio Valley

Public Relations – Newspaper, Radio, TV- Mrs. Nancy Largent

1st place – Buford (newspaper)

South Branch Valley (facts)

Barboursville (TV)

Hagans-Evans (newsletter)

2nd place – Fort Ashby, John Hart, John Young

3rd place – Anne Royall, Kanawha Valley, Pack Horse Ford

Honorable Mention – John Chapman, John Cooke, William Henshaw

The Flag of the United States of America – Miss Diana Johnson, State Chairman

1st place – Hagans-Evans

2nd place – Ohio Valley

3rd place – Buford

Honorable Mention – Kanawha Valley, Shenandoah Valley, Colonel Zackquill

Morgan

Volunteer Genealogists – Mrs. Lillian L. Eddy, State Chairman

Special Recognition for Outstanding Service to DAR Genealogy

Linda Whitman – Captain James Allen

Susan Arnold and Rita Laishley – Hagan-Evans

Virginia Johnson – John Young

L. Lee Eddy – Ohio Valley

Joan McClelland and Phyllis Slater – Wheeling

Volunteer Information Specialist – Miss Monica Brooks, State Chairman

Special Recognition/Initiation of Web Development

Buford – Jane Carter, VIS Chapter Chairman & Webmaster

Buford – Pat Daugherty, Chapter Regent

Trans-Allegheny – Jan Van Ooyen, Webmaster

John Hart – Barbara W. Tedford, Webmaster

Women's Issues – Miss Kathleen E. Bledsoe, State Chairman

Special Program Awards

Shenandoah Valley, Bee Line, South Branch Valley

Chapters with 51+ members

1st place – Kanawha Valley

2nd place – Buford

3rd place – John Young

Honorable Mention – Anne Royall, Colonel Charles Lewis, Hagans-Evans

Chapters with 1 – 50 members

1st place – Peters Mountain

2nd place – Colonel Morgan Morgan

3rd place – Ohio Valley

Honorable Mention – Anne Valley, Colonel Zackquill Morgan

Women's Issue Essay Contest, Family Category

1st place – Sandra Jean Wardlaw Massey, Colonel Morgan Morgan

2nd place – Barbara M. Frankenberg, Shenandoah Valley

Blanche L. Reymann Scholarship Fund – Mrs. Eloise Puglisi, State Chairman

Exemplary – Wheeling

1st place – Kanawha Valley, Pack Horse Ford, Colonel Charles Lewis, John Hart,
Blennerhassett

2nd place – Mound, James Wood, Ye Towne of Bath, Captain James Allen

3rd place – Bee Line, Trans-Allegheny, Colonel Morgan Morgan, Shenandoah
Valley, Matthew French, James Barbour, Daniel Davison, Colonel
William Lowther, John Cooke, Honorable Mention – Colonel Zackquill Morgan, Hagans-Evans, William Morris,
Westmoreland

Pressbook

1st place – Hagans-Evans

2nd place – Buford

3rd place – Anne Royall

Honorable Mention – South Branch Valley

Scrapbook

1st place – Kanawha Valley

2nd place – Mound

3rd place – Pack Horse Ford

Honorable Mention – Barboursville, Hagans-Evans

2007

STATE OFFICERS' AWARDS.

State Corresponding Secretary – Mrs. Cora Teel

Special Recognition – re-typing 1928 and 1982 WVDAR Histories

Susan Arnold and Rita Laishley, Hagans-Evans; Elizabeth
Davis and Cynthia Tharp Graham, Daniel Davison; Joan Gibson
and Frances Van Scoy, Colonel Zackquill Morgan; Robin
McClure, William Morris, Linda Parsons, Westmoreland; and
Erseline Rumbaugh, Trans-Allegheny

State Registrar – Mrs. Judy Fugate Tuttle

Special Recognition – Outstanding Work on Memorial Book Project

Vivian Longanacre – Registrar, General Andrew Lewis
Nancy Edwards – Registrar, Ye Towne of Bath

Chapter Recognition/Participation Memorial Book Project

Anne Bailey, Anne Royall, Barboursville, Bee Line, Blackwater,
Blennerhassett, Buford, Captain James Allen, Charleston,
Colonel Charles Lewis, Colonel Morgan Morgan, Colonel
William Lowther, Colonel Zackquill Morgan, Daniel Davison,
Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans, Elizabeth
Zane, Elk River, Fort Ashby, General Andrew Lewis, James
Barbour, James Wood, John Chapman, John Cooke, John Hart,
John Young, Kanawha Valley, Matthew French, Mound, Ohio
Valley, Pack Horse Ford, Peters Mountain, Shenandoah Valley,
South Branch Valley, Trans-Allegheny, Westmoreland, Wheeling,
William Henshaw, William Morris, Ye Towne of Bath

State Treasurer – Mrs. Barbara Rutledge

1st Place – Lois Taylor, Treasurer Kanawha Valley
(1st chapter treasurer's report received)

2nd Place – Louise Righman, Treasurer Blackwater

- (2nd report received)
 3rd Place – Noda Smith, Treasurer General Andrew Lewis
 (3rd report received)
 Hon Mention – Melissa Blake-Smith, Treasurer Barboursville
 (4th report received)
 Special Recognition – Susan Arnold, Treasurer, Hagans-Evans
 for creating an innovative Dues Notice which
 increased donations and magazine subscriptions

STATE COMMITTEE AWARDS

American Heritage – Miss Frankie K. Cline, State Chairman

Art and Sculpture – Multimedia Category

- 1st Place – Collage – Joan Collins, Kanawha Valley
 1st Place – Collage – Frankie K. Cline, Colonel Zackquill Morgan
 1st Place – Calendar – Pat Daugherty, Buford

Art and Sculpture – Pen and Ink Drawing

- 1st Place – “Like Father, Like Son” – Barbara Herron, Hagans-Evans

Art and Sculpture – WV Clay

- 1st Place – Rebecca Bias, Barboursville

Fiber Arts – Quilt/Wall Hanging Category

- 1st Place – Coverlet – Lois Taylor, Kanawha Valley

Fiber Arts – Crochet

- 1st Place – “A Sound of Independence” – Melissa Blake-Smith, Barboursville

Fiber Arts – Quilter’s Save our Stories

- 1st Place – Quilt Oral History Project – Frankie K. Cline, Colonel Zackquill Morgan

Literature and Drama

- 1st Place – Frances L. Van Scoy, Colonel Zackquill Morgan
 Chapter, for “Creating Memories”, Lit & Drama Contest;
 Poem, “385 Years in 30 Lines”, Proud Heritage of Freedom
 Contest; Short Story, (historical fiction) “Rebellion”

- 1st Place – Short Story (and framed quilt piece) – Ethel Dye,
 Kanawha Valley

- 1st Place – Short Story- Nancy Schmellenkamp, Kanawha Valley

American History Awards – Mrs. Judith Bowyer, State Chairman

American History Programs

- 1st Place – Pack Horse Ford and Fort Ashby
 2nd Place – Buford and Shenandoah Valley
 3rd Place – Barboursville, Matthew French, Wheeling, Hagans-Evans
 HonMen – Trans-Allegheny and Mound

American History Displays

- 1st Place – Buford and Hagans-Evans
 2nd Place – James Wood and John Hart
 3rd Place – Kanawha Valley and Shenandoah Valley

American History Publicity

- 1st Place – Buford
 2nd Place – Fort Ashby, Pack Horse Ford and Trans-Allegheny
 3rd Place – John Hart, Barboursville and Kanawha Valley
 HonMen – Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans

American History Essay Contest

- 1st Place – William Henshaw
 2nd Place – James Barbour and Shenandoah Valley
 3rd Place – Pack Horse Ford and Wheeling
 HonMen – Barboursville, Westmoreland, John Chapman,
 Anne Royall

Christopher Columbus Essay Contest

- 1st Place – Wheeling, Anne Royall and Buford
 2nd Place – Ohio Valley and Barboursville
 3rd Place – James Wood

American History Awards

- 1st Place – Matthew French
 2nd Place – Pack Horse Ford
 3rd Place – Ohio Valley and Colonel Charles Lewis
 HonMen – James Wood
- American Indians – Mrs. Carol Massey, State Chairman**
 1st Place – James Wood and Buford
 2nd Place – Barboursville
 3rd Place – Pack Horse Ford
 HonMen – Anne Royall
- Americanism – Mrs. Marlon McCullough, State Chairman**
 1st Place – Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans
 2nd Place – Buford
- Children of the American Revolution – Mrs. Betty Sue Kauff, State Chairman**
 1st Place – Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans
 2nd Place – Anne Royall
 3rd Place – Colonel Charles Lewis
 HonMen – Wheeling, James Wood and Ohio Valley
- Community Service Award – Mrs. Harriett Brown, State Chairman**
 1st Place – Kanawha Valley – Award to William Fortune
 2nd Place – Anne Bailey – Award to Lucie Mellert
 3rd Place – Ohio Valley – Award to Frances Webb
- Constitution Week – Mrs. Evelyn H. Reinhart, State Chairman**
 1st Place – Colonel Morgan Morgan, Buford, Barboursville, Anne Bailey and Pack Horse Ford
 2nd Place – Mound, Captain James Allen, Anne Royall, Hagans-Evans, Fort Ashby and Kanawha Valley
 3rd Place – Matthew French, John Hart, Shenandoah Valley, Blennerhassett, John Wood and Daniel Davisson
- DAR Good Citizen – Miss Sally O. Cyrus, State Chairman**
Good Citizen Essay Contest
 1st Place – Anne Royall
 2nd Place – Ohio Valley
 3rd Place – Daniel Davisson
- Chapters with 40 or more Members
 1st Place – Buford
 2nd Place – Colonel Charles Lewis
 3rd Place – Anne Bailey
- Chapters with less than 40 Members
 1st Place – Ohio Valley
 2nd Place – Colonel William Lowther
 3rd Place – Daniel Davisson and Trans-Allegheny
- DAR Magazine – Ms. Kathryn L. Bowling, State Chairman**
 1st Place – to the chapters with 25% of members subscribing - Anne Bailey, Bee Line, Buford, Captain James Allen, Colonel Zackquill Morgan, Hagans-Evans, James Wood, Kanawha Valley, Peters Mountain, Trans-Allegheny and William Henshaw
- DAR Museum – Mrs. Nancy Edwards, State Chairman**
 1st Place – Buford Chapter
 2nd Place – Ohio Valley, Hagans-Evans
 3rd Place – Colonel Charles Lewis, James Wood, John Young and William Henshaw
- DAR Scholarship – Mrs. Barbara N. Fish, State Chairman**
 1st Place – Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans
 2nd Place – Wheeling, John Hart and James Wood
 HonMen – Bee Line, William Henshaw and Colonel Charles Lewis

DAR Schools – Mrs. Mindy Davis, State Chairman

Overall Work

- 1st Place – Peters Mountain
- 2nd Place – Anne Royall
- 3rd Place – Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans

Labels and Clothing

- 1st Place – South Branch Valley (3125 labels)
- 2nd Place – James Wood (3000 labels)
- 3rd Place – Colonel James Allen (over 500)

Special Project Work

- 1st Place – Pack Horse Fork
- 2nd Place – Kanawha Valley
- 3rd Place – Buford
- HonMen – Mound and Ohio Valley

**DAR Service for Veteran Patients – Mrs. Linda M. Parsons,
State Chairman**

Membership/50 or under

- 1st Place – Trans-Allegheny
- 2nd Place – General Andrew Lewis
- 3rd Place – Westmoreland

Membership/51 and above

- 1st Place – Kanawha Valley
- 2nd Place – Pack Horse Ford
- 3rd Place – Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans

Genealogical Records – Mrs. Frances L. Weekley, State Chairman

Participated in the Every Name Index Project

- 1st Place – Ohio Valley
- 2nd Place – Daniel Davisson, James Wood, John Hart and
Kanawha Valley

Contributed Miscellaneous Records

- 1st Place – Ohio Valley
- 2nd Place – Barboursville
- 3rd Place – Colonel Charles Lewis

Copied and Indexed Old Records

- 1st Place – Ohio Valley
- 2nd Place – James Wood Chapter
- 3rd Place – Kanawha Valley

Participated in Descendants Indexing Project

- 1st Place – Pack Horse Ford and Hagans-Evans
- 2nd Place – Trans-Allegheny, Daniel Davisson, Kanawha
Valley, South Branch Valley and Buford

Genealogy Preservation – Mrs. Carol Linger, State Chairman

- 1st Place – Erseline Rumbach, Trans-Allegheny
- 2nd Place – Dorrene Hale, Pack Horse Ford
- 3rd Place – Carol Linger, Kanawha Valley and
Elizabeth Davis, Daniel Davisson
- HonMen – Susan Arnold – Hagans-Evans

Certificates of Participation

Barbara Rutledge - Buford, Anna Chandler - Hagans-Evans, Nancy Bender – Pack Horse
Ford and Carmen Silliman – South Branch Valley

Junior American Citizens – Mrs. Susan L. Garrett, State Chairman

- 1st Place – Anne Royall
- 2nd Place – Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans
- 3rd Place – Kanawha Valley
- HonMen – Barboursville and Westmoreland

Junior Membership – Mrs. Dina Braniff, State Chairman

- 1st Place – Shenandoah Valley - five new juniors

- 1st Place – Barboursville – Outstanding Junior Melissa Blake-Smith
 2nd Place – Anne Royall – four new juniors (three/appl. & one/reinst.)
 3rd Place – Pack Horse Ford – two new juniors; Hagans-Evans, Colonel Charles Lewis, Colonel Zackquill Morgan – one new junior
 HonMen – For Innisbrook Wrap Sales – Captain James Allen, Anne Bailey, James Wood, Hagans-Evans, and James Barbour

Lineage Research - Mrs. Linda Hendrickson, State Chairman

- 1st Place – Ohio Valley
 2nd Place - Captain James Allen
 3rd Place – Kanawha Valley
 HonMen – Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans

Literacy Challenge – Mrs. Susan Arnold, State Chairman

Just Teach One

- 1st Place – Ye Towne of Bath
 2nd Place – Anne Royall
 3rd Place – Barboursville
 HonMen – (Over 100 volunteer hours) Anne Bailey, Bee Line, Buford, Captain James Allen, Colonel Charles Lewis, Hagans-Evans, James Wood, John Hart, Kanawha Valley, Ohio Valley, Pack Horse Ford, Shenandoah Valley, South Branch Valley, Trans-Allegheny, Wheeling

Fundraising

- 1st Place – Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans
 2nd Place – Kanawha Valley
 3rd Place – Bee Line
 HonMen – Barboursville, Captain James Allen, Ohio Valley, South Branch Valley

Outstanding Service of a Member Contest

- 1st Place – Linda Link Whitman, Captain James Allen
 2nd Place – Shirley W. Sergeant, Kanawha Valley Chapter

Special Recognition/Outstanding Volunteers

- Violet Hysell, Barboursville; Lois Hatfield, Hagans-Evans; Marie Graybill, Wheeling; Valerie Fish, Wheeling; Eloise Puglisi, Wheeling

Membership – Mrs. Edna Barnes, State Chairman

Largest Percentage Increase in Membership

(chapters with 12-25 members)

- 1st Place – Fort Ashby
 2nd Place – Peters Mountain
 3rd Place – John Cooke

(chapters with 26-50 members)

- 1st Place – Shenandoah Valley
 2nd Place – Trans-Allegheny
 3rd Place – Elizabeth Zane

(chapters with 51-100 members)

- 1st Place – Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans
 2nd Place – Buford
 3rd Place – Wheeling

(chapters with 100+ members)

- 1st Place – John Young

Most Members During Past Year

Shenandoah Valley

Outstanding New Member Packet

Anne Royall

Best New Member Packet Compiler

Wanda Bartlett, Anne Royall

Outstanding Individuals Promoting Membership

- Sally Ann Greenfield, Shenandoah Valley; Mary Lou Wagoner, Pack Horse Ford; Erseline Rumbach, Trans-Allegheny; Carol Linger, Kanawha Valley

Largest Overall Increase in Membership

1st Place – Shenandoah Valley

2nd Place – Kanawha Valley

3rd Place – Trans-Allegheny

Outstanding Registrar re Membership

Sally Ann Greenfield, Shenandoah Valley

West Virginia Winner of Membership Essay Contest

Frankie K. Cline, Colonel Zackquill Morgan

National Defense – Mrs. Anne Cummings, State Chairman

Chapters 50-100 members

1st Place – Buford and Hagans-Evans

2nd Place – Kanawha Valley

3rd Place – Pack Horse Ford

Chapters 20-50 members

1st Place – Shenandoah Valley

2nd Place – Ohio Valley

3rd Place – Anne Bailey

HonMen – Colonel Zackquill Morgan and Colonel Morgan Morgan

President General's Project – Mrs. Betty A. Belcher, State Chairman

100% Participation

Anne Royall, Bee Line, Blackwater, Buford, Captain James Allen
Colonel Charles Lewis, Colonel Morgan Morgan, Colonel Zackquill Morgan,
Daniel Davisson, Hagans-Evans, Fort Ashby, General Andrew Lewis, James
Barbour, John Cooke, John Hart, John Young, Kanawha Valley, Mound,
Pack Horse Ford, South Branch Valley, Trans-Allegheny, Wheeling,
William Henshaw, and Ye Towne of Bath

Individual Contributions to President General's Project

Patty Dillon, Anne Bailey and Ann Van Voorhis, Hagans-Evans

Program – Mrs. Ginger Nalley, State Chairman

1st Place – Buford, Colonel Zackquill Morgan, Westmoreland

2nd Place – Barboursville, Blennerhassett, Captain James Allen,
Colonel Morgan Morgan, James Wood, Matthew French,
Ohio Valley, Trans-Allegheny

HonMen – Anne Bailey, Anne Royall, Bee Line, Colonel Charles Lewis,
Colonel William Lowther, Daniel Davisson, Hagans-Evans,
Elizabeth Zane, Elk River, Fort Ashby, General Andrew Lewis
James Barbour, John Chapman, John Cooke, John Hart, John
Young, Kanawha Valley, Mound, Pack Horse Ford, Peters
Mountain, Shenandoah Valley, South Branch Valley, Wheeling,
William Henshaw and William Morris

Project Patriot – Mrs. Barbara M. Frankenberry, State Chairman

1st Place – Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans

2nd Place – Ohio Valley

3rd Place – Buford

HonMen – Kanawha Valley, James Wood, Wheeling, Pack Horse
Ford, Anne Bailey, Barboursville

Public Relations – Mrs. Nancy Largent, State Chairman

1st Place – Hagans-Evans for Newsletter

2nd Place – Kanawha Valley for Fact Sheet and Newsletter
Barboursville, for Commemorative Events
Pack Horse Ford for Fact Sheet

3rd Place – Anne Royall for Constitution Week

Anne Bailey for Newsletter
John Chapman for Radio Talk Show
Buford for Radio Interviews

The Flag of the United States of America – Miss Diana L. Johnson, State Chairman

1st Place – Buford

2nd Place – Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans

3rd Place – Ohio Valley Chapter

HonMen – Colonel Morgan Morgan, Anne Royall,
Colonel Zackquill Morgan and Barboursville

Volunteer Genealogists – Mrs. L. Lee Eddy, State Chairman

Special Recognition for Outstanding Service

Virginia Bias and Joyce Blake, Barboursville

Helen Webb, Buford

Linda Whitman, Captain James Allen

Susan Arnold and Rita Laishley, Hagans-Evans

Patsy Adkins, Kanawha Valley

Mary Lamp, Ohio Valley

Phyllis Slater, Gloria Brinkmeier and Judy

Fugate, Wheeling

Women's Issues – Mrs. Kathleen E. Bledsoe, State Chairman

Winner of Women's Issues Essay Contest, Career Category

Frankie K. Cline, Colonel Zackquill Morgan

Chapters under 51 Members

1st Place – Anne Bailey

2nd Place – Ohio Valley

3rd Place – Barboursville

HonMen – Colonel Morgan Morgan (spot announcements at
each meeting)

South Branch Valley (for program on Emergency
Preparedness-Pandemics)

Chapters 51 and over members

1st Place - Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans

2nd Place – Kanawha Valley

3rd Place – Buford

HonMen – Pack Horse Ford (Women's Issues minute at each
meeting.)

**Blanche L. Reymann Scholarship Fund – Mrs. Eloise R. Puglisi,
State Chairman**

Contributions to the Fund

Exemplary – Wheeling

1st Place – Anne Bailey, Kanawha Valley, Pack Horse Ford,
Colonel Charles Lewis, John Hart

2nd Place – General Andrew Lewis, Mound, Ye Towne of Bath,
John Chapman, Blennerhassett, James Wood

3rd Place – James Barbour, Colonel William Lowther, Buford,
Trans-Allegheny, Colonel Morgan Morgan, Matthew
French, Westmoreland, Daniel Davison, Captain James
Allen, John Cooke, Colonel Zackquill Morgan

HonMen – Hagans-Evans, William Morris, Charleston

Press Book

1st Place – Buford

2nd Place – Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans

3rd Place – Anne Royall

Scrapbook

1st Place – Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans

2nd Place – Pack Horse Ford

3rd Place – Kanawha Valley

HonMen – John Hart

**Northern District Director Mrs. Joan McClelland presented the
following awards to chapters in Northern District**

Outstanding Community Service and Programs

Ann Royall-Katy Keith, Regent; Blennerhassett-Edna Barnes, Regent;

Colonel William Lowther-Cheryl Higgins, Regent; James Wood-

Barbara Smith, Regent; Mound-Lexie Hanket, Regent; Ohio

Valley-Mindy Davis, Regent; Wheeling-Debi Smith

Special Recognition

Randi Gray-Blennerhassett, providing pages for ND meetings

Gloria Brinkmeier-Wheeling, obtaining the "Presley Doll"

Judy Fugate Tuttle-Wheeling, ND genealogy workshops

Katy Keith-Anne Royall, observing chapter's 65th anniversary

**Blanche L. Reymann Scholarship Fund
Eloise Puglisi, State Chairman**

2005

The Blanche L. Reymann Scholarship is awarded to one of West Virginia's seven private colleges annually on a rotating basis. This year of 2005 - 2006 is the year a Davis and Elkins College female will be awarded scholarship of \$500.00. A letter has been sent to the college. The Director of Financial Aid will make a selection by the end of May 2005 at the Central District Meeting in Elkins, West Virginia.

The Blanche L. Reymann Scholarship is the only scholarship that is awarded by our West Virginia State Society of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. It is my goal to increase financial support. Recent studies have shown that there are 40 chapters in West Virginia. If each chapter contributes \$12.50 we will reach our scholarship amount of \$500.00.

Chapters that contribute \$12.50 or more will be recognized at the State Conference in 2006.

2006

I contacted the Director of Financial Aid at Davis and Elkins College to make a final selection of an eligible female student entering her senior year to receive the \$500.00 scholarship. The selected student, Carrie Egress was presented a check at the WVDAR Central District meeting August 3, 2005 at Elkins by the State Regent. I made arrangements with the Elkins newspaper to cover the presentation of the award. I mailed the picture of Carrie Egress and her scholarship information to the WVDAR News.

I contacted the State Treasurer. She sent me a report showing receipts of \$470.50 for a scholarship for the year 2006, making it possible to award a \$500.00 scholarship without reducing the Reymann Scholarship investment. I then completed the paper work for a student from West Virginia Wesleyan College to be selected to receive the \$500.00 scholarship for the year 2006 - 2007. The Blanche L. Reymann Scholarship is awarded to one of West Virginia's seven private colleges annually on a rotating basis.

I prepared the report of WVDAR Awards to be presented at the 101st State Conference and sent the names of the recipients to the State Chairman of Awards. I extend a special thanks and congratulations to the award winning chapters who contributed to the scholarship.

The following chapter recipients of awards designated as Exemplary, First Place, Second Place, Third Place, and Honorable Mention are:

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| EXEMPLARY | \$200 - \$300 | Gold Metallic Ribbon |
| | Wheeling Chapter | |
| FIRST PLACE | \$19 - \$25 | Blue Ribbon |
| | Kanawha Valley Chapter | |
| | Pack Horse Ford Chapter | |
| | Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter | |
| | John Hart Chapter | |
| | Blennerhassett Chapter | |
| SECOND PLACE | \$12 - \$18 | Red Ribbon |
| | Mound Chapter | |
| | James Wood Chapter | |
| | Ye Towne of Bath Chapter | |
| | Captain James Allen Chapter | |
| THIRD PLACE | \$6 - \$11 | White Ribbon |
| | Bee Line Chapter | |
| | Trans-Allegheny Chapter | |
| | Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter | |
| | Shenandoah Valley Chapter | |
| | Matthew French Chapter | |

James Barbour Chapter
Daniel Davisson Chapter
Colonel William Lowther Chapter
John Cooke Chapter

HONORABLE MENTION \$5
Colonel Zackquill Morgan Chapter
William Morris Chapter
Hagens-Evans Chapter
Westmoreland Chapter

2007

I contacted the Director of Financial Aid at West Virginia Wesleyan College to make a final selection of an eligible female student entering her senior year to receive the \$500 scholarship. The selected student, Natalie B. James was presented a check at the WVDAR Central District meeting July 21, 2006 at Cindy's Banquet Hall near Weston, West Virginia by the State Regent. I made arrangements with the Weston Democrat Newspaper to cover the presentation of the award. I mailed the picture of Natalie B. James and her scholarship information to the WVDAR News.

The State Treasurer sent me a financial report showing receipts of \$484.50 from the chapters for a scholarship for year 2007, making it possible to award a \$500 scholarship without reducing the Reymann Scholarship investment. \$15.50 was transferred from the \$203 cash received from selling voices on a basket of Fiesta at the 101st State Conference, to cover the amount needed for the \$500 scholarship. (\$484.50 + \$15.50) A letter listing the contributions and awards of chapters for the year ending April 2006 was mailed to each Chapter Regent April 29, 2006. Blanche L. Reymann State Scholarship information was distributed at each 2006 District Meeting. I contacted the Director of Financial Aid at the University of Charleston and completed the paper work for a student to be selected to receive the \$500 scholarship for the year 2007-2008. Jessica Hammons, a student entering her senior year was selected to receive the \$500 scholarship. Her scholarship check will be presented to her at the Awards Luncheon State Conference, April 14, 2007. The Blanche L. Reymann State Scholarship is awarded to one of West Virginia's seven private colleges annually on a rotating basis.

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By-Laws Committee
Avis Marcum, State Chairman

2005

This Chairman attended the 99th State Conference of the West Virginia State Society, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution held in Martinsburg, WV on October 22 – 24, 2004.

A Chairman of the State Bylaws Committee presented three changes to the State Bylaws, which were proposed by the previous State Bylaws Committee, chaired by Mrs. Jimelle Rumberg. These changes were voted upon and accepted by the conference.

Goals: To keep the State Bylaws as current as possible and to stay abreast for any changes made by the National Bylaws Committee.

2006

There have been no changes to the state bylaws during the past year.

2007

There have been no changes to the state bylaws during the past year.

Pages Committee
Randi Gray, State Chairman

2004

As State Chairman of Pages, I am pleased to report seven pages for the 99th State Conference. This is my fifth State Conference and we have in attendance the most pages I recall at our conference.

2005

As State Chairman of Pages, I am pleased to say our numbers continue to grow. A Page can be any young woman under the age of 40, and although unofficial, the State Society can use Aides (young men). At this conference, we have eight Pages. Some are experienced, and four are paging at their first state conference.

I was asked when I first became chairman about a Page Handbook. "A handbook?" I asked around at the last conference and obtained a handbook that was written a number of years ago. A fifth edition has now been written and available to anyone who pages.

I would like to see the number of pages continue to grow. Ask your daughters, granddaughters, nieces and CAR members if they would like to page. They can start out at your district meeting. They can even page at chapter meetings. I hope to see our numbers continue to grow in time for next April's State Conference.

2006

As State Page Chairman, I am pleased to report that we have nine pages and one aide to assist at this state conference. We have pages as young as nine years old and from as far as Georgia, all willing to serve you, our guest and the West Virginia Daughters. To keep our number of pages growing and to keep our young people involved in DAR, invite them to your District meetings or even chapter meetings.

Protocol Committee
Kathleen Morton, State Chairman

2004

This State Chairman is happy to serve during your administration and stands ready to do whatever is needed. This chairman has done the seating for the 99th West Virginia State Conference, lined up the processions and receiving lines, and had everything ready for the sessions to start on time. She has answered questions on protocol for the State Officers Club, Chapter Regents Club, West Virginia Daughters and guests. She encourages the West Virginia Daughters to contact her if they have any questions on protocol.

2005

This State Chairman is happy to serve during your administration and stands ready to do whatever is needed. This chairman has done the seating for the 100th West Virginia State Conference, lined up the processions and receiving lines, and had everything ready for the sessions to start on time. She has answered questions on protocol for the State Officers Club, Chapter Regents Club, West Virginia Daughters and guests. She encourages the West Virginia Daughters to contact her if they have any questions on protocol.

Long Range Planning Committee
Cora P. Teel, State Chairman

2004

The Long range Planning Committee consulted with the State Regent-elect about the future of District meetings. The Committee also submitted amendments to the bylaws to the Bylaws Committee that synchronized dates of reports with the dates of State Conference.

2005

The Long-Range Planning Committee held no deliberations and considered no new business

2006

The Long-Range Planning Committee held no deliberations and considered no new business

2007

The Long-Range Planning Committee held no deliberations and considered no new business

Resolutions Committee
Julia Linaweaver, State Chairman

2004

The Committee did not receive any resolutions.

2005

As Resolution chairman, I wish to report that I have not received any resolutions for the year 2004 – 2005.

2006

The Resolutions Committee is reporting that no new resolutions have been received.

2007

The Resolutions Committee is reporting that no new resolutions have been received.

West Virginia Cottage at Tamassee--Peters Cottage
Kathy Robertson, State Chairman

2004

The Josephine C. Peters Cottage Committee continues in its efforts to totally revamp our cottage. We hope to soon be in a financial position to complete the renovation of the walls in the cottage, with only the third bedroom, hallway and living room remaining.

This Committee is accepting donations to make additional renovations possible. The Committee is currently striving to fill the second plaque in the cottage denoting those who make contributions over \$100.00 to the cottage. This is a wonderful way to honor that special DAR member.

2005

The Josephine C. Peters Cottage Committee continues its efforts to totally revamp our cottage. We hope to soon be in a financial position to complete the renovation of the walls in the cottage, with only the third bedroom, hallway and living room remaining.

This year, the Col. Charles Lewis Chapter donated \$200.00 in honor of members, Helen Sterrett and Mildred Gibbs. Their names have been placed on the plaque. The General Andrew Lewis Chapter donated \$25.00 in honor of Alice Mae Schmidt.

This committee is accepting donations to make additional renovations possible. We are striving to fill another plaque denoting those who donate \$100.00 or more to the cottage. It is a wonderful way to honor a special DAR member.

2007

During this administration, the Josephine C. Peters WV Cottage at Tamassee has been painted inside and out. New Flooring has been installed in the kitchen, a new sink and vanity was installed in the Regents Room, new bedroom furniture and quilts were purchased for the two bedrooms, a new television was donated and cable was installed, and the front yard was landscaped. The cottage looks beautiful, and adds to the Tamassee campus. We have added 5 names to the plaque since April 2006.

West Virginia DAR News
Carol Linger, Editor

2005

The March 1, 2005 issue of the West Virginia DAR News contained information for the 100th West Virginia State Conference to be held April 15 – 17 at Parkersburg. A photograph of the Opening Night speaker, our own West Virginia Daughter, President General Presley Merritt Wagoner, was included on the front cover, along with photos of honored guests Mrs. Shirley Miller Wagers, Registrar General, NSDAR, and State Regents from Alabama, Ohio and Tennessee. The State Conference agenda and meals and room reservation forms were printed for the convenience of those members attending.

The State Regent's message included information about the previous State Conference in Martinsburg and the upcoming conference in Parkersburg.

A tentative schedule for the 114th Continental Congress to be held July 4 - 10 was included. Information regarding the DAR bus to Washington was provided by Marion McCullough, bus coordinator and member of Buford Chapter. Information pertaining to other Congress activities was also reported.

District meeting information was provided by the district directors. The meetings are scheduled for August 2 - 6 in Martinsburg, Elkins, Harrisville, Beckley and Hurricane.

Announcement from the State Corresponding Secretary, State Chaplain and State Registrar were printed, as well as articles from state chairmen of President General's Project, American Indians, Constitution Week and membership. Five Chapters submitted articles, Anne Bailey, Barboursville (with photo), Shenandoah Valley, Pack Horse Ford (with photo), and Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans.

Awards from the October 2004 State Conference were reported as well as 50 new members.

Since the date for State Conference has been changed from October to April, it will be necessary to change the date for the spring issue from March 1 to February 1 to ensure that chapters receive certain information prior to deadlines they must meet.

Editing the West Virginia DAR News is quite an experience - an enjoyable and rewarding experience. I consider it a privilege to report news from the State Regent, state officers, state committee chairmen and the chapters.

2006

The West Virginia DAR News is published biannually on March 1 and September 1 and mailed to all West Virginia Daughters, State Regents and National Officers.

The September 1, 2005 issue contained 12 pages. The State Regent's message emphasized the importance of recruiting new members and announced a prize of \$50.00 to be given to the chapter getting the most new members between July 2005 and April 2006. Both State and Congress award winners were printed in this issue.

Articles outlining activities and achievements were received from two state officers, five state chairmen and six chapters. Fourteen photographs were printed with these articles.

The March 1, 2006 issue was 14 pages. The State Regent's Message contained information regarding the upcoming 101st State Conference, including photographs of six conference guests. The Call to Conference was published in this issue. Conference reservations forms for meals and lodging were printed.

A tentative schedule for the 115th Continental Congress was included, as well as announcements of times and places for District Meetings.

The names of 61 new members from 21 chapters were published. Reports were received from five state officers and one state chairman. Seven chapters submitted articles reporting their activities and achievements. A total of 16 photographs were published.

Since State Conference is now held in April instead of October, the deadline for copy for the March 1 issue has changed from February 1 to January 1. This will allow us to mail the newsletter early enough so that information will reach our membership in time for certain deadlines to be met before State Conference. The publications date of March 1 remains the same.

Daughters are urged to submit articles on the activities and achievements of their chapters. A charge of \$15.00 is required for each photograph to be published.

West Virginia Fifty-Year Club Dorothy Myers, State Chairman Mary Jane Korth, State Chairman

2004

I regret to inform you that I have been unable to do a more thorough job on this committee due to ill health. I hope you will find a very successful administration and I will help Mrs. Korth in any way I can.

50 Year Members as of October 2004:

Anne Royall-Mary Belle Kysor Slevin

Barboursville- Mrs. Myron L. French (Ruth), Mrs. Samuel McConkey (Lucille)

Bee Line -Mrs. Clarence Nelson (Ethel McVey), Mrs. John A. Ward

Blackwater-Jean Burns, Lolita Hilliard, Alice Smith

Buford-Lady Lou Jenkins, Martha Wilson Brandt (Mrs. J.T.), Sidney Tumbull (Mrs. William)

Captain James Allen-Margaret Bibb Johnson (Mrs. Morton)

Colonel Charles Lewis-Cordella M. Nibert (Mrs. Forrest), Nedra Wilhelm Jones, Mrs. John Collins (Anne Lee), Mrs. Howard Price (Margaret S.), Mrs. Marvin McElfrest (Edith J.), Evelyn Fogle song Proffitt, Garnette Tillis Stanley

Daniel Davvison-Betty Dakan, Mary Lou Weatherholtz (Mrs. Harry)

Elizabeth Cummings Jackson-Mrs. Carl G. Weltman

Elizabeth Ludington Hagans/Col. John Evans—Genevieve Hartsaw, Eve Claire Lewis, Willard Jordon, Virginia Gaston, Lydia Mae McBee, Lecanor Ruland, Dora Sheppard Hennon, Lucille Madire
Elizabeth Zane—Mrs. Mary K. Miller, Mrs. Marion F. Hunt
Fort Ashby—Grace T. Foster
James Barbour—Audra Lambert
James Wood—Jane McDougle Dils (Mrs. Edwin), Mrs. Louis T. Cruickshank (Dwight), Mrs. Margorie D. Hiehle (Forbes), Phoebe Genevieve Herold Phelps
John Chapman—Mary Sampson Gille (Mrs. Percy), Nancy Randolph Cheely Cole (Mrs. W. S. J.), Mary Written Kahle Morgan (Mrs. S. P.)
Pauline Watson Fife (Mrs. Clark E.), Elise Hume Cooper (Mrs. Hufford W.), Linkous Connie Hall (Mrs. Otis E.)
John Hart—Mrs. Neil Andamson Junter, Hazel Turner Kump (Mrs. Cyrus), Mrs. Mary Daniels Parmesano
John Young—Lydia White Hansbarger (Mrs. Ecnola), Lucille Ferguson Alexander (Mrs. Arch), Virginia B. Johnson
Kanawha Valley—Getrude Laing Conley (Mrs. James S.), Frances Williamson McIntosh (Mrs. C. L.), Polly Ann Burnell Lynch (Mrs. Earl B.)
Major William Haymond—Mary Hunsaker McDonougal (Mrs. E. C.), Miss Elizabeth Williams, Mayo Jolliffe Olson (Mrs. Ralph E.)
Miss Alma Hunsaker
Matthew French—Theresa Brown Clark (Mrs. Andrew), Ruth Carper (Mrs. W. G.), Madie M. Dyer (Mrs. Price), Elizabeth D. Eskridge (Mrs. W. M.), Virginia N. Lively (Mrs. J.), Frances Terry, Marguerite Miller
Mound—Alice Sigafoose Littell
Pack Horse Ford—Mary Paget Shealey Langalis, Ruth Powell Thatcher, Lille Rockenbaugh Moore (Mrs. Donald)
Ravenswood (disbanded)—Mrs. Sue Proctor Miller
South Branch Valley—Mary Curry Dyer Dalen (Mrs. Ole B.), Rebecca Dyer Browdy (Mrs. Abraham), Dorothy Herriott (Mrs. Charles)
Trans-Allegheny—Ethyle Jarvis (Mrs. Albert)
West Augusta—France Bowers, Estella Nutter Conaway, Thelma Huey Phillips (Mrs. Clinton), Charlotte Loen, Mary Gail Koen Betty Blake
Westmoreland—Julia Elizabeth Adkins
Wheeling—Mrs. Charles F. Bachmann (Elizabeth Browne), Mrs. Gore Beall (Louise Carter), Mrs. Floyd B. Fleming (Anne Virginia Stinger)
Mrs. James D. Ezell (Susan Backmann), Mrs. Donald W. Sell (Eleanor Hunter), Mrs. Henry Sulena (Florence Hunter), Mrs. Monroe Worthington (Lena Martin)
William Henshaw—Virginia Newkirk (Mrs. Leslie), Katherine Grove Sechrist (Mrs. John)
William Norris—Nellie Morris Crow (Mrs. Russell), Muriel Albright Francke (Mrs. R. S.), Emily McConchay Schlagel (Mrs. Earl)
Shenandoah Valley—Annalea Pyne Dawson (Mrs. Kenneth C.), Carolyn Sencindiver Elmer (Mrs. R. P.)
Ye Towne of Bath—Ama Yost Catlett (Mrs. Clark, Alice Blake Widmeyer (Mrs. Luther), Kathern Ruppenthal Allemong (Mrs. Lewis)
Jessie Widmyer Hunter (Mrs. William), Iva Lou Michael Dawson (Mrs. Medford), Mary Phillips Ditto (Mrs. Carl), Marjorie Nelle Boggs Sine (Mrs. George) **Total = 101**

2007

As of March 28, 2007, eleven West Virginia NSDAR chapters reported a total of sixty-one, fifty year members. Eleven of whom are still active in a chapter, serve on a committee, or in an office. Five 50-year members, are in nursing homes, or assisted living facilities. The following chapters reported fifty-year or more members:

See Line Chapter- Ruth Harmison Ward, Ann Calhoun Ames Groves Gurman, Reba Allen Kelly Pestun, and Nancy Blackford Kable Gruzca.

Buford Chapter- Charlotte Garred Aldridge, Martha Zouck Wilson Brandt, Hilda Berridge Long Copen, Mary Elizabeth Reeser Emmons, Gail Veatch Hewitt, Lady Lou LaLance Jenkins, Margie Ann Leap, Jessie H. Fiedler McClain, Kathryn McClung Merry, and Sydney Burns Turnbull.

Col. Morgan Morgan Chapter- Rosemary Hess, Elouise Lowe, Helen F. Nuzum, and Winifred Morgan Wood.

Daniel Davisson Chapter- Mary Jane Korth.

Elizabeth Ludington Hagan/ Col. John Evans Chapter- Elinor H. Bradford, Eva Claire Lewis, Anna Wells Thorne, Ann Wade Van Voorhis

James Wood Chapter- Phoebe Herold Phelps, Carol Nicholson Phillips, Jane McDougle Dills, Jane Lanham Fuller, Hallie Burdette Garrett, Elizabeth Robinson Whitaker, Helen Bailey Barnett, Lee Willingham Nelson, Harriet Stark, Betty Lewis Williams, Juliet Lanham Miller, and Garnet Buckley.

John Hart Chapter- Eleanor Harper Gay, Mary Gamble Kump, Ursula Jae Marshall Spears, and Jane Taylor Ix.

John Young Chapter- Ivalou Hanna Barth, Liewellyn Shrewsbury Cole, Martha Darweal Cole, Katherine Brooks Giltinan, Mary Fayne Glotgelly, Alice Ann Jarvis, Virginia Bondurant Johnson, Jo Ann Rader Saxton, Francis Wilson Spencer, Francis M. Wilson, and Agnes Lee Napier Woods.

Kanawha Valley Chapter- Margaret Kuhn Edleblute, Jeanne Ashby Furrh, Polly Ann Burnell Lynch, Olivia Lakin Ray Singleton, Ann Bowling Wall, Alice Buchanan Watson, and Virginia Smith Reynolds.

South Branch Valley Chapter- Rebecca Dyer Browdy, Mary Curry Dyer Dulen, Martha Lancaster Early, and Jacqueline Wilkins Upp.

Ye Towne of Bath- Mary Phillip Ditto, Jesse Widmyer Hunter, Marjorie Nelle Boggs Sine, and Eleanor Bechtol Taylor.

**West Virginia Room in Memorial Continental Hall
Sally A. Ford, State Chairman**

2006

There has been no communication or any action taken this past year at our West Virginia Room. I visited the room at Continental Congress and it was in excellent condition. If possible, (If the Museum doesn't have other plans) we will have the room open for the West Virginia Daughters to visit this year.

2007

There has been no activity beyond regular maintenance in regards to the West Virginia Room

**West Virginia Speakers' Staff
Maxine P. Spearman, State Chairman**

2005

It is with pleasure and honor I give you this report today. Just let me say to you, especially Chapter Regents, you have a wealth of information on DAR at your disposal.

Try sometime to ask one of your Honoraries to give your Chapter a program. This group of ladies can speak on all aspects of DAR and other subjects also. Thank you, Madam Regent for allowing me to serve your administration.

2006

What a pleasure and delight it was to spend a week this past August with our lovely State Regent and members of her Executive Board. I attended all five of the District meetings, which were outstanding and very informative. I say many old friends and made some new ones. On September 17th, I accompanied our State Regent to Morgantown for the Constitution Week Program

Thank you, Madam Regent, for a wonderful experience of DAR at this time and at my age.

2007

1. 11 members appointed from West Virginia
2. 19 programs presented
3. approximately 875 miles traveled
4. approximately 400 attended presentation
5. Most requested programs: (1) DAR Schools; (2)How to Trace Your Roots; (3)Role of Women in the Military; (4)Veterans
6. Linda Parsons is an outstanding speaker who is always willing to travel whenever requested to speak about veterans. Linda is a retired teacher and is the State Chairman of Veteran Patients. She has a lovely singing voice and often adds music and poetry to her presentations.

Members appointed to serve on the Speakers Staff by the President General: Shirley M. Gilkeson, Ginger Nalley, Charla Nutter, Cora Teel, Kathleen Bledsoe, Nancy Kornegay, Linda Parsons, Carmen Silliman, CeCe Wallace, Barbara Frankenberry, and Jimelle Rumberg

West Virginia State Officers Club

2004

Miss Frankie Cline, Vice President, presided at the annual meeting of the WVDAR State Officers Club held on October 24, 2004 at the Holiday Inn Conference Center, Martinsburg, West Virginia. This meeting was held during the 99th WVDAR State Conference.

The invocation was given by Mrs. James E. Wallace, West Virginia Chaplain. The Welcome was given by the Club Vice President, Miss Frankie Cline, in the absence of Mrs. Robert Nalley. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States was led by Mrs. Charles L. Silliman, Honorary State Regent.

Honored Guest were introduced. These guest were: Mrs. Donald Gonchar, Organizing Secretary General NSDAR; Mrs. Theodore C. Whitson, State Regent of Georgia; Mrs. S. Perry Davis, State Regent of South Carolina; Mrs. Donald F. Mayer, State Regent of Virginia; Mrs. Randall G. Rumberg, Past Vice President General, Honorary State Regent; Mrs. Walter Spearman, Past Vice President General, Honorary State Regent.

West Virginia State Officers in attendance were:

Mrs. Roy A. Gilkeson, State Regent
Mrs. James Wallace, State Chaplain
Mrs. Cora P. Teel, State Corresponding Secretary
Mrs. Gary W. Greenfield, State Organizing Secretary
Mrs. Eldon Rutledge, State Treasurer
Mrs. July Fugate, State Registrar
Mrs. Lloyd Sweeney, State Historian
Mrs. Robert Allen, State Librarian

Miss Cline introduced the guest speaker for the morning: Mrs. Randall G. Rumberg (Jimelle). Mrs. Rumberg gave a wonderful talk on the Liberty Trees. She also presented everyone in attendance with their very own leaf.

The Business Meeting was called to order by Miss Cline. The minutes of the 2003 meeting were read by secretary pro-tem Mrs. John A. Davis. The minutes were approved as corrected. As there was no Old Business, New Business was discussed.

Under New Business, the discussion was on the portrait to be done of Mrs. Joel M. Waggoner (Presley), President General from West Virginia. Mrs. Ebb Cummings discussed with the group that we should support Presley and that we need to come up with some ideas of raising money to support this effort. Several ideas for fundraising were suggested. Mrs. McCullough (Marion) suggested that perhaps the members of the club could supply baby pictures and do voices and the West Virginia Daughters could guess about each previous or current officer picture. Mrs. Randall Rumberg and Mrs. Robert Frankenberg suggested doing Pennies for Presley's portrait.

Mrs. Ebb J. Cummings (Ann) made the motion that we try and find an individual from West Virginia to be the artist of the portrait. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Charles Silliman. The notion passed.

An additional motion was made by Mrs. McCullough for Baby pictures to be used at the next State Conference in order to raise money as a club in helping to support the portrait of Mrs. Joel M. Waggoner. She also added that a gift will be presented to each winner of the baby contest. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Walter Spearman. The motion passed. Miss Cline called for the report of the Nominating Committee for the 2003 - 2004 term. Those serving on the Nominating Committee were Mrs. Gary W. Greenfield, Chairman, Mrs. Richard E. Ford, and Mrs. Robert H. Frankenberg. The report was given by Mrs. Greenfield. The Nominating Committee moved that the present officers continue in their present office until the April 2005 State Conference. The new meeting date will bring West Virginia into compliance with the national DAR Calendar.

The report is as follows for October 2004 - April 2005

For the Office of President - Mrs. Robert Nalley (Ginger)
For the Office of Vice President - Miss Frankie Cline
For the Office of Secretary - Mrs. Robert Fish (Barbara)
For the Office of Historian - Mrs. Charles Silliman (Carmen)

The Vice President asked whether there were any nominations from the floor. Hearing none, she declared the nominations closed. A voice vote was called and the slate was approved. Miss Cline next called for nominations for the Nominating Committee for the 2005 - 2006 term. Miss Cline moved that the nominating committee remain the same as before due to complying with the national Calendar. The motion was seconded and passed.

The nominating Committee for the 2005 - 2006 term is:

Mrs. Gary W. Greenfield
Mrs. Richard E. Ford
Mrs. Robert H. Frankenberg

Miss Cline thanked those in attendance and asked that everyone remember our Club President, Mrs. Robert Nalley, (Ginger) at the passing of her family member.

There being no further business, the benediction was given by Miss Frankie Cline. The meeting was adjourned by Club Vice President Miss Cline.

Mrs. John A. Davis, (Malinda), Secretary Pro-tem

Thank you!

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