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#### TYGART VALLEY BECOMES NEWEST WVSSAR CHAPTER

The West Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution continues to expand.

The newest chapter is Tygart Valley and will be headquartered in Elkins.

On March 21, the WVSSAR Board of Management unanimously approved the application for charter presented by Tygart Valley Chapter President Raymond M. Kane Jr. The Spring BOM was conducted at Point Pleasant.

Kane reports that the chapter is now awaiting the charter.

Website for the Tygart Valley Chapter is [twvvsar.org](http://twvvsar.org).

The WVSSAR has seen tremendous growth in recent years with the addition of the Captain Ralph Stewart, General Hugh Mercer and Fort Henry chapters.



Fort Henry Chapter President Jay Frey (left) receives the Chapter Charter from WVSSAR President Steve Hart.



Raymond Kane Jr. (left) receives the Meritorious Service Medal from WVSSAR President Steve Hart and Central District Vice President General William Anthony Robinson.

### **TWENTY-TWO HONORED AT 2015 BANQUET**

Twenty-two individuals captured awards at the 88<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the WVSSAR hosted by the Daniel Boone Chapter in Charleston.

Making the presentations were WVSSAR President Steve Hart and Central District Vice President General William Anthony Robinson. Brian Casto is the president of the Daniel Boone Chapter.

The guest speaker was former NSSAR President General Joseph Dooley.

Receiving the Meritorious Service Medal were William Lester of the Captain Ralph Stewart Chapter, Frank (Joe) Khare Jr., General Adam Stephen Chapter; and Raymond Kane Jr., General George Rogers Clark Chapter.

The Silver Roger Sherman Medal was awarded to Lance Carter, General Andrew Lewis Chapter; Richard Brockway, Greenbrier Valley Chapter; and Harold Theodore Cox, Captain James Neal Chapter.

Valarie Hart, wife of President Steve Hart, was presented the Lydia Darragh Medal.

Awarded certificates of appreciation were:

- \*William Lester.
- \*Frank (Joe) Khare Jr.
- \*Raymond Kane Jr.
- \*Brian Casto.
- \*Douglas Wayne Harvey.

- \*Gregory Michael.
- \*Thomas Galloway.
- \*Alfred E. Cummings.
- \*Rhendal Butler.
- \*Robert Tilley.
- \*Richard D. Lockhart.
- \*Kenneth Smith.
- \*John Sauer.
- \*Cary Campbell.
- \*Edward Cromley.
- \*Harold Theodore Cox.
- \*James (Jay) Frey.
- \*Richard Grogan.
- \*Finlay (Jack) Coles.



Harold Theodore Cox (left) receives the Silver Roger Sherman Medal from WVSSAR President Steve Hart and Central District Vice President General William Anthony Robinson.

### **NOHE CHOSEN FIREMAN OF THE YEAR**

Vienna's Jack Nohe has been selected as Fireman of the Year.

The award is co-sponsored by Firehouse Subs and Captain James Neal Chapter.



Richard Brockway (left) receives the Silver Roger Sherman Medal from WVSSAR President Steve Hart and Central District Vice President General William Anthony Robinson.

**FORT HENRY CHAPTER RECEIVES CHARTER**

The Fort Henry Chapter of Wheeling was chartered on April 26, 2014 and re-established at an organizational dinner held October 23 at Wilson Lodge, Oglebay Resort and Conference Center.

Among the 60 guests were SAR Singers Choirmaster Richard Brockway with his wife, Norman, WVSSAR Past President Ira Cook and wife, Lillian, WVSSAR Past President Bob Fish, Past OHSSAR President George Ruch, WVSSAR Secretary-Treasurer Joe Khare, and wife, Cheryl Brown, and WVSSAR First Vice President Bill Lester and wife, Ann.



Frank (Joe) Khare Jr. (left) receives the Meritorious Service Medal from WVSSAR President Steve Hart and Central District Vice President General William Anthony Robinson.

**JAMIE COOK WINNER OF ESSAY CONTEST**

Jamie Cook, a senior at Westside High School in Clearfork, is the state winner of the George and Stella Knight Essay Contest.

The Captain Ralph Stewart Chapter made the local level selection.



The grave marking of Patriot Jacob Williamson was conducted at the Elmwood Cemetery in Shepherdstown. Descendants from left are the family of Reverend Raleigh Watson, then Compatriot Rev. Raleigh Watson, Compatriot Steve Nicewarner and Compatriot Frank Hill.



William Lester (left) receives the Meritorious Service Medal from WVSSAR President Steve Hart and Central District Vice President General William Anthony Robinson.



Valarie Hart receives the Lydia Darragh Medal from WVSSAR President Steve Hart and Central District Vice President General William Anthony Robinson.



Lance Carter (left) receives the Silver Roger Sherman Medal from WVSSAR President Steve Hart and Central District Vice President General William Anthony Robinson.



Fort Henry Chapter President Jay Frey (left) with First Lady Billie S. Brock and NSSAR President General Lindsey C. Brock at the chapter charter dinner in Wheeling.

### **TWO WAR SERVICE MEDALS PRESENTED**

Thomas Fritz Jr and Keith McDonald received War Service Medals at the March meeting of the General Adam Stephen Chapter.

Making the presentation was Chapter President Joe Khare.

### **BROCKWAY APPOINTED HISTORIAN GENERAL**

Richard D. Brockway of the Greenbrier Valley Chapter has been appointed NSSAR Historian General.

He was named at the Spring Leadership/Trustee Meeting in Louisville.

### **FREY RECEIVES THE WV HISTORY AWARD**

Fort Henry Chapter President Jay Frey has received the West Virginia History Hero Award.



Presented Certificates of Appreciation at the WVSSAR Banquet from the General Andrew Lewis Chapter were from left, Greg Michael, Tom Galloway and Ken Smith.

### **IN MEMORIAL:**

Bill Dunfee  
Turner Ramey  
John Schley  
Arch Moore Jr  
Lyle McCullough  
O.C. Spaulding  
Lynndal Harkins  
Carl Deem  
James Johnson  
Turner Ramey  
Conrad Christianson Jr  
Frederick Gillespie  
A. Michael Perry  
Edward Gageby

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