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### **.TYGART VALLEY CHAPTER RECEIVES CHARTER OCTOBER 10**

Tygart Valley Chapter President Raymond Kane Jr. was presented with the chapter charter by former WVSSAR President Richard Brockway at the organizational banquet and meeting October 10 in Elkins.

Other Tygart Valley officers include Vice President David Crawford, Secretary-Treasurer John Slaven, Registrar Kane, Historian Arden Swiger and Chaplain Richard Linger.

The newest WVSSAR chapter already has an eye-opening total of 32 members. Kane said there is also support for a CAR chapter.

Tygart Valley was granted unanimous approval at the March Board of Management Meeting and the WVSSAR State Meeting.

The WVSSAR now has 11 chapters.



Tygart Valley Chapter President Raymond Kane Jr. (left) receives the chapter charter from former WVSSAR President Richard Brockway.



House of Delegate members Gary Howell and John Overington received the Silver Good Citizenship Medal in Charleston. From left, Rick Greathouse, secretary, Daniel Boone Chapter; Jack Coles, president, Point Pleasant Chapter; Brian Casto, president, Daniel Boone Chapter; Delegate Howell; Steve Hart, president WVSSAR; Delegate Overington; Joe Khare, Secretary-Treasurer WVSSAR; and Ed Cromley, Point Pleasant Chapter.

#### **WVSSAR RECEIVES FURLONG FLAG AWARD**

The WVSSAR received the Admiral Furlong Flag Streamer and Certificate at the NSSAR Congress in Louisville.

West Virginia was one of only four states to have 100 percent participation from all chapters.

The longtime WVSSAR Chairman is Finlay Jack Coles.



Point Pleasant Chapter President Finlay Jack Coles (left) is presented the Admiral Furlong Flag Certificate by WVSSAR President Steve Hart

#### **POLICE RECEIVE SAR MEDAL FOR HEROISM**

The WVSSAR presented the Medal for Heroism to Lewisburg Lieutenant Jeromy Dove and Patrolman Nicholas Sams October 20.

The officers received the medal for ending a multi-state crime spree on Interstate 64 near Lewisburg last January.

The SAR Medal for Heroism is presented for acts of outstanding bravery and self-sacrifice in the face of imminent danger. Making the presentation was WVSSAR President Steve Hart.

The Greenbrier Valley Chapter was instrumental in recommending the officers. The presentation was made at Lewisburg Town Hall.



Lewisburg Lieutenant Jeromy Dove and Patrolman Nicholas Sams have been presented with the SAR Medal for Heroism. From left, Secretary-Treasurer Joe Khare, Nicholas Sams, Jeromy Dove, Greenbrier Valley Chapter President Rhendal Butler, and WVSSAR President Steve Hart.



Captain James Neal Chapter President Ted Cox (left) is presented a certificate by WVSSAR President Steve Hart for his participation in the WVSSAR Eagle Scout program.

## **CAPTAIN JAMES NEAL MARKER UNVEILED**

The Captain James Neal Chapter has unveiled a granite marker at the gravesite of its namesake at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Parkersburg.

"Independence Day is the perfect time to unveil this marker," said Chapter President Ted Cox. "Like all of the patriots of the American Revolution, Captain James Neal risked everything for the cause of freedom. We owe our very existence as a nation to patriots such as him and we dedicate this monument to his memory. Americans must never forget what these brave patriots did for us."

The ceremony featured recognition of Captain Neal's lineal descendants. There were placements of wreaths at the grave, a musket salute, and a bagpipe presentation of "Amazing Grace."

Bob Enoch, president of the Wood County Historical and Preservation Society, said, "James Neal and his family immigrated here in 1785. He is credited with forming the first permanent settlement in what is now Wood County. It is absolutely essential that the community continue to identify, recognize and preserve historic sites such as this gravesite."



SAR members at the Captain James Neal gravesite for the Fourth of July dedication.

### **IN MEMORIAL:**

Jack Anderson

Richard Chapman

Warren Losh



Tygart Valley Chapter members Ray Kane and Steve Hart performed as color guard for the grave marking of Archibald Roberts of the Maryland Militia. Roberts grave is located in a wooded area near Martin, Grant County. From left, Kane, Beverly Chaney, Regent Fort Ashby Chapter DAR, Barbara Frankenberry, WV State Regent DAR and Hart.

## **GEN. ADAM STEPHEN HAS FALL MEETING**

Nine members were inducted at the October 17 meeting of the General Adam Stephen Chapter at the Purple Iris in Martinsburg.

The new members are Bill Chapman, David Hill, James Stovall and John Toffling of Shepherdstown; Phil McDonald, Riley Moore and Bruce Thomas of Harpers Ferry; David Jenkins of Charles Town; and Lee Kelly of Kearneysville.

The speaker for the evening was Dr. David T. Javersak, Dean Emeritus of the School of Liberal Arts and Professor Emeritus, West Liberty University in Wheeling. Over 50 attendees enjoyed his talk on "History and the Founders."

Members also discussed the successful support of the National DAR Day of Service October 11 and the planned marking of Revolutionary War Patriot Philip Engle's grave April 30, 2016 in Shenandoah Junction.

## **APRIL WILLIAMS GARDNER RECEIVES AWARDS**

DAR Chapter Regent April Williams Gardner received two awards from WVSSAR President Steve Hart.

She was awarded the Bronze Gold Citizenship Medal from the Daniel Boone Chapter and the Martha Washington Medal from the WVSSAR.





Tygart Valley Chapter President Raymond Kane Jr. (left) receives the Liberty Metal from WVSSAR President Steve Hart.



General Andrew Lewis Chapter Vice President Greg Michael (left) presents a Certificate of Appreciation to nationally known World War I Historian David Woodward . Woodward spoke at the November chapter meeting.



Chris Saunders (left) and General Andrew Lewis Chapter Vice President Greg Michael examine a slavery artifact.



WVSSAR President Steve Hart (left) and NSSAR President General Tom Lawrence at Point Pleasant Battle Days.

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