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REBEL SPY FEATURED AT JULY 13 MEETING

Rebel spy Nancy Hart will be portrayed by Dovie Dunn at the Thursday, July 13 meeting of the General Andrew Lewis Chapter. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. at the Enslow Park Presbyterian Church in Huntington.

Dunn, who will present a one-woman portrayal of the rebel spy, is the vice president of the West Virginia Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

According to tradition, Hart led a Confederate raid on the Union position at Summersville on July 25, 1862. She was only in her late teens at the time.

She worked closely with the Confederate Moccasin Rangers as a scout and spy. Hart was captured on two occasions and escaped. After killing a guard and escaping at Summersville, she returned a week later with 200 Confederate troops to capture the town.

After the war ended, her husband, Joshua Douglas, returned from Confederate service and settled in Greenbrier County. Hart died in 1902 at about 60 and is buried at Mannings Knob in Greenbrier County.



The Huntington celebration for Memorial Day was at the World War I Arch. Among those attending were GAL Chapter members from left, Lance Carter, Jack Crandall, Ken Smith and Tom Galloway.



Chapter President Tom Galloway (left) presents the Patriot Medal to GAL member Frank Dorsey. Also in the photo are Central District Vice President General Bob Fish, Medal of Honor Recipient Woody Williams and WVSSAR President Bill Lester. The Patriot Medal is the highest award for exceptional services to the West Virginia Society.

DR. HAROLD COOK III NEWEST GAL MEMBER

The GAL Chapter welcomes Dr. Harold Eugene Cook III of Powell, Ohio as its newest member.

Dr. Cook is a descendant of John George.

George was a private in the First Regiment, Continental Line.



Chapter President Tom Galloway (left) presents a Certificate of Appreciation to Matthew A. Perry. Perry gave an outstanding Civil War lecture on the 7th West Virginia Infantry at the May meeting.

FRANK DORSEY RECEIVES PATRIOT MEDAL

GAL member Frank Dorsey received the Patriot Medal at the Huntington Veterans Medical Center last month. The Patriot Medal is the highest award for exceptional services to the West Virginia Society.

Chapter President Tom Galloway presented Dorsey with the medal. Other dignitaries included WVSSAR President Bill Lester, Central District Vice President General Bob Fish and Medal of Honor Recipient Woody Williams.

Dorsey has been doing volunteer work at the hospital for almost 20 years with a total of nearly 15,000 hours.

He is an active member of the Marine Corp League Huntington Detachment 340 and served for many years on the Greater Huntington Area Park Board.

After enlisting in the Marines, Dorsey was eventually assigned to the 5th Marine Division also known as the Spearhead Division. His destination was Iwo Jima.

The 5th Marines were assigned to invade the southern end of the island below Mount Suribachi. Dorsey's battalion was on the 3rd wave of the invasion of Green Beach.

Upon landing, they walked ashore on the black volcanic sand when the Japanese hidden in caves opened fire. Frank jumped down and became covered in the black sand.

He described when the first United States flag was raised on Suribachi that you could hear loud roars and cheers.

"It was paid for at a very high price," Dorsey said. "I lost my best friend along with many others for it."



Chapter Registrar Lance Carter (left) receives a Certificate of Appreciation from Chapter Vice President Greg Michael. Carter's award was announced at the WVSSAR banquet.

BRAXTON FREEMAN RECEIVES ROTC MEDAL

A Huntington High School student has been awarded the Bronze ROTC Medal by the GAL Chapter.

Making the presentation was Major Paul Clark.



Chapter Secretary Fred Harmon (left) receives a Veterans Administration Voluntary Service Certificate of Appreciation from Chapter Vice President Greg Michael. Harmon's award was announced at the annual WVSSAR banquet.

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