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WVSSAR MEETING SLATED AT LEWISBURG MAY 3 AND MAY 4

The Greenbrier Valley Chapter will be hosting the 2013 WVSSAR Annual Meeting and Banquet.

The banquet will be Friday, May 3, and the business meeting Saturday, May 4. Both events will be at the Brier Conference Center (Quality Inn).

At the annual meeting, all regular WVSSAR members are delegates to vote at the banquet, Friday, May 3. Items to vote on include state officers for 2013-14 and a surcharge of \$5 for supplemental applications to defray mailing costs as approved at the Board of Management meeting in March.

Deadline for registration for the banquet is April 26. Registration fee is \$30 per person.

Checks should be made payable to Greenbrier Valley SAR. They should be mailed to James Talbert, secretary, Greenbrier Valley Chapter SAR, 108 Sunshine Drive, Lewisburg, W.V. 24901.

Registration is 5-6 p.m. in the Brier Patch Room. Reception is 6 -7 p.m. also in the Brier Patch Room. The banquet is 7 p.m. in the Mountain Laurel Room. Attire is formal, colonial or suit, jacket and tie.



Donald and Dorrene Hale were honored as "History Heroes" during a presentation at the Capitol. From left, Delegate Stephen Skinner, First Lady JoAnn Tomblin, Dorrene Hale and Donald Hale. Donald is the registrar of the General Adam Stephen Chapter

WAR OF 1812 ASSISTANCE SOUGHT

Dear Sons of the American Revolution Chapters,

My name is Rebecca Whitman Koford and I am a genealogical researcher and lecturer in Maryland.

As you are considering worthy projects for your chapter this new year, please bear in mind the War of 1812 Preserve the Pension Project.

This non-profit historical project seeks to conserve, preserve, and publish the unique War of 1812 pensions. The War of 1812 Pension and Bounty Land Files housed in the National Archives in Washington, D.C., are being digitized and placed online indefinitely; easily available to lineage society members, researchers and others for FREE!

Why are the War of 1812 Pensions so important?

The pensions of 180,000 of our bravest "Second Revolution" patriots have never been microfilmed or digitally preserved until now.

The Federation of Genealogical Societies is leading the effort to raise \$3.2 million to digitize the 7.2 million images and preserve the images of these precious historical documents.

Ancestry.com, has committed to match dollar-for-dollar everything raised toward this effort. This means every dollar contributed turns into two and preserves four images! It will stay FREE, even though it is generously contributed to by Ancestry.com.

What can we do to help Preserve the Pensions?

Encourage your members to contribute as a group or individually. When I contributed, I was able to dedicate my donation to my War of 1812 ancestor.

Share information about this project at your next meeting. Your members may be involved in other so-

cieties who are interested - please spread the word.

The attached document can help you discuss the project with your members.

Write to us. We can supply printed brochures for each of your members. To receive these materials, email us at: 1812@fgs.org or call us toll-free at 888-347-1500.

Please also make brochures available to your patrons at your local museums and historical societies.

Are the Pensions being digitized right now?

Yes!! The team at the National Archives are extremely professional and organized. The pensions are receiving the best treatment and care.

To view the images already available online for FREE, go to: <http://go.fold3.com/1812pensions/>

To learn more about the project, go to: www.preservethepensions.org.

What we can do for you...

- To help explain and build enthusiasm about this wonderful project we can provide one of two Power-point presentations for use in your chapter meetings:
 - One is a pre-set 10 minute program that runs by itself and is great for a short, visual introduction.
 - One is a 50-minute program that explains not only this program but how to research your War of 1812 ancestors. We can put you in touch with a local genealogist to come and present this program at your convenience.

Please encourage your members to help us save the War of 1812 Pensions! If you have already heard of and contributed to this project, *Thank You!*

Thank you so much for all you do in your societies to preserve our history and keep it alive for the next generation.



Prospective General Andrew Lewis Chapter member Billy Meadows looks dashing in his Korean War dress uniform. On the 60th anniversary of the Korean War, Meadows has received two awards for his participation.

LOCKHARTS SELECTED HISTORY HEROES

Jim and Janet Lockhart have been selected as West Virginia "History Heroes".

Jim is vice-president and registrar of the Captain James Neal Chapter and Janet is active in the Blennerhassett DAR Chapter.

GOODE RECEIVES CERTIFICATE OF PATRIOTISM

WVSSAR Chaplain James J. Goode has received the Certificate of Patriotism for meritorious service during World War II while serving in the United States Armed Forces.

This conspicuous performance of duty represents exemplary patriotism in the finest traditions of the United State Armed Forces and reflects great credit upon the recipient, the Military

Service, and the Sons of the American Revolution.

Goode is a member of the General Andrew Lewis Chapter.

HALES NAMED HISTORY HEROES

Harpers Ferry residents Donald and Dorrene Hale were honored as "2013 History Heroes" during History Day at the West Virginia Culture and History Center in Charleston.

Donald was nominated by the General Adam Stephen Chapter. The Pack Horse Ford Chapter, DAR, nominated his wife, Dorrene. Donald is the Registrar of the General Adam Stephen Chapter.

This award is presented to individuals who are involved in local history, genealogy, preservation and museum organizations.

Following the ceremony, the honorees were escorted to the State Capitol and were seated in the House Gallery. After the session opened, Delegate Stephen Skinner introduced Mr. and Mrs. Hale to the members of the House of Delegates as the "2013 History Heroes" from Jefferson County.

DUNFEE RETIRING AS CHAPTER TREASURER

After nearly 20 years, Bill Dunfee is retiring as General Andrew Lewis treasurer. Dunfee has received numerous honors for his outstanding efforts.

Kenneth Smith is the new treasurer.

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