



West Virginia

S.A.R. News

Sons of the American Revolution



Volume 35 Number 2

Fall 2017

State President: William Lester
State Secretary: Frank Khare Jr
STATE CHAPTERS
General Andrew Lewis Chapter
President: Thomas Galloway
Secretary: John Fred Harmon II

Daniel Boone Chapter
President: Richard Greathouse
Secretary: Richard Greathouse

Captain James Neal Chapter
President: Ted Cox
Secretary: Robert (Bob) Fish Jr

General Adam Stephen Chapter
President: Martin Keesecker
Secretary: M.Wayne Goodrich

George Rogers Clark Chapter
President: Mendal Yoho
Secretary: Stephen Maxwell

Greenbrier Valley Chapter
President: Rhendal Butler
Secretary: James Talbert

Point Pleasant Chapter
President: Edward Cromley IV
Secretary: John Sauer

Captain Ralph Stewart Chapter
President: Robert Tilley
Secretary: William Lester

General Hugh Mercer Chapter
President: Gregory Morgan
Secretary: Richard Lockhart

Fort Henry Chapter
President: James (Jay) Frey
Secretary: Lloyd Smith II

Tygart Valley Chapter
President: John Slaven
Secretary: Raymond Kane Jr.

Tom Galloway, Newsletter Editor
Email: tgalloway@marshall.edu

FRANK DORSEY RECEIVES PATRIOT MEDAL

General Andrew Lewis Chapter member Frank Dorsey received the Patriot Medal during a ceremony at the Huntington Veterans Medical Center. The Patriot Medal is the highest award for exceptional services to the West Virginia Society.

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

After enlisting in the Marines, Dorsey was eventually assigned to the 5th Marine Division in Iwo Jima.

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. Frank said it was not until 31 days later when he was back on the ship that he discovered his blouse pockets were full of that "precious dirt".



General Andrew Lewis 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.

AWARDS PRESENTED AT WVSSAR BANQUET

A multitude of awards were presented at the annual WVSSAR Banquet hosted by the Fort Henry Chapter in Wheeling.

Achievement Medals:

- *Meritorious Service Medal- Kenneth E. Smith
- *Meritorious Service Medal- Edward A. Cromley IV
- *Silver Roger Sherman Medal-Thomas J. Galloway
- *Silver Roger Sherman Medal-James H. Frey
- *Silver Roger Sherman Medal Oak Leaf Cluster-Frank C. Khane Jr.
- *Lydia Darragh Medal Set-Ann Cooper Lester

West Virginia History Heroes:

- *Distinguished Service Certificate-Steven D. Hart
- *Distinguished Service Certificate-Gregory B. Morgan
- *Distinguished Service Certificate-Bobby E. Tabor Jr.

VA Voluntary Service (VAVS) Representatives:

- *Certificate of Appreciation-William H. Lester
- *Certificate of Appreciation-James O. Lee
- *Certificate of Appreciation-John Fred Harmon II
- *Certificate of Appreciation-Michael D. Cox

Speaker:

- *Silver Good Citizenship Medal-David T. Javersak, Ph.D.

BOM Membership:

- *Certificate of Appreciation-William H. Lester
- *Certificate of Appreciation-Frank C. Khane Jr.
- *Certificate of Appreciation-James H. Frey
- *Certificate of Appreciation-Gregory E. Michael
- *Certificate of Appreciation-Thomas J. Galloway
- *Certificate of Appreciation-Kenneth E. Smith
- *Certificate of Appreciation-Robert E. Dickinson
- *Certificate of Appreciation-Robert G. Tilley
- *Certificate of Appreciation-David G. McIntire
- *Certificate of Appreciation-Edward A. Cromley IV
- *Certificate of Appreciation-Harold T. Cox
- *Certificate of Appreciation-Richard D. Brockway
- *Certificate of Appreciation-Finlay J. Coles
- *Certificate of Appreciation-Steve D. Hart
- *Certificate of Appreciation-Rhendal C. Butler
- *Certificate of Appreciation-Brian O. Cato
- *Certificate of Appreciation-Douglas W. Harvey

- *Certificate of Appreciation-Richard D. Lockhart
- *Certificate of Appreciation-Alfred E. Cummings
- *Certificate of Appreciation-Ira Cook Jr.
- *Certificate of Appreciation-Richard I. Greathouse
- *Certificate of Appreciation-Richard G. Grogan
- *Certificate of Appreciation-Mendal L. Yoho
- *Certificate of Appreciation-Raymond M. Kane Jr.
- *Certificate of Appreciation-Robert B. Fish Jr.
- *Certificate of Appreciation-Lane Carter

Outstanding Treasurers:

- * Certificate of Appreciation-Richard I. Greathouse
- *Certificate of Appreciation-Lloyd D. Smith II
- *Certificate of Appreciation-John H. Sauer



Central District Vice President General Tom Payne (left) presents the Roger Sherman Medal Oak Leaf Cluster to WVSSAR Secretary-Treasurer Frank "Joe" Khare Jr. at the WVSSAR Banquet. At right, WVSSAR President Bill Lester.



Central District Vice President General Tom Payne (left) presents the Silver Roger Sherman Medal to Fort Henry Chapter President James "Jay" Frey at the WVSSAR Banquet. At right, is WVSSAR President Bill Lester.



Central District Vice President General Tom Payne (left) presents General Andrew Lewis Chapter Treasurer Kenneth Smith with the Meritorious Service Medal. At right, is WVSSAR President Bill Lester. The presentation was made at the state meeting in Wheeling.



From left, Central District Vice President General Tom Payne presents the Meritorious Service Medal to Point Pleasant Chapter President Edward A. Cromley IV at the WVSSAR Banquet. At right, is WVSSAR President Bill Lester.



From left, Central District Vice President General Tom Payne presents the Lydia Darragh Medal Set to Ann Cooper Lester at the WVSSAR Banquet. At right, is Ann's husband, WVSSAR President Bill Lester.

ADAM STEPHEN CHAPTER AWARDS PRESENTED

Robert Frankenberry was presented with a Military Service Award at the August meeting of the General Adam Stephen Chapter. In addition, a War Service Award was presented to Richard Almeter.

Chapter Registrar Donald Hale introduced the two newest chapter members, Robert Back of Charles Town and Charles Havens of Martinsburg.

Chapter members Keith McDonald and Frank "Joe" Khare Jr. presented Good Citizenship Awards to select students at 10 high schools in Jefferson, Berkeley and Morgan counties. ROTC Awards were presented to select students at Jefferson and Martinsburg high schools.

IN MEMORIAL:

- Robert B. Lowe
- Stewart D. Walkup
- Michael B. Murray
- Robert D. Maddox



From left, Central District Vice President General Tom Payne awards Point Pleasant Chapter's Bob Grumbling at the state banquet in Wheeling. At right is WVSSAR President Bill Lester.

FORT HENRY CHAPTER CONDUCTS SERVICE

The Fort Henry Chapter and Wheeling Chapter DAR presented a memorial service September 1 at the Forman's Massacre Monument in McMechen to mark the 240th anniversary of the tragedy.

Participating were McMechen Mayor Gregg Wolfe, Central District Vice President General Robert Fish Jr., WVSSAR President Bill Lester, Wheeling DAR Regent Debi Smith and Fort Henry Chapter President Jay Frey.

Special guests included descendants of Foreman's company including compatriots Donald Brown (Captain James Neal Chapter) and Rick Greathouse (Daniel Boone Chapter).



Eagle Scout Scholarship winner Steven Boston (right) receives his award from state chairman Ted Cox at the WVSSAR Banquet.

CENTRAL DISTRICT MEETING NOVEMBER 3-5

The Central District Meeting in Parkersburg is scheduled Friday, November 3, Saturday, November 4, and Sunday, November 5, Central District Vice President General Robert Fish Jr. has announced.

For updated information, monitor the website at www.cdsar.org.



Central District Vice President General Tom Payne (left) presents the Distinguished Service Certificate (History Hero) to former WVSSAR President Steven Hart at the state banquet. At right, WVSSAR President Bill Lester.



Central District Vice President General Tom Payne (left) presents West Liberty History Professor David T. Javersak with the Silver Good Citizenship Medal at the WVSSAR state banquet.

PARKERSBURG TO HOST 2018 STATE MEETING

The WVSSAR 2018 annual dinner and meeting is set for Friday, May 18, 2018, and Saturday May 19, 2017 in Parkersburg.

The Captain James Neal Chapter will host. Further details will be available latter.

DEDICATION FOR REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIER

A dedication and unveiling of the James Maynard Revolutionary War Soldier Marker was held in Dunlow, Wayne County. A program was conducted at the community center and a roadside marker was placed near Maynard's gravesite.

GAL President Tom Galloway spoke during the program and WVSSAR Chaplain Greg Michael gave the invocation. Chapter member and direct descendant, Larry Maynard, was also in attendance.

The roadside marker was secured by the Wayne County Genealogical and Historical Society and completed with the approval of the West Virginia Department of Archives.

Ronald Maynard was the featured speaker detailing the life of his ancestor. Ronald and his son, Robert, located the grave after a 10 year search.

James Maynard served as a private under Captain Jesse Franklin and Colonel Benjamin Cleveland.



A dedication was held August 12 for the roadside marker of Revolutionary War Soldier James Maynard near the Queen's Ridge Cemetery. The sign was made possible by the efforts of the Wayne County Genealogical and Historical Society. The GAL Chapter placed a wreath at the marker.

The WVSSAR News
P.O. Box 697
Huntington, WV 25711

