

STAMP DEFIANCE MESSENGER

Serving our community through Patriotism, Education, and Historic Preservation

SAVE THE DATE

- January 4 – Ashley House Christmas Decoration take down at 9:30am
- January 6 – Executive Board Meeting
- January 10 – Stamp Defiance Chapter Meeting
- January 10 – Make your hotel reservations for the 125th NC State Conference

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Teacup Auction – February 14, 2025

This is our chapter's biggest fundraiser. Find out how you can help [here](#). Bring your donated items and sign up for the luncheon. If you can't come please donate an item. Find our how [here](#).



FROM THE REGENT

Dear Chapter Members,

As we turn the page to a new year, I want to take a moment to reflect on all we accomplished together last year and express my heartfelt gratitude for each of you. Your dedication, hard work, and passion for our mission have truly made a difference in our community and beyond.

From our cherished traditions to the meaningful initiatives we've embraced, your contributions have strengthened our chapter and advanced our service to the community in historic preservation, education, and patriotism. Special thanks to those who gave their time and talents to support our projects and activities in the community.

I am excited about the opportunities that await us in this new year. With your continued enthusiasm and support, I know we will achieve even greater things together. Whether it's through service to historic preservation, education, or patriotism, I'm confident our chapter will continue to shine as a beacon of our shared values.

In addition to the committees that work on our focus areas, I would like to recognize the administrative committees that contribute so much to making our chapter a warm and welcoming place. From Bylaws to Finance and Fundraising, Greeters, Hospitality, Set-Up, and Membership and all the way to VIS and the Yearbook we appreciate these committees and their efforts to keep our chapter vital and fun!

Thank you for everything you do to make our chapter a thriving and welcoming community. Here's to another wonderful year of collaboration, friendship, and impact!

*Lynne Ashcraft
Stamp Defiance Regent*

FROM THE OFFICERS

PAMELA PROCTOR, 2ND VICE REGENT

The program for our January meeting will focus on American History. We will meet the Middle School winners of the American History contest, who will share their winning essays with us. We will also present Sean Stanek, a teacher at Holly Shelter Middle School, with the Outstanding Teacher of American History award. Mr. Stanek's innovative teaching methods and knowledge of American History have made the subject come alive for his students. Don't miss this outstanding program!

ANN MILANCHUS, 3RD VICE REGENT

I would like to thank everyone who worked so diligently to make the Christmas Tea a success. I believe all those who attended had a great time.

CAROLYN WELLS, CHAPLAIN

As we start the New Year, this Bible verse about new beginnings reminds us of the importance of giving thanks to God and praising Him in all circumstances.

Psalm 100:4 (NIV)

"Enter into his gates with thanksgiving with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name."

LINDA HUTCHISON, LIBRARIAN

Happy New Year! Did you know that January was named for the Roman god Janus, who symbolizes beginnings and endings. The god is depicted with two faces, one looking into the past and the other with the ability to see into the future. Looking back into 2024, I am pleased with all you helped us accomplish, especially collecting and donating books to two organizations and for our Little Free Library. I look forward to exceeding our efforts in 2025! Speaking of books, the Northeast branch of the New Hanover County Library will have their winter book sale starting Friday, January 25th at 5:30 p.m. for Friends of the Library. You can join at the door before entering. The sale continues through Monday, the 27th, with prices dropping each day. Pick up a bargain and enjoy National Hot Tea Month.

FROM THE COMMITTEES

FUNDRAISING - JUDY CRADLER, CHAIR

Mark Your Calendars: Tea Cup Auction & Silent Auction Fundraiser

Our chapter's biggest fundraiser of the year is just around the corner! Join us this February 14 for an elegant day of fun, fellowship, and fundraising at our Tea Cup Auction and Silent Auction, complete with a delightful lunch program. This event is not just a celebration—it's a vital part of supporting our mission and activities for the year ahead.

We need your help to make it a success! Donations of items for both the Tea Cup Auction and the Silent Auction are key to the event's success. Popular items include home decor, jewelry, gift baskets, handmade crafts, gift cards, themed experiences, or unique treasures. Your contributions, big or small, make a huge impact. Please, no books.

Here's how you can help:

1. Donate an Item: Drop off your auction items at the members' homes listed below. The address is in the yearbook or on the chapter website.
2. Invite Friends: Bring a guest (or two!) to share in the fun and support our cause.
3. Volunteer: Help us prepare and run the event! Contact Judy Cradler.

Be ready to RSVP soon. Together, we can make this event memorable and impactful. Thank you for your generosity and dedication to our chapter! Please contact the members listed below for more details or to arrange a donation. We can't wait to see you there!

Susan DeGroote in Wilmington

Bettie Lettieri in Leland

Judy Cradler in Leland

- Date: Friday, February 14, 2025
- Place: St Paul's Episcopal Church, 16 N 16th St., Wilmington
- Time: Networking and registration - 9:30 AM, Meeting begins - 10 AM
- Program: Teacup Auction and Silent Auction

ATTRACTION BOOKS

There are 11 Attractions Books available, and the options have increased this year. For only \$30, you can pick up a 2025 version.

FROM THE COMMITTEES

CHRISTMAS DECORATION REMOVAL AT ASHLEY HOUSE- PATTY MILJENOVIC, CHAIR

We put it up and now we need to take it down. Join us to help.

Date: Saturday, January 4, 2025 at 9:30 am
Location: 2002 Colwell Ave., Wilmington, NC 28403

FINANCE COMMITTEE - MEG SMITH, CHAIR

I know it seems early, but this is the first notice that the Finance Committee will meet in late January / early February to begin the budgeting process. To be effective, we need YOUR input on what you will need for your committee or area of responsibility. If you have great ideas but will need money to run, please provide a description, justification on how it fits our mission, and the amount of money needed. These requests can be sent to Meg Smith at mts011017@gmail.com. If you have any questions please see any member of the committee-Meg Smith, Lynne Ashcraft, Linda McAninch, Cindy Henry, or Carole Weiss.

FROM THE COMMITTEES

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE - KATHERINE BRANDI & KAY SUNDERLIN, CO-CHAIRS

Happy New Year's. We hope the year ahead is filled with blessings and opportunities for all to make memories with loved ones and friends. If you receive greeting cards in seasonal solicitation requests that you do not plan on using, our committee would welcome more birthday cards to send to members. Bring them with you to a chapter meeting for donations.

STAMP DEFIANCE BOOK CLUB - MARGARET WHISENHUNT & KATHERINE BRANDI,
CO-CHAIRS

A Girl Called Samson by Amy Harmon

In 1760, Deborah Samson is born to Puritan parents in Plympton, Massachusetts. When her father abandons the family and her mother is unable to support them, Deborah is bound out as an indentured servant. From that moment on, she yearns for a life of liberation and adventure. Twenty years later, as the American colonies begin to buckle in their battle for independence, Deborah, impassioned by the cause, disguises herself as a soldier and enlists in the Continental army. Her impressive height and lanky build make her transformation a convincing one. It isn't long before she finds herself confronting the horrors of war head-on.

Join us at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 18, 2025 at McAlister's Deli on South College Road.

SCHOOLS COMMITTEE - MELINDA STEWART, CHAIR

Many thanks to those of you who went shopping for Christmas gifts for the children at Hindman Settlement School and Crossnore. You spent over \$330 for the children's Christmas at the two schools combined and I know that contributed to a merrier Christmas for those young ones. If some of you contributed to this effort and did not report your totals to me (johnandmelindas@aol.com) now would be the time to do so.

FROM THE COMMITTEES

MOORES CREEK BATTLEFIELD - JO STROUD - CHAIR

Join us as we celebrate the Anniversary Celebration of the Battle of Moores Creek Bridge, the 1st Patriot victory in North Carolina during the War for Independence.

Our Chapter will march with the combined North Carolina SAR Color Guard, DAR, C.A.R., and SR chapters on Saturday, February 22, starting at the visitor's center at 10:00 AM. Wreaths will be displayed at the Women's Monument, the Moore Monument, the Loyalist Monument, and finally, the Patriot John Grady Monument. Our chapter will present a wreath at the Grady Monument.

- This is a family-friendly event, and we invite all children and grandchildren to take their place in the front of the line march. Learn more here: <https://www.nps.gov/mocr/index.htm>

SPECIAL EVENTS

Members are invited to two special events on Friday, February 28, 2025, commemorating Lafayette's historic visit to the Falls of the Tar. Presented by the American Friends of Lafayette, Nash County Historical Society, and Stonewall Manor, these events honor Lafayette's vital contributions to America's founding through celebration and education. For questions or a registration link, please contact Theresa Peaden (email and phone number in our directory).

Donaldson's Tavern Marker Rededication Ceremony
Friday, February 28, 2025; 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Battle Park, 1308 Falls Road, Rocky Mount, NC 27804
No Cost; Open to the Public

Falls of the Tar Lafayette Bicentennial Banquet and Dance
Friday, February 28, 2025; 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM
Rocky Mount Mills Power House, 1151 Falls Road, Rocky Mount, NC 27804
Ticketed Event

Happy Birthday

<i>Nancy Cangelosi</i>	<i>Jan 5</i>
<i>Beverly Dyer</i>	<i>Jan 6</i>
<i>Billie Coyle</i>	<i>Jan 8</i>
<i>Lindsey Schroeder</i>	<i>Jan 9</i>
<i>Carol Waldkirch</i>	<i>Jan 9</i>
<i>Barbara DeVictor</i>	<i>Jan 10</i>
<i>Terry Stier</i>	<i>Jan 10</i>
<i>Barbara Wilson</i>	<i>Jan 10</i>
<i>Judy Caison</i>	<i>Jan 12</i>
<i>Linda Jobe</i>	<i>Jan 13</i>
<i>Jane Wood</i>	<i>Jan 13</i>
<i>Jennifer Turnage</i>	<i>Jan 15</i>
<i>Dolli Albrecht</i>	<i>Jan 17</i>
<i>Rebecca Chipman</i>	<i>Jan 19</i>
<i>Ann Moore</i>	<i>Jan 19</i>
<i>Faye Peterson</i>	<i>Jan 19</i>
<i>Harvin Quidas</i>	<i>Jan 20</i>
<i>Rachel Hergert</i>	<i>Jan 24</i>
<i>Betsy Knowles</i>	<i>Jan 26</i>
<i>JoAnn Summey</i>	<i>Jan 26</i>
<i>Mary Whitehurst</i>	<i>Jan 30</i>
<i>Melody Greenhouse</i>	<i>Jan 31</i>



Christmas

Meals





Ashley House

