

STAMP DEFIANCE MESSENGER

Serving our community through Patriotism, Education, and Historic Preservation

SAVE THE DATE

- Mar 10 – Executive Board Meeting
- Mar 14 – Stamp Defiance Chapter Meeting
- Mar 22 – America 250 Fair at the Burgwin-Wright House
- Mar 29 – Vietnam War Commemoration at the Belville Riverwalk Park
- Mar 31 – New Member Orientation

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*Women's
History
Month
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We Can
Do It!*



DAR Good Citizens Pin

Join us at our March 14 chapter meeting to celebrate and honor our 2025 DAR Good Citizens!

These four outstanding high school seniors have been selected by their schools for exemplifying Dependability, Service, Leadership, and Patriotism.

After being chosen, they have the opportunity to write an essay and compete for scholarships at both the state and national levels.

We look forward to seeing you at the March meeting!

FROM THE REGENT

Welcome to DAR

DAR is a nonprofit, nonpolitical volunteer women's service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history and securing America's future through better education. At the heart of the organization is a membership of over 190,000 members in 3,000 chapters across the world. Daughters are vibrant, active women who are passionate about community service, preserving history, educating children, as well as honoring and supporting those who serve our nation.



Daughters of the
American Revolution

www.dar.org/national-society/become-member

Dear Chapter Members,

Have you ever reflected on the first sentence of our mission statement? While we often spotlight the second half of the first sentence, "We serve our communities through historic preservation, education, and patriotism," the first half truly describes our purpose.

At its essence, a volunteer service organization is devoted to giving back, and that is precisely what we do together. Our members generously contribute their time, skills, and resources to champion vital causes such as education, historical preservation, charitable initiatives, and civic engagement.

The Daughters of the American Revolution stands as a powerful example of this spirit of volunteerism through impactful activities, including:

- Honoring our veterans
- Supporting schools and scholarships
- Preserving our historical sites
- Leading transformative community service projects

DAR members embody the heart of a volunteer-driven organization by serving freely and without financial compensation.

Importantly, DAR maintains a firm stance as a non-political organization. We neither support nor oppose political parties, candidates, or legislation. Instead, our commitment lies solely in our mission, allowing us to remain neutral while promoting patriotism and civic engagement. We do not endorse candidates, lobby for laws, or engage in political debates. Our focus is unwaveringly on our core values—history, education, and community service.

As a nonprofit, DAR is driven by a mission to serve, not to profit. We reinvest every dollar into charitable, educational, and historical preservation efforts, ensuring that our resources go directly to the communities that need them most. Operating under tax-exempt status, we pledge that every contribution will make a tangible difference.

Through our dedication to volunteerism, our commitment to neutrality, and our nonprofit mission, DAR is making a profound and lasting impact—honoring our rich history while paving the way for a brighter future.

Together, let us continue to make a difference!

Warm regards,
Lynne Ashcraft
Stamp Defiance Regent

FROM THE OFFICERS

PAMELA PROCTOR - SECOND VICE REGENT

March is Women's History Month and we will honor women's achievements at our chapter meeting. The Women's Issues Committee will inform us about our budgeted donation to the Military Women's Memorial and the American History Committee will present our chapter's candidates for Women in American History recognition. We will also meet our high school Good Citizens, who will share their essays with us. Put March 14 on your calendar and join us for this informative program.

LYNN KINIRY - HISTORIAN

Outstanding Teacher of American History

Stamp Defiance Outstanding Teacher of American History, Sean Stanek, has reported several new accomplishments that will continue building his dossier. Sean has been appointed as one of the 19 Teacher Ambassadors for the North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources. This is a consultant position which will be utilized by this department that oversees history, arts and cultural knowledge. As part of this position, Sean recently toured the North Carolina State archives in Raleigh and saw the photo of the letter written by George Washington congratulating the Governor & Council of North Carolina for ratifying the Constitution and joining the nation in 1790.

Sean has been nominated as National History Teacher of the Year in the Junior level (teachers that teach Middle School). That competition is in the early phase where he is updating his resume and dossier. He has also been invited by a Professor of UNCW to participate in a panel of teachers, on a PBS documentary, to discuss how they teach on the topic of the Wilmington 1898 Coup d'état. This invitation to participate in this panel is a result of Sean having spoken at a symposium last summer at UNCW about the Coup d'état of 1898. During that symposium, Sean was able to display the exhibit of the Coup created by his 2 eighth grade students that was displayed at the Smithsonian last summer.

American History Committee

Our committee submitted three women from Wilmington/New Hanover County to the American History State Chair for inclusion in the national index. The state chair said that all three have been approved and thanked us for meeting the challenge given this year of submitting at least one woman.

There will be a presentation of these select women at the March meeting in celebration of Women's History Month. The women we chose are: Minnie Eva Evans - visionary & prominent artist, Nancy Lee Smith Marks - Healthcare, worked to build HRMC and establish Nursing program at CFCC and Isabel Martin Williams - Historian, artist, photographer.

FROM THE OFFICERS

REBECCA CHIPMAN, REGISTRAR

Guilford Battle Chapter is thrilled to Sponsor a "Genealogy Workshop with Vice President General Debbie Duay" on March 14, 2025. Registration will begin at 8:00 am and run until 9:00 am with Opening Program- Pledge, Prayer, and National Anthem from 9:00-9:15.

This workshop is for ALL Daughters. All chapter members and prospective members are invited. It will benefit all levels of genealogy experience, from beginner to expert. At some point in the workshop, VP General Debbie Duay will ask us to participate in a fun short activity called "relatives around me." Please see the attached form for instructions.

The link will take you to more details about the event: Vice President Debbie Duay Workshop. The attached form includes what you need to register, plus instructions for "relatives around me."

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

As members of the Daughters of the American Revolution, we hold a deep appreciation for history, service, and faith. Our organization is rooted in honoring the sacrifices of those who came before us, preserving their legacy, and ensuring that future generations understand the values upon which our nation was built.

In Psalm 77:11, we are reminded: "I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember your wonders of old." This verse speaks to the importance of reflection and remembrance—values that align with our mission as Daughters. When we take time to honor our ancestors, whether by placing wreaths on the graves of veterans, preserving historical sites, or engaging in acts of service, we are living out this scripture in a profound way.

In today's fast-paced world, it can be easy to become distracted by the demands of daily life, especially with social media and the news pulling our attention in many directions. Yet, as we enter this new season, let us pause to reflect on the sacrifices made by those who came before us. Let us pray for wisdom to carry on their legacy, strength to serve our communities, and gratitude for the freedoms we enjoy.

May we always find joy in remembrance, purpose in service, and faith in God's enduring presence.

FROM THE COMMITTEES

DAR SERVICE TO VETERANS - PATTY MILJENOVIC, CHAIR

Join Operation Mail Call 2025!

One of the most cherished parts of the Honor Flight experience is Mail Call, a tradition that kept Veterans connected to home during their service. Honor Flight of the Cape Fear Area invites you to participate in Operation Mail Call 2025 for our April 26th flight to continue this tradition.

Each of our 85 Veterans will receive an envelope filled with letters, cards, and drawings from family, friends, and community members—and we need your help!

How to Participate:

- Send letters, cards, or drawings (max size 8.5" x 11")—no trinkets, beads, flags, or candy.
- Address your mail to "Dear Veteran" or "Dear Hero" (no specific branch, conflict, or gender).
- Sign with first name only, but you may include your group name (e.g., Stamp Defiance Chapter, NSDAR).
- Personal letters for a specific Veteran should be submitted separately and clearly labeled with their full name.

Where to Send Your Mail:

- Drop off at the Stamp Defiance meeting on March 14, 2025
- Contact Patty Miljenovic at 908-910-6055 for pickup.

Help us make this a memorable experience—spread the word and get involved!

FINANCE COMMITTEE - MEG SMITH, CHAIR

The Finance Committee will have a budget to present to the chapter at the April Meeting.

A former member's husband generously donated many pins to our chapter. They were displayed in February with bid sheets and will be sold to chapter members in March. To see the full list and photos, email Meg Smith at mts051047@gmail.com. Notable pins include an insignia and the blue NC Teacup Pin.

FROM THE COMMITTEES

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS - CINDY TALBERT, CHAIR

Each year, our chapter recognizes two organizations or individuals who perform voluntary community service in the Wilmington area. We recently received notification from the State Chair authorizing us to award our two nominations. Our two nominees were NourishNC and Honor Flight of the Cape Fear Area.

NourishNC mobilizes volunteers and resources to provide supplemental food assistance to the 1 in 5 children in New Hanover County who struggle with hunger. NourishNC's goal is to enhance children's health and well-being by preventing the devastating consequence of food insecurity. Their three strategic programs include a Backpack Program that provides food insecure children, pre-K through 5th grade, with three nutritious meals a day every weekend and over every school break. Market on Market is a full-service grocery store where food insecure children, pre-K through 12th grade, and their families can shop to choose the food that is best for them. A Mobile Market on Market is a custom-built market that sells groceries right where they live. Another program is Food Farmacy. It provides non-perishable and fresh food items through partner organizations such as schools, pediatrician offices, and other nonprofits.

Honor Flight of the Cape Fear Area honors WWII, Korean War, and Vietnam War era Veterans by taking them on an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, DC for a day of remembrance and honor as they visit the memorials and monuments built in their honor. HFCFA works to educate the public on the service provided by these men and women and gives them an opportunity to express their gratitude. The Cape Fear organization has been officially recognized since 2020. Their next flight is April 26, 2025. They will fly 85 veterans, 85 guardians (one-on-one escorts for each Veteran), a team of medical professionals, and a small administrative team. At this time, the flight on April 26 is at capacity.

The DAR Community Service Award is a non-competitive award consisting of a certificate and a pin. We will recognize our two award winners at our May luncheon.

FROM THE COMMITTEES

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

Join the Stamp Defiance Book Club for our next meeting on Tuesday, April 29, 2025, at 11:30 a.m. at McAlister's Deli on South College Road. If you plan to order lunch, arrive early so we can start our discussion on time. This month, we're diving into *Who's Your Founding Father?* by David Fleming—a thrilling exploration of a centuries-old secret document that could reshape America's origin story and uncover the intellectual crime of the millennium. Don't miss this fascinating conversation!

HISTORIC PRESERVATION - ANN MILANCHUS, CHAIR

The "North Carolina Rice Festival" will be held on March 8th from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Brunswick Town and Fort Anderson, 8884 St. Philip's Rd, Winnabow, NC. There is free parking and free admission. The day will be filled with learning as well as fun for all who attend. Come and share in our celebration of the region's distinctive cultural heritages and traditions, especially the West Africa-Gullah Geechee people and their descendants, to the growth and importance of Brunswick County, North Carolina's rice growing region dating back to the 1700s. There will be several demonstrations with rice dishes to taste and learn about. This festival is held rain or shine! Stamp Defiance chapter is a sponsor.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE - PAT EDGECOMB, CHAIR

Attention: New and Transfer Members

If you are new to Stamp Defiance, please join us for an afternoon of information about DAR and Stamp Defiance. Learn about committees and activities sponsored by Stamp Defiance. The meeting will be March 31st from 5:00 to 6:15 at the Northeast Regional Library, 1241 Military Cutoff Rd. Wilmington. Prospective and curious members are welcome.

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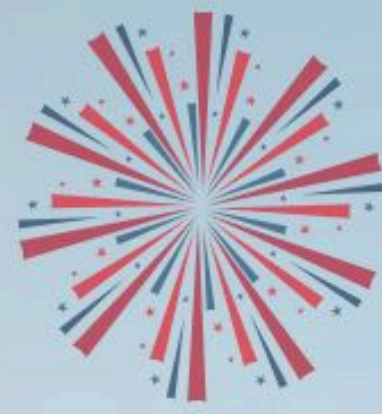


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| Charky Armstrong | Mar 7 |
| Dot Crumpton | Mar 9 |
| Beth DurJava | Mar 10 |
| Glen Pettygrove | Mar 10 |
| Lauren Utvich | Mar 11 |
| Margie Hayes | Mar 12 |
| Karen Maddry | Mar 12 |
| Lou Greer | Mar 13 |
| Sherry Mulhollen | Mar 14 |
| Dorothy Fender | Mar 15 |
| Alison Ashcraft | Mar 15 |
| Jennifer Wiley | Mar 18 |
| Elizabeth Zichy | Mar 19 |
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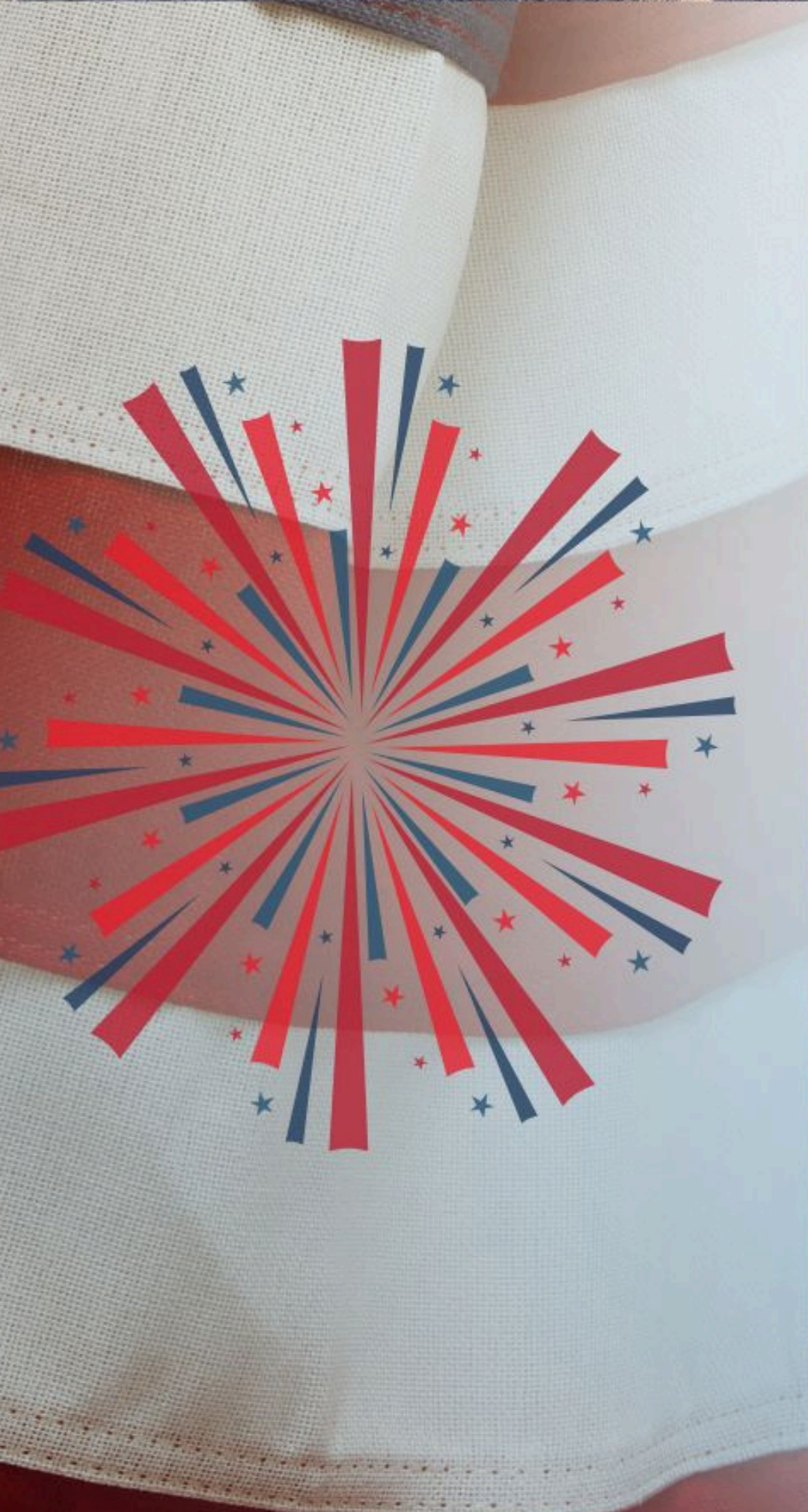
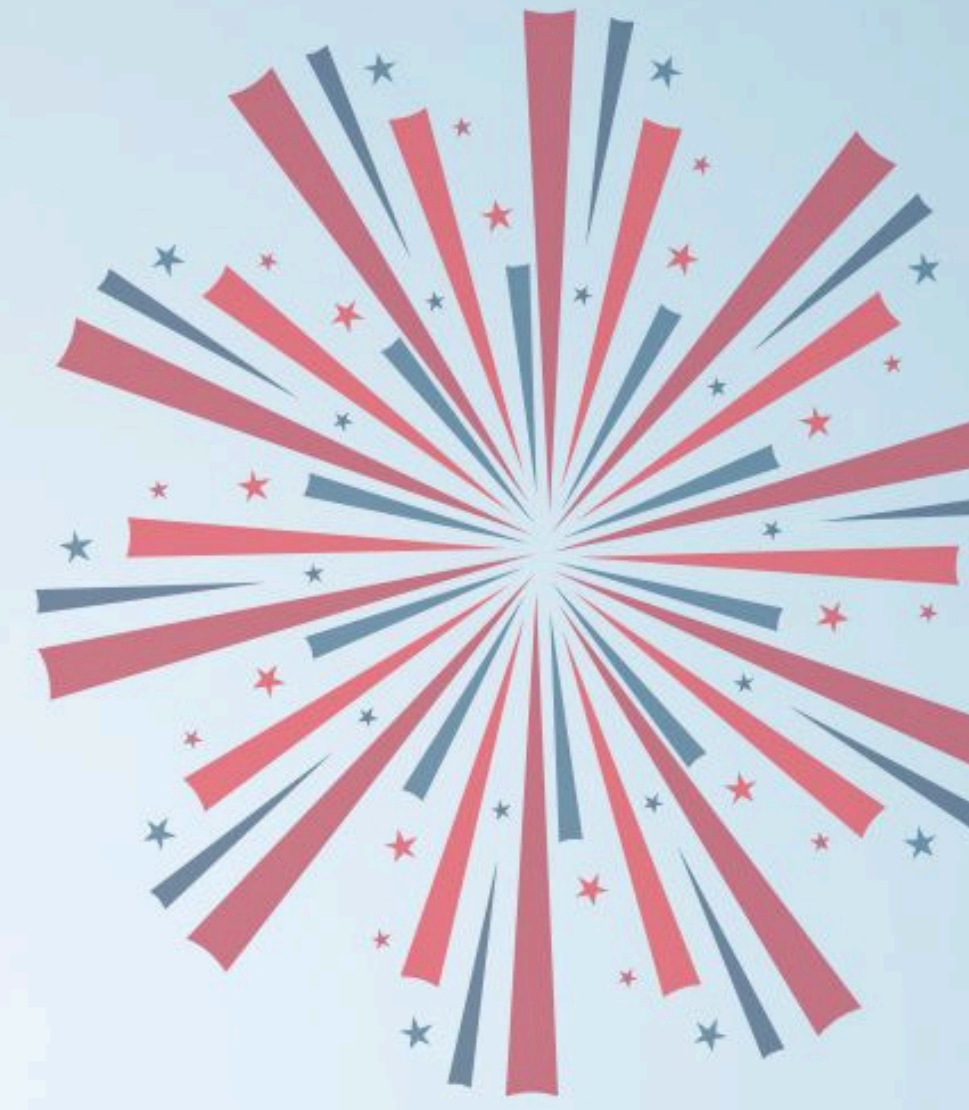


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