

STAMP DEFIANCE MESSENGER

Serving our community through Patriotism, Education, and Historic Preservation

SAVE THE DATE

- Nov. 8 Veteran's Day Parade
- Nov. 11 Veteran's Day at Belville Riverside Park & two ceremonies at CFCC or WNC
- Nov. 14 General Meeting & Bake Sale
- Nov. 20 Evening Meeting
- Dec. 3 Decorate Ashley House
- Dec. 13 Wreaths Across America & Christmas Tea

NEW MEETING LOCATION

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
12 N. 6th St. Wilmington
in St Paul's Hall
Building on the corner of
N. 6th and Princess St. Enter
from the parking lot.

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A love of reading opens doors to lifelong learning and discovery. President George Washington understood this well when he urged Americans "to promote... institutions for the general diffusion of knowledge," so that citizens, young and old, could develop the capacity to serve their country well.

Our Literacy Committee is currently collecting new or gently used books for children—because every book shared can inspire a young mind.

But don't forget that your well-loved books have a home, too! The Stamp Defiance Chapter's Little Free Library at Hanover Pines Park is the perfect place to pass along your used children's and adult books.

Together, let's keep knowledge circulating and share the joy of reading with our community!

Dear Daughters,

November is the month we dedicate to one of our core mission areas—Patriotism. Throughout the month, we'll have several opportunities to honor and support our veterans and active-duty service members. You'll find the dates of these activities listed in the newsletter sidebar, with more details in the Committee Chair articles section.

As we approach the holidays, please remember that some service members may experience delays in receiving their paychecks at the end of October and into November. Your generosity can make a real difference. Donations are always welcome at military base food banks—one we frequently support is the Armed Services YMCA (ASYMCA) Food Bank at Fort Bragg. You can contribute to a specific program or make a general donation here: ftbragg.asymca.org.

Serving Camp Lejeune and Seymour-Johnson Air Force Base, the Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina also provides meals and food assistance for service members and families in Onslow County and near Seymour-Johnson Air Force Base. Learn more or donate at bit.ly/42VRYi3. Together, we can make November a true celebration of gratitude and service.

Remember to participate in one activity to honor veterans, whether marching in the Veterans Parade, serving coffee and donuts before the parade, attending the ceremony at Wilmington National Cemetery, or purchasing a wreath from Wreaths Across America. Five dollars of your purchase comes back to the chapter to support our veterans' activities. Purchase your wreaths here: <https://bit.ly/WAA2022SD>.

Our November meeting brings us the opportunity to donate children's books to the Brunswick County Literacy Council. These books are wonderful Christmas presents. Here are the kinds of books they need:

- Children's books for infants through teens. We especially need board books for babies and books appropriate for teens
- Bilingual books for children, especially Spanish/English
- New word search or Sudoku books for seniors
- Best sellers: fiction, non-fiction, mystery, science fiction, and romance.
- Condensed books

Please note we are unable to accept:

- Books in poor condition, with missing or damaged pages, including children's books with crayon marks or missing stickers.
- Encyclopedias
- Record albums, CD's or tapes
- Magazines (including religious tracts)
- Textbooks and Trade manuals
- Religious and political books

Bring your donated books to the November meeting. They will be collected there and delivered to the Brunswick County Literacy Council.

Warm regards,
Lynne Ashcraft, Regent
Stamp Defiance Chapter

FROM THE OFFICERS

Second Vice Regent - Pamela Proctor

Did you know the American Cemetery and Memorial located in Manila Philippines is the largest American Military Cemetery outside the United States? Spanning 152 acres, it serves as a solemn resting place for more than 17,000 American and Allied soldiers who lost their lives in the Philippines and throughout the Pacific during World War II.

Mark your calendars for our November 14 chapter meeting. State Recording Secretary Julie Stangler will present a fascinating program on the history and significance of this memorial. Drawing on her firsthand experience living in Manila and conducting tours of the site, Ms. Stangler will share compelling stories and reveal a surprising connection to DAR. This is sure to be an inspiring and memorable program you don't want to miss!

Third Vice Regent - Ann Milanichus

Christmas Tea! What a wonderful way to start the Holiday Season! December the 13th is the big day. Tea, Punch and yummy goodies. All food is donated by our chapter daughters. Come dressed in Holiday attire and sparkling jewelry. The Hall will be decorated with holiday decorations and lights. The event begins at 2 p.m. and last until 4 p.m. "Come Hungry!"

At the November meeting there will be a sign up sheet for work time slots. Please be generous with your time and remember it is more fun when we work together. Thursday the 12th is set up day from noon to 3 p.m. The Event day is 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and after 4p.m. we will have more fun taking down, packing items, loading cars and removing trash. Most fun of all is going home after a wonderful day!

FROM THE OFFICERS

Chaplain's Corner - Lisa Baker, Chaplain

Please Remember and Pray for our Veterans this Veteran's Day

Our Gracious Father, this day we honor our veterans. Please remind us how much we owe these men and women. Our freedom has been so dependent on the sacrifices they made. We know, Father, many have gone to be with You. We remember them. Let us remember the ones left who proudly walk in our parades remembering their time away from love ones and their pride in what they were doing for our country. Care for the ones still in hospitals. Have us remember to honor them with love. They are a part of our lives and of the precious history of this country. We love them and ask Your continued blessings on them and on our country. We thank You, Father, for all You have given us and for the love of these men and women who protected our country. In Your Name we pray. Amen.

Thanksgiving

During this Thanksgiving season, we lift our hearts for all Thy gifts which make life so rich and worth living. Grant that we may ever be thankful for our national society and for the accomplishments directed toward opportunities of usefulness to the people of our nation and the world. Direct all our leaders that they may have knowledge and compassion. Hear us today as we speak to Thee and open our hearts in prayer for Thy guidance and wisdom. May our faith remain strong for our country, our national society, and each other. These things we ask in Jesus' name. Amen

FROM THE COMMITTEES

Fundraising Committee - Judy Cradler, Chair

November is our Baked Goods Sale. Please consider bringing baked goods to the meeting to sell. Wrap each item and state what it is.

If your baked good has nuts in it please state that on the wrapping, someone may have allergies.

Historic Preservation Committee - Ann Milanchus, Chair

Thalian Hall has submitted their application for a National Grant. I have a positive feeling about this year. Pray that it is accepted with approval!

Units Overseas Spotlight - Pamela Proctor, Chair

The Mariana Islands Chapter NSDAR is the smallest Units Overseas Chapter and the only chapter located in a U.S. Territory. Founded in 2012 by a dedicated Daughter who promoted DAR through local media, community engagement, and member recruitment, the chapter has less than 20 members but continues to make an impressive impact in the community.

The chapter proudly serves local residents through a variety of initiatives including the donation of food baskets for Guam's homeless veterans, maintaining the Vietnam War Fallen Heros Memorial Wall, supporting the Marine Corps Toys for Tots Program, providing feminine hygiene products to Guam's public schools through the Project Sottera Program, and awarding JROTC medals to cadets in Guam's nine high schools.

The Mariana Islands Chapter is currently welcoming new associate members, as well as renewals from existing members. Associate membership dues are \$15, which serve as the chapter's main source of fundraising. Your membership directly supports the chapter's efforts to make a positive impact in the local community. To join or renew your membership, please click [here](#) to access the application form. (You will be prompted to log into our website to access the form)

Literacy Promotion Committee - Charky Armstrong, Co-Chair,

At the November meeting, the Literacy Promotion Committee will be collecting books for the Brunswick County Literacy Council's Christmas book drive in conjunction with Brunswick Family Assistance. They specifically need children's books for ages 5-10, 11-14 and young adult ages 15-17. Books are also being collected for senior citizens. Please do not donate books that are religious or political in nature, and all books should be new or in nearly new condition with no names or inscriptions written in them.

Checks for monetary donations should be made payable to Brunswick County Literacy Council.

Your donations will bring holiday cheer to many families in need, and your support is greatly appreciated.

FROM THE COMMITTEES

Service for Veterans - Allyson Suzann Moore, Chair

Daughters, what a joy and privilege it is to serve our military affiliated community in all we do. November is Veterans Military Families Month, and we have a lot of opportunities to express our gratitude, sincere support, and patriotism to our community. If you would like to attend one AND/OR both Veterans Day events on November 8 and 11, or have any questions, please contact Allyson Moore (allysonsuzannmoore4@gmail.com).

South East North Carolina Veterans Day Parade - November 8

Stamp Defiance is honored to participate in the parade once again. Coffee and donuts will be served to welcome Veterans at the Wilson Center Lobby, beginning promptly at 9AM. The pre-show will start at 10AM, located on Third Street in front of the City Hall, and the parade will start promptly at 11 AM. Our veterans will start the parade in fancy cars, Humvees, and fire trucks. This is a great way to support, connect, and honor our veterans. If you plan on walking with us as we carry our beautiful banner recognizing our chapter, please wear walking shoes!

Date: Saturday, November 8

Time: 9 AM to 11 AM

Location: CFCC Wilson Center, 703 North Third Street, Wilmington, NC 28401

Parking: Hanover Student Parking Deck - Enter from Hanover Street & 2nd Street (Level 2), or via 2nd Street near Red Cross St (First Level). NOTE: Hanover Street between 2nd & 3rd Streets are generally closed due to the parade route.

Veterans Day Event in Belville

This event will take place in the Belville Riverwalk Park in Belville, North Carolina, on Tuesday, November 11, from 11 AM to 4 PM. The Leland Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 12196 and Auxiliary are partnering with the Town of Belville to host this event, with the theme "North Brunswick is Prepared". Like the parade, there'll be Humvees, fire trucks, and police equipment on hand along with other organizations such as JROTC and more. There is a tent space reserved for us so members can work in shifts throughout the program. Please contact Allyson Moore for plans on attending, and/or questions.

The purpose of this event is for community members to come together and celebrate Veterans Day locally without extra financial and travel obligations. This will be the first time Stamp Defiance participates in this event, and I'm truly honored and excited to work alongside you to grow our chapter while expanding veteran support in our surrounding communities.

Date: Tuesday, November 11

Time: 11 AM - 4 PM

Location: Belville Riverwalk Park, Belville, NC

FROM THE COMMITTEES

Service for Veterans - continued

Christmas at Ashley House

We will have the Sergeant Eugene Ashley House Christmas Stockings available for pickup at our November meeting; not to mention this month is the LAST CALL for pickup before we proceed with Christmas plans. Please feel free to take a stocking and fill each one with items on the list below or similar items. These stockings never fail to bring joy to the veterans during the holiday season. Please don't forget to bring your filled stocking to the Christmas Tea (Saturday, December 13). For any reason you're not able to attend the Tea event, please contact Allyson Moore (allysonsuzannmoore4@gmail.com or 423-963-6579) to arrange a pickup date and time.

The wish list is finalized and posted as follows: denture cleaner, razors, nail clippers, shaving cream, shampoo, body wash, hair brushes/combs, bath soap, socks/gloves/knit hats, deodorant, crossword puzzles/sudoku, hand lotion, pens, pencils, paper, ChapStick, cookies, candy, gum. **DO NOT INCLUDE:** toothpaste, toothbrush, cologne, mouthwash, aftershave.

Christmas Decorating at Ashley House

Date: Wednesday, December 3

Time: 9:30 AM

Location: 2002 Coldwell Ave. Wilmington, NC 28403

Come one, come all to this year's Christmas Decorating event at the Ashley House. We truly need lots of hands on deck to help decorate with Sgt. Eugene Ashley House for the upcoming holidays on Wednesday, December 3, at 9:30 AM. Events like these are very fun and our veterans sincerely enjoy company and support, and we truly appreciate all your holiday spirit! Also, please wear comfortable shoes! Going forward, please seek Vice Chair Grace Cooley for Ashley House inquiries and initiatives.

Stamps For Wounded Veterans

Remember to collect as many stamps as possible to bring joy and creativity to our wounded Veterans. In clipping stamps (cancelled or uncanceled) from sent envelopes, please leave at least 1/4" around the stamp. There will be a white wire basket at each monthly meeting to place your stamp packages in. Thank you for helping our wounded veterans.

FROM THE COMMITTEES

Junior/Evening Meetings - Lindsey Schroeder, Chair

Continuing our November focus on honoring veterans, our upcoming Junior/Evening meeting will feature Colonel Amy Russo, U.S. Air Force (Retired). Colonel Russo will present a program titled "Reflections on 25 Years of Service," sharing insights and highlights from her distinguished military career.

Before assuming her current role as Senior Aerospace Science Instructor for the Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps at Laney High School, Colonel Russo served in a variety of assignments across the United States, Germany, and Iraq.

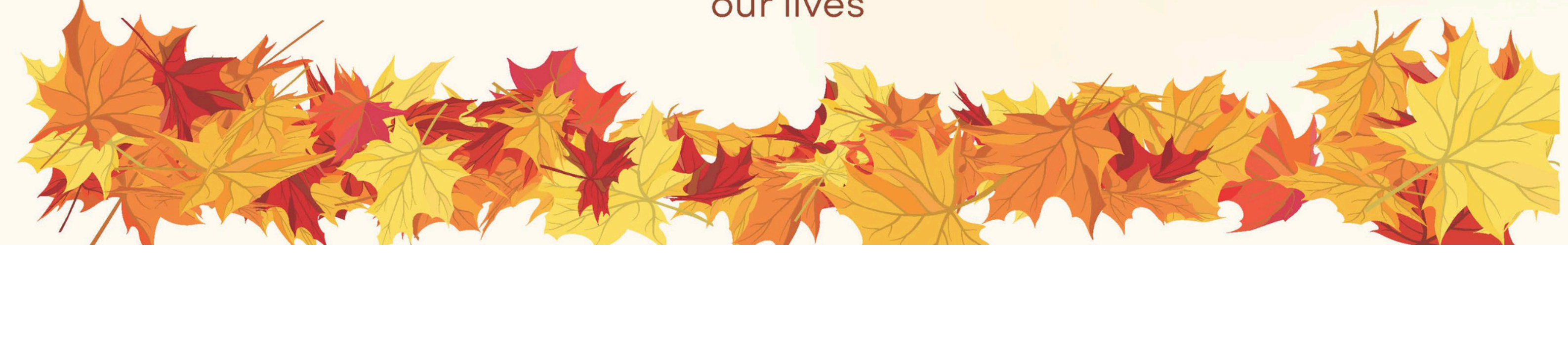
Please join us on Thursday, November 20, at McAlister's Deli. The meeting will begin at 6:15 and you are encouraged to arrive early if you wish to enjoy dinner before the program.

Future Meeting Dates are: February 19, 2025 and April 16, 2025



Happy November Birthdays

Kathy	Boettinger	Nov	2	Katherine	Bond	Nov	21
Patty	Miljenovic	Nov	2	Jennifer	Arrington	Nov	22
Patti	Pirher	Nov	4	Pat	Goodman	Nov	22
Katie	Lorenz	Nov	5	Lee	Reynolds	Nov	23
Susan	Morgan	Nov	5	Kathe	Williams	Nov	23
Beth	Dawson	Nov	6	Suzanne	Clark	Nov	24
Meredith	Lewis	Nov	7	Suzanne	Craft	Nov	24
Judy	Cradler	Nov	8	Linda	Creed	Nov	24
Carole	Ellis	Nov	9	Julia	Jewell	Nov	27
Perry	Van Dyke	Nov	9	Kate	Sinclair	Nov	27
Betty	Mathews	Nov	10	Dana	Adams	Nov	28
Victoria	Tinney	Nov	10	Dianne	Shields	Nov	28
Marjorie	Cuzzocrea	Nov	12	Patty	Spear	Nov	28
Paula	DeSilva	Nov	13	Jennifer	Wilson	Nov	28
Liz	Brady	Nov	15	Pam	Drake	Nov	29
Beau	Simcoe	Nov	15	Jennifer	Terry-Baker	Nov	29
Beth	Harlow	Nov	16	Lynn	Kiniry	Nov	30
Jean	Rawls	Nov	20				



November is the time to be thankful, a time to remember and to embrace those who enrich our lives

OCTOBER MEETING MEMORIES

