

# STAMP DEFIANCE MESSENGER

*Serving our community through Patriotism, Education, and Historic Preservation*

## SAVE THE DATE

- Dec. 3 Decorate Ashley House
- Sat., Dec. 13 Wreaths Across America & Christmas Tea
- Jan. 10 General Meeting
- Feb. 14 Teacup Auction
- Feb. 18 Book Club
- Feb. 20 Night Meeting

## NEW MEETING LOCATION

St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
12 N. 6<sup>th</sup> 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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Join Us for the Annual  
Stamp Defiance

*Holiday Tea!*

Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm  
St. Pauls Lutheran Church  
6th & Market St., Wilmington, NC



Welcome to the Stamp Defiance Holiday Tea

On December 13, 2025, starting at 2 PM, we invite you to step back in time with us, returning to the elegance and charm of the mid-1700s, when General George Washington was the most sought-after guest in any room. Our Holiday Tea aims to capture a touch of that era, offering a glimpse into the sights, sounds, and aromas that defined Colonial hospitality.

Enjoy the fragrance of homemade treats, the glow of historic-style decorations, and the comfort of hot tea and sweet punch. Each delightful morsel—lovingly prepared by our Daughters, promises to tempt your taste buds and warm your spirit.

We look forward to sharing an afternoon of tradition, fellowship, and holiday cheer. Please join us at 2:00 p.m. on December 13th in our usual gathering place: St. Paul's Lutheran Church, located at 6th and Market Street in historic downtown Wilmington, a city that George Washington himself once visited during his southern tour in 1791.

We can't wait to celebrate with you!

## FROM THE REGENT

Dear Daughters,

As we approach the close of another meaningful calendar year, our chapter extends heartfelt gratitude to each of you. Your dedication, generosity of spirit, and commitment to service continue to strengthen our mission and enrich our community.

This season, I am especially grateful for the many ways our members have lifted one another and supported our shared goals. Your generous contributions for Service to America, your enthusiastic donations of books for Brunswick County Literacy, and your steadfast support of the fundraising committee's bake sale have all made a remarkable impact. I am also deeply appreciative of our hardworking committee chairs—especially those who poured their time and energy into hosting strong and meaningful community events, such as Constitution Week and the Veterans' Parade. Your efforts embody the very best of our chapter.

And special thanks to all the support and membership engagement committees. Our meeting would be dull indeed without the efforts of the set-up, hospitality, and tech team.

This Thanksgiving, I hope your homes were filled with joy, your tables surrounded by those you love, and your hearts touched by the blessings of the season. We are truly thankful for every member who shares her time and talents to advance the work of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

As we look ahead to Christmas, may the peace and promise of the holiday warm your days and inspire hope for the new year. Whether you are celebrating near or far, we wish you moments of comfort, connection, and cheer.

Thank you for all you have done throughout 2025—your efforts make a lasting difference. We look forward to gathering again in fellowship and service as we welcome the opportunities of 2026.

Merry Christmas to you and your families and don't forget to enter your Service to America hours! 🥰

Warm regards,  
Lynne Ashcraft, Regent  
Stamp Defiance Chapter

P.S. In January we will **nominate and elect delegates** to the NC State Conference held in Durham, April 23 - 26, 2026. Please let me know if you would like to be a delegate. You can be a delegate even if you only attend on Saturday.

## *FROM THE OFFICERS*

Third Vice Regent - Ann Milanichus



Found this cup after the last meeting.  
Please call Lynne Ashcraft to reclaim it.

## Chaplain's Corner - Lisa Baker, Chaplain

### PEARL HARBOR DAY MEMORIAL PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we are gathered here to commemorate those among Your servants who gave their lives at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. Because of their dedication to duty, we still enjoy the freedoms we inherited from our forefathers. Because they served well, we are proud to call them our own. We ask that, following in their footsteps, we may continue in Your service until Your summons comes. Then, in the knowledge that we have striven to observe Your councils and precepts, may be worthy to be united with them and with You forever.

Amen.

### A HOLIDAY PRAYER FOR MILITARY FAMILIES

Dear Lord, our hearts are filled with gratitude for the men and women who serve our country now and, in the past, and for the sacrifices their families make so that we can all enjoy the blessing of freedom.

We praise you for calling them to help protect us, and for giving them the courage and ability to do their jobs well.

Guide their choices and their actions, Lord. Help them to see you working in their daily lives, whether in the field, at home, or abroad.

Surround them with your mighty angels; protect them in your mercy; cover them with your grace.

Guard their hearts while they are far from loved ones, and bless them with moments to cherish when they are together.

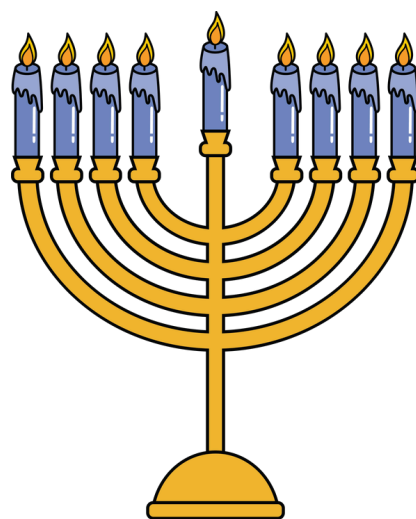
Hold these families close, Lord. May they look to You for the strength and peace that only You can give. In Jesus Name we pray, Amen.

### TRADITIONAL BLESSINGS OVER THE HANUKKAH LIGHTS

Blessed are you, Our God, Ruler of the Universe, who makes us holy through Your commandments, and commands us to light the Hanukkah lights.

Blessed are you, Our God, Ruler of the Universe, who performed miracles for our ancestors in their days at this season.

Blessed are you, Our God, Ruler of the Universe, for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this season.



Chaplain's Corner - Lisa Baker, Chaplain

## A PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS

Heavenly Father, we come before You with joyful hearts as we gather to celebrate this special season of Christmas. Thank You for bringing us together to share in the blessings of fellowship, love, and laughter. Today, we celebrate the gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who brings hope, peace, and salvation to the world. Lord, we ask that You bless this time. Fill this place with Your presence and let joy overflow in our hearts. May our conversations be warm, our laughter be sweet, and the fun we share remind us of the joy that comes from You. Help us to cherish these moments of friendship and connection as we celebrate Your goodness in our lives. Bless the food we will enjoy and the hands that prepare it. May all gatherings reflect the love and unity You desire for us all, and may the spirit of Christmas remain with us long after this time. We give You all the glory and praise. In Jesus' precious name, we pray, Amen.



# FROM THE COMMITTEES

Honor Flight - Patty Miljenovic, Chair

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A GUARDIAN ON THE NEXT HONOR FLIGHT?

APPLICATION DEADLINE DATE: **December 7, 2025**

The Honor Flight of the Cape Fear Area is set to fly again on Saturday, **April 18, 2026**.

Once again, Stamp Defiance has graciously sponsored a guardian seat for this flight and would like to have a Stamp Defiance Daughter fill this seat!! There is a mandatory pre-flight training day at the Wilmington Convention Center on Saturday morning of **March 21, 2026**.

**Please note there are two days that are mandatory, March 21, 2026, and flight day April 18, 2026.** Please review the [Guardian Guidelines](#). If you would be interested, please contact Patty Miljenovic at [pamiljenovic@gmail.com](mailto:pamiljenovic@gmail.com) or 908-910-6055 to apply. Please submit your interest by **December 7, 2025**. Once we receive all interested parties, the Stamp Defiance Executive Board will review and choose the winner. Please review the video of the Honor Flights 2022 flight and visit their website [HFCFA](#). The Guardians are wearing red shirts. IMPORTANT: Being an Honor Flight guardian requires total focus on and dedication to the veteran you escort. The guardian's sole duty is to make sure the veteran is safe and fully experiences all that Honor Flight offers. Guardians must be physically fit to care for themselves, as well as for their assigned veteran for a 15+ hour day.

DAR Schools Committee - Melinda Stewart, Chair

Ms. Stewart reported that the Hindman Settlement School welcomes donations made for the holidays 2025 through their Amazon Wish List - <https://hindman.org/donate/>.

Crossnore Communities also has Holiday Amazon Wish lists available at <https://www.crossnore.org/gift-registries/>. Note that there are different lists for each of their locations.

Collection of empty ink printer cartridges for Hindman will continue. Bring these to chapter meetings.

PLEASE SEND MS. STEWART TOTALS FOR ALL PURCHASES YOU MAKE. They are recorded in the CMR report. Thank you for your generosity to these students.

Literacy Promotion Committee - Charkie Armstrong, Co-Chair

In November, 50 children's books and 115 books for adults and seniors were delivered to the Brunswick County Literacy Council for their holiday book drive. Thank you to all for your generous support which is greatly appreciated each year by both Brunswick Assistance and the Brunswick County Literacy Council.

# FROM THE COMMITTEES

Service for Veterans - Allyson Moore, Chair

Daughters, thank you for your support for the Veterans and Military Families Month last month. We had a successful turnout at the Veterans Day Parade and Veterans Day Event in Belville. Your support toward our veterans never goes unnoticed, and I'm grateful to work alongside you to carry out our mission of welcoming our veterans home, ensuring no one gets left behind. The way we show up to the DAR strongly reflects how we support our veterans, and know that I'm proud of each of you for showing up and helping each other carry out the mission of honoring our beloved veterans and their families.

## Christmas Decorating at Ashley House

Come on down to this year's Christmas decorating at the Ashley House! We truly need lots of hands on deck to help decorate the house for the upcoming holidays on Wednesday, December 3 at 9:30 AM. Please wear comfortable shoes as there's tons of walking involved! Contact Allyson Moore, (423) 963-6579 or Vice Chair Grace Cooley for any questions.

Date: Wednesday, December 3, 2025

Time: 9:30 AM

Location: Sergeant Eugene Ashley House, 2002 Coldwell Ave, Wilmington, NC 28403

## Stockings - Ashley House

Thank you to all who volunteered to take a stocking and fill them with not just the Wish List, but with hearts to brighten the veterans' holiday spirits. The holidays are hard for countless families, especially our military personnel, and showing up for them is one of our greatest gifts we can give. Stockings are more than decorations; they're symbols of presence, and by showing up for our military personnel and their families, we help ensure those stockings carry hope instead of absence.

Please have your stockings filled and returned by the Christmas Tea (Saturday, December 13). For any reason you're not able to attend, please contact Allyson Moore ([allysonsuzannmoore4@gmail.com](mailto:allysonsuzannmoore4@gmail.com)); (423-963-6579) to arrange a pick up date and time prior to the Tea. If for any reason you're not able to fill all the items in the stocking, you may wrap them in a gift bag and attach the stocking to the bag.

Please bring these items for Ashley House stockings to the Christmas Tea: denture cleaner, razors, nail clippers, shaving cream, shampoo, body wash, brushes, combs, bath soap, socks, gloves, knit hats, deodorant, crossword or sudoku puzzles, hand lotion, pencils, pens, paper, cookies, chapstick candy, and/or gum. PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE: toothpaste, toothbrushes, mouthwash, cologne, or aftershave.

## FROM THE COMMITTEES

Service for Veterans - Allyson Moore, Chair (continued)

*Whatever your holiday season may look like, may it be filled with love, support, care, and full of memories. Please also take the time to check up on each other; because you never know whose heart is quietly carrying the weight of needing support.*


*Stamps for the Wounded*

*Let us all remember to collect as many stamps as possible to bring joy, creativity, and support to our wounded Veterans. When clipping stamps (cancelled or uncanceled) from sent envelopes, please leave at least 1/4" around the stamp. At every general meeting, there will be a white wire basket to place your stamp packages in. Thank you for your support and help with our wounded Veterans.*

Units Overseas - Pamela Proctor, Chair

*The Pax Romana Chapter NSDAR was established in Rome, Italy, in 2008. "Pax Romana" a Latin phrase meaning "Peace in Rome," was intentionally chosen to express the organizer's goal of fostering a welcoming space where members could gather and work together. The name reflects the chapter's commitment to peaceful collaboration on projects centered on history, education, and the cultures of both the United States and Italy, supporting peace and shared prosperity between the two nations.*

*The chapter actively advances DAR goals in ways that align with life in Italy. Its projects include locating and marking DAR graves throughout the country and restoring the graves of other Americans buried there. The chapter also supports initiatives at World War II cemeteries, the US Embassy, and various American organizations, as well as Italian earthquake-relief efforts and a home for underprivileged children in Rome. If you are interested in becoming an associate member of the Pax Romana Chapter, additional information is available on the chapter's website: <http://paxromanadar.wixsite.com/paxromana/contact>*



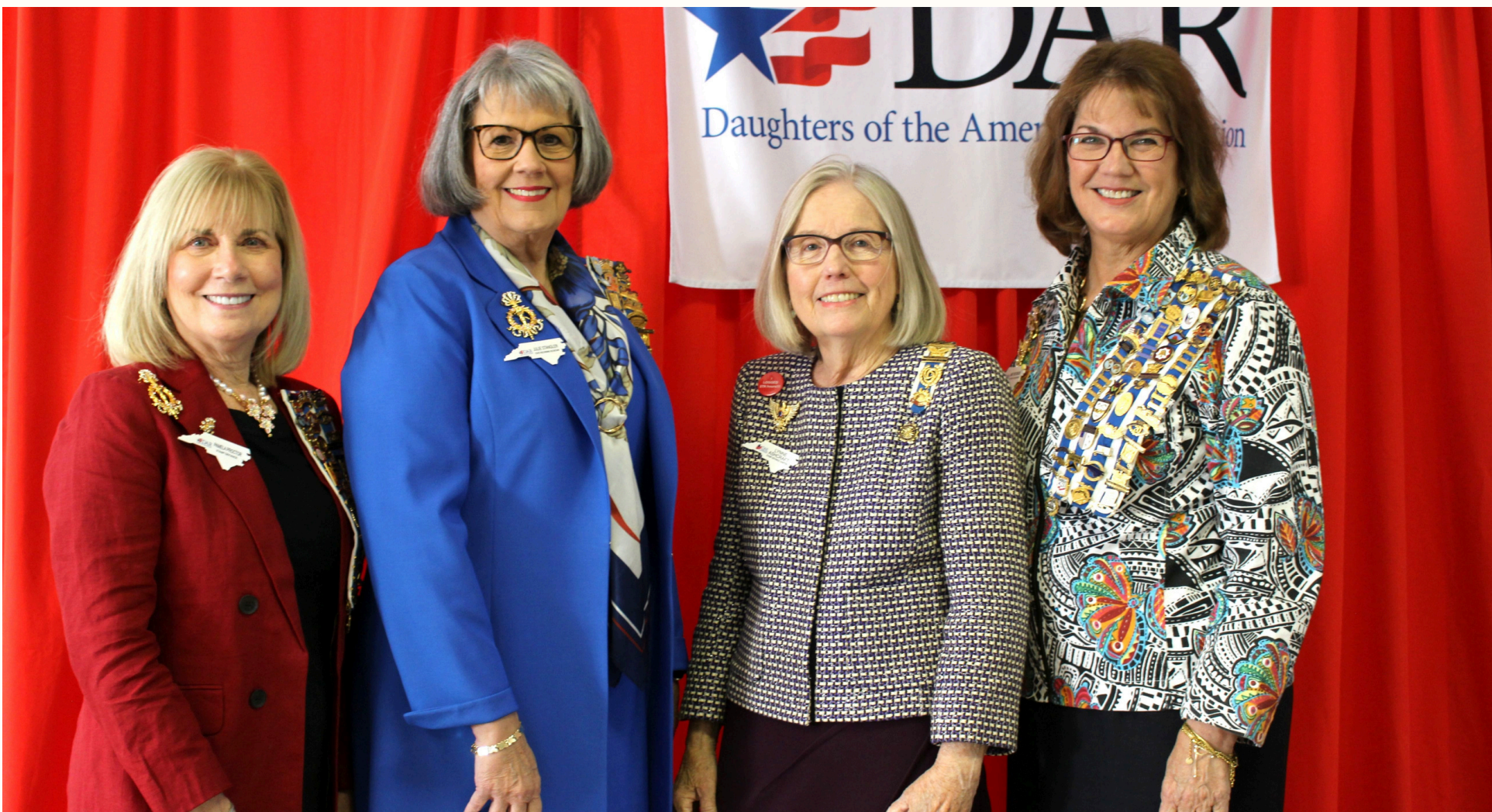
# Happy Birthday



Nancy Patterson	Dec	1
Joan Carr	Dec	2
Claudia Evans	Dec	3
Libby Godwin	Dec	3
Barbara McNeely	Dec	3
Kelly Jones	Dec	4
Judy O'Shields	Dec	5
Diana Corbett	Dec	7
Stacey Lett	Dec	7
Nina Insardi	Dec	8
Roberta Brown	Dec	13
Catherine Chafin	Dec	15
Elaine Brown	Dec	17
Tish Yarborough	Dec	18
Lynda Miller	Dec	20
Dorothy Paxton-Ruble	Dec	21
Patricia Gardner	Dec	22
Ruth-Anne Bolz	Dec	24
Anne Smith	Dec	24
Deb Tew	Dec	24
Jackie LaMar	Dec	25
Charlotte Grainger	Dec	28
Maureen Tipton	Dec	29
Linda Sutton	Dec	30
Mary Elizabeth Abate	Dec	30



# NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING





# VETERANS PARADE