

# STAMP DEFIANCE MESSENGER

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

## SAVE THE DATE

- Oct. 6 Executive Board Meeting, 1 PM St. Paul's Annex
- Oct 10 Chapter Meeting, 10 AM St. Paul's Hall
- Nov. 8 Veteran's Day Parade
- Nov. 11 Veteran's Day at Belville Riverside Park

## 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.

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# National DAR Day of Service October 11th



To honor the anniversary of DAR's founding on October 11<sup>th</sup>, Chapters and individuals are encouraged to engage in meaningful service projects in their communities each year on or around October 11<sup>th</sup>.

This year, our service project is contributing to the success of Family Promise, a community project to house and support homeless families. Family Promise uses shared apartment units to house emergency shelter families. A Day Center on-site, where our families receive case management and look for housing and jobs, is provided by the agency. With volunteers giving their time, making meals, and sharing hospitality, family homelessness is addressed without the creation of an expensive shelter. This innovative approach truly makes a difference for families experiencing homelessness.

Please bring your donations to our meeting on October 10<sup>th</sup>. The items needed are listed on page 7 of this newsletter. Click on the Wish List link, and it will take you directly to the Amazon list.

Dear Daughters,

What a joy it was to celebrate Constitution Day together on September 17! The event was a wonderful reminder of how our chapter continues to reach into the community in the spirit of service—preserving history, supporting education, and honoring patriotism. We were delighted to stand alongside city and county officials, the Lower Cape Fear SAR, the Wilmington Police Pipes and Drums, the Burgwin-Wright House, and many members of the public as we reflected on the Constitution and its lasting importance in guiding our nation. Mark your calendars now—on September 17, 2026, we'll gather once again to honor this cherished cornerstone of our democracy.

October is always a special month for us. The air is crisp, autumn colors brighten our days, and we celebrate the birthday of our beloved DAR. On October 11, we remember our four visionary founders, who imagined an organization dedicated to service. Each year, as we celebrate DAR's birthday, we follow their lead by giving back to our communities. Be sure to read in this issue about the special project we've chosen for this year—it's a beautiful way to serve together.

I've also heard from several of you asking about meeting and activity dates. We want to make sure you always feel connected and informed, so here are a few reminders:

- This newsletter (sent out on the 1st of each month) includes upcoming meeting and activity dates in the sidebar of the front page.
- Our private chapter website, [www.StampDefiance.org](http://www.StampDefiance.org), has a calendar, the latest newsletter, the current yearbook, and plenty of helpful resources. If you need address or access information, please contact our VIS Chair, Susan Pence ([sjp\\_tjk@yahoo.com](mailto:sjp_tjk@yahoo.com)).
- On the 1st and 15th of each month, I also send an email with timely reminders. If you're not receiving these, please let me know so we can get you added right away.

I'm so grateful for each of you and the joy we share in serving together. Here's to a season full of fellowship, service, and celebration!

Warm regards,  
Lynne Ashcraft, Regent  
Stamp Defiance Chapter

# FROM THE OFFICERS

Second Vice Regent - Pamela Proctor

Mark your calendars for our October 10 meeting! We are excited to welcome Matthew Woods, Superintendent of Moores Creek National Battlefield, for his inspiring program "Moores Creek at 250: A Legacy Preserved, A Milestone in the Making." Mr. Woods will share an inside look at the park's preparations for the 250<sup>th</sup> Commemoration in February 2026 and highlight the incredible story of 250 years of preservation. The Stamp Defiance Chapter played an important role in this legacy 100 years ago - and we are proud to continue that support today. You won't want to miss this engaging and meaningful program!

Third Vice Regent - Ann Milanchus  
"CELEBRATING US"

I want to express a big thank you to all the daughters that came to the September meeting and to everyone who was able to stay for the luncheon. Thanks to all who helped by setting up and taking down all the equipment and the ones that took tablecloths to wash to help me out. All of us working together can do anything when we come together as one perfect well-oiled machine! Please know that I appreciate all of you!

Treasurer - Linda McAninch

As we look ahead to another wonderful year of DAR service, now is the time to send in your annual dues. Your continued support keeps our chapter strong and allows us to carry out meaningful work in Historic Preservation, Education, and Patriotism.

Total dues for the 2025 membership year are \$88, which includes:

- \$25 Chapter Dues
- \$52 National Dues
- \$10 State Dues
- \$1 District Dues

Chapter Associate Dues are \$15. Please submit your payment by October 1, 2025.

You may pay by check, made payable to Stamp Defiance Chapter NSDAR, and mail it to: Linda McAninch, Treasurer, P.O. Box 16230, Wilmington, NC 28408. Or, for your convenience, you may pay electronically via Venmo to: @Linda-McAninch. Or you can pay at the chapter meeting. Please include your name in the memo line.

Thank you for helping keep our chapter strong and active!

# FROM THE OFFICERS

Chaplain's Corner - Lisa Baker, Chaplain

NSDAR Day of Prayer, October 12, 2025

Always, Heavenly Father, we as Daughters praise You for the wondrous gifts You have given us. As we observe the anniversary of the founding of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution we offer special thanks for the efforts of Eugenia Washington, Mary Desha, Ellen Hardin Walworth and Mary S. Lockwood, whose foresight and whose determination brought to fruition the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. For all those who have served as leaders and the many who have been such faithful stalwarts for God, Home and Country we are grateful. We ask Your continued favor as we work to promote historic preservation, education and patriotism. Help us to grow in service to our country and to our fellow man. May the work done by the Daughters continue to be a tribute to the wondrous gift of Your love. In the name of our Father, we pray. Amen

Indigenous People's Day, October 13, 2025

Creator of all,  
We thank you for the land, the water, and the skies.  
For the wisdom and traditions of the indigenous peoples  
Who have stewarded them for generations.  
Grant us hearts of respect and reverence  
To listen to the voices of those who have walked the earth before us.  
And to care for your creation with justice, humility, and love.  
Guide us in healing the wounds of history,  
And inspire us to live in harmony with one another and with the world you have made.  
In Your name we pray. Amen

Sunshine Report

Ana McCormick, one of our junior members, and her husband Jim, had their fourth child, Rower, at home on September 17th at 6:03 am. He was welcomed by his big sister Coveleigh (6) and brothers Tanner (5) and Mason (2). Everyone is bursting with excitement!

The Sunshine Report is a new addition to our monthly newsletter. If you would like to share any of your life's celebrations with us, we would love to hear about them.

Items such as marriage or work anniversaries, work promotions, welcoming a new child or grandchild, school graduations, awards or acknowledgements received in the community are just a few ideas.

Please send your sunshine news to Lisa Baker at [Lg50baker@gmail.com](mailto:Lg50baker@gmail.com) by the 20th of each month in order to be included in the next month's newsletter. Thank you.

# FROM THE COMMITTEES

Historic Preservation Committee - Ann Milanchus, Chair

## Thalian Hall

Thalian Hall is almost ready to send in their request to NSDAR for their bid to win a Grant from National. The letter from Stamp Defiance has been sent to Thalian Hall to be added to the Application showing that we support their request. We will wait to learn if National feels that their request will be granted.

## Maides Cemetery

Stamp Defiance Chapter has been a supporter of the reclaiming of the Maids Cemetery. We have raked up leaves, pulled weeds, cut down small trees and collected the debris from around graves. This year they have requested paper lawn bags to collect the debris.

I am very proud to announce that Home Depot donated 200 paper yard waste bags for us to give to the Maides Cemetery. The other item on the wish list is rechargeable batteries for Black and Decker Weed Whackers. I was at lunch on Wednesday with the Red Hats members known as the "Garnet Gems". We make donations to different Charities in and around New Hanover and Brunswick Counties. The Queen Mother brought up The Maides Cemetery and I was asked to speak about the Cemetery. After listening to me they voted to donate money to the Maides Cemetery for them to purchase as many rechargeable batteries as one hundred dollars will buy!

Units Overseas Spotlight – Pamela Proctor, Chair

The NSDAR Palatinate Chapter, founded on April 15, 2000, has a rich history and impressive projects embodying DAR's values. Their ongoing efforts reflect strong support for the U.S. Military, veterans, and historical commemorations including: Landstuhl Regional Medical Facility at Ramstein Air Base: Supporting this central medical hub for U.S. military personnel overseas.

**JROTC Medals:** Awarding leadership and achievement medals at Department of Defense schools in Germany.

**Flag Day Celebrations:** Sharing U.S. history with the local host nation to strengthen cultural ties.

**Memorial Day Wreathes:** Honoring service members at U.S. military cemeteries.

**Support for American Battle Monuments Commission and the Women's Memorial:** Paying tribute to American service members and women in armed forces.

**Contributions to Fisher House and Wounded Warrior Projects:** Supporting wounded soldiers and their families.

**Overseas Military Baby Blanket Project:** Funding this nationally recognized project to provide handmade blankets to military families.

With over 800 associate members, the Palatinate Chapter thrives through the support and funding provided by DAR members worldwide. If you are interested in joining this chapter as an associate member, please go to [topalatinatedar.org](http://topalatinatedar.org).

# FROM THE COMMITTEES

## Service for Veterans - Allyson Suzann Moore, Chair

I hope your start of the new DAR year is going well and you are feeling excited to grow as a chapter together like I am. From the bottom of my heart, thank you Daughters for your service to our beloved Veterans. Thank you for giving them the welcome home they truly deserve. Thank you for setting strong, motivating, and inspiring examples on what it means to recognize, honor, and connect with our Veterans. Lastly, thank you for inspiring each other to show up every day for our community.

### Veterans Day Events in November

Southeast North Carolina Veterans Day Parade: Stamp Defiance is honored, once again, to serve coffee and donuts at the Wilson Center Lobby and welcome our Veterans' home. We will serve starting at 9 am, while the pre-show starts at 10 am. The pre-show will occur on Third Street in front of City Hall, and the Parade begins promptly at 11 am. Our veterans will start the parade in fancy cars, Humvees, and fire trucks. This is a great day to support, honor, recognize, and connect with our veterans. Date: November 8, 9:00 to 11:00 A.M., Place: CFCC Wilson Center, 703 North Third Street, Wilmington, NC 28401

In addition to serving coffee and donuts, please plan on walking the short parade route behind our beautiful banner recognizing Stamp Defiance DAR. More information will come in the beginning of November. While it's about a month and a half away, now's the perfect time to start planning. Please contact Allyson Moore about questions, concerns, and/or plans to attend. (423) 963-6579 or email [allysonsuzannmoore4@gmail.com](mailto:allysonsuzannmoore4@gmail.com)

### Veterans Day Event in Belville

This event will take place in the Belville Riverwalk Park in Belville, North Carolina. The Leland Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 12196 and its Auxiliary are partnering with the Town of Belville to host the event. The theme of the day is "North Brunswick Is Prepared". The program will run from 11 am to 4 pm. There's going to be a couple of Humvees, Fire Truck, and Police equipment on hand along with other amazing organizations, JROTC, and more. The purpose of this event is for community members to come together and celebrate Veterans Day locally instead of going elsewhere. This will be the first time our chapter has participated in this event, and we're excited to take on new opportunities to expand our connections with our military-affiliated community. Not to mention this will be a tabling event as well so members can work in shifts throughout the program. More information will come closer to first of November. Please contact Allyson Moore for any questions, concerns, and/or plans to attend.

## FROM THE COMMITTEES

Service for Veterans - Allyson Suzann Moore, Chair (continued)

### Christmas At Ashley House

We will have the Sergeant Eugene Ashley House Christmas Stockings available at BOTH October and November meetings. These stockings always bring joy to our veterans, especially during the holiday seasons. We will have the wish list finalized very, very soon to know what to get our veterans. For any questions regarding stockings, please contact Allyson Moore.

### 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.

DAR Day of Service - Pat Goodman, Chair  
DAR Service to America: Supporting Families in Crisis

October 11 is DAR's birthday, and we are proud to support Family Promise of the Lower Cape Fear as our Annual Day of Service project. This vital local organization is the only one in our area dedicated specifically to helping families with minor children who are facing homelessness. Whether the crisis comes from job loss, medical issues, or domestic violence, Family Promise provides not just emergency shelter, but also the tools families need to rebuild and thrive—through counseling, education, and support services that help prevent future hardship.

We're collecting donations in two ways:

Bring items from their Wish List to our October 10 meeting, and we will deliver them to Family Promise or donate directly via their Amazon Wish List here:

**<http://bit.ly/455qfvm>**

Family Promise shared with us that four of the apartment's A/C units must be replaced, and they are raising funds for that. If you feel moved to help, you can donate online through their website or send a check to Family Promise of the Lower Cape Fear, PO Box 14194, Wilmington, NC 28405.

Learn more about their mission here: **[familypromiselowercapefearnc.org](http://familypromiselowercapefearnc.org)**.

Let's come together this fall to celebrate DAR's birthday and to make a real difference for families in need.

## FROM THE COMMITTEES

Schools Committee - Melinda Stewart, Chair

An amazing amount of money in donations was collected at the September meeting at the table collection for the Anderson Academy library! We are now able to send to Crossnore's Anderson Academy **\$442.25**.

This will be a good start at getting that library underway. Many thanks to all of you who gave so generously.

Planet Green Recycle is a program being started by Hindman Settlement School as a means of fundraising. They are collecting used ink cartridges and even providing postage for mailing. Our committee will have a labeled box at each meeting where you can deposit your used cartridges. We will see that they get mailed to Hindman. This is an easy project for us and a great way to help out Hindman!

Stamp Defiance Book Club

Katherine Brandi and Kay Sanderlin, Co-Chairs

September 2, 2025 was the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ceremony for the formal surrender of Japan to end World War II. To honor this event our book selection for this month is ***The Lost Girls of Paris*** by Pam Jenoff.

It is a fictionalized history of the true story of Vera Atkins and the women who served as agents for Special Operations Executive (SOE) under her leadership in Britain during World War II. The author's notes explain that it is a work of fiction and she took great liberties in creating the story.

Please put it on your calendar to join us on Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at McAlister's Deli on South College Road at 11:30 a.m. for lunch and discussion.

Fundraising Committee - Judy Cradler, Chair

I have two Attraction books left. Please consider buying one. The books are \$30.

Please sign up to receive the Thanksgiving Blessing for your Thanksgiving table. They are \$5 each.

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.**

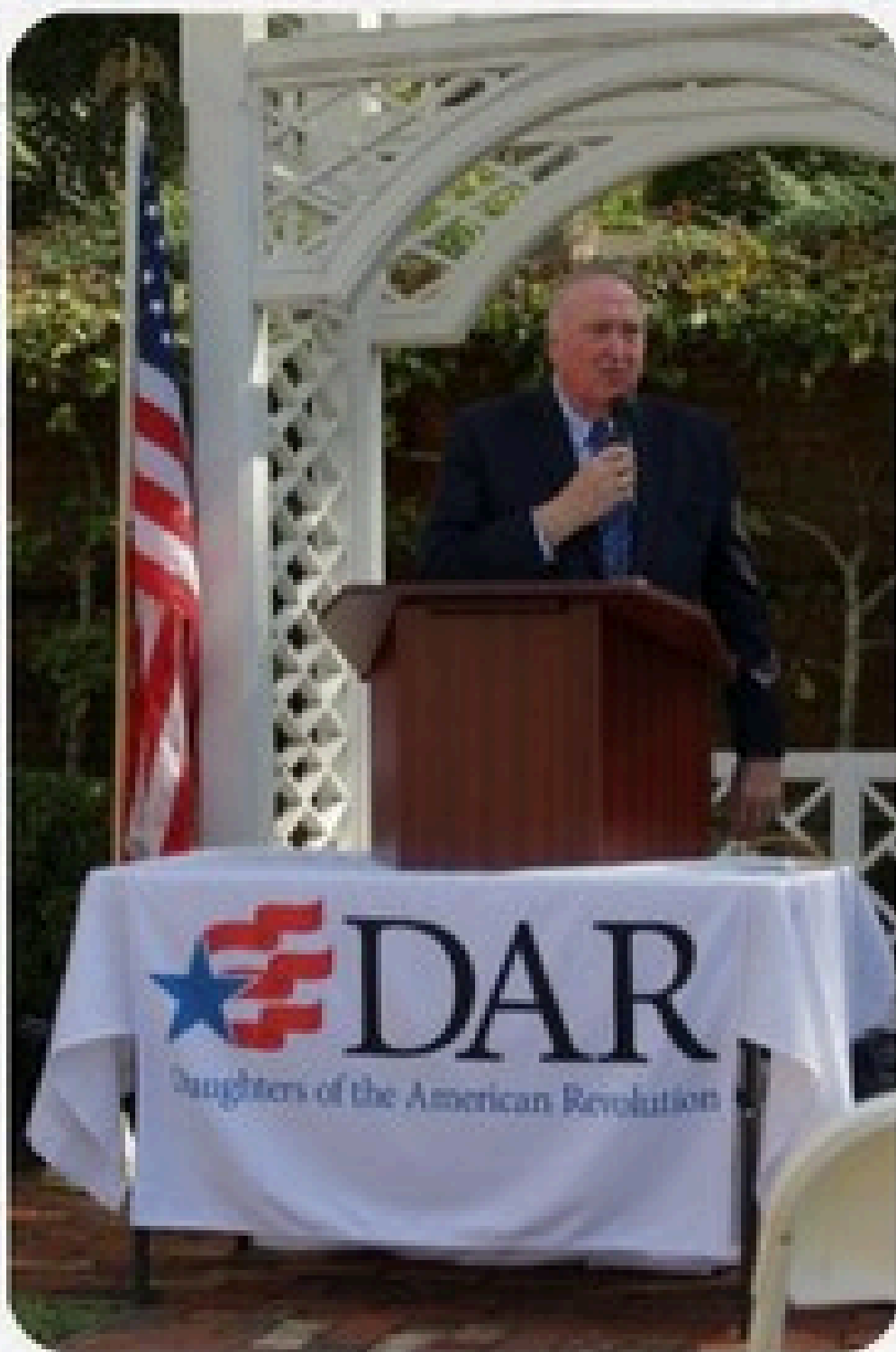
# Happy Birthday

Akira Graham	Oct 1	Jennifer Bolton	Oct 18
Cheryl Maxwell	Oct 1	Grace Cooley	Oct 20
Kara Lilly	Oct 2	Evelyn Ferguson	Oct 21
Martha Taylor	Oct 2	Nancy Fitzgerald	Oct 21
Jinnette Hathaway	Oct 6	Laura Wilson	Oct 21
Melynda Miller	Oct 6	Margaret Whisenhunt	Oct 22
Margaret Barclay	Oct 7	Erin Snyder	Oct 23
Katrina Summers	Oct 7	Anna Kirk	Oct 24
Michele Russell	Oct 8	Karen Cassidy	Oct 25
Ellen Dew	Oct 11	Marilyn Williams	Oct 26
Judith Vick	Oct 13	Frances Telman	Oct 27
Jenny Sheargold	Oct 16	Gretchen Wurth	Oct 27
Karen Toht	Oct 16	Anne Boone	Oct 28
Angela Cline	Oct 17	Bettie Lettieri	Oct 28
Cindy Howard	Oct 17	Carolyn Wells	Oct 28
Keena Newland	Oct 17	Jennifer Broadwell	Oct 29





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EVENING  
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HIGHLIGHTS

