

STAMP DEFIANCE MESSENGER

Serving our community through Patriotism, Education, and Historic Preservation

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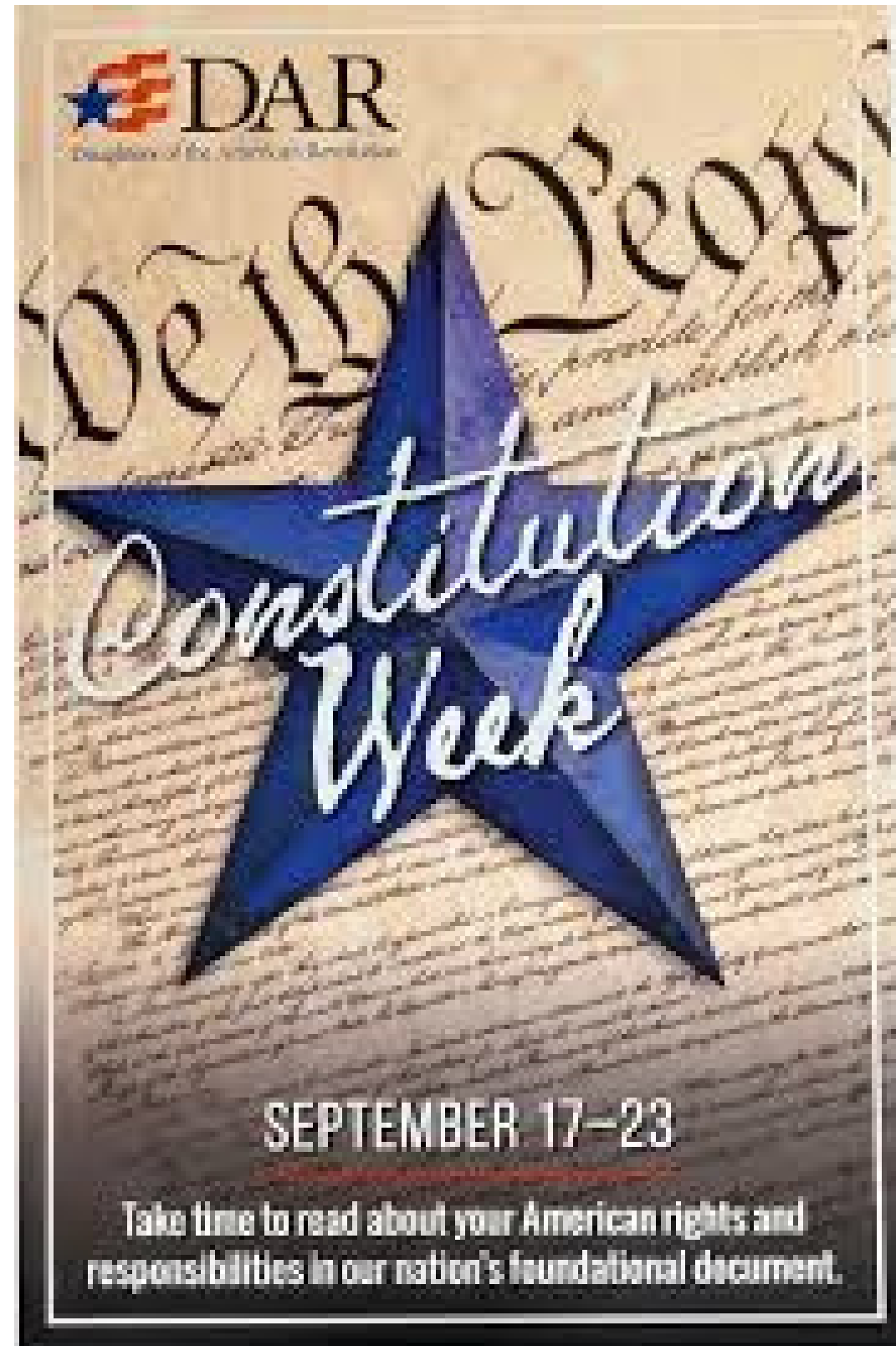
- Sep 8 Executive Board Meeting, 1 PM St. Paul's Annex
- Sep 12 Chapter Meeting with lunch, 10 AM St. Paul's Hall
- Sep 17 Constitution Day, 3 PM at the Burgwin-Wright House
- Sep 18 Jr/Evening Meeting, 6:15 PM, McAlisters Deli

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

ARTICLES

- Regents Message
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Join the chapter again this year as we celebrate the most essential document in our democracy, "The Constitution". This year's celebration will be at the Burgwin-Wright House on September 17 at 3 PM. This year is the 238th anniversary.

Our Constitution safeguards our rights, limits government power, and sets the foundation for our American government. This national event began with our organization, the DAR.

This year, we will be celebrating at the Burgwin-Wright House, located at 224 Market Street. The festivities begin at 3:00 p.m. and will reach a crescendo with the ringing of bells at 4:00 p.m. Our esteemed speaker, Judge John M. Tyson, a judge on the North Carolina Court of Appeals, will be joining us. There will be music and other special guests joining us for our celebration.

Come and join us for a wonderful time, surrounded by fellow patriots, and let's celebrate this incredible document together!

FROM THE REGENT

Dear Daughters,

What a remarkable summer it has been for the Stamp Defiance Chapter! From commemorating Flag Day in June to honoring our veterans at the Purple Heart Dinner in August, we've been actively engaged in our community—living out our mission of Historic Preservation, Education, and Patriotism with purpose and pride.

In June, we were invited by the Lower Cape Fear SAR to take part in a new annual event marking the 250th Anniversary of the Wilmington District Resolves. This decisive moment in our history detailed the specific grievances of citizens in New Hanover, Onslow, Duplin, Brunswick, and Bladen counties—grievances that ultimately helped North Carolina become the first colony to recommend a declaration of independence in writing to its Provincial Congress delegates in 1776. It was a meaningful tribute to a pivotal step toward American independence.

In July, attending the Continental Congress was as inspiring as ever. One highlight was Education Night, when North Carolina students and teachers were recognized on the national stage. A special moment came when Dr. Jennifer Bratyanski, an AP Government and U.S. History teacher from Charlotte, received the Outstanding Teacher of American History Award. Her acceptance speech was heartfelt and insightful—I encourage you to watch it on the Thursday evening video <https://bit.ly/EducationNight>.

In August, we were proud to support the Brunswick Town Chapter at their dedication of a Pomeroy Foundation Marker at Fort Anderson/Brunswick Town State Historic Site. The new marker commemorates the burning of Fort Johnston in 1775—a bold and defining act of resistance against British authority in North Carolina. Led by Wilmington's own Cornelius Harnett and John Ashe, this event marked one of the earliest acts of armed rebellion in the colony.

As summer draws to a close, I hope you're as energized as I am for the year ahead. Together, let's continue to honor our heritage and make a meaningful impact through the DAR's guiding principles of historic preservation, education, and patriotism.

Warm regards,
Lynne Ashcraft, Regent
Stamp Defiance Chapter

DISTRICT MEETING

Nineteen Stamp Defiance Daughters attended the District VII meeting in Fayetteville, which was hosted by the Liberty Point Chapter at Smith Lake, a US Army facility adjacent to Fort Bragg that provides outdoor recreation and camping opportunities to military families. Each chapter had a chance to share its 2024 chapter activity highlights and to hear from the State Regent about her Regent's Project.

After lunch, during the business portion of the meeting, we elected a new Vice Director, Sherry Couey, from the Liberty Point Chapter, and a new Recording Secretary, Carol Jutte, from the Brunswick Town Chapter, and approved several standing rule changes.

We also elected a nominating committee to look for a new slate of officers who will be elected next year. The nominating committee is Pam Proctor, Stamp Defiance Chapter; Penny Lockerman, Richard Clinton Chapter; and Elizabeth Johnson, Liberty Point Chapter. If you are interested in serving at the district, contact a member of the nominating committee. Also, please welcome two new Regents to District VII, Barbara McIntyre, Brunswick Town, and Autumn Leonard, Wilmington Ladies Tea Walk.



Taking a picture break at Smith Lake. Who do you recognize?

NATIONAL AWARDS

Our chapter received the following National Level awards at the District Meeting.

Master Reports Committee

Blue Ribbon for the Chapter Achievement Awards, One Hundred Fifty-One Members, and Higher

American History Committee

Outstanding Public Relations in American History, National

Membership Committee

Discover Treasured Gems Award

DAR Leadership Training Committee

Southeastern Division

Chapter Level Training Award Twinkling Stars

Congratulations to all our chapter members for these awards and especially to those committee members in the Master Reports Committee, the American History Committee, the Membership Committee, and those who invested in the DAR training courses.

Several members also received National Level awards. Congratulations to them.

FROM THE OFFICERS

Second Vice Regent - Pamela Proctor

Did you know North Carolina Founding Father Cornelius Harnett had a home at Poplar Grove Plantation? On September 12, we are honored to welcome Caroline Lewis, Executive Director of Poplar Grove Plantation, who will present her program, "Cornelius Harnett: Navigating between the River and the Sound." Drawing upon her extensive research, Ms. Lewis will illuminate Harnett's contributions, while highlighting the vital role our region played in the formative years of our nation. Don't miss this informative program!!

Please join us for our September 18 Junior/Evening meeting. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Charles Brett, Lead Medical Interpreter at Tryon Palace, who will present an engaging program on medical practices and professions in 17th and 18th Century British North America. His presentation will explore such topics as domestic medicine, battlefield surgery, and the challenges of maritime diseases and their treatments - offering a fascinating glimpse into the world of Early Colonial healthcare. We will gather at McAlister's Deli at 6:15. Arrive a bit early if you would like to enjoy dinner beforehand. It promises to be a fun evening you don't want to miss!

Third Vice Regent - Ann Milanchus
"CELEBRATING US"

September is a wonderful time of year to celebrate our chapter with a luncheon and greet our sisters that we have been missing over the summer month. Don't forget to sign up for our wonderful catered luncheon and be treated to a Stamp Defiance Birthday Cake, celebrating our 104th Birthday. The signup form is attached to the Messenger email. You can pay using the form or electronically with VENMO. Let us all join together to build our membership; we can never have too many sisters. I'm thankful for the new friendships I've made, confident they'll last. I'm glad to be part of an organization that values every family's history. Read the Messenger each month to learn more about the "December Tea", "February Auction" and the "May Annual Meeting and Luncheon".

FROM THE OFFICERS

Treasurer - Linda McAninch

As we look ahead to another wonderful year of DAR service, now is the time to submit 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. Please include your name in the memo line. Download your dues invoice [here](#).

Thank you for helping keep our chapter strong and active!

Chaplain's Corner - Lisa Baker, Chaplain

9/11 (Patriot Day) Remembrance

Dear Loving Father,

We pause to remember the great losses and courageous acts of September 11th. We lift up those who are still affected -- families of the victims, police officers, firemen, first responders, and all who were involved. We pray for the light of Christ to flood the hearts of people everywhere. We believe You desire to redeem Your creation, and we trust that beauty will continue to come from the ashes of those dark days.

Surround us with Your mighty angels of protection, give us compassion for one another in all of life's circumstances, and instill in us the courage to answer Your call. Amen

Paige DeRuyscher

Constitution Week

"Heavenly Father, we thank You for the heritage of heroic ancestors who gave us our Constitution. We are grateful for our Society, which is dedicated to the preservation of the high ideals and privileges which it gives to us. We pray for our country, for the men and women who face the responsibility of leadership, and for those who must make decisions for securing peace for our world. Give them understanding, deepen their loyalties to what is good and true, and give them courage to stand for the right". Amen.

FROM THE COMMITTEES

*Service to America - Pat Goodman, Chair
Every Hour Counts: Record Your Service to America Hours*

Daughters of the Stamp Defiance Chapter are making a difference in our community every single day—through volunteerism, outreach, education, preservation, and patriotism. But are we remembering to record those efforts?

As DAR members, we know that service is at the heart of our mission. Whether you're volunteering at a food drive, placing flags on veterans' graves, sewing quilts for those in need, tutoring students, singing in your church choir, or even supporting a local museum—those hours matter. And when we record them, we not only honor your individual dedication, but also help showcase the impact of DAR nationwide.

Last year, members across the country logged over a million hours of volunteer service. Let's make sure Stamp Defiance Chapter's contributions are fully represented!

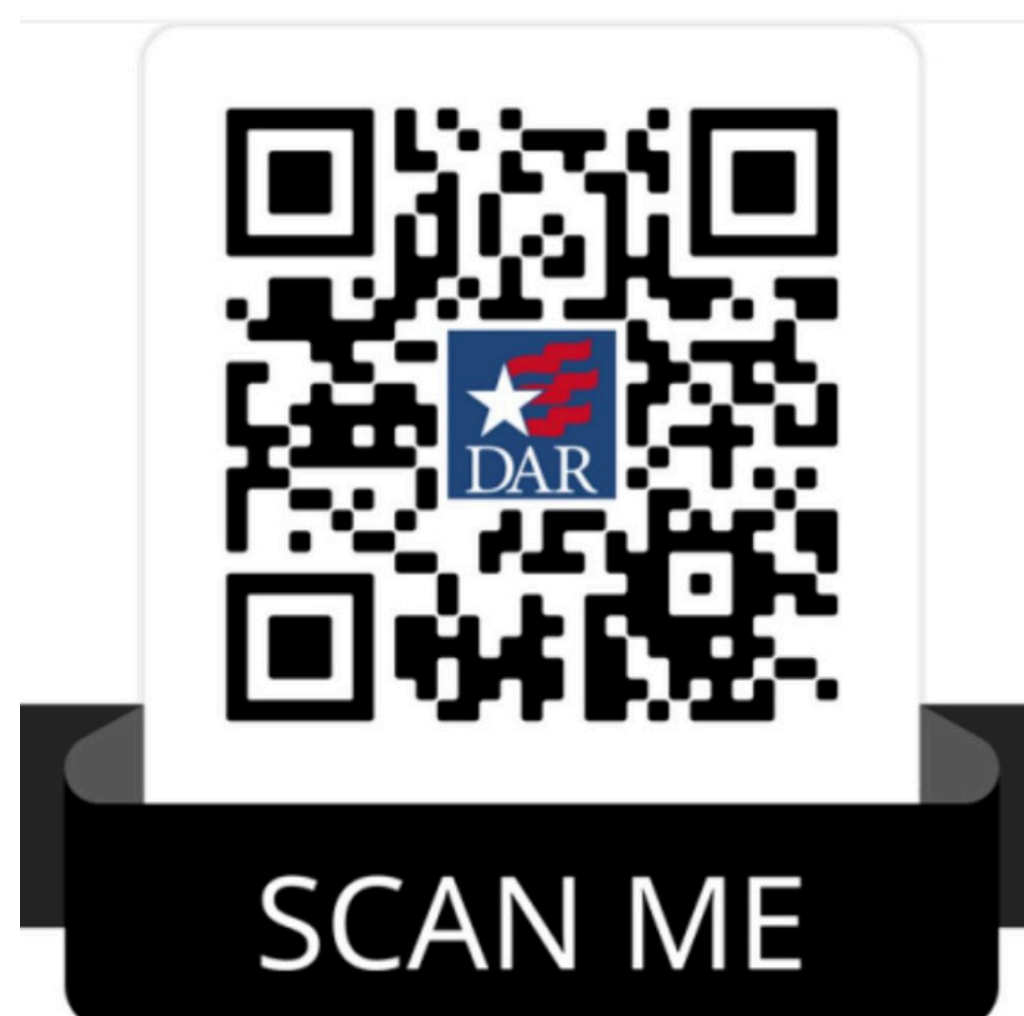
It's simple to log your hours:

- *Go to [Service to America Online Tally](#) or use the QR Code below*
- *Log in and click on "Enter Your Service to America Hours"*
- *Fill out a quick form—it takes less than a minute!*

You can submit your hours weekly, monthly, or whenever it's convenient. If you're unsure what qualifies or need help, don't hesitate to reach out to me, Service to America Chair Pat Goodman.

Let's celebrate the incredible work you do and show the power of DAR service—one hour at a time.

Because when Daughters serve, America shines.



FROM THE COMMITTEES

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.

You may remember them as the Interfaith Hospitality Network, when their model centered around hosting families in local churches. Today, with the addition of a dedicated apartment building and a temporary, larger shelter, they're able to offer even more stability and privacy to the families they serve.

We're collecting donations in two ways:
Bring items from their Wish List to our September 12 or October 10 meetings, 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

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



Wish List

Laundry Detergent
Kitchen sized Trash Bags
Lysol or Clorox Wipes
Ziploc bags (all sizes)
Over-the-counter medicine (Tylenol, Band Aid
Pepto, etc.)
Towels & washcloths (new)
Twin Sheet sets (new)
Full Sheet sets (new)
Bed Pillows (new)
Twin-sized comforters (new)
Full-sized comforters (new)
Gift cards for essentials (Walmart,
Food Lion, etc.)

List

Detergent
Trash Bags
Clorox Wipes
(all sizes)
Pain reliever (Tylenol, Band Aid
etc.)
Bedcloths (new)
Sheet sets (new)
Towel sets (new)
Pillows (new)
Comforters (new)
Pillows (new)
Essentials (Walmart,
Target, etc.)

FROM THE COMMITTEES

Historic Preservation Committee - Ann Milanchus, Chair

Thalian Hall:

Thalian Hall has expressed an interest in reapplying for the Grant from National. We are excited to learn that they want to try again. Dates to apply are August 1 to October 31, 2025. All rules, regulations and deadlines must be met for the application to be considered.

Maides Cemetery:

They are looking for a sponsor to supply paper refuse bags for clean-up days at the cemetery. Clean up day is every 3 months on the second Saturday of that month. I will keep you apprised of the dates in the Messenger.

Rice Festival:

The Rice Festival is held in March at Olde Brunswick Towne in Brunswick County. Last year there were 4000 happy Festival goers that were enjoying food, fun, crafts, music and a beautiful day. Come and enjoy the fun!

Fundraising Committee - Judy Cradler, Chair

*Our Turkey was reading an article about Ben Franklin and the fact that he wanted the **TURKEY** to be the Emblem of the United States. He was upset and decided to go off to find Ben and have a frank discussion with him about the horrible mistake! So, the fundraising committee has found an alternative.*



Thanksgiving Blessing

- Bugles – shaped like the cornucopia, the horn of plenty*
- Pretzels – arms crossed and folded in thanks and prayer*
- Seeds – the promise of a future harvest if seeds are planted and tended with care*
- M&M's – memories of those who came before you to guide a blessed future*
- Candy corn – the sacrifices of the first winter*
- Dried fruit – the bountiful fruits of the earth, gathered at harvest time*

The cost is going up to \$5.00 per bag because of the ingredients. I will have examples at the meeting.

Sunshine Committee – Katherine Brandi & Kay Sanderlin, Co-Chairs

As we begin another chapter season, we would love to share joys and concerns of members who would like prayers and support. Please let us know if you wish to share anything with your fellow DAR sisters. Together, we will continue to build a supportive community of sisters.

If you receive greeting cards in solicitation requests that you do not plan on using our committee would welcome more birthday and sympathy cards to send to members. Please bring them with you to a chapter meeting.

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Kay Sanderlin, Co-Chair kaysanderlin@yahoo.com 910-512-7972

FROM THE COMMITTEES

Service for Veterans - Allyson Moore, Chair

Stamp Defiance Daughters, welcome back and welcome home (almost). While I am currently out of state due to my father's unexpected passing, I would like to extend my thanks and gratitude for your prayers, messages, and support as we grieve the loss of my beloved Vietnam Veteran dad, John Moore.

I'm honored to be your new Chair of the Service For Veterans Committee. As you also noticed, there's been a name change with the committee. This was issued to provide more intentional focus on carrying out our mission to recognize, honor, support, and welcome our beloved veterans home. Going forward, you will see the new name change be effective as we serve our veterans.

We are in the works of progress for our November initiatives: Veterans Day Parade and Veterans Day Event in Belville. More information for both events are to start flowing in our September meeting. Thank you daughters for your service to our veterans, like my daddy. He really enjoyed meeting you at the Vietnam Commemoration Ceremony this Spring.

Schools Committee - Melinda Stewart, Chair

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 dump your used cartridges. We will see that they get mailed to Hindman. 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, 1945 is the 80th anniversary of the ceremony for the formal surrender of Japan to end World War II. To honor this event our book selection 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 on your calendar to join us on Tuesday, October 21st at McAlister's Deli on South College Road at 11:30 a.m. for lunch and discussion.

FROM THE COMMITTEES

American History - Lisa Baker, Chair

Our annual essay contest for grades 5-8 has officially started. If you have a child, grandchild, niece, nephew, neighbor, etc. residing in New Hanover County, he or she may participate. Winning essays receive \$100 each.

This year's essay topic is: "**Lunch with a Signer**" Question: America will celebrate her 250th birthday on July 4, 2026! If you could go back in time and meet one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence for lunch, who would you choose? How did their actions and service contribute to our Country becoming independent?

This year we have added a new contest. It is the 9-12th grade video contest. There will be one winner for 9th-12th, and the winning video receives \$150.00.

The video topic is: "**Revolution Era Figure**"

Select a figure from the era of the American Revolution (1773-1783). Discuss how he or she influenced the course of the American Revolution, who he or she was and his/her contribution to the founding of a new nation. Figures may be any person, whether a well-known figure or an everyday man, woman, or child who supported the American Revolution in ways large or small.

Participants can submit their essays and videos directly to the committee. For more information about the contest (rules, deadlines, etc. or questions please email Lisa Baker at Lg50baker@gmail.com.

Units Overseas - Pamela Proctor, Chair

Exciting News From Ireland!

Do you have Irish roots or simply a love for the Emerald Isle? We're thrilled to announce that a brand-new Units Overseas Chapter has been established in Ireland - and it's already making history!

The Hercules Mulligan Chapter, named in honor of Revolutionary War hero Hercules Mulligan, is now welcoming associate members. Born in Ireland in 1740, Mulligan immigrated with his family to New York City at the age of six. He went on to become a successful tailor, a passionate supporter of the American cause, and a pivotal spy whose intelligence gathering helped turn the tide of the Revolution.

Since its founding in May, the Hercules Mulligan Chapter has already welcomed over 600 associate members! To learn more about this remarkable chapter and how you can join, visit herculesmulligandar.org. Be part of the excitement and join today!



Flag Day



Baby Bundles to Fort Bragg



Memorial Day at WNC



250 th Anniversary of the Wilmington District Resolves



District Conference



New National Executive Board



Purple Heart Dinner



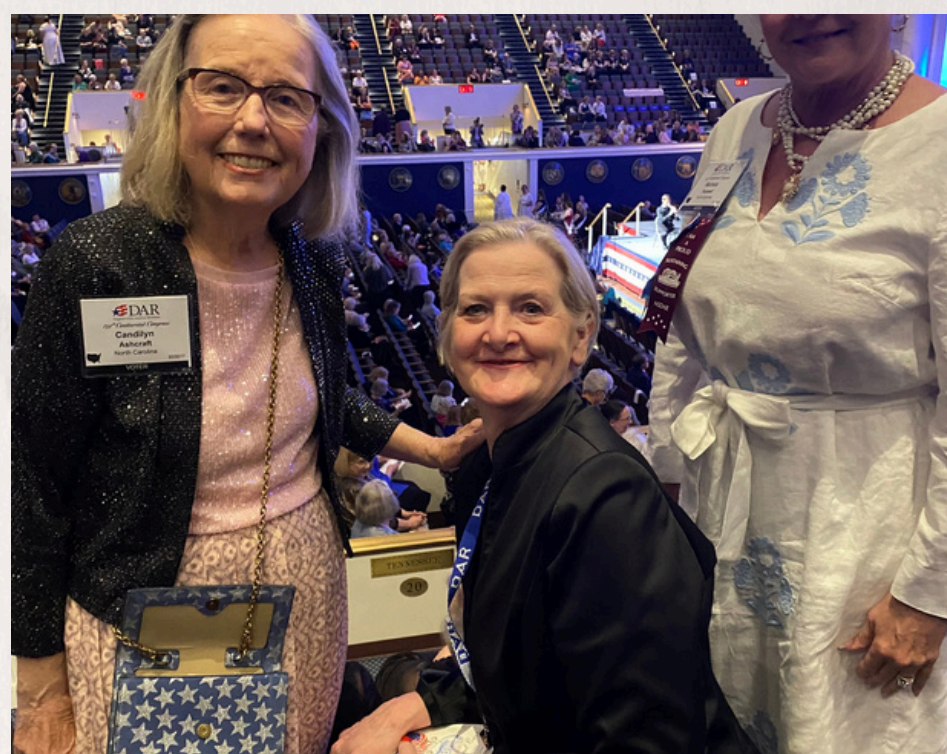
Battle of Rockfish



District Conference



Continental Congress



Happy Birthday



VANESSA SEWARD	SEP 1	CINDY PROFFIT	SEP 15
MARTHA JOYCE	SEP 2	CINDY HENRY	SEP 16
BRENDA SHADRICK	SEP 3	KAY SANDERLIN	SEP 16
SHERYL HARTWELL	SEP 5	DONNA EVERETTE	SEP 18
KATHLEEN STOIKO	SEP 5	LYNDA PAGE	SEP 18
PEGGY CARR	SEP 8	SANDRA RAY	SEP 18
LIBBY KNIGHT	SEP 9	PATTI THOMPSON	SEP 19
CHRISTINA NORVELL	SEP 9	REBECCA COLONNA	SEP 20
SHAY PRIESTER	SEP 9	KAMISHA GRAHAM	SEP 20
DONNA BROWN	SEP 10	DOROTHY HAMBY	SEP 21
FRANCES GODWIN	SEP 10	MEREDITH RIDGE	SEP 21
RENA GYORKE	SEP 10	LINDA MURRAY	SEP 22
AMANDA MCCRARY	SEP 10	ANGELA FURNISS	SEP 25
SHEILA SHEATS	SEP 10	KATHERINE BEERY	SEP 26
BRENDA OLSON	SEP 12	ANA MCCORMICK	SEP 28
CHRISTINA SINGLETON	SEP 12	MELINDA STEWART	SEP 28
HOPE ZOELLIN	SEP 12	KAREN DZENKO	SEP 30
BARBARA ANDERSON	SEP 14	KRIS KENT	SEP 30
PENNY LOCKERMAN	SEP 14	NANCY PRITCHETT	SEP 30
LYNDA WHITTED	SEP 14		