

District 1 Echo

District I, NSDAR Newsletter

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If you are looking for indoor activities during the colder weeks, the end of the year is also a perfect time to support ongoing DAR efforts like indexing records for the [Patriot Records](#) and [Genealogical Records](#) committees. Every volunteer makes a difference in making these records accessible to others seeking to learn more about the Revolutionary War or for DAR applications. We thank all of you who are already involved with these projects! More information is available on the DAR website.

Pamela Rouse Wright

DAR President General

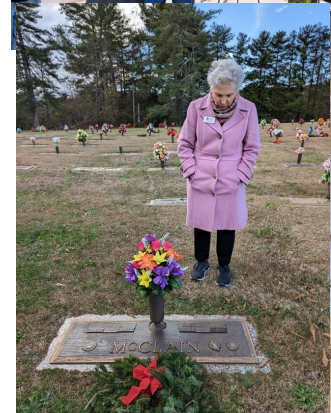
Upcoming Events:

New Year's Day—January 1, 2023

Memorial Service for Honorary President General Merry Ann Wright—January 7, 2023

Cowpens Commemoration-January 14, 2023

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day— January 16, 2022



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Behethland Butler Chapter Regent, Loretta Mulle



Behethland Butler Chapter celebrated our 110th Birthday with several exciting activities during our December 19th meeting. Mayor Brandy Amidon gave a presentation on the status of the Dicey Langston Memorial to be erected in Travelers Rest. Ms. Amidon is paving the way as the youngest and first female Mayor of Travelers Rest. The project has gained notoriety by several large donations. A GoFundMe account has been set up to help raise the last \$50,000 needed to have the statue cast and installed by Spring of 2024.

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/dicey-langston-stature-project>

Laodicea “Dicey” Langston, a courageous young girl of about 16 years, was a rebel for the cause of Freedom during the Revolutionary War. In fact, her Patriotism to the American cause was so great, it earned her the pseudonym “Daring Dicey”. She provided valuable information to the Whigs and harassed the enemy during the entire war.



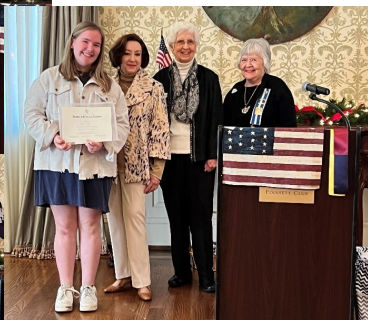
Left to Right, Regent Loretta Mulle', prospective member Andie Thompson and Elise Carson Mullins. Elise Mullins is Andie's aunt and they are both direct descendants of Behethland Butler. Andie and Elise are related to Miss Elise Butler Carson, a charter member of the Behethland Butler Chapter (admitted December 9th, 1912) .

Good Citizens Awards

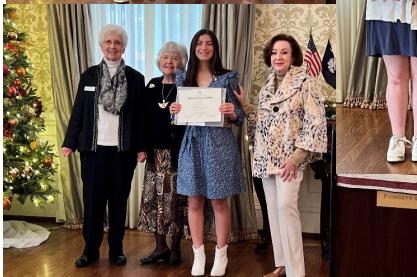
Behethland Butler also presented our “**Good Citizen**” Awards to three very worthy students. Good Citizen Chair Sybil Davis, along with Dot Bishop and Loretta Blakely reviewed the essays and presented their awards.



Left to right, Joshua Evans – Wade Hampton High School Loretta Blakely, Sybil Davis and Dot Bishop



Left to right, Emma Cumby, St. Joseph's High School, Sybil Davis Loretta Blakely and Dot Bishop



Left to right, Dot Bishop, Loretta Blakely, Brianna Young – Greenville Academy

Congratulations!



For several months, Chapter Members have been collecting items for our **“Regent Project - Care Bags for Homeless Veterans.”** Two blankets, socks, personal items, toiletry items, stocking caps and snacks were placed in assembly line format. A HODAR's company generously donated 21 bags for the items to be placed in. After the meeting Loretta Mulle', Sue McClure and several other members delivered these bags to the US Veterans Center in Greenville, SC. Value of the donated items was \$25,000.00



Our **2nd Annual Wreaths Across America** event. Dec 17th was a cold and windy day, but it did not deter us from ensuring our Veterans were honored at Graceland West Cemetery, Greenville SC. Regent Loretta Mulle' lead the moving ceremony. Palmetto High School JROTC Honor Guard presented the colors and Cameron Castor, President of the Dicey Langston Society C.A.R. spoke about 3 generations of grandfathers that he was able to honor with Wreaths.



Prior to the WAA Ceremony the Behethland Butler Board presented Regent Loretta Mulle' with the custom-made Wreaths Across America pin. Loretta started WAA for the Behethland Butler Chapter and works tirelessly all year raising funds.

Fort Prince George Chapter Regent, Carolyn Nations



Our Christmas party this year was lovely; and we had great time just socializing. Everlan of Clemson was a gracious hostess. The food was delicious. Thank you to Carolyn Nations and her team for the lovely decorations .

Merry Christmas to you all, See you in January!

I also want to thank Cheyrel Gosnell for her work and artistic touch in doing the Echo Newsletter every month. We all thank you for keeping us in touch with each other.

Wreaths across America



Ann Warmuth, WAA Coordinator for Fort Prince George Chapter



Hudson Berry Regent, Regina Luker



Cane Brake Commemoration



Snow Campaign Chapter was named after this battle. Left to right: Cheyrel Gosnell, Chaplain Ada Loretta Woods, Alison King, Regent Erin Medlin, Registrar Co-sette Harley and Beth Hamilton.

Behethland Butler members left to right: Carolyn Moseley, Allegra Campbell and Loretta Mulle' attended the 247th Anniversary Commemoration of the "Battle of the Great Cane Break" at Hopkins Farm. Loretta and Carolyn are related to the Hopkins through their patriot John Knight.



Director of the Hopkins Farm Venue, Carol Cannon Hopkins (a member of Nathanael Greene Chapter), received a certificate of appreciation from the SAR Chapter, Daniel Morgan for hosting the ceremony each year. The Hopkins Farm is where the battle was fought in December, 1776.

Durant Ashmore, local historian and revolutionary war scholar gave a lesson on what happened to the patriots and the loyalists after the battle of Cane Brake. As always, Mr. Ashmore's insights into the working of the war in the back country were very insightful and interesting.



Joyce Scott

Regent, Kathy Girouard

The Joyce Scott Daughters enjoyed a lovely Christmas luncheon meeting at the historic Greer home of Past Regent Charlotte Koehler on December 3rd. After our luncheon, we wrote 187 Christmas cards to be distributed to Veterans throughout the Upstate by Veteran's Last Patrol. We all enjoyed our "Service in Seconds" project!



Wreaths across America

Joyce Scott members Charlotte Koehler, Marty Gooden and Donna Greer participated in the Wreaths Across America ceremony and wreath laying with American Legion Post 45 in Inman. Charlotte placed a wreath representing our chapter at the ceremony where SC State Senator Josh Kimbrell gave a meaningful speech highlighting women who have served our military for the past 80 years. More than 100 people attended the ceremony and then placed wreaths at three cemeteries nearby on the graves of souls who had served our country.



Vice Regent Charlotte Koehler, at Roselawn Memorial Gardens.

Vice Regent Charlotte Koehler, Secretary Marty Gooden and Chaplain Donna Greer pictured with SC State Senator Josh Kimbrell at Inman Baptist Church



Left to right: American Legion Post 45 Bonita Wells with Charlotte Koehler, and Marty Gooden.

Vice Regent Charlotte Koehler represented Joyce Scott by laying a wreath at the ceremony



Nathanael Greene
Regent, Cathy Hubka

Terry Gordon, Wreaths Across America Chair and regent Cathy Hubka from the Nathanael Greene Chapter, surround the main flag pole at Cannon/Byrd Memorial Park with wreaths from each branch of Service.

Below: Cemetery workers helping us locate veterans graves and joined us to hear about WAA,



Regent Cathy Hubka was interviewed by FOX Carolina News about the history of Poinsettia Day in front of the Joel Poinsett Statue in Greenville.

You can watch the entire interview at Foxcarolina.com “National Poinsettia Day: A look at the plant’s Up-state roots”

Snow Campaign

Regent, Erin Medlin



Snow Campaign honored the Cane Brake Battle at Hopkins Farm, December 3, 2022. The Snow Campaign gets its name from the battle fought December 22, 1775. Two feet of Snow fell on their march home to Columbia.

From left to right: Cheyrel Gosnell, Chaplain Ada Loretta Woods, Alison King, Regent, Erin Medlin, Cosette Harley, Registrar, and Beth Hamilton.

Wreaths across Cemetery, America, Pine Lawn Pelzer, SC



Left: Kay Melba preparing the wreaths to be placed on the graves.



Left to right: Joy Anderson, Kay Melba, Cheyrel Gosnell and Patricia Golz.



Left: Violet Medlin places a wreath in the cemetery.



Right: Chaplain Ada Loretta Woods (left) gives the benediction after Sandi Rice, Vera Stang (right), Suzanne Clement read the veterans names.



Left to right: Suzanne Clement, Ada Loretta Woods, and Alison King.



Marine Veteran, Bud Scroggs praying at the ceremony.



Special thanks to the Mauldin American Heritage Girls who did an outstanding job as color guard.

Pictured right: Rev. Tim Bradley gave the invocation.





In Remembrance

*Honorary President General
Merry Ann Wright*

As President General, Mrs. Wright sought to improve the financial stability of the National Society, increase awareness of the DAR mission and programs to strengthen membership. Her symbol of three intertwined circles represented a number of triads: the virtues of friendship, service and commitment;

Merry Ann Wright served as President General of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution from 2010 to 2013. She joined the National Society in 1967 as a Junior member through the Colonel Marinus Willet Chapter in New York. She was twice New York State Outstanding Junior, in 1974 and 1979, and Northeastern Division Outstanding Junior in 1979, as well as served as Chief Personal Page to President General Jeanette Baylies. Her extensive national leadership experience included being State Regent of New York, Vice President General, Recording Secretary General, and First Vice President General. She also served as the NSDAR Director of Development from 1998 to 2007. Her President General's Project, "Preserve the Past, Enhance the Present, Invest in the Future," continued the restoration and renovation of DAR's historic buildings, supported special project grants across the country, and established interactive webinars to train members on leadership and the Genealogy Education Program. Her Project had to spring into emergency action after the 2011 Virginia earthquake caused damage to the National Headquarters and revealed the severe and dangerous deterioration in the 110-year old lay light glass ceiling 70 feet above the DAR Library, which was original to the National Historical Landmark Memorial Continental Hall building. More than \$10 million was raised during Mrs. Wright's administration, which included many needed National Headquarters building improvements as well as the incredible completion of the historic restoration of the lay light, allowing the sun to shine brightly through the beautiful lay lights onto DAR Library researchers for many decades to come.

Mrs. Wright was a strong leader, a mentor for many generations of Daughters, and dedicated her life to advancing the National Society. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family. May we be forever blessed to have had Merry Ann Wright as a beloved member of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution.

[A memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 7, 2023 at 1pm at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Wilmington, NC.](#) Memorial contributions can be made in Merry Ann Wright's name to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 16 North 16th St, Wilmington, NC 28401; and the NSDAR President General's Project.