

Roanoke Valley Chapter NSDAR



Nine members and one prospective member attended the District VII meeting at the Salem American Legion (L to R): Treasurer Heather Menzies, Diane Goode, Sharon Menzies, Regent Susan Doyle, Registrar Sheila Campbell, Chaplain Lynn Thompson, Vice Regent Shannon Campbell, Janice Taylor, Historian/Librarian Cindy Higgins, and prospective member Candy Geitz

Roanoke Valley Chapter has had a busy summer! Members attended several events including the Virginia State Luncheon at Continental Congress, Summer Summit, and the District VII meeting.

The District VII meeting was held at the American Legion in Salem this year due to renovations at the Vinton War Memorial. Over 100 ladies from all 16 chapters in District VII were in attendance. Roanoke Valley Chapter had nine members in attendance. To raise funds for the new state regent's project and other causes supported by District VII, chapters prepared baskets which were auctioned off in a silent auction. This year's theme was America 250!

Upcoming Events

Sept. 13

First meeting of 2025-2026

Oct. 11

Annual tying of fleece blankets

Oct. 25

Genealogy Workshop:
From Patriot to Breaking
the DAR Code

Nov. 8

Roanoke Veterans Parade

Dec. 13

Holiday Family and Friend
Potluck

Wreaths Across America

The State Regent's Project for 2025-2028 is entitled **Revolution to Legacy: Preserve, Protect, Remember** and focuses on record preservation and historic restoration across Virginia

Roanoke Valley Chapter's basket contained several unique items including local jams, patriotic home decor, a stained glass suncatcher made by Registrar Sheila Campbell and a crochet lap blanket made by Vice Regent Shannon Campbell.

The fundraiser was a tremendous success with over \$900 being raised for the District VII causes.

Roanoke Valley Chapter also had a display regarding our sponsorship of Wreaths Across America at Mountain View Cemetery in Vinton. To start fundraising for the project, Vice Regent Shannon Campbell made a crochet fusion quilt with vintage fabric that was auctioned off in a fundraiser. Roanoke Valley Chapter raised over \$80 for the project which will fund 10 wreaths at the cemetery.

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Virginia State Luncheon



(L to R): Registrar Sheila Campbell and Vice Regent Shannon Campbell; Regent Susan Doyle and Historian/Librarian Cindy Higgins

What better way to travel to Continental Congress than together on the train? District VII members, including Sheila Campbell, Shannon Campbell, Cindy Higgins, and Susan Doyle of Roanoke Valley Chapter, took the Amtrak in Roanoke and headed to Washington, D.C. for the Virginia State Luncheon. They were joined by friends from the Fort Lewis and Allegheny chapters, making the journey part of the fun.

The Virginia State Luncheon is always a highlight of Continental Congress week, and this year was no exception. Over delicious food and a special visit from John Philip Sousa as portrayed by Ron Anzalone, Daughters from across Virginia gathered to celebrate, reconnect, and share in the spirit of DAR fellowship.

Summer Summit



(L to R): Regent Susan Doyle, Janice Taylor, Treasurer Heather Menzies, Registrar Sheila Campbell and Historian/Librarian Cindy Higgins

Five members of Roanoke Valley Chapter represented our chapter at the 2025 Summer Summit in Short Pump, Virginia. Cindy Higgins, Janice Taylor, Sheila Campbell, Heather Menzies, and Susan Doyle enjoyed a full weekend of learning, and inspiration alongside Daughters from across the state.

A highlight of the event was the special keynote address delivered by our new President General, Virginia's own Ginnie Sebastian Storage. Her words of encouragement and vision for the Society set an exciting tone for the years ahead.

In addition to the educational sessions, members enjoyed reconnecting with old friends, meeting fellow Daughters from around the Commonwealth, and bringing home fresh ideas to share with our chapter.

For the September Meeting:

Google Workspace for Non-Profits

At Summer Summit, it was recommended that chapters adopt Google Workspace. This would allow for:

- Website hosting
- Dedicated emails for officers (e.g. regent@roanokevalleydar.org)
- Chapter calendar
- Google drive storage for important chapter documents and forms
- Surveys



Birthdays

July

Karlee Campbell 7/28
Barbara Helms 7/20
Rietta Plante 7/26
Connor Stafford 7/19

August

Eleanor Dye 8/4
Suzanne Ely 8/12
Terry Eades 8/26
Sarah Newcomb 8/1
Kathryn Phillips 8/19
Tammy Shank. 8/19

- Online meetings (similar to Zoom)

The cost would be \$12 per year.

Liability insurance

District VII has recommended that all chapters purchase liability insurance. The recommended amount is \$1,000,000 for any one occurrence to protect the organization, its officers and members against claims by others for bodily injury or property damage caused by the negligence of the chapter. For a non-profit organization, payments are reasonable (\$150-\$350 per year) Tina Crawford, Regent of Craig Valley Chapter, has written an article on the benefits of liability insurance (attached with this newsletter).

Genealogy Workshop

The Application and Supplemental workshop called "From Patriot to Breaking the DAR Code" will be presented Oct. 25, 2025 at the Roanoke Garden Club building on Colonial Ave. Janice Taylor will be taking reservations at the meeting. Please see the enclosed flyer for more information. The cost is \$5.00 at the door.

Vinton History Museum Fundraiser

The Vinton history museum is hosting a fundraiser and inviting members of the community to purchase bricks for engraving. Each brick is \$50.