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PATRIOT'S STAR
ROANOKE VALLEY CHAPTER
NATIONAL SOCIETY DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION



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REGENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Daughters,

I hope this message finds you well. As we move into November, I am filled with gratitude for the continued dedication and spirit of our chapter.

We had an active October, including our participation in the October Honor Flight and tying over 20 blankets for our annual Veterans Blanket Project on DAR National Day of Service.

November is a busy month for us, filled with opportunities to serve and connect. I encourage all of you to participate in the Roanoke, Virginia Veteran's Parade on November 8th. There are several ways to join in: you can walk alongside our decorated float, ride on the float, or cheer from the downtown Market Building. Botetourt and Craig County will join us for a fun morning, which will conclude in a group lunch.

Please also remember the Wreaths Across America initiative at Mountain View Cemetery in December.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment to our chapter and our community.

Yours in DAR friendship,

Susan

NEW MEMBER – CHERYL EYERMANN

Cheryl Eyermann was inducted at the October meeting.

Welcome to the Roanoke Valley Chapter, Cheryl!



Pictured: Regent Susan Doyle, Cheryl Eyermann, Past Registrar Janice Taylor, and Chaplain Lynn Thompson.

VETERAN'S PARADE

11:00 AM
SATURDAY,
NOV. 8TH



**The Roanoke Valley Chapter invites you and other Chapters to join us on
November 8th for the Roanoke Virginia Veteran's Parade!**

There are four ways to participate:

- Walk alongside the decorated float
- Sit in the chairs on the float (requires a large step)
- Meet at the downtown Market Building to watch and cheer
- Watch on WSLC Channel 10

Parade Start Time: 11:00am on Jefferson Street

Parade Notes:

- Colonial or patriotic attire is encouraged.
- 12 chairs are available on the float on a first-to-sign-up basis.
- Two members will be walking with the chapter banner.
- Botetourt and Craig County Chapters will be joining us for the parade!
- The Chapter will be going to lunch afterwards with destination TBD (with a quick meeting at the end of lunch)!

RSVP by Nov. 3rd
to Sheila Campbell
(ssigmonc@gmail.com) to
indicate your participation
preference

In Memoriam – Eleanor Dye

It is with great sadness that we share that our long-time chapter member and friend, Eleanor Dye, passed away on Tues., October 28th. She was a member for 34 years, served as Regent, Vice Regent, Recording and Corresponding Secretary, as well as Registrar. At the state level, she served as State Registrar, State Chaplain, and State Chair of Conservation. She also served as American Indians Eastern Division Vice Chair and the Conservation Eastern Division Vice Chair. She was also a member of the Volunteer Chapter Genealogists.

She was a friend and mentor to many of us in the Roanoke Valley Chapter and will be greatly missed. Our thoughts are with Dana, Suzanne, and the family.



Click here for details from Simpson Funeral Home for the Thurs. 11/6 viewing and Fri., 11/7 funeral: [Obituary information for Eleanor Virginia Dye](#)

HONOR FLIGHT

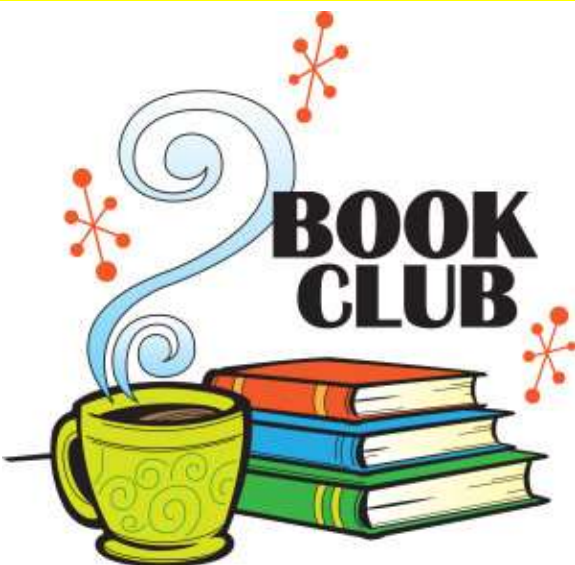
The Roanoke Valley Chapter helped with the October 17th Honor Flight by providing yogurt with granola.

Special thanks to Registrar Sheila Campbell & Chaplain Lynn Thompson for representing the chapter!

The next honor flight will be in April 2026.



Chaplain Lynn Thompson (left) & Registrar Sheila Campbell (right)



Our next Chapter Book Club meeting is coming up!

WHEN: Saturday, November 22nd

TIME: 1:00 PM

WHERE: Mill Mountain Coffee & Tea in Salem

We are currently reading, "*A Perfect Union: Dolley Madison and the Creation of the American Nation*" by Catherine Allgor. Feel free to stop by and discuss, even if you haven't finished the book!



PBS America 250! Premiere

WHEN: Tuesday, November 11th

WHERE: O. Winston Link Museum

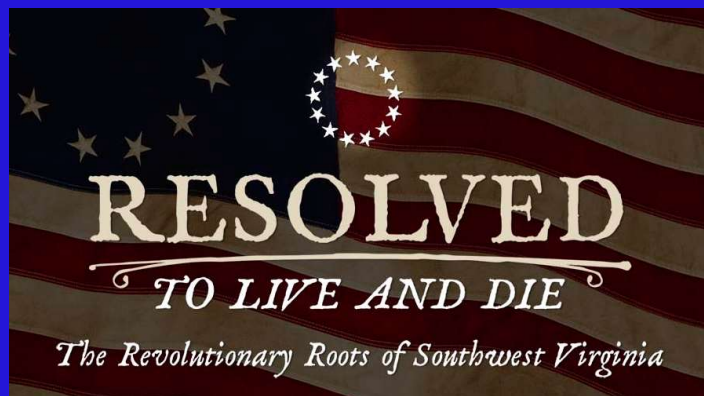
DOORS OPEN: 6:00 PM

FILM SCREENING: 7:00 PM

Blue Ridge PBS has invited our Chapter to attend the screening of the America 250 documentary, *"Resolved To Live and Die – The Revolutionary Roots of Southwest Virginia."*

**Blue Ridge PBS would like our Chapter to man a table in either our colonial attire or DAR blue shirts. If you are interested in attending, please reach out to Sheila Campbell (ssigmonc@gmail.com) & also to participate in carpooling.

Note, the movie will also premier on PBS on Sunday, Nov. 16th at 7:00 PM. This documentary, filmed on location through out SW VA, illuminates the little-known but essential contributions of SW VA to the fight for American freedom.



For more info: <https://www.blueridgepbs.org/local-productions/documentaries/resolved-to-live->

Veterans Blanket Tying



Our Chapter tied over 20 blankets at our October 11th meeting for our annual Veterans Blanket Project this year on the DAR National Day of Service.

The blankets will be given to the Salem VA Medical Center.

"The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention."

— Oscar Wilde



Wreaths Across America:

The Roanoke Valley Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution will be hosting Wreaths Across America at Mountain View Cemetery at 1:00 PM following the holiday potluck. If you have family/friends who you would like a wreath placed on, please let Susan know by November 15 to allow for ordering wreaths.

Daughters Online Community (DOC) Contest:

The VIS Committee of Virginia DAR announced a new contest on October 3rd to promote participation in the DOC. The “Be VISIONary Campaign and Contest” aims to increase membership engagement in the VIS Community on the Daughters Online Community. The Virginia VIS team is looking for at least 2 members per chapter to join the VIS Community on the DOC by December 31, 2025. More information is available in the District Newsletter. If you are already a member, please let Susan Doyle know.

Cherry Blossom Challenge:

The Virginia Cherry Blossom Challenge promotes chapter growth and communication. Chapters must complete initiatives by February 20, 2026, including adding at least one new member (or associate member for small chapters), having a project or presentation under a new committee, a joint activity with another chapter, and an activity for members unable to attend meetings.

Donation Opportunity - Salem VA Medical Center Coffee Donation:

The Salem VA Medical Center is requesting Folger’s Coffee. Sharon Menzies has found large containers at Sam’s Club for \$18. If you would like her to purchase one for you to donate, please let her know.

**“THE BEST WAY TO FIND YOURSELF
IS TO LOSE YOURSELF IN THE SERVICE OF OTHERS.”
— MAHATMA GANDHI**

NEED A RIDE?

Are you unable to attend the meeting because you don’t have a ride? Please, reach out to Carla Honaker (call/text 540-797-1536)! We can make it happen!



August

8/1 – Sarah Newcomb

8/16 – Tammy Shank

8/19 – Kathryn Phillips

8/26 – Terry Eades

September

9/11 – Carla Honaker

9/17 – Marcie Baer

9/19 – Julie Lawrence

9/28 – Cheryl Eyermann

9/30 – Janice Taylor

October

10/9 – Linda Upchurch

10/15 – Mary Darnell

10/18 – Dot Smith

November

11/1 – Lynn Ann Thompson

11/3 – Sheila Campbell

11/14 – Susan Doyle

11/16 – Nancy Hoffman & Jane Falls

11/26 – Karen Wilson

11/28 – Jennifer Conner & Carol Nichols

December

12/1 – Sandra Bennett-Kaiser

12/4 – Varana Manning

12/6 – Donna Minnix

12/8 – Regina Sutphin

12/9 – Debbie Lafon & Heather Menzies

12/22 – Candy Weitz

12/25 – Barbara Murdock

Happy
Birthday,
Ladies!

WE DON'T GROW OLDER,
WE GROW RIPER.

— PABLO PICASSO



COUNT YOUR AGE BY FRIENDS,
NOT YEARS.

COUNT YOUR LIFE BY SMILES,
NOT TEARS.

— JOHN LENNON

Upcoming Events & Deadlines

2025

November 3rd	Deadline to let Sheila Campbell know if you are riding in the float or participating in the Roanoke Veterans Parade.
November 8 th	Chapter Meeting: Roanoke Veteran's Parade, Downtown Roanoke
November 11 th	Blue Ridge PBS screening of America 250 documentary. Let Sheila Campbell know by this date if you can participate in manning the table.
November 15 th	Deadline to let Susan Doyle know of service member for Wreaths Across America at Mountain View Cemetery in December
November 16 th	Watch "Resolved to Live and Die" documentary on PBS @ 7:00 PM.
November 22 nd	Book Club meeting at 1:00 PM at the Salem Mill Mountain Coffee.
December 13 th	Chapter Meeting: Holiday Potluck (family invited) @ 10:00 AM. Mountain View Cemetery in Vinton @ 1:00 PM for the Wreaths Across America. (Bring holiday cards for Veterans. Also bring small Valentine cards for VA Hospital veterans, if available, as we need to deliver them before the next meeting on Feb. 14 th .)
December 30 th	Deadline to let Susan Doyle know of either being a member of the VIS Community in DOC or joining the DOC and VIS Community.

2026

January 10 th	Board Meeting only. No chapter meeting.
February 14 th	Chapter Meeting: Program – Shannon Campbell, DAR Insignia.
February 20 th	Deadline to let Susan Doyle know of Cherry Blossom Challenge activities.
March 14 th	Chapter Meeting: Good Citizens Award Presentation and Program – Cindy Higgins, Angoville Church in Normandy
March 19-22	Virginia State Conference, Williamsburg
April – TBD	Honor Flight volunteer opportunity
April 11 th	Chapter Meeting: Program – Patrick Henry Jolly, presentation on Patrick Henry. Field trip TBD.
May 9 th	Chapter Meeting: Year-end potluck, member recognitions & memorial service.
June 24-28	135 th NSDAR Continental Congress, Washington, DC. Open to all members.
July 25	District VII Annual Meeting. District VII members only. Location TBD.
Sept 18-19 th	Virginia State Fall Muster, Richmond.