



National Society Daughters of the American Colonists Colonel Gideon Macon Chapter TSSDAC

Winter 2017

**DON'T FORGET THE CHRISTMAS TEA! SEE BELOW FOR DETAILS
FEBRUARY MEETING ON THE 10th, AT 11:00 AT TOM'S PIZZA & STEAK HOUSE**

NOVEMBER MEETING HITS ATTENDANCE LOW



Our November meeting suffered from several conflicts which brought our attendance down to only six. Regent Sykes called the meeting to order and Hon. State Regent Pat Boals gave the devotional in the absence of Chaplain Joy Bland. Following the ritual, Regent Sykes presented a Veterans Day message from President Trump about why it is important that we honor our veterans and what they, and their families, sacrifice to keep our country free.

Following the Veterans Day message, National Defense Chairman Mary Ann Claxton presented a message on the history of the National Defense University in Washington, D.C. None of the members knew anything of the university which was established in 1976 "to consolidate intellectual resources and provide joint higher education for the nation's defense community." Prior to that each of the military branches had their own advanced education programs. The university is made up of 5 "colleges:" Dwight D. Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy and the National War College were the two original colleges which were joined by the Joint Forces Staff College in 1981, the Information Resources Management College in 1982, and the newest school, the College of International Security Affairs, created in 2002. Together these colleges "prepare senior leaders to think and operate effectively at the highest levels."

COLONIAL EDUCATION KIT PROGRAM PRESENTED

Chapter Registrar Mary Ann Claxton presented the state Colonial Education Kit program to all 4th grade students in the three county



elementary schools Oct. 23 through the 27th. She presented the program to Mrs. McCampbell's 4 Social Studies classes on Oct. 23 at Lakewood School, to Mrs. Davidson's 2

social studies classes at Henry School on Oct. 24, and to Mrs. Hill's 3 social studies classes on Oct. 27. Students saw a



Following the National Defense message, Secretary Frances Spillman read the minutes of the September meeting which were approved as was the treasurer's report given by Regent Sykes in the absence of Treasurer Beverly Wood.

In further business, Registrar Mary Ann Claxton had nothing new to report. Regent Sykes reported the the \$100 donation for the veterans was used to buy 5 pouches to attach to wheel chairs to carry books and other items for the veterans at the Tennessee Veterans Home in Humboldt. Also Berdie Maie Foy brought two throws to be taken to the home as well.

The Nominating Committee had no report at this time but will have the slate of officers ready for voting at the February meeting.

Regent Sykes reminded members that committee chairman reports are due in to her by Feb. 1. Committee chairmen are:

- American Indian Scholarship - Joy Bland
- Archival Record Preservation - Stephanie Tayloe
- College of the Ozarks - Mary Whayne Miles
- Colonial and Genealogical Records - Stephanie Tayloe
- Colonial Courier - Beverly Wood
- Flag of the United States of America - Berdie Maie Foy
- Golden Acorns - Barbara Smotherman
- Historical Landmarks - Patsy Weatherington
- Insignia - Geraldine Sykes
- National Awards - Pat Boals
- National Defense - Mary Ann Claxton
- National Headquarters - Mary Whayne Miles
- Patriotic Education - Janice Webb
- Public Relations - Aline Roberts
- Technology & Newsletter - Mary Ann Claxton
- Veterans Services - Beverly Wood

And finally it was announced that we are invited again for the joint Christmas Tea to be held at Ray and Noragene Harding's house, 505 Walnut St. at the corner of Blanton St. on December 16, 2017 from 1:00 to 3:00; entertainment to be provided by some of the orchestra members from Paris City Schools.

Following the business meeting, Regent Sykes presented a very interesting program titled "A Visit with Sam and Sally" based on a small book available in Stewart County which tells the history of the county in a "conversational" manner as Sam and Sally tell about early times in the county: the iron furnaces, farming, and even moonshine. The book and stories come to life in the Sykes House Museum where Geraldine helps with tour groups from the river boats that dock in Dover.



PowerPoint presentation on the lives of children their age in colonial America and then got to try their hand at playing



with clay marbles and trying to swing a ball into a cup on a stick (both favorite colonial games), writing with a quill, matching colonial careers with pictures of their products, and handling such things as a musket ball, projectile points, animal furs, and antler buttons. For more pictures from the programs, please go to this link:

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~tncgmdac/website/dacpictures2017coled10232717.html>