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# Tarheel Tattler

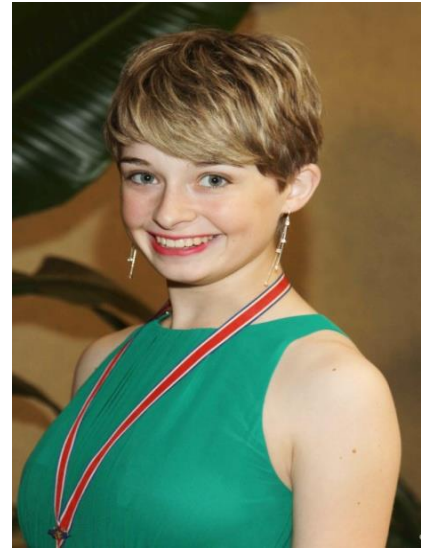
## State President's Message

Hello members of CAR!

Starting from State Conference, I have had a busy year already! I attended the National Convention in April where I was reunited with friends and also installed as State President at Mount Vernon. The next weekend I attended the 116th DAR State Conference in Durham where I brought greetings on behalf of our State Society and met several Senior Society Officers. This was also my first opportunity to introduce my State Project pins and the concept of my project for this year. The next Saturday, my Senior, Mrs. Rebecca Bottoms, and I both spoke at the SAR State Conference Awards Luncheon.

After recovering from having wisdom teeth removed, my Mother and I attended the Battle of Alamance SAR Wreath Laying Ceremony in Burlington.. By the time this issue is published, I will have attended the Battle of Ramsour's Mill SAR Wreath Laying Ceremony in Lincolnton.

I would like to encourage all to attend the Southeastern Regional Meeting in Greenville, SC on July 12-13. I am sure we will have fun! Also, mark your calendars for our Summer Board meeting on Saturday, August 6th, in Kinston! The Kingston Society will be hosting this event. At this meeting, we will be visiting my inspiration



for my State Project, The Governor Richard Caswell Memorial. My objective for my State Project is to renovate the Memorial in hopes of keeping Caswell's name known to our history. One way to help out on my project is to buy one of my State Project Pins. All proceeds will go toward helping the Memorial. We will have pin presentations at the Summer Board meeting.

C.A.R is based on a foundation of people who work together to keep the organization running. I would like to thank all of the people who have agreed to serve as chairmen to act as *Patriots and Public Servants*. I look forward to seeing ya'll soon!

*Mary Lee Howell*

*State President*

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## Senior State President's Message

What a joy it is to greet each of you and share with you my excitement about the C.A.R.! After being nominated to serve as your new Senior State President at our State Conference in Greenville, NC it was a thrill to be installed on the grounds of Mount Vernon in April. The Awards Banquet, the Installation Ceremony, and the lovely Memorial Service on Sunday are all highlights of a most memorable weekend in Arlington, Virginia.

Mary Lee and I enjoyed representing the C.A.R. at the DAR State Conference and bringing greetings from our State Society. The following weekend, we attended the SAR State Conference Awards Luncheon in Charlotte and shared with them the new State Project. We are grateful for the support and friendship of our parent organizations and look forward to seeing them throughout the year at special events.

The last month has been busy contacting members and seniors to serve as officers and committee chairmen for the coming term. I would like to thank all the Seniors who have agreed to serve. I look forward to working with you!

We hope that you will be able to join us for Summer Board in Kinston, North Carolina on August 6<sup>th</sup>. We will



learn more about Mary Lee's State President's Project, the Governor Richard Caswell Memorial. Members and seniors will learn more about Richard Caswell and the important role he played in North Carolina History. We have a fun day planned, so mark your calendar and make plans to join us!

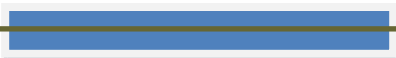
Also, the Southeastern Region meeting is in Greenville, SC on July 12-13. We hope you'll be able to join us there as we learn about the new National Project & Contests and have fun with members from other states.

Let's go forward with excitement and enthusiasm, committing to be "*Patriots and Public Servants*" as we get involved in the C.A.R.

*Rebecca Bottoms*

*Senior State President*

Installation at Mount Vernon



## State Conference

The 76<sup>th</sup> Annual State Conference was held at the Greenville Hilton in Greenville, NC on March 18-20, 2016 beginning with the Board Meeting on Friday night. The meeting was called to order by Sr. State President, Carolyn Coordes, who introduced State President Camille Edwards, who presided.

State Chaplain, Michael Hughes, gave the invocation. Audrey Ditmore of the Joel Lane Society led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States.

Recording Secretary, Megan Benedict, moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the Winter Board Meeting. Mary Lee Howell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. There being no unfinished business, Mary Lee Howell made a motion to divide the \$1,000 donation from the North Carolina Society Sons of the American Revolution with \$500 going to the State President's Project and \$500 being placed in the General Fund for State Conference expenses. Michael Hughes seconded, all approved, and the motion passed.

It was announced that \$1,100 was donated by the NC Society DAR. State President Camille Edwards encouraged members to think about how to designate the donation and suggestions will be discussed at the Sunday morning Board meeting.

The State President briefly reviewed her State President's Project titled "Foundations of Freedom." Pocket-sized Constitutions were distributed to all members at Summer Board or mailed during Constitution Week. After expenses, all remaining funds will be donated to

the Robert B. Fleming, Jr. Memorial Scholarship fund.

Mary Lee Howell, Silent Auction Chairman, explained the process for participating in the Silent Auction. State President Camille Edwards explained the process for announcing and presenting award winners and for giving reports during the business meeting. She then shared a few reminders. Mary Lee Howell, Kingston Society, read the announcements.

The State Board Meeting was adjourned and members went to the Hospitality Suite for a pizza party.

The Sr. State Board meeting was called to order by Sr. State President Carolyn Coordes. She reviewed the status of the awards given for the DAR/SAR Most Outstanding Member contest and the Most Valuable Member contest, reviewed previous discussions about the Fleming Scholarship Fund, and read the amendment passed at Winter Board of Section 3.2 in the Handbook. She announced the nominees for National member and Senior positions. There was a discussion of Credentials and Registration reports. Rebecca Bottoms, incoming Senior State President, reviewed vacant positions of the incoming Senior Officer Board.

A Get Well card was signed by the Seniors present for LaDonna Crist who missed her first conference in twenty-three years due to surgery. The meeting adjourned at 9:01pm.

The Saturday, March 19 business session of the 76<sup>th</sup> State Conference was called to order by Sr. State President Carolyn Coordes who

introduced State President Camille Edwards, who presided.

State Chaplain Michael Hughes gave the invocation. Jane Choi, Joel Lane Society, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the US. Ashley Painter, Dr. Robert Williams Society, led the Star-Spangled Banner. Daisy Dolicker, Joel Lane Society, led the American's Creed. William Johnston, Isham Blake Society, led the C.A.R. Creed. Kirkland Hunter, Rowan Resolves Society, led the Preamble to the Constitution.

The Welcome was presented by Shelby Friday of the Dr. Robert Williams Society. Grayson Swaim, Gov. Alexander Martin Society, gave the response.

State President Camille Edwards introduced special guest, Congressman Walter B. Jones who welcomed the C.A.R. to Greenville. She then recognized other distinguished guests.

State Treasurer Langley Kinlaw read the first report of the Credentials Committee. Mary Lee Howell, Kingston Society, read the Standing Rules and moved that they be adopted. All approved and the motion passed. Max Guest, State Corresponding Secretary, moved to adopt the program as printed as the order of business, with any necessary changes, for the 76<sup>th</sup> State Conference. Michael Hughes seconded, all approved, and the motion passed. Megan Benedict, State Recording Secretary, moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the last State Conference. Mary Lee Howell seconded. All voted to approve and the motion passed.

Officer reports were given by Senior State President, Carolyn Cordes, State President,

Camille Edwards; State Vice President, Mary Lee Howell; State Chaplain, Michael Hughes, State Recording Secretary, Megan Benedict; State Organizing Secretary, Daisy Dolicker; State Corresponding Secretary, Max Guest; State Treasurer, Langley Kinlaw, State Registrar, Audrey Ditmore; State Librarian, Caswell Choi; and State Curator, Grayson Swaim. Audrey Ditmore read the State Historian's report. At the end of each report officers announced their contest winners. The following State Chairmen gave their reports and announced the winner(s) of their contests: American History, Kirkland Hunter, American Indians, William Johnston, C.A.R./DAR/SAR/S.R. Relations, Haley Seaboch, C.A.R. Magazine & Newsletter, Charles Maus, Endowment Fund, Davis Benedict, Government Studies, Jenny Painter, and Membership, Joel Johnston. The Eleanor Wilson Society received the Susan Edwards Silver Tray for largest percentage net gain in membership at the Business Meeting.



After the presentation the Chairmen reports continued: Mountain Schools, Ava Pecze; National President's Project, Shelby Friday

and Tarheel Tattler, Ashlyn Seaboch. Mary Lee Howell presented awards for special recognition for local societies creating a webpage on behalf of Sr. State Webmaster Janet Vickers.

After several rounds of the C.A.R. Song and a 15 minute break the reports of the following local societies were given: Dr. Robert Williams, Eleanor Wilson, Gov. Alexander Martin, Isham Blake, Joel Lane and Kingston.

With no old or new business, Joel Johnston, Chairman, gave the report of the Nominating Committee. The candidates for 2016-2017 State Officers were: President-Mary Lee Howell; Vice President-Megan Benedict; Chaplain-Joel Johnston; Recording Secretary-Daisy Dolicker; Organizing Secretary-Michael Hughes; Corresponding Secretary-Grayson Swaim; Treasurer-Caswell Choi; Registrar-Langley Kinlaw; Historian-William Johnston; Librarian-Shelby Friday; Curator-Jenny Painter. There being no further nominations, the nominees each gave a campaign speech. Michael Hughes read the announcements and the meeting adjourned for lunch.


The blessing was given by Michael Hughes. After lunch the meeting reconvened. State President, Camille Edwards, introduced the Pages, Aides, and Color Bearers. She then introduced the Tellers appointed by the Senior State President: Julia Floyd, Head Teller, Jeanne Boggs, Rebecca Bottoms, Frankie Moye, and Kristy Seaboch. Michael Hughes, State Chaplain, gave the oath to the Tellers. The Chief Teller presented the empty ballot box to the attendees. Audrey Ditmore, State Registrar, read the roll call for voting.

During the absence of the State President for voting, Vice President Mary Lee Howell assumed the chair and nominated Camille Edwards as Honorary State President. Requiring no second, the members voted unanimously to approve the motion. While members waited for the tally of votes, Michael Hughes played several selections on his violin, then various members performed jokes with varying degrees of success. The report of the Tellers was given by Mrs. Floyd. The Nominating Committee's Slate of Officers was elected. Charles Maus moved to destroy the ballots. Daisy Dolicker seconded, all approved, and the motion passed.

Mary Lee Howell read the announcements and the meeting recessed until 6:00pm. Members and Seniors met in the lobby to caravan to Simply Natural Creamery to enjoy ice cream and tour the farm.

The Awards Banquet began after the procession of the 2015-2016 State Board, Senior State President, and State President. The State President welcomed everyone, Max Guest, Joel Lane Society, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, Caswell Choi, Joel Lane Society, led the American's Creed, Langley Kinlaw, Brown Marsh Bridge Society, led the C.A.R. Creed, the SAR Color Bearers posted the colors, and Michael Hughes, State Chaplain, gave the blessing.

After dinner State President Camille Edwards introduced the State Officers, State Chairmen, and distinguished guests (previously introduced during the Business Meeting) including National Registrar, Virginia Matsumoto, who brought greetings from the National President, and National Awards Chairman, Emily Wagner. Sr. State President, Carolyn Coordes, introduced the Sr. State Officers and asked the Sr. State Chairmen to stand for recognition.



State President Camille Edwards introduced Mrs. Anna Choi, DAR State Recording Secretary, who brought greetings from the DAR State Regent, Elizabeth Graham. She then introduced Mr. Tim Berly, State President of the SAR, who brought greetings.

Awards Chairman Alexandria Swaim announced the Silver Awards and the State Historian Scrapbook winner. Mary Lee Howell announced the winner of the handmade quilt and the total amount of \$247.00 raised from the Silent Auction and Quilt Raffle. [Note: The final total was \$257.00 after money was received on Sunday.]

State President Camille Edwards thanked everyone for supporting her project “Foundations of Freedom” this year and briefly reviewed her goals. She then introduced Ann Utter, Chairman of the 76<sup>th</sup> State Conference, who introduced her committee. Next she introduced her family and gave her farewell speech. She and Senior State President Carolyn Coordes exchanged gifts and Mrs. Coordes gave her farewell speech.

Camille then introduced the incoming State President, Mary Lee Howell and invited her to say a few words and introduce her family. The 2016-2017 State Officers were introduced and installed by Camille, with the exception of Mary Lee who will be installed at Mt. Vernon in April. After installation, both the Outgoing and Incoming State Presidents congratulated each officer.

After State Chaplain Michael Hughes gave the benediction and the SAR Color Guard retired the colors, State President Camille Edwards declared the 76<sup>th</sup> State Conference adjourned. All Incoming and Outgoing State

Officers, Chairmen, and National Board members participated in the Grand March. All members enjoyed the dance with music provided by a DJ while Seniors attended a separate reception.

### **Sunday Morning Joint Board Meeting**

Sr. State President Carolyn Coordes called the Joint State and Senior State Board Meeting to order on Sunday morning and introduced State President Camille Edwards to preside. She thanked Michael Hughes who played a musical piece on his violin prior to the start of the meeting.

The Invocation was given by Michael Hughes. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Jenny Painter. Camille then introduced the new State Officers for 2016-2017. Incoming State President Mary Lee Howell made brief remarks about her proposed State President’s project to raise funds for the Gov. Richard Caswell Memorial in Kinston and presented her State Project pin.

During new business, Mary Lee Howell moved that support be given to all North Carolina Society members who attend National Convention by reimbursing their registration fee upon their return with proof provided by the Senior State President. Ali Swaim seconded the motion, all approved, and the motion passed.

State President Camille Edwards opened discussion for designation of the \$1,100 donated by the DAR. Mary Lee Howell made the motion to divide the money as follows: \$100 to each NC member who is a candidate for National office to use for

campaign expenses (Camille Edwards, Shelby Putnam, Emily Wagner), \$100 to the State President's Fund, \$100 to the incoming State President, \$600 for State Conference expenses. Michael Hughes seconded. All members approved and it will be sent to the Sr. State Board for ratification.

All outgoing State Officers were reminded to return their State Officer pins to Mrs. Rebecca Bottoms. Incoming State Officers should meet with Mrs. Bottoms to sign the form acknowledging receipt of their State Officer pin. The meeting recessed until after the Senior State Board meeting.

The Sr. State President called the Senior State Board meeting to order. George Dolicker moved to approve the motion passed by the members on Friday designating the SAR \$1,000 donation. Renee Horne seconded and the motion was approved.

Julia Floyd moved to award \$100 to the DAR/SAR Outstanding C.A.R. Member. Renee Horne seconded and all approved. Camille Edwards is the recipient. The money this year will come from the General Fund since the DAR and SAR donations have already been designated.

Julia Floyd moved to make the \$100 award to the DAR/SAR Outstanding C.A.R. Member retroactive to previous winners who did not receive it the year they won. Renee Horne seconded and all approved. Audria Vickers and Alexandria Swaim will receive the award retroactively once verified by the Senior State Treasurer that no previous check had been written.

Linda Rivenbark moved to approve the motion made by the members to reimburse

the registration fee of all members who attend National Convention upon their return and receipt of proof provided by the Sr. State President. Renee Horne seconded and all approved.

After discussion, George Dolicker moved to designate the DAR donation of \$1,100 as passed by the members with the exception of the \$600 being placed in the General Fund. Placing the money in the General Fund will allow the money to be used for other needs if it is not needed for State Conference expenses. Anna Choi seconded and all approved.

The Joint State Board meeting reconvened and State President Camille Edwards announced that the motion to reimburse the registration fee for members attending National Convention was ratified, the SAR donation designation was ratified, and the DAR donation designation was ratified after amending to place the \$600 in the General Fund. Sr. State President, Carolyn Coordes, then announced two additional motions approved to award \$100 to the 2016 DAR/SAR Outstanding C.A.R. Member winner and to retroactively award \$100 to the 2014 and 2015 DAR/SAR Outstanding C.A.R. Member winners, Audria Vickers and Alexandria Swaim.

Camille Edwards thanked everyone for their generosity in support of her project "Foundations of Freedom." And announced approximately \$7200 was raised. Michael Hughes gave the benediction and the meeting was adjourned.

Megan Benedict  
State Rec. Sec

Valerie Howell  
Sr. State Rec. Sec



## Local Society & Member News

### **French Broad River Society**

Members, Beckett and Elizabeth Chapman and soon to be members, Adeline and Ephraim Drennen took part in the Memorial Day parade in Brevard, NC on May 28, 2016. They marched in front of members of the Waightstill Avery Chapter DAR as a joint event. Sr.Society President, Jill Chapman and Margot Drennen paraded with



them.

Elizabeth Chapman, member of the French Broad River Society, shared a few words of remembrance for those who died during war times. She was also part of the ceremony at the Transylvania County Court House when Master Gunnery Sergeant Andrew Boyko read a poem which included passing a rose to a member of the younger generation.



### **Kingston Society**

The Kingston Society had 3 members attend State Conference in March. They were Mary Lee Howell, Megan and Davis Benedict. Everyone had a great time and enjoyed the fellowship with friends from other societies. Kingston won quite a few awards this year and everyone was happy that their hard work paid off. This year the Kingston Society had 2 members that ran for state offices and won. Mary Lee Howell ran for State President and won. Megan Benedict ran for First Vice President and won. Both girls are excited about their positions and can't wait to start their duties.

In April Mary Lee Howell attended National Convention in Virginia. There she was sworn in as the new NCSCAR State President. Once she returned home she has been busy placing people in chairmanships and planning her year of activities such as Summer and Winter Boards, meetings and fundraising for her State Project.

Megan has presented a program about Mary Lee's State President's Project to the Joseph Montfort DAR Chapter in Jacksonville. She was able to sell 10 pins in support of the project. Both Megan and Davis Benedict attended the Battle of Moore's Creek commemoration in February. Megan graduated from Richlands High School and will attend the University of North Carolina Pembroke in the fall.

Davis Benedict has also been busy. Davis was "Shivers" in the Broadway Junior Production of "Peter Pan" at his school. Davis made the A/B Honor roll and was a member of his Honor Guard.



Lauren Fletcher is a rising senior at Arendell Parrott Academy. Lauren is the manager of the APA boys Varsity Lacrosse team. This year Lauren received Honorable Mention at the Regional "Scholastic Art & Writing Awards" in photography at Barton College.

The Kingston Society is proud to say we have a new prospective member! His name is Kyle Hamlet and he is from Jacksonville, NC. Kyle's papers have been sent to National Headquarters and we are waiting to hear back with good news soon. Kyle is 17 years old and is very active in school.

This is the last and final year in CAR for Hannah Gerding. She is a senior at Meredith College majoring in Sports Science.

Ashley Scarborough is at camp in Ashville, NC this summer. She is also a senior at Meredith College and majoring in Sociology. She also has plans for grad school next year.

We are very proud of all the Kingston Society members. It is a pleasure working with gifted and talented hardworking kids. They all are participating in so many other activities but we all come together and make time for CAR.

### **Dr. Robert Williams Society**

In February the Dr. Robert Williams Society held their last meeting of the year with a most interesting and well attended program on beekeeping. Parents of member Savannah Price shared about their experience as beekeepers giving members the opportunity

to try on beekeepers clothes, learn about the history of bees and visit their beehives.

The 2015-16 State Conference was held in Greenville, March 18-20. It was presided over by State President and Dr. Robert Williams Society member, Camille Edwards. Camille's project "Foundations of Freedom" raised over \$ 7,000 for the Robert B. Fleming Scholarship Fund. The society was well represented with five members and four seniors present. It was especially exciting when the Dr. Robert Williams received numerous awards including "Most Outstanding Society" Thomas Crowder silver bowl and member Camille Edwards received the Most Valuable C.A.R. Member and DAR/SAR Outstanding C.A.R Member.

In April at C.A.R. National Convention, Camille Edwards, State President, gave her report at the business meeting on Saturday. Member Camille campaigned and was elected to the office of National Historian after campaigning on Friday night which was very exciting. During the annual pilgrimage to Mount Vernon on Sunday, Camille was installed as National Historian.

On June 6<sup>th</sup>, members gathered indoors due to rainy weather not permitting the meeting to take place on the Walter B. Jones Town Common as planned.

New officers were elected and members learned about the National and State Presidents Projects for the new year.



The members appreciate all of the hard work by outgoing Society President Shelby Friday, and really look forward to working with our new Society President, Jenny Painter. We look forward to a fun-filled year learning more about our first Governor Richard Caswell from our new State President.



### **Joel Lane Society**

Several Joel Lane Members and their family members attended State Conference in March at the Hilton in Greenville, NC. The society won Honorable Mention in the State Merit Award Contest and the Historian Plaque for best scrapbook that was done in both digital and hard copy format this year. They were also proud to be awarded first place in the State President's, American Heritage, and Patriotic Education contests as well as Best Web Page Ribbon among several other awards. State Conference was great and the kids especially felt they had succeeded in their "Pursuit of Happiness" on their visit to Simply Natural Creamery where they had the world's most delicious ice cream, pet a cow, and released some energy on the swing sets. On Sunday after State Conference adjourned, Joel Lane members gathered for a brief meeting to make some plans for the 2016-17 year.

National Convention was great too and our outgoing Society Vice President, Michael Hughes, was able to attend for the first time and accept the National Merit Honorable Mention Award. He and fellow Joel Lane members Max, Spencer, Haley, Ashlyn, and Mitchell learned about National President Connor Jackson's Project. N.S.C.A.R. will partner with the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown in this 235<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of the Battle of Yorktown to create a hands-on educational curriculum based on the siege in their enhanced outdoor interpretive program, Artillery and Firing Station.

The Freedom Balloon Fest in Fuquay-Varina was the site of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Joel Lane Meeting this year on Saturday, May 28, 2016. This Memorable Day weekend celebration is full of color and light from the many hot air balloons that flew during the day and "glowed" after dark. 5 members, 2 prospective members, and 7 seniors gathered behind the army tent. Led by President Michael Hughes, the group finalized most of the society offices and played a game to learn about the US and NC Election process especially as it relates to the Presidential election and primary election rules. Even the seniors learned something new. At the end of the meeting the members delivered toys



### **Joel Lane Society – contd**

they brought to donate to the Toys for ‘Lil’ Troops to the US Veterans Corp tent. This group provides toys to the children of deployed & low income troops. If you want to participate in this worthy cause too, you can bring new unwrapped toys to Lenovo headquarters on Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>! Finally the group broke to explore the military vehicle exhibits, get a taste of the decadent food truck fare, and some even rode a mechanical bull!



### **Governor Alexander Martin Society**

Several members and seniors attended the Winter Board meeting in Durham in November and enjoyed catching up with old friends and making some new acquaintances. Each of us learned a lot about the Duke family and the important role they played in North Carolina history!

We had record temperatures and record attendance at our January meeting, where we learned about Revolutionary War Soldiers in NC in a program presented by pending member, Abbie Page. She also shared about her own Revolutionary War patriot, which was very interesting. We enjoyed an informative presentation by Dr. Bottoms on Bees and their importance in our lives today. Who knew that so much of our food today is dependent upon this these busy little bees?!

Members also enjoyed opening our Society's Time Capsule that was packed and sealed 25 years ago! We enjoyed seeing pictures and learning about members from long ago including Patrick & Becca Crist and Julia Floyd's children! We plan to include a few of these treasures in this year's society scrapbook.



### **New Hanover Association Society**

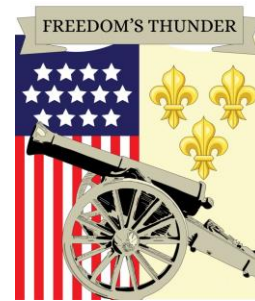
The New Hanover Association Society had a wonderful time at The City Club in downtown Wilmington. We joined The Wilmington Ladies Tea Walk Chapter, NSDAR for Tea in December. The City Club was elegantly decorated and the mid-day tea was a special affair with a guitarist playing soft seasonal music to get us in a holiday mood. The food was delicious. A variety of teas were offered, as well, for us to enjoy. Some others things we have been up to recently-we joined with The Wilmington Ladies Tea Walk Chapter, NSDAR to collect donations for Paws Place and Mother Hubbard's Cupboard and the wreath laying ceremony at the National Cemetery with Wreaths Across America. We have been busy and have had fun with events for our society .

## 2016-2017 State President's Project



The North Carolina State President's Project, *PATRIOTS and PUBLIC SERVANTS*, will raise money to update and repair signage, exhibits, and landscaping at the Governor Richard Caswell Memorial in Kinston, NC. At this State historic site, the family cemetery and museum tell the story of Richard Caswell, a dedicated *PATRIOT and PUBLIC SERVANT*. He was elected the first governor of the independent State of North Carolina and served more terms than any other governor. He served as a statesman for 20 years, was chairman of the committee that wrote the first State constitution, and served as a delegate at two Continental Congresses in Philadelphia. He successfully led Patriot troops at the Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge and he was a public servant at the local and state level. The North Carolina State President hopes to focus attention on and improve the only historic site dedicated to honoring and remembering this outstanding *PATRIOT and PUBLIC SERVANT*.

## National President's Project



The 2016–2017 National theme is *FREEDOM'S THUNDER* and will support the 2016–2017 National project that will raise funds for the creation of an enhanced outdoor interpretive program at the new American Revolution Museum at Yorktown (ARMY). The Artillery and Firing Station will feature an educational program on the siege of Yorktown as well as firing demonstrations of the cannons. C.A.R. will fund the procurement of artillery pieces as well as the creation of an educational program highlighting the soldier's deeds, the efforts of our allies and leaders, all encompassed in a hands-on learning environment featuring artillery demonstration for persons of all ages.

The American Revolution Museum at Yorktown sits adjacent to a prominent historic battle site, an institution that tells the story of our patriot ancestors' struggle for freedom. Yorktown was won due to the constant bombardment of British General Cornwallis' defenses by the French and Continental gun crews and the French Naval forces. The siege of Yorktown in October 1781 shook the world and set the stage for a newly emerging nation.

This project provides the members of the Children of the American Revolution an opportunity to support the creation of a hands-on learning environment dedicated to knowledge about the pivotal events in Yorktown of 1781. Together we will discover how *FREEDOM'S THUNDER* shaped our Nation.



## *National Convention*

What an exciting time the North Carolina Society had at the National Convention held at the Renaissance Arlington Capital View Hotel in Arlington, Virginia on April 15-17, 2016. There were 25 members and seniors attending, which was one of the largest groups from our State in a long time. Members learned about the success of the National President's Project *Road to Independence*.

Activities began on Friday morning with a tour of Arlington National Cemetery and a wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. This was a moving experience for those attending.


The official opening of the Convention came on Friday night. During the evening, reports were given by National Chairmen, including three members from our State—Mary Lee Howell, Shelby Putnam and Emily Wagner. After the meeting members enjoyed meeting the candidates that would be running for election the next day. Then they had fun at the “member party” where there was music and time for meeting new friends and renewing previous acquaintances.

The Saturday business session continued with reports of the National Officers and National VP's for the Regions. Next was reports of the State Presidents. While Camille Edwards gave her report the State flag was held by Mary Lee Howell.

Saturday evening was the banquet, grand march and dance. Members and seniors received pins that were presented by the National President.

Sunday was the Pilgrimage and installation on the grounds of Mount Vernon. The incoming State President, Mary Lee Howell, was sworn in along with the Sr. State President, Rebecca Bottoms. Other officers installed included: Camille Edwards, National Historian; Emily Wagner, National Registrar; Shelby Putnam, VP of the SE Region; Carolyn Coordes, Sr. VP of the SE Region; Renee Horne, Sr. National Organizing Secretary; and Gary Horne, Sr. National Honorary Vice President. This was a landmark year for our State with so many National and Sr. National officers.

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