

**CAPTAIN PETER ANKENY CHAPTER  
DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**

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**Wednesday November 8, 2017, PHILBROOK MUSEUM**

The regular meeting of the Captain Peter Ankeny Chapter, NSDAR, was called to order on Wednesday, November 8 with Regent, Kathy Rusk presiding. There were fifteen members present and one prospective member. The opening prayer was led by Fran McGhee. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Ann Berkowick, the Americans' Creed led by Marilyn Mason, and the Preamble to the Constitution led by Beverly Cannon.

Reta Scherwinski introduced prospective member, Sandra Wickersham. Sandra signed her application, and Fran McGhee cosigned as her sponsor. Lori Vilbert signed as a chapter chairperson, and Kathy Rusk signed as chapter regent. Applause followed as it was a happy and proud moment for all.

Next, Deanna Ames introduced our guest speaker, Carolyn Thornton. Her program was called, "Letters Between My Mother and Father During World War II". Her father was drafted towards the end of the war. He was in the army from January 22, 1945 to March 14, 1945 when he was killed in Germany. At that time, the military used V-Mail to take pictures of letters and then send film after a quota of letters had been photographed. Carolyn Thornton saved the letters in order to keep a record of her family's sacrifice and the noble service of her father.

The President General's message was given by Fran McGhee. During the holiday season, please keep the victims of all recent tragedies and national disasters in prayer. Also, record all the time spent in volunteer work for the DAR. Our President General, Ann Turner Dillon was also able to spend time in France this fall. She was there for the Armistice Day celebration. It was very memorable.

The minutes of the October meeting were emailed to the membership and there were copies on each table. There were no corrections. The October minutes were approved.

The National Defense report was given by Marilyn Mason. Working dogs have been in the military since the Civil War. A dog from World War II, Sargent Stubby is highlighted as an NCO who saved the lives of many soldiers.

Next, the Treasurer's report was given by Katie Nelson. The beginning balance was \$9195.62. After deposits totaling \$461.00, the final balance was \$9656.62.

Lorie Vilbert presented the Project Patriot and Veterans reports. The 99<sup>th</sup> Veterans Day Parade will take place November 10 at 11:00 am. DAR will have a float which will be cosponsored by the SAR. Cindy Peterson and her husband will provide the flat-bed truck needed for it. Also, the Muskogee VA Book and Bake Sale will be on Dec. 1. Set up day is Nov. 30 from 9:30 to 3:00. Drop off day will be set for Tulsa. Look for time in your email. Another reminder, the clothing closet is low on sweatshirts and T-shirts of all sizes. Also of interest, Wreaths Across America will be on Dec. 16 at 11:00 am. The cemeteries involved are Floral Haven and Perryman. All are welcome. Please remember the family members of chapter members now serving in the military. Prayers and thoughts for their safety will be appreciated. Robin Mundts' son is serving as is Pauleta Clawson's grandson, and Lorie Vilbert's two nieces.

Kathy Rusk gave the Community Classroom and Literacy Report. Pauleta Clawson is now the Community Classroom chairperson. Her granddaughter is a 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher at Pratt Elementary. We have been looking for a smaller school and Pratt will be a good choice for our Book Project. It will be for the 1<sup>st</sup> grade students. There are about sixty 1<sup>st</sup> graders. Books will be ordered and there will be a wrapping party. Check your email.

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Kathy presented another concern. There is a need in Texas as a result of Hurricane Harvey. Hundreds of schools were destroyed. The DAR is collecting gift cards from Walmart and Target to help replace school supplies. Kathy suggested using \$100.00 from our funds. After a discussion, it was decided that four \$25.00 gift certificates would be appropriate. A motion was made by Willa Stoltz with Marilyn Mason seconding. Motion passed.

After discussing the upcoming meeting to be called "A Williamsburg Christmas" to be held at Willa Stoltz' home on December 13<sup>th</sup>, the meeting was adjourned.

Ann Berkowick, Recording Secretary