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NSDAR celebrates Veterans Day

BY SANDRA LANCASTER PERRY
For the Perquimans Weekly

November 11 is the day set aside on our national calendar to honor our veterans — a solemn pause from the rush of life to thank the men and women who have worn the uniform of our nation in order to protect our freedoms.

Though there are about 18 million veterans now living in the United States, society as a whole doesn't seem to pay the same respect to those who served as it did when the World War II generation returned to start families, build communities and power the post-war economy. Yet, recognizing their service can be as easy as wearing a poppy, flying a flag, attending a local ceremony or simply saying thank you.

Members of the Edenton Tea Party Chapter, NSDAR honored local area veterans by participating in the annual wreath laying Veterans Day program sponsored by

the American Legion Edward G. Bond Post 40. This Post has active veterans who saw combat on Iwo Jima, flew combat missions in Europe and Asia, served on ships in the Army and Navy, protected our coastlines and served in every corner of the globe and all over this country.

Chapter Regent Anne Rowe and Chapter Chaplain Clara King jointly laid the Edenton Tea Party Chapter wreath. Also, at the ceremony were chapter members Barbara Wood and Virginia Wood.

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, founded in 1890 and headquartered in Washington, D.C., is a non-profit, non-political volunteer women's service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and securing America's future through better education for children.

Since its founding, DAR has admitted more than 1,000,000 members. As one

of the most inclusive genealogical societies in the country, NSDAR currently boasts over 185,000 members in 3,000 chapters across the United States and internationally. Any woman 18 years or older — regardless of race, religion, or ethnic background — who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution, is eligible for membership.

Any woman who believes she may be eligible for membership should contact Edenton Tea Party Chapter Registrar Candy Roth — 252-548-2648 or Membership Chairman Beth Taylor — 252-482-3592 for additional information. You may also go to the chapter website at http://www.ncdar.org/Edenton-TeaParty_files/ or the Facebook page — <https://www.facebook.com/Edenton-TeaPartyNSDAR/>

Sandra Lancaster Perry of Hertford is the NCS DAR chairman for the Tarheel State.



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Edenton Tea Party NSDAR leaders (r-l) Clara King, Virginia Wood, Anne Rowe and Barbara Wood paid tribute to the nation's military with a wreath laying ceremony on Veterans Day.

Mayflower's past echoes to the present with descendants

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The Daughters of the American Revolution are gearing up to celebrate the 400th Anniversary of the Mayflower in 2020.

This ship is one of the most important in American history, having brought pilgrims to Massachusetts during the Great Puritan Migration of the 17th century. These pilgrims were some of the first European settlers in America.

Prior to leaving the ship and establishing Plymouth Colony, they signed the Mayflower Compact on November 11, 1620 (at that time in history, they used the Julian Calendar, also known as Old Style dates, which was ten days behind the present-day Gregorian Calendar.) This Compact established a rudimentary form of democracy with each member contributing to the welfare of the community.



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Barbara Wood has familial ties to the early colonists and the Mayflower. Wood, a member of the Edenton Tea Party Chapter since 2015, is also a member of the Mayflower Society.

Barbara Wood, an Edenton resident and a member of the Edenton Tea Party Chapter since 2015, is also a member of the Mayflower Society. At the Nov. 13, 2019 chapter meeting, Wood presented a fascinating and informative program celebrating the 400th Anniversary of the Mayflower and introduced the chapter to

the Mayflower Society.

The Mayflower Society, which has 30,000 members, was founded in 1897 during that period of renewed interest in American history.

The Society suggests that the descendants of the 102 men, women and children who landed on the shores of the New World in 1620 may now number over 35 million living persons, mostly in America. Because there were small numbers of people in that area of Massachusetts prior to the Great Migration beginning in about 1530 it is likely that any living descendant may have multiple Mayflower lines of descent.

As an example, Wood has been able to prove descent from William Brewster, John Alden and Priscilla Mullins, William Mullins, and Richard Warren.

In 2020, the nation will celebrate the 400th anniversary of the landing of the Mayflower. In preparation, the Mayflower II ship

is being restored at Mystic Seaport in Connecticut. The ship, a gift from England to the United States, is nearly 60 years old, and because it was built from wood using tools and techniques from the early 1600's, it required a multi-year restoration. Mrs. Wood reports that she was fortunate to walk aboard the Mayflower II in 2016 before it was towed to the preservation shipyard at Mystic.

Plymouth Plantation, the home of the Mayflower II, could be described as a theme park, with the theme being the history of the Pilgrims. She watched as children and adults were entertained by actors portraying actual Mayflower pilgrims and crew in recreated surroundings.

The actors are students of history and may depart from their characters only in an emergency; otherwise they speak with tourists as if in 1623.

Wood recalled walking into a small wooden build-

ing and seeing a handsome, older man in obvious "1620" clothing answering questions from some young scholars.

A child asked, "Are the Indians your friends?" And the man, with a wise and calm voice responded, "No. The Indians are our allies. Friends are those who we love, and who love us."

That man was Barbara Wood's 10th great grandfather, William Brewster; she reports that hearing him talk made her proud to be his granddaughter.

Although 150 years and different circumstances separate the patriots of the DAR and the pilgrims of the Mayflower, what ties them together today is a growing interest in genealogy and DNA matching.

Wood reports that genealogy provides the tools to build a family tree with appropriate proof, and with that information she was able to give a complete and accurate application for

membership in both the DAR and the Mayflower Society.

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