

LIFESTYLES

Local DAR chapter honors World War II veterans

The Colonel Frederick Hambright Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution hosted a luncheon at Central United Methodist Church Sat., Nov. 10. Twenty-three members were present to honor seven World War II veterans with certificates of appreciation and summaries of their service to their country.

Betty Masters, Regent, called the meeting to order. Robin Meyer led the Ritual, Becky Scism led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag, and Loretta Cozart led the American's Creed.

Margaret McGinnis and Libby Putnam led the group in singing "The National Anthem." Rev. Tony Dowdy presented the blessing and the group enjoyed a Thanksgiving meal prepared by the men of the church.

Norma Fuchs dressed in colonial dress and presented a program about her ancestors and the hardships they faced.

She also presented the information she gathered from each veteran and the DAR certificates of appreciation were presented by Regent Betty Masters to John Dilling, R. Howard Bryant, David Dilling (for Charles Carpenter), Wilson Griffin, Luby Pully, Loretta Cozart (for Howard Bryant) and Libby Alexander (for her father, James Alexander).

James Alexander enlisted in the Army Air Force in February 1943 and took his basic training in Miami, FL. He was sent to the School of Aviation for airplane and engine mechanics.

He was sent to Washington, DC in the first Staff Squadron. He later went to Egland Field, FL and from there he was assigned to the Asiatic-Pacific Theater and sent to Alaska with the Cold Weather Test Attachment where he tested airplanes for the effects of bitter cold temperatures. They spent winters there and in the summer were sent back to Watertown, SD for a rest period and then to Alaska where Alexander spent the winters of 1944, 1945 and 1946. He was discharged at Fort Bragg in March 1946.

Alexander received the Asiatic-Pacific medal, WWII medal, Good Conduct medal and a Sharp Shooters medal.

R. Howard Bryant enlisted in the Army on October 7, 1942 and was inducted June 22, 1943 at Spartanburg, SC. He served as a Corporal in the Anti-tank Company 66th Infantry.

His overseas duty was at Rhineland, Central Europe. He left the U.S. on January 26, 1945 and arrived in Europe on February 7, 1945. He left Europe on March 26, 1946 and arrived back in the U.S. on April 3, 1946. He was discharged at the Separation Center at Fort Bragg on April 9, 1946.

He received the American Theater Service Medal, EAME Service Medal with two Bronze Stars, the Good Conduct medal and a World War Victory Medal.

Charles T. Carpenter Jr. served as a First Lieutenant in the Infantry. He served from September 23, 1942 until April 22, 1946. On June 6, 1944 he landed H hour plus 20 on Omaha Beach, Normandy, with Cannon Company, 16th Ir, First ID Big Red One. He was awarded the Silver Star decoration June 6, 1944.

He joined BRO in Tunisia. CN CO awarded him the Presidential Unit Citation at Gela, Sicily on July 10, 1943. The 16th KR made the farthest advance to Caumont in Normandy. He was awarded the Oak Leaf Cluster to SS in action at Annette-Sur-Marne, Isle de France on August 29, 1944. He was in the Central Europe Campaign, where the CN CO 105 Howitzer fired the first shell into Germany on September 10, 1944.

BRO held the Monchau Shoulder in Ardennes and reached the Rhine River on March 9, 1944 at Bonn, Germany. They crossed the Rhine at Remagen Bridge and closed the Ruhr Pocket at Kippstadt, Germany, in the Rhineland campaign. At the close of the Central Europe Campaign, the 16th IR entered Czechoslovakia at Chebb on May 8, 1945.

Carpenter's other medals were the EAME with seven Battle Stars and Bronze Arrowhead, Victory Medal, ETO Ribbon and the Bronze Star.

He was discharged from Fort Bragg.

John Dilling enlisted in the Air Force January 1, 1943 and took his basic training at Fort Jackson, and from there went to Keesler Field, Mississippi. From there he was sent to sheet metal school in Los Angeles, CA for three months. His next duty was at Wright Field, Dayton, OH. While there he made experimental parts for planes.

He spent two years there and was assigned to a squadron in the Pacific, but could not go

because he had too many points. He was sent to Shreveport, LA to Marchdale Field for guard duty. From there he went to Morrison Field, West Palm Beach, FL, and was discharged at Jacksonville, FL.

He received the Good Conduct Medal.

Wilson Griffin enlisted in the Navy Reserve in May 1942 at Camp Croft and did his basic training at Perryville, MD.

He finished high school and one year of college in North Carolina.

He left college to enlist in active duty. He was assigned to the Surgical Ward at the Naval Hospital in Norfolk, VA, in charge of property and supplies.

From there he was sent to Damneck as a Hospital Pharmacy Mate and prepared for active duty.

He was sent to Marseilles, France and had independent duty at Port De Beau, France, where he was a Second Class Petty Officer and his duties were to give shots and medicine.

From there he went back to Marseilles for reassignment to Algeria, and then to Oran in the Navy Hospital Medical Corps to care for returning prisoners.

He was then sent to Palermo, Sicily where he had to make sure the right medicine was available for President Franklin Roosevelt at the Yalta Conference

He returned home aboard the cruiser Memphis with temporary duties to escort injured prisoners home and was home for Christmas 1945. He was discharged in April 1946.

Griffin received the European Theater of Operations Medal, the Good Conduct Medal and the Invasion of Southern France medal.

Grady Howard enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1942 and was inducted for active duty in July 1943. He did his basic training at Parris Island.

After basic he was sent to Camp Lejeune and reassigned to Quantico, VA for Officers Training School. He was sent back to Camp Lejeune in an overseas draft. He was sent to San Diego, CA and then to Saipan and Mariana Islands. He was there when the Atomic Bomb was dropped.

In early 1946 he returned to the U.S. where he remained in the reserves. He served a total of seven years active duty.

He received the Asiatic-Pacific Medal, Good Conduct Medal, and a Star for the Battle of



The Colonel Frederick Hambright Chapter of the DAR honored several WWII veterans at a recent luncheon at Central United Methodist Church. Each veteran was presented a certificate of appreciation for service to the country. Front row, left to right, John Dilling, R. Howard Bryant, David Dilling (accepting for Charles Carpenter), Wilson Griffin and Luby Pully. Second row, Loretta Cozart (accepting for Grady Howard), Norma Fuchs (Vice Regent), Betty Masters (Regent) and Libby Putnam (accepting for her father, James Alexander).

Saipan.

Luby Clyde Pulley Jr. was accepted as an alternate to West Point but did not get to go because the first choice accepted. He enlisted on July 1, 1938 for one year at Fort McPherson in the 22nd Infantry CO F WPPS, classified same as a cadet at West Point and was treated the same.

At the end of the year he went to college and joined the National Guard in 1940 and was called to active duty at Fort Jackson for basic training in Battery B of the 113th Field Artillery Battalion.

In 1942 he was commissioned a 2nd Lt. Field Artillery and sent to Fort Sill for training. He was reassigned to 937th Field Artillery Battalion which was

part of the 142nd Regiment.

He served in the European Theater and was sent to Africa, then to Italy for the Southern France invasion. From there he was sent to the French Riviera, then to the Rhine River, and later to Worms, Germany. From there he served with the 7th Army Artillery through Germany.

He returned to the U.S. in September 1945 and chose to make the military his career. He retired on October 30, 1959 at Fort Bragg as a Major in the Field Artillery, 18th Airborne Corps.

During World War II, he earned the Bronze Star, European Theater of Operations, Good Conduct Medal, seven Combat Stars, and the Bronze Arrowhead.

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