

Left to right, Norma Fuchs, DAR Vice-Regent, World War II veterans Dave Saunders and Helen Bullock, and Betty Masters, Regent.

## AR honors WWII veterans

Chapter of the DAR honored World War II veterans Dave Saunders and Helen Bullock at last month's meeting.

Bullock is a direct descendent of Preston Goforth, a native of Kings Mountain who served in the Revolutionary War and lost his life in the Battle of Kings Mountain. She was one of the first women to enlist in World War II, joining the Women's Army Reserve in January 1943. In October 1943 the Women's Army Reserves was taken into the regular army as the Women's Army Corp.

She took her basic training at Chattanooga, TN and was sent to Kansas City, MO for Radio School. She went back to Chattanooga and was reassigned to Camp Crowder, MO, then to Vint Hills Field Station in Warrenton, VA. It was a classified intelligence unit, and she did work previously handled by men to allow them to take on other duties.

She was discharged June 23, 1945 with a T3g rank. She received the Good Conduct Medal. She later married Welford S. Bullock and taught Home Economics in Seaboard,

Saunders was drafted in 1942 at the age of 18. He was just out of high school.

He was sent to Fort Jackson, SC and he and several others were called aside and because they had radio experience were inducted into the Navy instead of the Army. His hobby as a teenager was the ham radio.

Col. Frederick Hambright days, Upon his return, he was sent to Chicago to the Great Lakes Naval Training Station. He also had to learn Morse Code. From there he was sent to the State of Washington where he was assigned to a new aircraft carrier and helped ready it

> He was to go to Cheyenne, WY but his orders were changed and he went to California to the destroyer base for four weeks, then to an amphibious base. He then went to North Island and then to sea on the aircraft carrier Salerno. They were sent to Pearl Harbor for supplies, then to Saipan, and then to the Philippines in the fleet with Admiral Halsey. Then they went back to Saipan and were transferred to the Yorktown. He remained on the Yorktown for the duration of his service.

They went back to Pearl Harbor and then to Iwo Jima. He was in the Coral Sea at the time of that battle.

Dave was a First Class Quartermaster and all communications and orders came to him. He was sent to Manila and then back to Pearl Harbor for supplies. From Pearl Harbor they were sent to Midway and then to Okinawa and were there for the last battle of Okinawa and on 30 sorties. After the Atomic Bomb was dropped they went to Tokyo Bay. He had enough points and asked the Commander if he could come home. The Salerno came in and he was put on it with orders to be discharged. When they got He was sent home for seven to San Diego he was to be dis-

charged, but was asked if he would like to go through the Panama Canal. He did that and came back to the States at Hampton Roads, VA. He was sent home for seven days and then back to Hampton Roads, where he was discharged in January 1946.

received the Saunders Defense Medal, the American Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Medal, WWII Occupation Medal, National Defense Medal, and Okinawa Battle Star.

## **DAR** chapter meets at Mauney Library

Hambright Chapter Daughter of the American Revolution met January 22 at Mauney Memorial Library. Regent, Betty Masters, called the meeting to order, Margaret Ledford gave a short devotional followed by the DAR Ritual. Becky Scism led the pledges to the US and NC flags.

Robin Meyer led the American's Creed Margaret McGinnis led the group in singing "The Star Spangled Banner." Betty Masters gave the National Defense report and Loretta Cozart gave the President General's message.

Norma Fuchs honored World War II Veterans Helen Bullock and Dave Saunders with Certificates of Appreciation.

Anita Campbell presented the minutes from the last meeting. Robin Meyer gave the treasurer's report.

Betty Masters introduced the

Frederick speaker, Mrs. Ann Dellinger, the registrar for the Jacob Forney Chapter in Lincolnton. Her presentation was "Lincoln County- January 1781." This was a story of her husband's ancestors and how they lost all their belongings in a raid during the Revolution.

Jeffrey Robinson from Kings Mountain High School was announced as the DAR Good Citizen for 2008. He will be the chapter's guest at a later meet-

ing. The chapter had 255 American History essays this year from Kings Mountain Middle School.

The North Carolina State Conference will be April 25-27 at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel in Durham. Betty Masters, Robin Meyer and Hilda Moss were elected as delegates.

Eight prospective member names were presented to the membership and approved.

## **Black History program at Patrick Center**

There will be a special Black History Month Program coordinated by Hazeline Abernathy on Tues., Feb. 19 from 9-11:30 a.m. in Conference Room I at the Patrick Center, Kings

Mountain. In addition, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority will have a display in the lobby showcasing their history during the month of February.



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