

Ursula Wolcott - Black Swamp Chapter, NSDAR Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

Carter House, Bowling Green, Ohio – December 13, 2025

The Lafayette Tea

Prior to the commencement of the monthly meeting, members and guests gathered for the much-anticipated Lafayette Tea. Held at the Carter House, the event served as a festive Christmas celebration. The historic venue was adorned with holiday and colonial decorations, accompanied by period musical selections that contributed to a cheerful and inviting atmosphere.

The tea menu featured an assortment of finger sandwiches and savory bites, followed by shortbread, fresh fruit, fluffy scones with tangy jam and clotted cream, decadent pastries, and the renowned Lafayette Cake. A carefully curated selection of teas complemented the delicacies served. As part of the program, Regent Amy Bates presented “Lafayette’s Return,” a historical journey detailing the Marquis de Lafayette’s 1824–1825 tour of the United States. The presentation, enhanced by portraits and engaging mementos, captivated and involved all in attendance.

Call to Order and Opening Ritual

The regular monthly meeting of the Ursula Wolcott – Black Swamp Chapter, NSDAR, was officially called to order by Regent Amy Bates at 2:20 p.m. on Saturday, December 13, 2025, at the Carter House in Bowling Green, Ohio. Regent Bates and Chaplain Linda Reitzel led the opening ritual, after which Regent Bates guided the attendees in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. The membership then recited the American’s Creed together.

Communications and Announcements

Important communications were distributed to all members via email prior to the meeting. The information shared included the President General’s Message, the National Defense Minute, the December Military Minute, the Indian Minute, the Conservation Minute, and the E Pluribus Unum Minute.

Attendance

The meeting was attended by several distinguished guests: Patricia James-Hasser, Northwest District Director of the Ohio Society DAR, and Kimberly Hannahan, Ohio Society DAR Heritage Committee Chair, who joined the meeting via Zoom. Additional guests from the Fort Findlay Chapter included Tracy Hiller, Louise Reichert, and Judy Lamberjack. In total, 20 members and 7 prospective members represented the Ursula Wolcott-Black Swamp Chapter, bringing the total number of attendees to 32.

Treasurer's Report

A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Deb Warner and seconded by Jennifer Catera. The report was officially filed as part of the chapter records.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the November meeting were previously distributed to all members electronically. Gail Glick moved to accept the minutes as presented, and Sharon DeMuth seconded the motion. The minutes were approved without amendment.

New Business

Cindy Hoenig was officially sworn in as the newest member of the chapter. The chapter extended warm congratulations and welcome to Cindy. Information about the new committee, "She Still Serves" can be found on the state's website. Nominations for chapter delegates to the State Conference were presented: Amy Bates, Sara Meyer, Joan Drill, and Ann Krause. Teresa Smith moved to accept these nominations, and Judy Myerholtz seconded the motion.

Old Business

Members were reminded to submit their "Pink Sheets" to Regent Bates, as these are necessary for completing the CMR. The Supplemental Paper Party is scheduled for January 24, 2026, 1:00 at the Pemberville Library, where Registrar Bonnie Rashleigh will present Deb Duay's "90 Minute Patriot" genealogy tools. Worksheets may be printed in advance using links provided via email or by visiting, <https://www.learnwebskills.com/lineage/>

Members are also encouraged to continue logging their miles for the "250 Miles for America 250!" initiative.

Upcoming events include the Bingo Bash with the Fort Findlay Chapter on February 7 and the next regular meeting at Lott Industries on March 14.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m. following a motion by Joan Drill and a second by Sharon DeMuth. After the meeting, attendees enjoyed fellowship and were treated to a slice of Lafayette's favorite cake.

Jan Brinker, Recording Secretary