Burke County America 250 Committee

Activity Report

December 1, 2025

Projects:

1. **Rev War Encampment**
   September 27th, 2025
   Over 40 vendors showcased Life in the 1700s at the Charles McDowell House
   Food Trucks, speakers and Historical Portrayals filled the day.
   Nearly 1,000 members of the public from NC, TN and SC enjoyed the day. School-aged children were in attendance as well.

2. **Historic Site Tour**
   September 26, 2025
   40 people purchased tickets to visit historic sites in Burke County that are not normally open to the public. Guests came from as far away as Fayetteville, NC to attend. Ticket cost was $30 per person and included lunch.

3. **Morganton Christmas Parade**- The America 250 Committee will lead the parade carrying a banner with SAR and DAR members walking with the banner. Parade theme was suggested to be "Historical" by the Committee. "Christmas Through the Ages" was decided upon by the Morganton Downtown Development Association.

4. **Burke County Flag Design Contest for 4th Graders**
   4th graders in Burke County have been invited to design a "America 250" Flag. The county winner as selected by the America 250 Committee will be sent to the state competition in early March.

5. **Liberty Tree Planting Project**
   A "Liberty Tree" site will be selected according to NC Cultural Resources guidelines. The site must be on public property where it will be the responsibility of the land managing agency to nurture the tree until sustained growth is established. This project will occur in early, 2026.

6. 4th of July Celebration- To be Determined