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Newsletter

VIRGIN VALLEY CHAPTER DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

The American Revolution Experience Travelling Exhibit

The day I joined the Virgin Valley Chapter DAR I was asked to head up the America 250 Committee for our Chapter. I was aware that the Semiquincentennial was a couple years away, but I had NO IDEA what an America 250 Committee was supposed to do.

After doing some research, and seeing what other organizations and chapters and cities were doing, I still wasn't 100% sure what I was supposed to be doing but I had a little better of an idea. Anyone who knows me or has listened to me for more that a minute realizes how passionate I am about the 250th Birthday of America.

One thing I dedicated myself to when I joined the VVDAR was to promote public awareness of this commemorative event. One of the many things the DAR started facilitating two years ago was encouraging chapters around the country to host the American Revolution Experience. Well that was easier said than done. Mesquite has been on a waiting list for almost two years. In May, I received an email that the travelling exhibit was coming to Nevada AND that Mesquite was going to be one of its destinations.

Regent's Message



4th of July Arts & Crafts

The Exhibit will be on display at the STEAM Center in downtown Mesquite from September 22-26. This interactive travelling experience will educate Mesquite's children about the Revolutionary War, historical figures and what was sacrificed to form a new free nation founded on Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness.



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MEET THE NEW PRESIDENT GENERAL

Dear Daughters,

It is with heartfelt gratitude and a spirit of determination that I thank you for electing me to serve as the 47th President General of our esteemed National Society. On behalf of your newly elected officers, I want to express our thanks for the trust you have placed in us to lead the organization over the next three years. I also offer my deepest appreciation to those who came before us—the good women who tirelessly built the foundation upon which we now stand. Their dedication and unwavering spirit have inspired generations. It is our responsibility to carry that torch forward. Let us honor their legacy by continuing to fulfill the mission of our Society through historic preservation, education and patriotism.

Our theme, *Illuminate Our Legacy*, reflects our desire to recognize the legacy of the men and women who secured our nation's independence; to celebrate the legacy of our four Founders who had the foresight and strength to establish our National Society; to commemorate the legacy of the 250th anniversary of our nation; and most importantly, to consider the legacy we will leave to the National Society and our communities.



President General's pin



Log Your
Service to America
Hours

Inspired by the original Victorian bronze door plates in Memorial Continental Hall, the emblem of this administration represents victory and immortality. As our Founders envisioned Memorial Continental Hall as a memorial to the Patriots of the American Revolution, they selected funerary symbols: an inverted torch and laurel wreath. The Storage torch has been turned upright to reflect our nation's future and the legacy of our service. Four pink gems on each side of the laurel wreath honor the vision and strength of our four Founders.



National Defender



Cherry Blossom Pin

The National Society was founded October 11, 1890, in Washington, D.C. Since 1912, the Japanese cherry blossom has symbolized our founding city. During the Storage Administration, the National Society will present a gift to the Nation to ensure that legacy endures for generations. Wear the cherry blossom pin with pride, knowing our contribution will be lasting.



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The American Revolution Experience Travelling Exhibit

The American Revolution Experience is a collaboration between the American Battlefield Trust and the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). This exhibit brings tangible links from the past, to immerse participants in the American story.

Throughout this exhibit, visitors will find historical descriptions of battles, images and stories of historical figures as well as ordinary people, and interactive maps highlighting events of the 18th century.

Learn how the lives of ordinary people were affected by the events of the American Revolutionary War? As tensions mounted across the Thirteen Colonies, the entire Revolutionary Generation was faced with a difficult choice: to pledge loyalty to the Patriot cause and the prospect of a new nation, or remain loyal to the King as subjects of the British Empire. How would you choose?



Virgin Valley Chapter
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CELEBRATING OUR COMMUNITY



Annual Veterans Luncheon at Mesa Valley Estates



WOMEN IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Fact #1: Women followed the armies and provided a sense of normality to military camps. Often known as camp followers, it was common for women and children to follow the army.

Fact #2: Women disguised themselves as men in order to fight in the war. There are known cases of women who chose to actively join the armies as fighting soldiers. One of the most famous of these women was Deborah Sampson. Originally from Massachusetts, she disguised herself as a man in order to fight in the Continental Army.

Fact #3: Some women served as spies during the war. Women were fairly effective spies, for both sides, because they could pass through checkpoints and camps without raising too much suspicion or drawing too much attention to themselves.

Fact #4: Women provided a variety of support for the war effort from the home front. Women put their skills to use and supported the armies in a variety of important ways. Some women sewed uniforms, clothes, and blankets for soldiers. Some made bullets, as well as rolled and packed cartridges. Still, others raised funds for the war effort.

Fact #5: Women took care of businesses and properties when their husbands left for war. Some women did not have the option to follow their husbands when they went off to war. There were businesses, homesteads, families, and properties to look after. At a time when most women were never given the opportunity to take on such responsibility, this was a critical chance to keep their wellbeing, as well as the economy, going.

Fact #6: Women had influence in politics, albeit often through their husbands. Women like Abigail Adams, the wife of Massachusetts Congressional Delegate John Adams, influenced politics as did Mercy Otis Warren. It was Abigail Adams who famously and voluminously corresponded with her husband while he was in Philadelphia, reminding him that in the new form of government that was being established he should “remember the ladies” or they too, would foment a revolution of their own.

Fact #7: The first African American woman to be published gained prominence during the war. Phillis Wheatley, an enslaved African American living in Boston, took up the pen and wrote poetry, becoming one of the first published female authors in America and the first African American woman to be published.

Fact #8: There was a “Female Paula Revere.” Sixteen-year-old Sybil Ludington made her ride on April 26, 1777, during a driving rainstorm, traveling forty miles, and unlike Revere, avoiding capture. She learned that the British were planning to attack nearby Danbury. Her father, Henry, was a Colonel in the militia in command of 400 men. Not unlike Revere who two years earlier roused the communities outside of Boston to British troops being on the march to seize arms, Ludington spurred her horse, prodding him with a stick to raise the alarm in Putnam County, New York.

Fact #9: Women became compelling historians for the American Revolution. Whether publishing their own stories or the stories of others, there are several women who wrote compelling historical narratives about the war.

Fact #10: Even women could not escape the horrors of the battlefield. Ordinary women also endured the horrors of the battlefield when those fights came to their doorstep.

COMMITTEE

CORNER

Public Relations Committee Promoting DAR & America 250! at the sun city expo

Sunshine Committee

Rebecca Roessner Aug 8th
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August Dates of Note

August 2 - Gulf War Begins (1990) On this day in 1990, the U.S. launched Operation Desert Shield in response to Iraq's invasion of Kuwait. Over 500,000 American troops were deployed, marking one of the largest U.S. military mobilizations since WWII.

August 7 - Purple Heart Day (1782) Created by George Washington, the Purple Heart is the nation's oldest military decoration, awarded to those wounded or killed in combat.

August 7 - U.S. Postal Inspection Established (1775) Established to enforce federal laws, prevent crimes, and ensure the safety of customers, employees, and the mail, it is one of the oldest law enforcement agencies in the nation.

August 10 - Department of Defense Established (1949) The National Security Act is amended, renaming the National Military Establishment to the Department of Defense. The change rescinded the cabinet-level status of the Army, Navy, and Air Force secretaries, making them all subordinate to the Secretary of Defense. Also established a chairman for the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

August 14 - Victory over Japan Day (V-J Day) (1945) Marked the end of WWII after Japan surrendered. Celebrations erupted across the U.S., honoring the courage and perseverance of our military.

August 14 - Stamp Act Protest in Boston (1765) Samuel Adams and the Sons of Liberty met under the Liberty Tree near Boston Common.

August 25 - National Park Service Established (1916) The creation also launched one of the earliest federal law enforcement and emergency response systems in wilderness areas.



2025



Summer/Fall Calendar



**August 1-3 - NSSDAR Summer Forum
@ Eureka Casino Resort**



September 13 @ 10AM – Regular Meeting



**September 17 – Bells Across America
12 noon @ Veterans Memorial Park**



**September 22-26 The American Revolution Experience
@ Mesquite Works - STEAM Center**



October 11 @ 10AM Regular Meeting



October 18 @ Sun City Garage Sale

October 25 @ NSSDAR Southern Luncheon Las Vegas



Nov Regular Meeting - TBD



Nov 8 Veterans Day Parade

**Nov 9 - 16 1000 Flags over Mesquite
@ Mesquite Rec Center**

