

SEPTEMBER CELEBRATES

# Constitution Week

*September 17-23, 2025*



## The US Constitution

Beginning with the words "We the People," the U.S. Constitution is composed of the Preamble, seven articles, and 27 amendments. The first 10 amendments are known as the Bill of Rights.

The Constitution's first three articles spell out the separation of powers, in which the federal government is divided. The legislative branch known as Congress, the executive branch, led by the president and the judiciary branch which is the Supreme Court. The following articles describe the rights and responsibilities of state governments, the states in relationship to the federal government, and the process of constitutional amendments, and establishes the procedure used to ratify the constitution.

## Regent's Message

### CONSTITUTION BELLS RING OUT

The Virgin Valley Chapter DAR is proud to once again be hosting the annual Bells Across America. The phrase "constitution bells ring out" refers to the tradition of ringing bells on September 17th, Constitution Day, to commemorate the signing of the U.S. Constitution in 1787. This event is part of the Daughters of the American Revolution "Bells Across America" initiative, which encourages communities across the nation to participate in the bell ringing. Bell ringing takes place at 1pm PST (4PM EST) coinciding with the time that the bells in Philadelphia rang back in 1787 when the US Constitution was signed.



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[VIRGINVALLEYDAR.ORG](http://VIRGINVALLEYDAR.ORG)

OTHER USEFUL

**Links**



President General's Message



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National Defense

# NEVADA STATE SOCIETY DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION 2025 SUMMER FORUM



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# Constitution Minute – Articles of Confederation

The first Constitution of the United States was the Articles of Confederation and Perpetual Union. Based in part on the Iroquois Great Law of Peace, drafting of this began at the same time as the Declaration of Independence. Though finalized by Congress in 1777, it was not ratified until 1781. Yet, its precepts governed the new United States during the Revolutionary War.

Under the Articles of Confederation and Perpetual Union, the individual states retained a great deal of power. This meant Congress could only recommend actions to states, such as funding the Continental Army or paying back loans from European countries. States even began making their own treaties with these countries after the Revolutionary War, ignoring Congress and abandoning their pledge of “eternal friendship” with each other. Without the new Constitution, the experiment of the United States would have ended with Great Britain as well as France and Spain dividing the country amongst themselves.

The American Revolution is unique in that a new country was created which has held together for almost 250 years. The Articles of Confederation and Perpetual Union held the states together during the Revolution and the early years of post-Revolution peace. The Framers of the Constitution examined the problems that arose during this time and devised a new governing document to address these problems, the United States Constitution. It is thanks to the Constitution that the United States will celebrate its 250th birthday on 4 July 2026, the anniversary of the day the Declaration of Independence was signed, 4 July 1776.

## Committee CORNER



### LITERACY COMMITTEE

THE LITERACY COMMITTEE IS HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE THAT OUR FUNDRAISING EFFORTS TO PURCHASE BOOKS FOR ALL THE KINDERGARTENERS THROUGH FIRST GRADERS IN THE VIRGIN VALLEY WAS A TREMENDOUS SUCCESS. WE ENDED UP COLLECTING ENOUGH FUNDS TO PURCHASE BOOKS FOR K-2.

WE PLAN IS TO DISTRIBUTE BOOKS THE FIRST WEEK IN NOVEMBER, TO CELEBRATE FAMILY LITERACY WEEK NEVADA.

RESTOCKING THE LITTLE FREE LIBRARY ON BOOK LOVER'S DAY AUGUST 9TH





Happy Birthday  
Carol Livingston  
September 24<sup>th</sup>



## September Dates of Note

September 1 - Labor Day is celebrated on the first Monday of September to honor and recognize the American labor movement and the works and contributions of laborers to the development and achievements in the United States.

September 2, 1945 - Japan formally surrenders to the Allies aboard the USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay, officially ending World War II. This day is commemorated in the United States as V-J Day

September 3, 1783: The Treaty of Paris officially ended the Revolutionary War, with Great Britain formally recognizing the independence of the United States.

September 11 - Patriot Day and the 9/11 National Day of Service and Remembrance. This day is marked by ceremonies and a moment of silence to honor the victims and heroes of the 2001 attacks.

September 17 - Constitution Day and Citizenship Day. This day celebrates the signing of the U.S. Constitution in 1787, and highlights the responsibilities and privileges of U.S. citizenship.

September 19 - Third Friday of September, National POW/MIA Recognition Day. This day is dedicated to recognizing the sacrifices of American service members who were prisoners of war or are missing in action.

September 19, 1777: The First Battle of Saratoga in New York, a British tactical victory, demonstrated American fighting capability and helped convince France to formally ally with the colonists.

September 28 - Last Sunday of September, Gold Star Mother's/Family's Day. This observance honors the mothers and families of service members who died in the line of duty.



*COME JOIN THE VIRGIN VALLEY CHAPTER  
DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION*

**BELLS ACROSS AMERICA**

SEPTEMBER 17, 2025

VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

501 HILLSIDE DR, MESQUITE, NV

**SHORT PROGRAM BEGINNING AT 12:00 P.M.**

*WELCOME BY MAYOR JESSE WHIPPLE*

*MESQUITE HONOR GUARD PRESENTING THE COLORS*

*GUEST SPEAKERS: VIETNAM VETERANS PATRIOTIC*

*MUSIC: MESQUITE BELL CHOIR*

*JEFFERY MCKENNA'S BOOK, SAVING DR. WARREN... "A TRUE PATRIOT" WILL BE  
AVAILABLE FOR A \$20.00 DONATION.*

**BELL RINGING AT 1:00 P.M**

IN COMMEMORATION OF THE SIGNING OF THE US  
CONSTITUTION, BELLS WILL RING OUT ALL  
ACROSS AMERICA AT 4:00 P.M. (EDT). IT WAS AT  
THIS TIME THAT THE SIGNERS OF THE  
CONSTITUTION USED A QUILL PEN AND INK TO  
SIGN THIS FAMOUS DOCUMENT.

BELLS AND WATER WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR A  
DONATION OR BRING YOUR OWN. IT IS  
RECOMMENDED TO BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR AS  
SEATING IS LIMITED,.

**WHO**

Virgin Valley Chapter  
Daughters of the American Revolution  
Presents

**THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION  
EXPERIENCE TRAVELLING EXHIBIT**

**WHAT**

**WHERE**

Mesquite Works STEAM Center  
312 W Mesquite Blvd Suite 116, Mesquite

On Display from  
September 22-26, 2025

Reception

Wednesday September 24<sup>th</sup> 4-6 pm

**WHEN**

**WHY**

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?

**2025**

**FALL/WINTER CALENDAR**

**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**

**DEC 13 @ 10AM REGULAR MEETING**