

Virgin Valley Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution

May 2025 Newsletter

REGENTS MESSAGE

This year's State Conference was a fun, informative and engaging weekend. I loved hearing about all the wonderful activities Nevada Daughters have been doing this year to support education, patriotism and historic preservation. I also enjoyed meeting several past State Regents as well as getting to know some members of our current State Executive Board.

While attending the 100th NSSDAR State Conference in April, I was gifted a book about the history of the Nevada State Society. Even though this year was the 100th Conference, the State Society was founded in 1910 in Goldfield, NV by a Colorado Daughter named Blanche Seaman Sprague. The first Nevada chapter was named the Montezuma Chapter and was disbanded in 1919 after the gold rush ended and the population of Goldfield dwindled down to a few hundred people. Four years later the Nevada Sagebrush Chapter in Sparks, NV organized which today is the oldest chapter in Nevada.

An interesting side note, my Great-Great Grandfather (and a member of the Sons of the American Revolution) had moved his family to Goldfield in the early 1900.

The photo to the right is of the Nevada State Society Centennial pin, which can be worn on the official ribbon. (see updated pin placement, INS-1000 on the DAR website)



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President General's Message

April marks a special commemoration in the runup to America's sesquicentennial: the 250th anniversary of the Battles of Lexington and Concord. Known colloquially as the "shot heard around the world," these battles were the Revolutionary War's first armed conflict. Though outnumbered, Massachusetts militias successfully countered the British Redcoats. During the battles, 49 American Patriots were killed. The America 250! Committee is Celebrating Massachusetts from 14-15 April for its role in the success of the American Revolution. The celebration will feature a candlelight tour in Boston, historic sites visits in Lexington and Concord just days before the 250th anniversary of those first armed conflicts, an America 250 Patriots Marker dedication, wreath laying and more. From May 9-10, the America 250! Committee will Celebrate New York with a visit to Fort Ticonderoga.

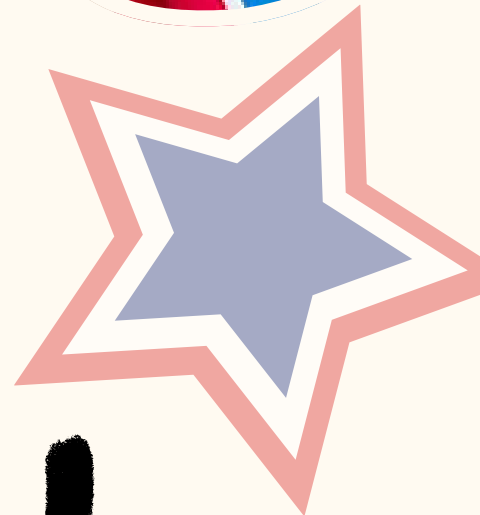
Finally, we hope you are ready to SPARKLE as we Celebrate Stars and Stripes Forever! at the 134th Continental Congress in June. Pre-registration will open on April 15th and runs through June 1st. We look forward to welcoming all members to our newly restored Memorial Continental Hall! Please check the Congress Website for featured events and the most up-to-date information.

Whether your passion is history, genealogy, or working in nature, we, as Daughters, are witness to an incredible moment in American history. As we commemorate 250 years of freedom, we each have a unique role to play in promoting patriotism, freedom, and honoring the sacrifices that our Patriot ancestors fought so hard to secure. Thank you so much for all you do for the National Society.

Let us Rejoice in our DAR Ties of Service and Friendship!

Pamela Rouse Wright

President General



Helpful Links

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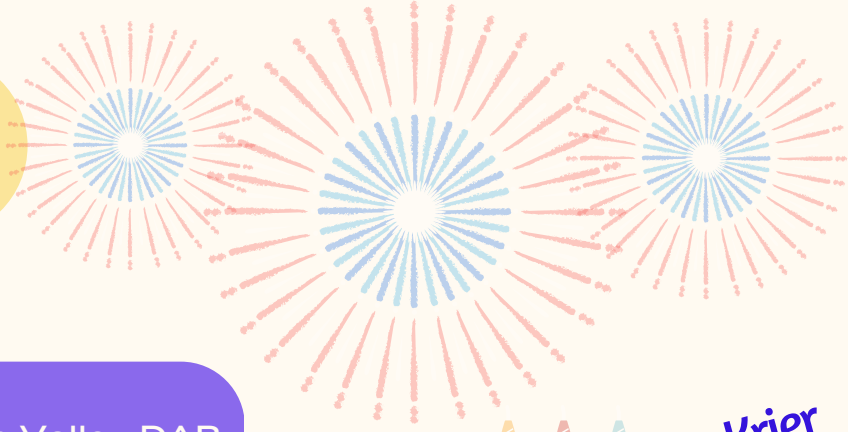
[American Spirit](#)

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This is our WEBSITE!!!!
Please Click on it and check it out today,
the link will take you directly to our website



Chapter Happenings



The Virgin Valley DAR
would like to give a
warm welcome to our
newest member
Sharon Wakefield !



5 Year Anniversary Party



Chapter Happenings Continued....



State Conference



Leigh introducing the Clark County Fire Department Honor Guard

National Defense Gala



l-r Leigh Roessner, Mona Crandell Hook, Ruth Dickie

Vets Chat



Our guest speaker
RickyGuertin



Rabbi Zucky with residents of Mesa Valley Estates

Washington Elm Rededication



l-r Ida Z State Chair America 250
Mona Crandell Hook -State Regent
Peggy - Marilyn State Historian
Katie Henzel - State Chaplain
Leigh Roessner - VV Chapter Regent

With the Exchange Club Moving 1000 Flags



l-r Peggy Pruner, Susan Cox Lyon, Laura Johnson
Leigh Roessner, Susan Wolfe



Commemorative Plaque
on the Washington Elm

Committee Updates

Constitution Week Committee

Ruth Dickie - Chapter Chair/State Southern Co-Chair

"I Am An American" Day was celebrated first in 1940. The day was moved to September 17, and the name was changed to Citizenship Day in 1952. In 1955, President Eisenhower proclaimed the first Constitution Week and the DAR established the week-long, Sept. 17-23, annual celebration in 1956. It commemorates the signing of the US Constitution. It is the oldest constitution still in active use in the world today and is the basic document of our republic, which protects our individual liberties of all citizens through written law. It is up to each of us to read the Constitution, know our rights and what it says and what it doesn't say.

"Hear Ye, Hear Ye" as we celebrate our US Constitution.

Mayor Jesse Whipple proclaimed Constitution Week, 2025, for Mesquite at a city council meeting. Plans at this time are: Author/American Revolution Historian Jeffery McKenna will be speaking to Hughes Middle School 7th graders on Sept. 9th, Bells Across America on Sept. 17th @ 12:00p.m. with our bells ringing precisely at 1:00 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Park; the Liberty Bus tour at Virgin Valley Ele on Sept. 18th, Flag Retirement Ceremony @the Vets Center on Sept. 19th, and the Liberty Bus Tour at JL Bowler Ele on Sept.23. Watch for flyers around town as we advertise Bells Across America.

A student from Hughes Middle School designed and created a poster advertising Constitution Week. It is Nevada's first place winner and will be displayed in our schools and public places.



**Nevada Constitution Week
Poster Contest 1st place winner**

Schedule for Constitution Week Events

SEPT. 9TH - JEFFERY MCKENNA
HUGHES MIDDLE SCHOOL

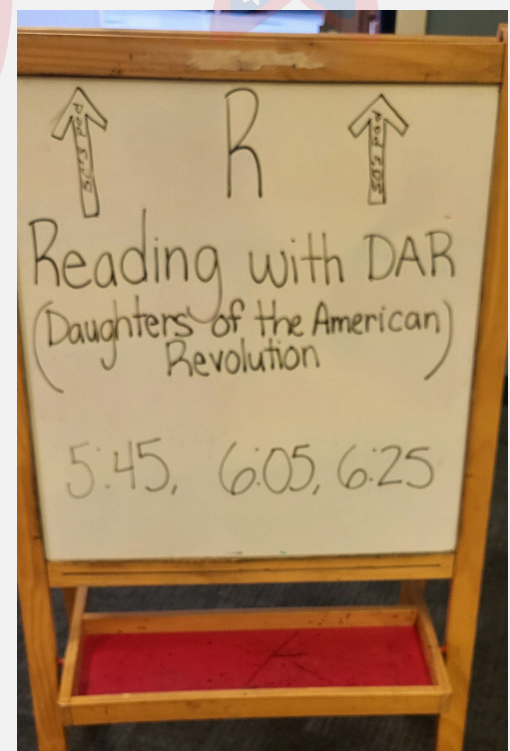
SEPT. 17TH @ 12:00PM BELLS ACROSS AMERICA
BELL RINGING AT 1:00 P.M.
VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

SEPT. 18TH LIBERTY BUS TOUR
VIRGIN VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

SEPT. 19TH - FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY
MESQUITE VETERANS CENTER

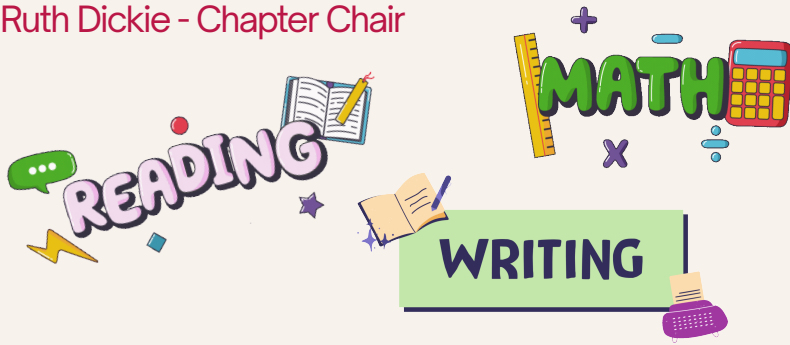
SEPT. 23RD - LIBERTY BUS TOUR AT JL BOWLER
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Reading night with VVDAR



Community Classroom Committee

Ruth Dickie - Chapter Chair



JL Bowler students learning to write with quills

**To Volunteer during any of the events
please contact Ruth Dickie
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Our chapter supported Literacy Night at JL Bowler Elementary by orally reading a book, The Rainbow Fish, to second graders. At this time, we are seeking supporters to purchase books for all Kindergarden and First Graders in our local schools. This is part of Nevada's DAR's Literacy Program. It is our goal to help build literacy at home by sharing books with children to promote reading at home with parents and siblings. As part of the Give Me Liberty Curriculum, members of our Virgin Valley Chapter help fifth graders at Virgin Valley and Bowler Elementary learn facts about America. We also give them the opportunity of writing with a quill pen and ink as our founding fathers did when they signed the Constitution.



Nancy & Jim Blanco donating guitars to
Hughes Middle School

May Dates of Note

May 1 – May Day - National Day of Prayer

May 5 - Cinco de Mayo

May 11 – Mother's Day

May 14, 1607 - The first permanent English settlement in America was established at Jamestown, Virginia, by a group of royally chartered Virginia Company settlers from Plymouth, England.

May 14, 1942 - During World War II, an Act of Congress allowed women to enlist for noncombat duties.

May 20, 1932 - Amelia Earhart became the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic. She departed Newfoundland, Canada, at 7 p.m. and landed near Londonderry, Ireland, completing a 2,026-mile flight in about 13 hours.

May 25, 1787 - The Constitutional Convention began in Philadelphia with delegates from seven states forming a quorum.

May 26 – Memorial Day

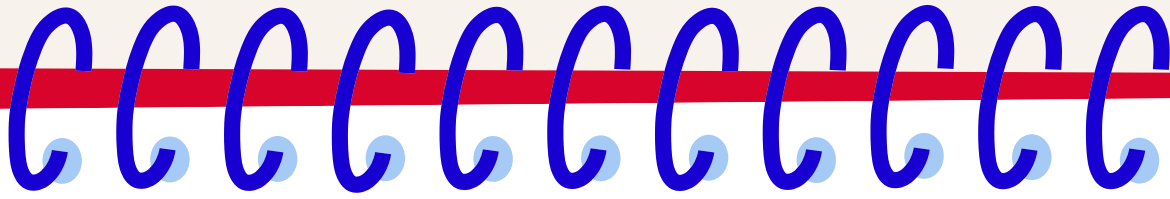
May 30, 1783 - The Pennsylvania Evening Post became the first daily newspaper published in America.

May 30, 1922 - The Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., was dedicated.

2025 SPRING-SUMMER CALENDAR

MARK YOUR
CALENDARS

Summer Forum Aug 2nd



MAY 10 @ 10AM - Regular Meeting

MAY 21 @ 10:45 - VETS CHAT

**June 12 @ 12 noon Women's Veterans day
luncheon at the Mesquite Veterans Center**

**JUNE 14 @ 10AM -Field Trip to St. George Library
The American Revolution Experience - Traveling
exhibit**

JUNE 18 @ 10:45 - VETS CHAT

**JUNE 25 - 29 - CONTINENTAL CONGRESS
WASHINGTON DC**

July 12 @ 10am - Regular Meeting

July 16 @ 10:45 - VETS CHAT

**August 2 - Nevada State Society DAR Summer
Forum @ Eureka Ballroom**

September 13 @ 10AM – Regular Meeting

September 17 – Bells Across America