

VIRGIN VALLEY CHAPTER DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

January 2025 Newsletter

REGENTS MESSAGE

The next 18 months are full of commemorative events leading up to the American Revolution. By this time in 1775 tension between King George III and the American Colonies had been growing for a decade.



Due to the expense of the French and Indian War, British Parliament started imposing taxes on the Colonies without representation of the Colonies. Acts such as the Quartering, Stamp and Townsend Acts began to frustrate and anger the Colonists and further the division between the British Crown and the 13 Colonies. Events in Massachusetts such as the Boston Massacre and the Boston Tea Party spread through the Colonies, resulting in groups like the Sons of Liberty to further spread Anti-British propoganda.

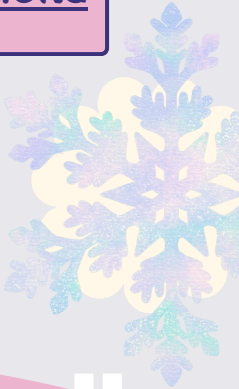
After the Boston Tea Party, a furious King George passes a series of laws that became known as the Intolerable Acts. These acts consequently lead to a Continental Congress to formally protest. On September 5, 1774 representatives met in Philadelphia to protest the Intolerable Acts and form a collective resistance of the 13 individual colonies.

Rebel and radical groups began to form and stockpiled guns and ammunition in Concord, Massachusetts. On April 19, 1775 British troops heading to Concord were met by Rebel soldiers in Lexington and were at a stand off because both sides had been given orders not to fire until fired upon. This is when and where the famous "Shot heard around the World" was fired and the Revolution had begun. Historians today still debate which side fired first.



President General's Message

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DEAR DAUGHTERS,
HAPPY HOLIDAYS! AS WINTER WEATHER SWEEPS ACROSS MUCH OF THE COUNTRY TO WELCOME THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, WE HOPE THAT YOU ARE STAYING SAFE AND WARM. OUR NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS IS BEAUTIFULLY DECORATED AND READY FOR YOU TO JOIN US AT OUR HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE ON DECEMBER 11TH BEGINNING AT 5:30 PM IN WASHINGTON, DC. YOUR EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND NATIONAL BOARD OF MANAGEMENT ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO CELEBRATING THE SEASON WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES SOON!

ONE OF THE THINGS I LOVE BEST ABOUT DECEMBER IS SEEING ALL THE PHOTOS OF DAR MEMBERS IN ACTION IN THEIR COMMUNITIES. YOUR GENEROUS SERVICE, DESPITE THE COLD WEATHER AND BUSY CALENDAR, BRINGS SMILES TO MANY FACES AND FULFILLS THE MISSION OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY. LET IT CONTINUE TO BE OUR HOLIDAY TRADITION TO HONOR OUR VETERANS THROUGH WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA—THIS YEAR ON DECEMBER 14TH, TO CELEBRATE OUR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY AND FIRST RESPONDERS THROUGH THE DAR PROJECT PATRIOT COMMITTEE, AND TO SUPPORT LOCAL CHILDREN AND CLASSROOMS. MANY ORGANIZATIONS HAVE SPECIFIC WISH LISTS THEY ARE SEEKING TO FULFILL, SO PLEASE ALSO INVESTIGATE IN YOUR LOCAL AREA!

THIS SEASON, WE ALSO HOPE THAT YOU WILL TAKE TIME TO REJOICE IN OUR DAR TIES OF SERVICE AND FRIENDSHIP! THROUGH CHAPTER CELEBRATIONS OR BY MEETING UP TOGETHER FOR FELLOWSHIP. PLEASE LOOK OUT FOR ONE ANOTHER AND CHECK IN ON THOSE MEMBERS WHO YOU MAY NOT HAVE SEEN IN A LONG TIME. THERE ARE MANY SEASONS IN LIFE AND WE ARE COMMITTED TO ONE ANOTHER THROUGH OUR SHARED BONDS AS DAUGHTERS.

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JANUARY DATES OF NOTE

JANUARY 1: PRESIDENT LINCOLN ISSUES THE EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION, WHICH GRANTS FREEDOM TO SLAVES LIVING IN THE CONFEDERACY IF THEY CAN ESCAPE TO UNION LINES OR WHEN THE UNION ARMY'S OCCUPIES THE CONFEDERATE TERRITORY WHERE THEY LIVE. BEFORE THE PROCLAMATION, THE FUGITIVE SLAVE ACT REQUIRED ESCAPED SLAVES TO BE RETURNED TO THEIR MASTERS (1863).

JANUARY 10: IN WASHINGTON, D.C., THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PASSES LEGISLATION FOR WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE (1918).

JANUARY 14: THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS RATIFIES THE TREATY OF PARIS, FORMALLY ENDING THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION ALMOST 3 YEARS AFTER THE FIGHTING STOPPED AND THE BRITISH WITHDREW (1784).

JANUARY 16: THE 18TH AMENDMENT GOES INTO EFFECT, MAKING IT ILLEGAL TO MANUFACTURE, TRANSPORT, OR SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN THE UNITED STATES (1920).

JANUARY 20: AS RONALD REAGAN IS SWORN IN AS THE 40TH PRESIDENT, THE 52 AMERICAN HOSTAGES HELD FOR 444 DAYS ARE RELEASED FROM THEIR CAPTORS IN TEHRAN, IRAN (1981).

JANUARY 25: NEWLY INAUGURATED PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY HOLDS THE FIRST PRESIDENTIAL NEWS CONFERENCE BEFORE LIVE TELEVISION CAMERAS (1961).

JANUARY 27: A CEASE FIRE IN VIETNAM IS CALLED AS THE PARIS PEACE ACCORDS ARE SIGNED BY THE UNITED STATES AND NORTH VIETNAM (1973).

DECEMBER REMEMBERED



AMERICA 250! EXHIBIT PRESENTATION

VISIT TO COLOR COUNTRY DAR IN ST. GEORGE (IN PERIOD ATTIRE)



MAKING CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR VETERANS AND DELIVERING CARDS



NATIONAL DEFENDER

WITH THE ODDS STACKED AGAINST THEM AND STRONG FEELINGS THAT AFRICAN AMERICANS COULD NOT SUCCEED AS OFFICERS, 16 BLACK ENLISTED MEN WOULD ASSEMBLE IN JANUARY 1944 AT THE U.S. NAVY RECRUIT TRAINING COMMAND, GREAT LAKES, ILLINOIS, FOR OFFICER TRAINING. EXPECTED TO COMPLETE THE COURSE IN 8 WEEKS WHEN IT NORMALLY FINISHED IN 16, THEY HELPED EACH OTHER SUCCEED BY STUDYING AND DRILLING LATE INTO THE NIGHT, WITH ALL PASSING THEIR EXAMS. THE NAVY HAD EXPECTED A 25% ATTRITION RATE, SIMILAR TO THAT OF WHITE OFFICER CANDIDATES. THE FINAL TEST SCORES –WITH SOME EXAMS TAKEN TWICE BECAUSE THEY WERE THOUGHT TO HAVE BEEN CHEATING– YIELDED THE HIGHEST AVERAGE OF ANY NAVY CLASS AT THAT TIME, 3.89 OUT OF 4. DESPITE THE FACT THAT THEY ALL PASSED THE COURSE IN MARCH 1944, THE NAVY COMMISSIONED 75% OF THE MEN AS OFFICERS, PLUS A 13TH AS A CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER, HENCE THE MONIKER “THE GOLDEN THIRTEEN.” THE OTHER THREE MEN WERE SENT BACK TO THE ENLISTED RANKS WITHOUT EXPLANATION.

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UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP QUIZ

THE IDEAS OF SELF-GOVERNMENT IS IN THE FIRST THREE WORDS OF THE CONSTITUTION. WHAT ARE THEY?

WHAT DO THE STARS ON THE US FLAG REPRESENT?

NAME ONE OF THE TWO LONGEST RIVERS IN THE US

HOW OLD DO CITIZENS HAVE TO BE TO VOTE FOR PRESIDENT?

UNDER OUR CONSTITUTION, SOME POWERS BELONG TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. WHAT IS ONE POWER OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT?

ANSWERS AT THE NEXT CHAPTER MEETING!

2025 CALENDAR JANUARY - JUNE

JANUARY 11 @10AM - REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 15 @ 10:45 - VETS CHAT

FEBRUARY 8 @ 10AM - REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 19 @ 10:45 - VETS CHAT

MARCH 8 @ 10AM - REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 19 @ 10:45 - VETS CHAT

APRIL 4-6 - STATE CONFERENCE - (100 YR. ANNIVERSARY OF NSSDAR)

APRIL 5TH - 5 YR. ANNIVERSARY - VIRGIN VALLEY CHAPTER

APRIL 16 @ 10:45 - VETS CHAT

APRIL 19 @ 10AM - REGULAR MEETING

MAY 10 @ 10AM - REGULAR MEETING

MAY 21 @ 10:45 - VETS CHAT

JUNE 14 @ 10AM - REGULAR MEETING

JUNE 18 @ 10:45 - VETS CHAT

JUNE 25 - 29 - CONTINENTAL CONGRESS WASHINGTON DC