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# Virgin Valley Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution

◆◆ December 2024  
Newsletter

## THE 5TH ANNUAL VETERANS DAY PARTY - A COUNTRY WESTERN JAMBOREE



L-R- RUTH DICKIE, SANDY BELL, CINDY CONTI, NANCY BLANCO, LEIGH ROESSNER, MIRIAM KEENER, AMY BRADSHAW, KITTY SMITH

THIS YEAR THE VIRGIN VALLEY DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION HOSTED THE 5TH ANNUAL VETERAN'S DAY FUNDRAISING PARTY IT WAS TRULY A SPECTACULAR EVENT. WE STARTED PLANNING IN MARCH AND ONCE AGAIN OUR HARD WORK HAS PAID OFF AND WE RAISED \$18,550.58 FOR THE MESQUITE VETERAN CENTER

WE CELEBRATED WITH LIVE MUSIC, DANCING, GREAT FOOD AND AMAZING RAFFLE AND SILENT AUCTION PRIZES. MAYOR AL LITTMAN WAS THE MC AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE MESQUITE VETERAN CENTER (MVC) STEVE REYNOLDS WAS THE GUEST SPEAKER. MOST IMPORTANTLY, WE HONORED AND CELEBRATED OUR VETERANS. WE HAD VETERANS ATTEND THAT HAD SERVED AS FAR BACK AS WW II AND IT WAS TRULY A SPECIAL DAY

IT AMAZES ME HOW A DEDICATED GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS CAN ACCOMPLISH SO MUCH REGARDLESS OF THEIR SIZE. JUST THINK BACK IN 1890, FOUR DEDICATED, PATRIOTIC WOMEN: EUGENIA WASHINGTON, MARY DESHA, ELLEN HARDIN WALWORTH AND MARY SMITH LOCKWOOD FOUNDED THE NATIONAL SOCIETY DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION (NSDAR) ON THE TENANTS OF PATRIOTISM, EDUCATION AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION. OVER THE LAST 134 YEARS THE ORGANIZATION HAS HAD OVER 1,000,000 MEMBERS CONTINUING ON THE TRADITIONS OF SERVICE TO THEIR COMMUNITY, VETERANS AND AMERICA.

THE NSDAR PRESIDENT GENERAL'S THEME FOR HER ADMINISTRATION IS TO **CELEBRATE STARS AND STRIPES FOREVER!** LOOKING BACK OVER THE YEAR MEMBERS OF THE VVDAR SHOULD BE PROUD OF WHAT OUR CHAPTER HAS ACCOMPLISHED IN ALL THREE AREAS OF THE DAR FOCUS

I WISH EVERYONE A JOYOUS HOLIDAY SEASON AND A SAFE AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

*Leigh Roessner*



**VETERANS PARTY 2024**

## GROUP PHOTO OF LOCAL VETERANS IN FRONT OF MILITARY BRANCH FLAGS

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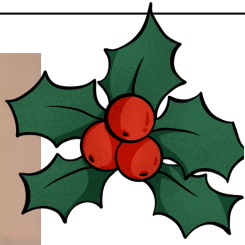
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# Chapter Activities

## President General's Message

Dear Daughters,  
 This year has been full of momentum as we have made progress in all of our mission areas of historic preservation, education and patriotism! As we cap off 2024 and look forward to 2025, the National Society is grateful for all that you contribute and for the sustained health and vibrancy of our organization. This November, please join DAR in honoring Veterans Day on November 11. The United States began commemorating Veterans Day in 1938 as "Armistice Day" to mark the end of World War I on November 11, 1918. Congress later amended the Act of 1938 to commemorate "Veterans Day" to honor American Veterans of all wars. As Daughters, we are committed to acknowledging and publicly recognizing our Veterans' service and sacrifice across the country, including those DAR members who have served. Please take time this month to thank our Veterans for their service.

CHAPTER MEMBERS  
 PLACED A WREATH  
 AT EACH OF  
 MESQUITES  
 CEMETERIES ON NOV.  
 6TH



DELIVERING VETERAN'S  
 DAY CARDS TO MESA  
 VALLEY ESTATES

PACKING BOXES FOR  
 SOLDIERS OVER SEAS



DON'T FORGET TO LOG  
 YOUR SERVICE TO  
 AMERICA HOURS



# DID YOU KNOW THAT DAR INSIGNIA PINS ARE PLACED IN A SPECIFIC ORDER ON THE OFFICIAL RIBBON?



DAR PINS ARE PLACED ON THE OFFICIAL RIBBON USING THE ORDER LISTED IN **FORM INS-1000** STARTING AT THE TOP RIGHT OF THE RIBBON (PLEASE SEE GRAPHIC TO THE RIGHT). BEGIN WITH THE HIGHEST OFFICE AT THE TOP RIGHT OF THE OFFICIAL RIBBON (NEAREST THE ARM IF WEARING A DOUBLE OR TRIPLE) AND ENDING WITH THE INSIGNIA AT THE BOTTOM OF THE RIBBON CLOSEST TO YOUR HEART.



## CAN YOU PASS THE PLACEMENT QUIZ?

LIST THE ABOVE PINS IN THE CORRECT ORDER ON THE RIBBON (ANSWERS ON NEXT PAGE)



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# NATIONAL DEFENDER

BILL OF RIGHTS DAY IS DECEMBER 15TH--A DAY TO CELEBRATE! BY SARAH TOWNE-DI CICCIO NATIONAL CONSTITUTION WEEK COMMITTEE MEMBER CA STATE CHAIR COMMEMORATIVE EVENTS COMMITTEE TODAY, WHEN MENTION IS MADE OF THE CONSTITUTION WHAT OFTEN SPRINGS TO MIND ISN'T THE TRIPARTITE STRUCTURE OR THE "CHECKS AND BALANCES" OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CREATED UNDER THIS DOCUMENT. RATHER, IT IS THE PROCLAMATION OF OUR BIRTHRIGHT: LIFE, LIBERTY, AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS. IT IS THE BILL OF RIGHTS. NATIONAL DEBATE HAD MADE CLEAR THESE AMENDMENTS WERE THE TANGIBLE EXPRESSION OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE AND WERE VITAL TO UNITY. LIFE, LIBERTY, AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS HINGED ON PROTECTING THESE RIGHTS. IT IS ONE THING TO DECLARE INDEPENDENCE, AND QUITE ANOTHER TO ACHIEVE IT. THOUGH OUR CONSTITUTION IS THE GOVERNMENTAL EXPRESSION OF OUR INDEPENDENCE, THE BILL OF RIGHTS IS THE ULTIMATE BULWARK AGAINST TYRANNY. THE BILL OF RIGHTS MAKES PLAIN THE RIGHTS INHERENT TO A FREE PEOPLE, THUS WHAT CAN NEVER BE TAKEN AWAY. IT'S THE DECLARATION OF OUR INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY AS "WE THE PEOPLE." LET'S CELEBRATE, AND CHERISH, THE BILL OF RIGHTS.

## DECEMBER DATES OF NOTE

DECEMBER 5: THE 21<sup>ST</sup> AMENDMENT ENDS PROHIBITION IN THE UNITED STATES, WHICH HAD BEGUN IN 1920 WITH THE ADOPTION OF THE 18<sup>TH</sup> AMENDMENT, INSTIGATING A NATIONWIDE PROHIBITION ON ALCOHOL. IT IS THE ONLY AMENDMENT TO REPEAL A PRIOR ONE AND THE ONLY ONE RATIFIED BY STATE RATIFYING CONVENTIONS (1933).

DECEMBER 7: JAPANESE PLANES RAID PEARL HARBOR, HAWAII, IN A SURPRISE ATTACK, BRINGING THE U.S. INTO WORLD WAR II (1941).

DECEMBER 18: SLAVERY IS ABOLISHED IN THE U.S. WHEN THE 13<sup>TH</sup> AMENDMENT IS FORMALLY ADOPTED INTO THE U.S. CONSTITUTION, ENSURING THAT "NEITHER SLAVERY NOR INVOLUNTARY SERVITUDE ... SHALL EXIST WITHIN THE UNITED STATES, OR ANY PLACE SUBJECT TO THEIR JURISDICTION" (1865).

DECEMBER 20: THE UNITED STATES BUYS THE LOUISIANA TERRITORY FROM FRANCE (1802).

DECEMBER 21: THE U.S. CONGRESS AUTHORIZES THE MEDAL OF HONOR TO BE AWARDED TO NAVY PERSONNEL WHO HAVE DISTINGUISHED THEMSELVES BY GALLANTRY IN ACTION (1862).

DECEMBER 21: THE PILGRIMS LAND AT OR NEAR PLYMOUTH ROCK (1620).

DECEMBER 25: LOUISIANA AND ARKANSAS BECOME THE FIRST STATES TO OBSERVE CHRISTMAS AS A LEGAL HOLIDAY (1831).

DECEMBER 31: A NEW TRADITION BEGINS AS CROWDS GATHER IN NEW YORK'S TIMES SQUARE TO CELEBRATE THE END OF THE OLD YEAR. AS MIDNIGHT STRIKES, AN ILLUMINATED GLOBE DESCENDS A POLE ATOP THE TIMES TOWER, USHERING IN THE NEW YEAR (1904)

PIN PLACEMENT ANSWERS  
TOP TO BOTTOM  
G,A,D,F,B,C,E

*Thank you for  
Reading!*



## 2025 WINTER/SPRING CALENDAR

DECEMBER 14 @ 10AM - REGULAR MEETING

DECEMBER 18 @ 10:45 - VETS CHAT

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 19 @ 10AM - REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 16 @ 10:45 - VETS CHAT

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