

VIRGIN VALLEY CHAPTER DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

October 2024 Newsletter

Regent's Message

In August and September's newsletters I shared my thoughts on Historic Preservation and Education. The third pillar of the DAR is Patriotism. There are several similar definitions of Patriotism depending on the source, one I read that I found particularly agreeable was from the Stanford encyclopedia of philosophy. "patriotism can be defined as love of one's country, identification with it, and special concern for its well-being and that of its compatriots"

In DAR we not only concerned with the well-being of our compatriots but our veterans especially. Not all veterans have always been treated with appreciation or even kindness for that matter. Although we can not change the past, we can make an extra effort to recognize and honor all of our Veterans from this day forward.

In November we will celebrate Veteran's Day, this is a perfect time to make an extra undertaking to stop and sincerely thank a Veteran for his or her service. Last year we had a handful of WWII Veterans at our Veteran's Day Fundraising Party. If one calculates the dates of WWII which was from 1939-1945. Then figure most men were drafted at the age of 18, however, some soldiers did enlist at 16 or 17 years old. This would mean that now, the youngest and the last of our beloved WWII veterans are well into their 90's. Please do not wait to say "Thank You". In addition to being a Daughter of the American Revolution, I am the granddaughter of a WWII veteran as well.



Emil 'Pete' Picior circa 1943
aka "Grandpa"
Oct. 1912 - Sept. 1997

President Generals Message



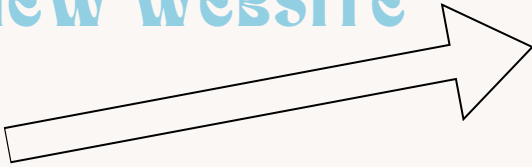
Dear Daughters,

The return of crisp fall air for many across the country marks the exciting start to the new DAR year. We hope that you are returning energized and refreshed from any summer travels. As you prepare for and attend events, we encourage you to check the DAR Members' Website and the National Information Packet for updated committee project ideas, contests and key dates.

From September 17-23, we will continue our annual tradition of commemorating Constitution Week. The week presents a unique opportunity for Daughters to engage our local communities through programs, Bells Across America, educational displays and other events. The Constitution Week Committee provides a number of resources on the DAR Members' Website to assist chapters, including a "Constitution Week Toolbox" that will save you hours of research! The DAR Store also has printed materials and posters for displays.

To continue reading the President Generals Message go to www.dar.org

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Month in Review

LITTLE FREE
LIBRARY

BELLS ACROSS
AMERICA

THE LIBERTY BUS

Bells Across America 9/17/2024



l-r DAR members Vickie Clift, Nancy Blanco, Sandy Ball, Amy Bradshaw



Speaker Jeff McKenna and seated l-r Leigh Roessner, Ruth Dickie, Mona Crandell Hook, Montyne Connolly, Mayor Al Litman

MESQUITE
BELL CHOIR



To Commemorate the signing of the US Constitution

Virgin Valley Chapter DAR invited Mr. Jeffery McKenna to speak at Veteran's Memorial Park about the events building up to the American Revolutionary War. At precisely 1pm (4pm EST) the attendees and the Mesquite Bell Choir rang bells as they did in 1787 in Philadelphia to celebrate the signing of the constitution. Mr. McKenna generously donated all proceeds from his book, "Saving Dr. Warren...A True Patriot" to the Virgin Valley DAR.

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WEBSITE
VIRGINVALLEYDAR.ORG

Little Free Library installed at the Mesquite Arts Center

Mesquite's newest Little Free Library (LFL) was installed at the Mesquite Fine Art Center last month. Little Free Library is a volunteer-led book exchange box.

This library was constructed and donated by the Virgin Valley Daughters of the American Revolution. Thanks to the help of Nick Montoya, the Mesquite Rec Center and Arts Center we were able to find it a home at the Mesquite Fine Arts Center. You can download the LittleFreeLibrary app and it will provide you with a map as to where to find them around the city. The public is welcome to take a book and/or donate a book to the library box. We are hoping for a variety of books for children and adults, fiction and non-fiction, English and Spanish books are welcome.

It is decorated with a patriotic theme to promote awareness of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence which is approaching on July 4, 2026.



l-r Nancy Blanco, Leigh Roessner, Amy Bradshaw, Susan Wolfe, Chris Picior

Liberty Bus arrives at Beaver Dam Elem. School

The Liberty Bus from 'United We Pledge' traveled from St. George, UT to Beaver Dam, AZ on 9/20/24. The Liberty Bus is a mobile learning center that teaches children about the American Revolution and the founding documents such as the Declaration of Independence, the US Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

This interactive learning opportunity allows students to walk through various station and get classroom reenactments that'll make you feel like you're back in time.

Ruth Dickie of the The Virgin Valley DAR facilitated this visit from the Liberty Bus and is already working on another visit for next year.



l-r Ruth Dickie, Leigh Roessner, Heather Lindsey

National Defender

The Constitution in 1787: "Now or Never"

"The crisis has arrived when the people of these United States, by whose will and for whose benefit the federal government was instituted, must decide whether they will support their rank as a nation, by maintaining the public faith at home and abroad; or whether, for want of timely exertion in establishing general revenue, and thereby giving strength to the confederacy, they will hazard not only the existence of the union, but of those great and invaluable privileges for which they have so arduously and so honorably contended."

-Committee of Congress, February 1787



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October Dates of Note

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October 13 - Navy Birthday & the founding of the U.S. Naval Academy in 1845.

October 24 - United Nations Day this day recognizes the efforts of nations to work together for peace, justice, and cooperation.

October 26 - National Day of the Deployed

Daughters of the American Revolution
Virgin Valley Chapter
Celebrate America 250! By remembering Our
American Revolutionary War Patriots

Levi Ayer, NJ, PS
Phillip Briggs, NY, Pvt
Martha Bryan Boone, VA, PS
James Dillard, VA, Pvt
Josiah Fuller, MA, Pvt
Peter Green, NY, Pvt
John D. Hennion, NJ, Pvt PS
Patrick McGee, PA, Pvt PS
John Partridge Bissel, CT, Pvt
John Patten, NC, PS
Samuel Pennypacker, PA, Pvt
Godfrey Ragsdale, VA, Lt
John Sparks, VA, PS
Jacob Sperry, VA, Pvt PS
Elijah Teague, SC, CS
Joseph Telford, SC, PS
Elijah White, MA, Pvt
Peter Whitney, CT, Pvt
Thomas Zwayer, PA, Sol



Fall Calendar 2024

October 10th – VVDAR day of Service Project

October 12th – DAR Regular Meeting 10 am

October 16th – Vets Chat at Mesa Valley Estates 10:30am

October 18th - Veteran's Day Card Making 11am

October 26th – Sun City Garage Sale

November 2nd – DAR Regular Meeting 10 am

November 6th – 10:00 am Wreath Laying at Veteran's Memorial Park
10:30 am Wreath Laying at Mesquite City Cemetery

November 9th – 5th Annual Veterans Fundraising Party
“A Country Western Jamboree”

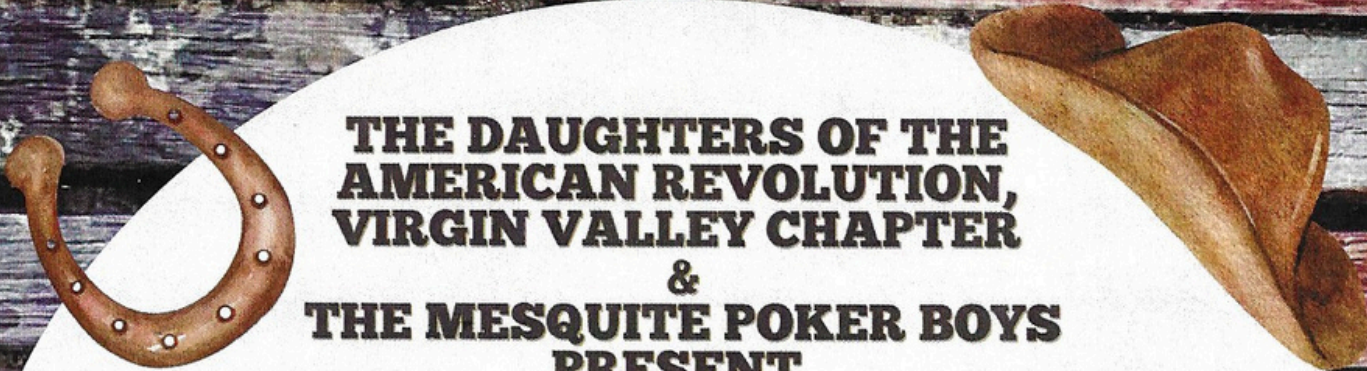
November – No Vets Chat

December 14th – DAR Regular Meeting 10 am



***Remember to log your Service to America hours

<http://services.dar.org/members/committees/ServiceToAmerica/>



**THE DAUGHTERS OF THE
AMERICAN REVOLUTION,
VIRGIN VALLEY CHAPTER
&
THE MESQUITE POKER BOYS
PRESENT**

★ *5th Annual Veterans Party* ★
“A COUNTRY WESTERN JAMBOREE”



**A tribute to the Veterans of Mesquite to raise
funds for the Mesquite Veterans Center.**

**Featuring live country music, buffet,
cash bar, silent auction & more!**

Tickets \$25.00 per person

Saturday, November 9, 2024

2:00pm - 5:30pm

Virgin River Event Tent

100. E Pioneer Blvd



**Tickets available at the
Mesquite Fine Arts Center**

Western Attire Encouraged

 **DAR**
Daughters of the American Revolution



MESQUITE GAMING

Card Blanca Virgin River
HOTEL-CASINO-DOE-500
Hotel
Casino