



Virgin Valley Chapter E-Newsletter

Regent's Message: **Happy 4th of July!**

The biggest patriotic celebration of the year. Freedom, flags and fireworks resonate throughout our local communities and the nation. It is at this time we can reflect on and honor our forefathers that fought for the freedom of these United States, risking their lives and their fortunes.

This 4th of July will also mark the two-year countdown to America's 250th birthday, the country's semi-quincentennial! The U.S. Semi-quincentennial Commission was formed to recognize and celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. America250.org is a nonpartisan commission working to engage Americans in commemorating the 250th anniversary of the United States of America. Nevada is onboard with America 250, and the NV State Society DAR will be represented and participating in the state's efforts.



This commission offers an opportunity to celebrate our nation's history and look toward the future we want to create for generations to come. The three pillars of the National Society of the DAR are: Historic Preservation, Education and Patriotism. Over the next two years I anticipate many opportunities within our community to participate in all three.

I wish everyone fun and safe holiday!

In DAR Service and Friendship,
Leigh Roessner
Regent – VVDAR

P.S. As much as we all love fireworks, please remember to make sure your pets feel safe and secure.

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About The 4th of July and the Declaration of Independence



The Declaration of Independence, formally titled The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America (in the engrossed version but also the original printing), is the founding document of the United States. On July 4, 1776, it was adopted unanimously by the 56 delegates to the Second Continental Congress, who had convened at the

Pennsylvania State House, later renamed Independence Hall, in the colonial era capital of Philadelphia. The declaration explains to the world why the Thirteen Colonies regarded themselves as independent sovereign states no longer subject to British colonial rule.

The 56 delegates who signed the Declaration of Independence came to be known as the nation's Founding Fathers, and the Declaration has become one of the most circulated, reprinted, and influential documents in world history.

The Second Continental Congress charged the Committee of Five, including John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, Robert R. Livingston, and Roger Sherman, with authoring the Declaration. Adams, a leading proponent of independence, persuaded the Committee of Five to charge Jefferson with writing the document's original draft, which the Second Continental Congress then edited. Jefferson largely wrote the Declaration in isolation between June 11 and June 28, 1776, from the second floor of a three-story home he was renting at 700 Market Street in Philadelphia.

The Declaration was a formal explanation of why the Continental Congress voted to declare American independence from the Kingdom of Great Britain, a year after the American Revolutionary War began in April 1775. Two days prior to the Declaration's unanimous adoption, the Second Continental Congress unanimously passed the Lee Resolution, which established the consensus of the Congress that the British had no governing authority over the Thirteen Colonies.

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President General's Message – Pamela Rouse Wright –2024

Dear Daughters,

The 133rd Continental Congress is right around the corner and we cannot wait to welcome you with open arms to our headquarters and home in Washington, D.C., from June 24-30 to Celebrate Stars and Stripes Forever! This spring, I have greatly enjoyed the beautiful country, generous hospitality, and enthusiasm of all our members from the Western States. Throughout my travels, I have been filled with the reassurance that the health our organization is strong, and cannot wait to share this with you while you are in town.



A highlight and tremendous honor in June will be attending the dedication of the Marian Anderson Hall at the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The Kimmel Center's concert hall is the home of the renowned Philadelphia Orchestra and will be renamed to honor the legacy and great achievements of Marian Anderson. We are proud to promote and support her legacy by being a sponsor of the gala celebration and through our own DAR Marian Anderson Legacy Fund and Scholarship.

A little later in the month, the Executive Board will have the honor of laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington Cemetery in Virginia. Through this tradition, we remember and pay tribute to the sacrifices of American service members, particularly those who remain unidentified. The DAR is proud to have carried on this tradition for more than 100 years since the Unknown was interred in Arlington Cemetery in 1921.

Fostering healthy transition is one of our great responsibilities as stewards in ensuring the sustainability of the DAR's mission advancing historic preservation, education, and patriotism. As a volunteer women's service organization, we follow a cycle of swearing in new leaders at every level of the organization, and we rely on those who are willing to take a risk and raise their hands to serve in these roles. This month, as many chapters and states pass the baton, please take the time to thank those who have served, but also to ensure that those taking on new roles have what they need to be successful. Their success will be your success! If you are one of these new leaders, we thank you for embarking on this journey and encourage you to share new ideas for how we can make a difference.

Finally, as spring turns to summer, we hope you will take advantage of the good weather to fellowship with old friends while making new ones. Perhaps there is someone in your chapter who you have not heard from in some time. Shared sisterhood in the DAR holds a special place in the fabric of our National Society and we thank you so much for all you do for the organization. Let's **Rejoice in Our DAR Ties of Service and Friendship!**

Pamela Rouse Wright
President General

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Month in Review

June 6th - D-Day: Commemorating the 80th Anniversary of the landing of D-Day today, I would like to share contributions women had in the ultimate success of D-Day. There is an interesting [CBS Newsclip](#) on Jean Sims, a "Code Girl" and one of the very few people in the world to know about D-Day before it happened.

June 8th – Informal luncheon: DAR members and prospective members met at Scotty's Bar and Grill for brunch and shared ideas for the upcoming months. It was a nice opportunity to socialize with members outside of business meetings.

L-R - Claire Kirchen, Ruth Dickie, Leigh Roessner, Diane Minor, Amy Bradshaw, Elaine Rebele, Kitty Smith



June 14th – Elks Flag Day Ceremony in Mesquite:

VVDAR Treasurer Amy Bradshaw attended a Flag Day Ceremony hosted by the Mesquite Elks Lodge at Veterans Memorial Park.



Amy Bradshaw and others community members holding flags for the ceremony

June 14th – America 250 Dedication at Red Rock Canyon in Las Vegas:



VVDAR members attended Las Vegas Red Rock Canyon’s DAR chapter in an America 250 Monument Dedication. Red Rock Canyon Chapter Regent Sue Roach lead the dedication and unveiled the monument after members of the Cimarron Memorial HS Air Force JROTC performed the posting of the Colors.

L-R - Sandy Ball, Ruth Dickie, Leigh Roessner

June 15th – Flag Day Ceremony in Las Vegas: The following morning Virgin Valley DAR Chapter Regent Leigh Roessner attended a Flag Day Ceremony presented by the DAR Francisco Garces Chapter, at the Rose Garden Lorenzi Park in Las Vegas. Francisco Garces Chapter Regent Jennifer Kean introduced State of Nevada Lieutenant Governor Stavros Anthony, who spoke a few words about the American Flag. The lowering and folding of the retired flag were executed by the Henderson Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol.



L-R -Leigh Roessner with Red Rock Canyon DAR member Amy Hacker

June 19th – Vets Chat



Mesa Valley Estates resident Veterans with VVDAR members showing off their cowboy hat centerpieces

July Dates of Note

July 4, 1776 – Independence Day

July 26, 1948 – Desegregation of Federal workforce and Armed Forces
(under President Truman)

July 27, 1953 – Korean War Armistice

July 29, 1775 – Army Chaplin Corps. Founded

Upcoming Events

Aug 2-4 – Summer Forum – Elko NV please email Leigh at leighdc98@hotmail.com if you are interested in attending.

Sept 17th – Bells Across America – 12:15 at Veterans Memorial Park in Mesquite. This is our kick off of Constitution Week with special guest speaker Jeffery McKenna author of *Saving Dr. Warren... "A True Patriot"* (see flyer)

September 21st – Flag Retirement Ceremony 9-10:30 at the Mesquite Veterans Center
Followed by DAR Regular Meeting at 10:30

October 11th – DAR day of Service


Nov 9th – “A Country Western Jamboree” The 5th Annual Veterans Fundraising Party 2-5pm at the Virgin River Event Tent (see flyer)

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**COME JOIN THE VIRGIN VALLEY
CHAPTER
DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
*BELLS ACROSS AMERICA***

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2024

VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK
501 HILLSIDE DR, MESQUITE, NV

SHORT PROGRAM BEGINNING AT 12:15 P.M.

GUEST SPEAKER: JEFFREY J MCKENNA, HISTORIAN
AUTHOR OF SAVING DR. WARREN... "A TRUE PATRIOT"

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 WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR A DONATION OR BRING
YOUR OWN. BRING A LAWN CHAIR IN WHICH TO SIT.



**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



MESQUITE GAMING

