



## Virgin Valley Chapter E-Newsletter

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**Next Chapter Meeting**  
**March 9, 2024**  
**Women's Center**



### Regent's Message

Greetings everyone!

Our February meeting was very productive and the card assembly for the veterans for Valentine's Day was quick and fun!

We enjoyed hearing Sandy Ball's Patriot story and want to thank you Sandy. I always enjoy hearing patriot stories as I find out so much more about our past, and each one is unique and explains what they did to obtain the freedoms we have today.

We have given Paul Benedict of the Exchange Club his award from our chapter at the City Council Meeting for his 17 years of service to our community. He was greatly appreciative of the recognition he was given.

We have a few more members and prospectives who will be attending the March Conference, and Ruth has offered to take anyone wanting to go and return home the same day on both Friday and Saturday. We will also have a table at the conference to sell DAR badges with their chapter name. We also have hats that we will be offering for sale with the DAR logo and State of Nevada, or Chapter name. If anyone from our chapter is interested, please contact Leigh Roessner at: [leighdc98@hotmail.com](mailto:leighdc98@hotmail.com).

Our next meeting of the year is going to be March 9<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, at 10:00 AM to 12 Noon. Please let me know if there is anything you would like to have put on our agenda no later than March 6<sup>th</sup> by emailing me at [vickijclift@gmail.com](mailto:vickijclift@gmail.com).

**In DAR Friendship,  
Vicki Clift, Regent**

## President General's Message – Pamela Rouse Wright

Dear Daughters,

We hope that you are staying safe amid the wintery weather across the country. Please take care of one another and share some extra sparkle with those who cannot make it to chapter meetings during this season.

This month, we hope that you will take a moment on or around February 22nd to honor the legacy of Revolutionary War Patriot and Founding Father George Washington. If you are looking for material for a program, Mount Vernon's Washington Library has videos, podcasts, and other resources to share with your chapter. You may also consider reading his Farewell Address aloud at a meeting. A perhaps surprising and lesser-known fact is that Washington never actually delivered his Farewell Address publicly, but instead published it in Philadelphia's *Daily American Advertiser* in 1796.

Separately, we send our congratulations to all our chapters for the recent completion of the Chapter Master Report. We recognize that it takes significant time to compile and document your service contributions and are excited to share in your success during our upcoming Continental Congress in June. No contribution is insignificant and we are grateful! This month, our state and national committee chairs will be processing and compiling chapter input for our records.

If you are seeking indoor service opportunities or if you are looking to learn more about the DAR, our committee pages on the [Members' Website](#) have a wealth of ideas and information. Consider putting together care packages for deployed soldiers as a part of [Project Patriot](#), assisting with our Patriot indexing through the [Patriot Records Project](#), or learning about our organizational missions by perusing the DAR Leadership Training Committee's [Webinar Library](#). Don't forget about our membership, committee, leadership, and genealogy classes, as well!

Finally, this month we also wanted to spotlight the amazing work and contributions of the [Americanism Committee](#), which is dedicated to promoting citizenship and civics across the country. The DAR has a long history of supporting immigrants as they pursue American citizenship and the Americanism Committee was established in 1919, with this in mind. The [DAR Manual for Citizenship](#)—first published in Italian in 1910, by Connecticut Daughters as *The Guide to the United States for Immigrants*—is available for download on the Member's Website. There are also many opportunities for chapters to support this committee by participating in naturalization ceremonies in your local communities, sponsoring award winners for the DAR Medal of Honor and the Americanism medal, or even by singing a patriotic song at a chapter meeting as the Rochelle Chapter of Illinois does. Please check the committee webpage for ideas!

Thank you so much for all you do for the National Society. Let's Rejoice in Our DAR Ties of Service and Friendship!

**Pamela Rouse Wright**

President General



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## Upcoming Events:

Our next "Vets Chat" will be February 21st at Mesa Valley Estates at 10:30 AM. Please let Ruth know if you will be attending by emailing her at [rmdickie.rd@gmail.com](mailto:rmdickie.rd@gmail.com). She can use the help.

We will be having our second meeting of the year for the prospective members on February 27th at 5:30 to 6:30 pm at the Genealogy Library, 100 N Arrowhead Ln, Mesquite, NV 89027.

Please remember to keep collecting coupons for our military and bring them to our meeting so Karen Peck can forward to our organization.

Also, if you have any change you are collecting for our chapter, please bring that to our next meeting. We will have a box for you to put them in for Elaine, our treasurer.



## [Air Force's Arlington Ladies Celebrate 75 Years of Service](#)

*By Andi Tart, South Central Division Vice Chair National Defense Committee, and The Flower Mound Chapter Regent, Flower Mound, Texas*

Arlington National Cemetery is the most hallowed burial ground of our nation's fallen. A fully operational national cemetery since May 1864, Arlington conducts between 27 and 30 funeral services each weekday and between six and eight services on Saturdays — final farewells to fallen heroes and their family members. Arlington is one of the few cemeteries that offers graveside burials with military funeral honors with escort. For families, a service at Arlington is the time when the U.S. military bestows the honors befitting the service and sacrifice of their loved one.

In November 2023, a small group of dedicated ladies and one gentleman celebrated their 75th anniversary. The founding of this tradition coincided with the emergence of the U.S. Air Force as a distinct branch of the military. As General Hoyt S. Vandenberg, the second Chief of Staff of the Air Force and his wife Gladys walked in the cemetery, they observed that some of these services had only a chaplain and the honor guard in attendance.

Mrs. Vandenberg began to attend the services because she regarded these fallen Airmen as members of her family. She quickly recognized that they couldn't personally attend every Air Force interment, prompting her to call on close friends. Their mission was clear: to ensure that every Air Force member buried at Arlington received the recognition and appreciation they deserved from the highest echelons of leadership in this newly established service. This marked the inception of the very first group of Arlington Ladies, now a cherished and enduring part of a military tradition that is still in practice today. These Air Force wives officially became the Arlington Committee on November 8, 1948.

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## 2024 Meeting Schedule

March 9th  
April 13th  
May 11th June 8th  
July No Date  
August No Date  
September 14th  
October 12th  
November 9th  
December 14th

