



## Virgin Valley Chapter E-Newsletter

### Regent's Message:

### *Welcome Summer!*

I am honored to be serving as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Regent of the Virgin Valley Daughters of the American Revolution (VVDAR) for the next two years. It is inspiring to be in a service organization with women so dedicated to Patriotism, Education and Historical Preservation. With Summer upon us most of Mesquite slows down with the departure of our “snowbirds” and as the temperature is rising so are the volunteering efforts of the members of the VVDAR. *(see our month in review)*



I am happy to announce that three of our chapter members have been selected to serve as co-chairs for DAR State Committees. Ruth Dickie and Vicki Clift have been invited to co-chair the Constitution Week Committee and Sandy Ball was invited to co-chair the Service to America Committee. It is quite an honor to have our chapter represented on the State level. Another exciting announcement is that our Past Regent Vicki Clift has generously taken on the position of the Chapter Registrar. With Vicki's enthusiasm and expertise, our focus to increase the membership over the next two years will be an attainable goal.

I would like to share a story from my childhood, it was 1976 the year of America's Bicentennial. As I'm sure most of you remember there were celebrations nationwide. I can remember the parade, people dressed in colonial attire, and of course the fireworks! What many citizens do not realize is that in two short years America will be celebrating 250 years (Semi Quincentennial) as an independent nation. With this monumental event around the corner, it is a personal goal of mine to promote public awareness in Mesquite and around the state, so that children today can look back in 50 years and feel proud to have been part of this historic and commemorative celebration.

In closing, I would like to encourage all chapter members to subscribe to *American Spirit* magazine. It is a great publication filled with interesting historical articles as well as articles about American cultures and American women and men that have made significant contributions throughout our history. With your subscription as a member, you will also receive the *Daughters Newsletter* which includes details of national meetings as well as highlights on chapters around the country.

**In DAR Service and Friendship,**  
*Leigh Roessner*



## Chapter Officers - June 2024

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*Pictured from left to right, Vicki Clift, Amy Bradshaw, Leigh Roessner*

## President General's Message – Pamela Rouse Wright – May 2024



Dear Daughters,

Are you ready to *Celebrate Stars & Stripes Forever!*? We could not be more thrilled as we anticipate your arrival at our House Beautiful and cannot wait to celebrate your sparkling accomplishments in historic preservation, education and patriotism.

For many, May and June mark the end of the school year, including award ceremonies. This is the perfect time to award the National Defense Committee's ROTC and JROTC medals in your local communities. These medals help promote and reward model qualities in America's youth, including honor, service, courage, leadership and patriotism. If your chapter is not already working with a local program, National Defense Committee State Chairs can serve as a resource to assist with school matching. Detailed information on medals and selection criteria are available on the committee's webpage on the DAR Members' Website.

Did you know that last year, the Community Classrooms Committee launched a new Wright Administration pin, the Spark the Love of Learning Pin? Available from the DAR Store, this pin is the perfect way to show appreciation for your local teachers during National Teacher Appreciation Week from May 6–10, 2024. All proceeds directly support the DAR American Revolution Legacy Grant Program.

*To read more from the President General go to: <https://www.dar.org/> and sign in with your member ID - There you will see a box on the right hand side with a link to the President's General's Message.*



## Month in Review



May 4<sup>th</sup> - VVDAR was represented in the Mesquite Days Parade with a Patriotic themed golf cart.

Pictured left to right - Jan Hase, Vicki Clift, Ruth Dickie, Leigh Roessner

May 9<sup>th</sup> - VVDAR members brought cupcakes and America 250 stickers to the Mesquite Christian Academy to recognize the teachers for Teacher Appreciation. Our chapter asked Principal Sue Lapple if teachers would form an Amazon Wish list so that we would have an idea of needed school supplies. Mesquite Christian Academy was also gifted a year subscription to *American Spirit* magazine.



(Pictured left to right - Ruth Dickie, Barbara Rogers, Ben Keller, Leigh Roessner, Sue Lapple, Sandy Ball, Amanda Janson)



Month in Review cont.



May 14<sup>th</sup> – VVDAR helped the Mesquite Honor Guard with placing flags at the grave sites of Veterans. It was a beautiful day filled with gratitude for the men and women that served our country.

(Pictured from left to right - Stella Tandy, Ruth Dickie, Vicki Clift, Leigh Roessner)

May 15<sup>th</sup> – VVDAR members held the monthly “Vets Chat” at Mesa Valley Estates. Members also recruited the veteran’s help in putting together the centerpieces for our annual Veteran’s Fundraiser. Candy Kammerman, Nancy Blanco, Sandy Ball and Ruth Dickie attended the chat this month.

Pictured - Ruth and vets/ Candy & Nancy with vets making cowboy themed centerpieces



## Upcoming Events

(see all flyers on last pages)

**June 8<sup>th</sup>** – 10 am - Informal brunch at Scotty's Bar and Grill at Falcon Ridge Golf Course.

Please RSVP to Leigh at [leighdc98@hotmail.com](mailto:leighdc98@hotmail.com)

**June 8<sup>th</sup>** - 12 noon - Veterans Party Planning Committee Meeting at the Mesquite Veterans Center

**June 14<sup>th</sup>** – Red Rock Canyon Chapter – America 250 dedication – Las Vegas (see flyer)

**June 15<sup>th</sup>** – Frances Garces Chapter – Flag Day Ceremony – Las Vegas (see flyer)

**June 19<sup>th</sup>** – 10:30 - Vets Chat – Mesa Valley Estates

**Aug 2-4** – Summer Forum – Elko NV please email Leigh at [leighdc98@hotmail.com](mailto:leighdc98@hotmail.com) if you are interested in attending.

**Sept 17<sup>th</sup>** – 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)

**Nov 9<sup>th</sup>** – "A Country Western Jamboree" The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Veterans Fundraising Party 2-5pm at the Virgin River Event Tent (see flyer)



### Minnesota Chapter Honors Female WWI Veteran with Grave Marker, Dedication

*By Stephanie Sjoberg, Chapter Regent and distant cousin of the veteran, Willmar Chapter, Willmar, Minnesota*

The Willmar Chapter of Minnesota proudly sponsored a grave marker to honor Cecile D. Evans Taylor in light of her service during World War I as an Army Nurse Corps member. Ms. Evans served at the General Hospital, Fort Snelling, Minnesota, between 12 September 1918 and 9 August 1919, caring for the injured soldiers returning from the war and those suffering from the Spanish Flu. Ms. Evans died in 1999 at the age of 103, but did not have a marker at Evergreen Cemetery until late September 2023. Chapter Regent Stephanie Sjoberg was especially proud as she is Ms. Evans Taylor's second cousin twice removed.



*Cecile D. Evans Richey Taylor, at left at age 20, right age 95, Courtesy of the Orlando Sentinel, photo by Roberto Gonzalez*

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## June Dates of Note

June 6th – D-day invasion of Normandy the largest amphibious invasion in history (1944)

June 10th – John Adams proposes to Congress the designation of the Continental Army and appointment of George Washington to command the forces (1775)

June 14th Flag Day – Continental Congress agrees to a national flag with 13 stripes and 13 white stars in a blue field “representing the new constellation” (1777)

June 20th – Continental Congress adopts the design for the Great Seal of the United States (1782)

### Don't forget -

There are no regular meetings until September. Since there is no meeting in June, any chapter member who is in town is invited to an informal brunch on Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 10am at Scotty's Bar & Grill at Falcon Ridge Golf Course. This will be a great opportunity to share ideas with each other and get ready for a busy and exciting Fall!

Following brunch, our Veteran's Party Planning Committee will be meeting at 12 at the Mesquite Veteran's Center



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED AS  
WE CELEBRATE THE  
10TH ANNIVERSARY OF  
RED ROCK CANYON  
CHAPTER, NSDAR  
AND COMMEMORATE WITH THE



*Dedication of an  
America 250! Monument*

RED ROCK CANYON NATIONAL  
CONSERVATION AREA

**FRIDAY** **14** **JUNE**  
**2024**

AT 9 AM

3205 STATE HWY 159,  
LAS VEGAS, NV 89161  
LEFT OF VISITORS CENTER

RSVP BY JUNE 12TH TO [SUE51R@PM.ME](mailto:SUE51R@PM.ME)  
BUSINESS CASUAL DRESS





*The Daughter's of the  
Francisco Garces Chapter  
humbly request your presence  
to join us in celebrating the  
American Flag during the*

*2024 Community Flag Day Ceremony  
with our distinguished guest speaker*

*Lt. Governor Stavros Anthony*

*Saturday, the fifteenth of June 2024  
Nine AM PST*

*located at*

*Lorenzi Park Rose Garden  
3333 W. Washington Ave  
Las Vegas NV 89107*







**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.**

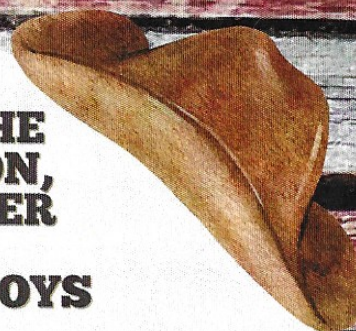
GUEST SPEAKER: JEFFREY J MCKENNA, HISTORIAN  
AUTHOR OF SAVING DR. WARREN... "A TRUE PATRIOT"

***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**

