

**STATUS REPORT OF
THE BATTLE BORN PATRIOTS CHAPTER,
NEVADA SOCIETY, SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
JANUARY 1 – OCTOBER 16, 2019**

WHAT'S NEW:

--**The Fund For Young Patriots.** This September we launched an ambitious (for us) education initiative we call the Fund For Young Patriots. The history and ideals of the American Revolution are the foundation of our national identity. If they are forgotten, we will have nothing to hold us together. Future generations, unaware of the historic sacrifices that secured our liberty, will fail to value that liberty and sacrifice to preserve it. Our country, as it has been for more than two hundred years, will be lost.

We have resolved to do something about it. To that end, we are working to perpetuate the remarkable story of our Revolution and the ideals we hold most dear. Our goals are:

1. To inform American history education in northern Nevada, to ensure that the story of our Revolution, the accomplishments of the revolutionaries, and the legacy of the Revolution are widely recognized, understood, and appreciated;
2. Advocate for the memory, ideals and legacy of the American Revolution.
3. Offer at least one presentation a month during the school year.

We have put together a portfolio of six program presentations that can be tailored to all K-12 students. The presentations include: 1) A reenactment of the reading of the Declaration Of Independence to the assembled troops of the Continental Army and militias. 2) Colonial Flags of America. 3) Patriot Trunk. 4) The Molly Pitcher Story (in partnership with our Ladies Auxilliary). 5) Music of The Revolution, and 6) Stories Of Our Ancestors.

CONTINUING ACTIVITIES.

--**Color Guard.** Currently we have 7 active Color Guard Members. All seven have been black powder certified by the NRA. We are excited that two more of our members have indicated an interest in participating and have ordered uniforms. This year the Color Guard has participated in 3 school events, 3 DAR opening ceremonies, 1 opening ceremony for the Colonial Dames, participating in the annual Flag Day ceremony at our State Capital, two performances for Presbyterian Church groups, Independence Day Liberty Bell ringing, Atria Assisted Living Center, Coast Guard Birthday observation, the Constitution Day weekend celebration in Nevada City California, and the Nevada Society SAR Annual Meeting. Upcoming events include: DAR opening ceremony, a school performance, Veterans Day Parade and Wreaths Across America.

--**Fifes & Drums of Nevada.** The Fifes & Drums of Nevada was organized as a stand alone organization in order to attract interested people who may not be eligible for membership. The Battle Born Patriots Chapter is the sole sponsor and we provide all their financial support. So far this year the F&DN has performed along side the Color Guard at all events excepting Flag Day. We meet every week in a space provided by St. John's Presbyterian Church.

--**ROTC/JROTC Awards Presentations:** As we have for many years, the Battle Born Patriots Chapter has attended and presented medals to cadets at the University of Nevada, Reno ROTC awards ceremony. We also present awards to JROTC cadets in every high school in Washoe, Carson, Storey and Churchill counties.

--**George Washington Birthday Luncheon.** Every February as near to our first President's birthday as we can we honor the man who is "first in the hearts of his countrymen." It is at this event that we induct new members, present awards to outstanding members and make special presentations to people in our community who have exemplified the purposes of the SAR.

DEVELOPING AN INVOLVED MEMBERSHIP

--**Boys Night Out.** Not many of our members were excited about attending a meeting where most of the time was taken up with following a set agenda. The situation called for a new format with new ideas. The name Boys Night Out sounds a bit rowdy, but we wanted to do something that echoed our historical roots. It was noted that in the Revolutionary War era many, of not all, of the important events that led to our independence were conceived and planned in taverns and ale houses. We figured that if it was good enough for our founding fathers it might work for us too. So, every odd numbered month we meet at a restaurant for fine food, a few drinks, and fine fellowship. Importantly, the meeting has no agenda, but it is amazing how much work gets done. The satisfying part is that we regularly have 25 or more members and guests in attendance. We make a point to invite all our applicants to attend, and, for those who come, we find they get involved in our growing portfolio of activities.

--**Nevada Society Annual Meeting.** This year the Annual Meeting of the Nevada Society was hosted by the Signers Chapter and held in Tonopah ,Nevada, about halfway between Reno and Las Vegas. We had a record (at least in my memory) turnout as 13 BBP Chapter members and their wives were in attendance.

--**NSSAR Meetings.** Brian Worcester, past VPG-Western District, represented our chapter at both the Leadership Conference and the National Congress in So. Calif.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT [Don, I will forward this information when I have it. I have asked for it by Monday]