



PATRIOT



President's Message

Hello Compatriots,

As your outgoing Chapter President, I'd like to share some of my history, and my Patriot, Captain James Davis. As to Captain Davis, he was a decorated leader who was from the mountains of Virginia (now West Virginia) who was rewarded property in the Ohio Territory after the war. That great entitlement became a huge legacy in my Grandmother Gutting's (maiden name Leticia Davis) family. It stayed in the Davis family through many generations until the 1950's! To those of us who are today's Veterans, it is truly heartwarming as to how our early Republic rewarded his service.

Following in Grandma's footsteps, I've been an SAR member for over 26 years. I first started in Norman, OK, then in a Chicago area Chapter after being transferred to Illinois. Then, I became a Signers Chapter member after being transferred to here in Las Vegas. Then, in 2013, I moved to Southern Oregon, and became a member of the Medford Chapter. Then in 2017, I moved back here, and I've been here ever since.

I was the V.P. of our Chapter in 2012/2013 under President Frank Gagliardi but had to move before becoming President. The same thing happened to me as V.P. in Southern Oregon! Finally.....back in our Chapter, the third time was the charm! This is a Great Chapter with Great Compatriots, and it's been my honor to serve!

President Jeff Gutting

Upcoming Calendar of Events

Saturday, November 2, 9am, Breakfast meeting at Egg Works Restaurant, Summerlin.

Saturday, December 7, 5pm, Chapter Christmas Party in Henderson NV. ***No Breakfast meeting.***

Saturday, December 14, 8am, Wreaths Across American event at Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Boulder City, NV. Meet at 8am; event starts at 9am.

Saturday, January 4, 2025, 9am, Breakfast meeting, Egg Works Restaurant, Summerlin.

Saturday, February 1, 2025, 9am, Breakfast meeting, Egg Works Restaurant, Summerlin.

Saturday, February 15, 2025, 5pm, George Washington's Birthday Dinner co-hosted with the Francisco Garces Chapter, NSDAR at the Las Vegas National Golf Club.

Saturday, March 1, 2025, 9am, Breakfast meeting, Egg Works Restaurant, Summerlin.

Saturday, March 22, 2025, Nevada Society SAR, Annual Meeting, Reno

October Event

The SAR Signers Chapter met for breakfast on Saturday morning, October 5th in Summerlin so compatriots and their family members could enjoy breakfast at the Egg Works restaurant. Attendees received updates on projects the chapter is actively pursuing, listened to the leadership team talk about their priorities, and enjoyed a presentation by featured speaker Dr. Stephen Rowland, UNLV Professor Emeritus of Geology and Lab Manager at the Las Vegas Natural History Museum.

Dr. Rowland's work at UNLV with paleontological research students and his management of the Lab at the Las Vegas Natural History Museum meant he was expertly qualified to discuss the prevalence of fossils of different animals found in southern Nevada. His discussion about such species as the Columbian Mammoth, Bison, North American Camels, and the shells of water-based organisms helped explain why these species proliferated and why dinosaurs are not found in southern Nevada but are found in Utah.



October Day of Service

On Wednesday, October 23rd, five members of the Francisco Garces Chapter, NSDAR and four members of the Signers Chapter, NSSAR, performed a joint day of service at the North Las Vegas Fisher House. The 16-suite facility provides a place to stay at no cost for out-of-town families of active-duty service members and retired veterans of the United States armed services who are being treated at the adjacent North Las Vegas VA Hospital.

The day of service entailed delivering donations of food and cleaning supplies to the house as well as cooking a dinner for the residents of the facility. The donations were collected at the September 2024 Constitution Day dinner attended by members of seven different NSDAR chapters and the NSSAR Signers Chapter.

Standing behind the donations are, from left to right, Lisa Conant, Amy Buntjer, Kim Harbaugh, Lauri Oaken-Binder, Jeff Gutting & pet Bobby, Gary Watson, Tim Hagan, and Facility Manager Stephanie Jo Wheeler, and on the stairs, Sandra Ward, Fisher House volunteer Betsy O'Brien and Don Hotchkiss Jr.



November Breakfast meeting – Saturday, Nov. 2nd at Egg Works Restaurant

The Signers Chapter meets again for their monthly breakfast meeting starting at 9am, with featured speaker **Judge Tina Talim**, presiding Judge in District Court Department 14 in Las Vegas, NV. After graduating from the University of California, Los Angeles, Judge Talim earned a juris doctorate from Pepperdine Caruso School of Law. Judge Talim began her career in civil litigation then spent nearly two decades representing the state of Nevada as a prosecutor, where she led the prosecution of all fentanyl overdose death cases. In an historic moment for Nevada, Governor Joe Lombardo appointed Judge Tina Talim, the first South Asian person to hold a judicial position in the state of Nevada, to Department 14 of the Eighth Judicial District Court.

December Planned Event

Treasurer Al Conant passed out flyers at the October meeting for the upcoming December 14th Wreathes Across American event at the Boulder City Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery. Compatriots were asked to consider purchasing wreathes for the event. There are 38 Signers Chapter member graves at the cemetery which will be adorned with a wreath that was purchased by a compatriot.

On December 14th at 8am, volunteers meet to commemorate the event and then lay wreathes on the thousands of graves of veterans to honor their sacrifices for our country. Last year over 12,500 wreathes were laid by hundreds of attendees. It was the largest group ever to participate and it only took two hours for the wreathes to be laid. Eight-chapter members volunteered, of which six were pictured below.



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES DUE SOON

For a mere \$65, Signers Chapter members can renew their 2025 membership to enjoy the following benefits:

- Belong to the National Society Sons of the American Revolution, the largest male heritage society in the United States, promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and promoting education to future generations on the founding of our nation.
- Be part of a group of men in southern Nevada who gather to participate in programs to meet the objectives above and to share their common interests in the history of the nation and its founding principles.
- Receive quarterly SAR Magazines that highlight numerous programs and activities of hundreds of SAR chapters as well as read historical articles about our nation's founding.
- Receive awards for achievements in helping the Society and chapter meets objectives.
- Promote the benefits of membership to co-workers, friends, families, and neighbors.
- Demonstrate patriotism and civic virtue with your involvement in the SAR.

Do you want to be part of a Signers Chapter Color Guard Unit?



Steps are being taken to assemble a set of uniforms and gear that could be used by members of the Signers Chapter to form a new Color Guard unit. The chapter used to have a unit, but it disbanded before 2020.

The Color Guards of the 21st century are primarily ceremonial in terms of purpose and duty. However, the origins of the Color Guard are based in military practicality. The following is a concise history of the origin of the Color Guard (taken from the Color Guard Handbook of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution).

During the 18th and 19th centuries, flags were commonly referred to as “the Colors”. These colors were of primary importance to the military regiment or brigade as the line of battle was formed around the colors of the unit, which were placed at the center of the line. These colors were easily seen through the smoke of battle. If the colors advanced, the line would advance. If the colors retired, the line would retire. As battles would progress and casualties mounted, the line would contract to the colors. In effect, the colors would serve as a rallying point if the line was broken, or the men became dispersed. Thus, success in battle was often dependent on the handling of the colors.

While there could be many diverse objectives in a battle, one of the most important was capturing the colors of the enemy unit. This would deprive the enemy of their primary means of control and rallying point during the battle. To prevent this, regiments and brigades would select the most valiant men to protect the colors and color bearer. These men comprised the ‘Color’s Guard,’ a posting of great honor and a source of pride. As in years past, this posting continues to be a position of honor.

FOUNDING PRINCIPLES

Principles are fundamental truths, or first things, upon which other ideas are based. The principles on which the United States was founded define the protections built into the United States Constitution for the purpose of maintaining our fundamental natural rights to life, liberty, and equality.

In understanding these principles, We the People are better able to protect and advance liberty and opportunity for all.

The American experiment in self-government continues to rely on an informed, virtuous population of citizens.

A structure explaining these principles was published by the Bill of Rights Institute.

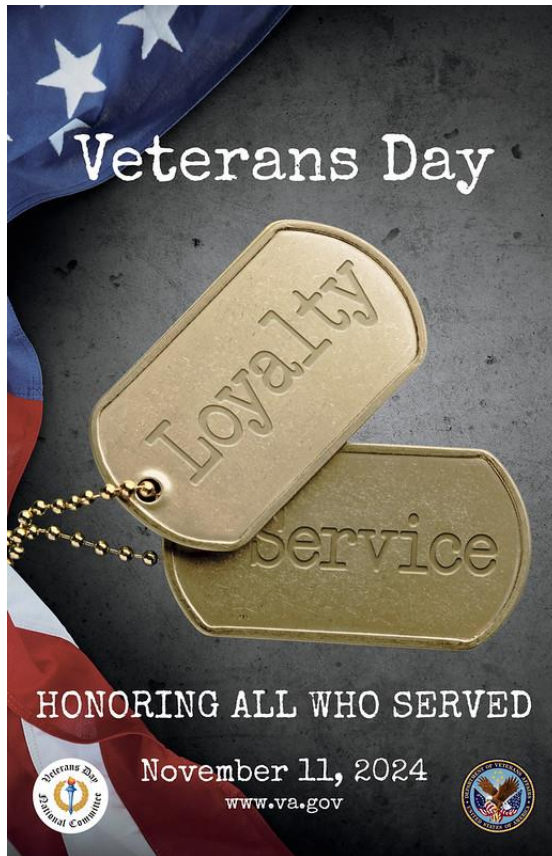
At the base is a **foundation of natural rights**. Natural/Inalienable rights belong to humans by nature and can only be justly abridged through due process. Examples of these rights are life, liberty, and property.

This foundation is supported by the belief in a government that derives its power from the **consent of the governed**, where the power of the government comes from the will of the people. Laws are made with the consent of the majority but do not infringe on the inalienable rights of the minority. A constitutional form of government was formed with elected representatives who represent and “refine and enlarge” the will of the people.

This form of **government is limited in scope** which applies laws and rules equally to all people, and both government and citizens abide by the same laws regardless of political power. The laws must be stable and justly applied.

This limited **government is constitutional and has auxiliary protections** which include a separation of powers, checks and balances and federalism. Each branch or division of government exercises distinct powers to carry out its functions and prevents the accumulation of power by the other branches of government. The nation and state governments have a balance of separate and shared powers. Certain powers are delegated to the national government and others are delegated to state governments. The people retain all powers not delegated to the governing bodies.

A **Bill of Rights** was established to protect citizens, in such areas as freedom of religion, freedom of speech, press and assembly, freedom to keep and bear arms, and protections for private property. These rights were in addition to the foundation of natural, inalienable rights.



The second Monday in November will mark the date which is intended to thank and honor all those who served honorably in the military – living and dead – whether in wartime or peace. In fact, Veterans Day is largely intended to thank living Veterans for their service, to acknowledge that their contributions to our national security are appreciated, and to underscore the fact that all those who serve have sacrificed and done their duty.

Each year, the Veterans Day National Committee publishes a commemorative Veterans Day poster. The poster is selected from artwork submitted by artists nationwide and is distributed to VA facilities across the country and to military installations around the world. It also serves as the cover of the official program for the Veterans Day Observance at Arlington National Cemetery. This year's poster is by Myisha B. Godette, from Queens, NY, U.S. Army, RET.

Veterans Day on November 11th, 2024, follows November 10th, the 249th birthday of the United States Marine Corps. In November 1775, when Samuel Nicholas was tasked with raising two battalions of Continental Marines, he headed to Philadelphia's Tun Tavern, according to traditional Marine Corps lore. Though Tun Tavern was destroyed in 1781, it has enjoyed a long afterlife as a symbol of the Marine Corps' birth.

