



PATRIOT



President's Message

To all our Signers Chapter Compatriots, I would like to thank you for helping us make our Chapter bigger, better, and much more fun! Our attendance at meetings and events has seen a dramatic improvement. I've been trying to push this trend forward by personally calling and texting all our local members on a monthly basis. You will still be getting the meeting announcement emails, but it seems as though these messages were not always being picked up. With the flood of advertising and spam emails, this is not surprising.

It appears that my additional contacts are starting to work. Our monthly breakfast meeting attendance has risen to at, or near 30 participants, even during the last half of the summer vacation cycle. Our attendance at last Saturday's annual "Constitution Day" Dinner hit a new high of 80 attendees! Things are definitely moving in the right direction! This was also enhanced due to the wonderful attendance of our Sisters from the local DAR Chapters.

Another Star in our horizon was aided by Compatriot Don Hotchkiss following my request to get nametags for all our active members. After wearing mine in public for just 3 days, I already reaped results! While at my local bank branch, both a teller and a loan officer saw my nametag, mentioned their known heritage, and asked how they could join the DAR and SAR. I connected both of them with the proper officers, and they were very grateful.

Jeff Gutting, President

Upcoming Calendar of Events

Saturday, October 5, 9am, Breakfast meeting at Egg Works Restaurant, Summerlin.

Mid-October Day of Service at Las Vegas Fisher House *(date to be announced in early October)*.

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

Saturday, December 7, 5pm, Chapter Christmas Party in Henderson NV.

Saturday, December 14, 7am, Wreaths Across American event at Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Boulder City, NV.

Saturday, January 4, 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.

September Events

The **September 7th** breakfast meeting at the Egg Works Restaurant in Summerlin included featured speaker, Clair White. Attendee Lauri Oaken-Binder was instrumental in recruiting a talented, upbeat representative of this city's valuable attraction, The Mob Museum.



Claire, Director of Education, provided the 27 meeting attendees with a rich history of the building that houses the Museum, and its vast number of exhibits, including the infamous brick wall from the 1929 Chicago St. Valentines Day Massacre.



The Signers Chapter SAR & the Silver State Chapter NSDAR co-hosted the annual Constitution Day Dinner on Saturday, **September 14th**. NSDAR chapters with members attending the dinner included the following chapters: Valley of Fire, Old Spanish Trail, Francisco Garces, Meadows, Red Rock Canyon, Pahrump Springs, and Silver State. Also in attendance was Mona Crandell Hook, Nevada State NSDAR Vice Regent, representing the Washoe Zephyr chapter. Dr. Michael Green, UNLV Associate Professor of History, and a member of the Board of Directors of the Mob Museum, delivered an entertaining and informative history of the exploration efforts of Spanish Franciscan friar Father Francisco Garces as well as other explorers seeking a westbound river that would reach the Pacific Ocean. Some trekked close to Las Vegas.

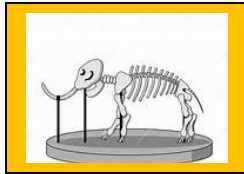
Attendees were also generous in bringing donations to the dinner, which will be delivered to the Las Vegas Fisher House. The 16 suite Fisher House supports the families of veterans and active-duty military personnel being treated at the VA Hospital in North Las Vegas.

October Event

Our Saturday, **October 5, 2024**, 9am breakfast meeting will feature speaker Dr. Stephen Rowland, Professor Emeritus of Geology at UNLV, and Lab Manager at the Las Vegas Natural History Museum. His primary studies are in the areas of paleontology, paleoecology, stratigraphy, and the history of geology.



Dr. Rowland and his students study the history of life on Earth as recorded in the fossil record, especially the paleontology of Southern Nevada and adjacent regions.



Slate of Officers & Executive Board Members for the upcoming 2025-2026 term

Members/Applicants interested in joining the management team are urged to contact Gary Watson at registrarnssar@aol.com or 702-498-1819.

President – David Bentley

Vice President - [Open](#)

Treasurer – Al Conant

Secretary - [Open](#)

Chaplain - [Open](#)

Registrar – Gary Watson

Genealogist – Tim Hagan

ROTC/JROTC Awards Committee Chairman – David Bentley

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Awards Committee Chairman – [Open](#)

Nominations Committee Chairman – Gary Watson

Fireworks Booth Fundraiser Chairman – Don Hotchkiss Jr.

Veterans Committee Chairman – Gary Watson

Social Media Committee Chairman – [Open](#)

Quartermaster – Gary Watson

Color Guard Commander - [Open](#)



At the September 14th Constitution Day Dinner, the SAR Signers Chapter recognized the significant and ongoing contributions of four members who had an impact on the success of the chapter. From left:

Don Hotchkiss, Jr., Al Conant, Tommy Thompson, and Gary Parriott.

A note from the Chapter

Sometimes your contact information changes and try as we all do, we forget to notify somebody of the change i.e.: mailing address, home or cell phone numbers or preferred email address. These updates need to be passed on to your chapter so your contact information at the chapter level, state level and at national level are current.

Please email Al Conant, Nevada State Secretary, at aconant@aol.com or text him at 702-641-8090 to help Al keep the membership roster current.

Please consider submitting a biography of your patriot ancestor. It is an easy way to support your chapter and only requires writing a paragraph or two about your patriot. Whether your patriot signed the Declaration of Independence, wintered at Valley Forge, or simply supported the Revolution by providing supplies, all deserve our recognition. Take a few minutes and provide your Patriot's biography to Gary Watson at registrarnssar@aol.com.



Our chapter's Facebook page now has 34 followers and reaches more when a member like President Jeff Gutting shares it with his followers. The goal of this social media tool is to highlight chapter activities and promote patriotism through historical Revolutionary War posts. Any member is welcome to post on the page if you find something that helps the chapter meet its goals. The URL address is www.facebook.com/SNEVSAR.

Books of the month

The Minutemen and their World by Robert A. Gross and ***Let It Begin Here! Lexington & Concord, First Battles of the American Revolution*** by Dennis Brindell Fradin

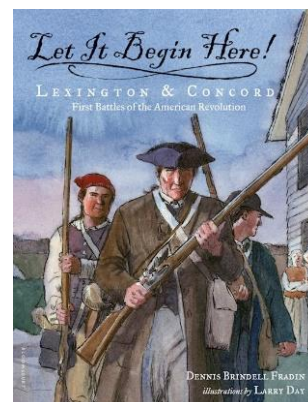
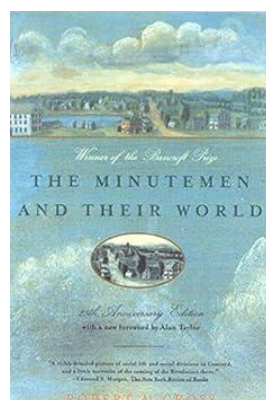
The 8-year war for American independence started on April 19, 1775, at the Massachusetts towns of Lexington and Concord. In a single day, American patriots surprised 700 British soldiers who thought the patriots would just run from a battle. It appeared they were correct when the soldiers arrived in Lexington. But that was not the case seven miles farther down the road in Concord or during the British retreat to Boston. Robert A. Gross wrote a book about the residents of Concord MA, explaining what their lives were like in the decades before the fateful day and what took place when British soldiers marched from Boston to find and confiscate stores of weapons and ammunition hidden in Concord homes and barns.

Concord was founded in 1635 as a frontier community by a group of Puritan English settlers. Six generations later, by 1775, it was an old town with a population of about 1,500, comprising about 265 families. The book explains how the citizens farmed their land, raised their families, divided their property so that sons inherited land to raise their families, and what brought them to the North Bridge on April 19th to defend their town and their freedom.

Between 1764 and 1774, Great Britain imposed a series of measures on the American colonies. Some were to tax the colonists to help pay off the debts from the 7-year French and Indian War, as well as punish resistance to the measures. But this aroused more resistance which became increasingly violent. However, Concord residents were not ready to change their association with Great Britain. Concord's distance from Boston, where the British were quartered, and its topography allowing it an easy vantage point to detect approaching soldiers, resulted in its desired place as the principal arsenal of weapons and ammunition by early 1775. These supplies were smuggled out of Boston on wagons covered with manure for the journey to Concord. Some Concordians manufactured supplies.

In late 1774 a group of Concord residents between sixteen and sixty were enlisted into Minuteman companies to "ensure a company met at one minute's warning equipped with arms and ammunition". The Concordian "sons of liberty" still swore allegiance to King George III but also to Charter Rights, Liberties and Privileges, to which they had become accustomed and treasured.

The children's book by Dennis Brindell Franklin, provides a concise, graphic, and chronological description about what happened as British General Gage sent his army to Lexington and Concord.



Daniel Conant meets attendees at the Constitution Day Dinner behind the chapter's banner.



Signers Chapter's framed US Constitution & Bill of Rights documents.

