



# PATRIOT



## *President's Message*

Fellow Compatriots,

As we welcome the month of March, we reflect on the spirit of dedication and patriotism that unites us in our mission. Our recent George Washington's Birthday Dinner was a wonderful reminder of the rich history we cherish, and while we hoped for greater attendance, those who joined shared in a meaningful evening of fellowship and learning. Let us use this as motivation to engage even more in the months ahead.

This season brings an exciting opportunity to honor the young cadets of JROTC and ROTC programs as they demonstrate the leadership and values we hold dear. I strongly encourage each of you to take part in presenting these well-deserved awards. Witnessing the dedication of these young patriots is truly inspiring and reaffirms our commitment to the future of our nation.

I am also pleased to see our Color Guard preparing to stand proudly once again. Their presence embodies the tradition and honor of our ancestors, and I look forward to seeing them in action at upcoming events.

With so many opportunities to contribute—whether through history, education, or community service—let us each find ways to participate in our shared mission. Together, we will continue to promote patriotism, serve our communities, and inspire future generations.

Let March be a month of action, engagement, and renewed purpose!

**David Bentley, President, Signers Chapter, Nevada State Society, Sons of the American Revolution**

## **Upcoming Calendar of Events**

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

**Saturday, March 21-23**, Nevada Society SAR, Annual Meeting, Reno.

**Saturday, April 5**, 9am, Breakfast meeting, Egg Works Restaurant, Summerlin

**Saturday, May 3**, 9am, Breakfast meeting, Egg Works Restaurant, Summerlin

**Saturday, June 7**, 9am, Breakfast meeting, Egg Works Restaurant, Summerlin

**Saturday, June 28 – Friday, July 4**, Fireworks Booth Fundraiser

## February 2025 Events

On Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, Breakfast meeting attendees were treated to an informative, timely subject, Getting Stated with DNA Testing. Kelley Barrett, PhD, and Kharisma Rodriguez explained the reasons for taking a DNA test and the difference between a broad genealogical family tree vs. a more focused genetic family tree. The two genealogy experts then described five DNA Testing services, and which is appropriate depending on the reasons for taking a DNA test.

The Clark County Nevada Genealogical Society meets in Henderson every month. The group supports individuals who are interested in doing research on their family tree. Both Kelley and Karisma are very active with this group, helping anyone seeking to learn more about DNA Testing.



Chapter President David Bentley inducted three new members to the Signers Chapter: David Lee, Anthony Connolly, and Tim Friden. Compatriot Lt. Col. Jim Odell was presented with a 25-year service medal & certificate.

Don Hotchkiss Jr. hinted that some surprising historical facts will be revealed when featured speaker, Stan Vaughan, delivers his presentation on *POWs at Charlestown, SC* at the Saturday, February 15, 5pm George Washington's Birthday dinner, to be held at the Las Vegas International Golf Club.

Gary Watson announced that the chapter will begin supporting the Southern Nevada State Veterans Home in Boulder City by collecting and delivering hygiene products for the approximately 165 male and female residents.

The NSDAR Francisco Garces chapter and the NSSAR Signers Chapter cohosted the annual **George Washington's Birthday dinner** on Saturday, February 15, at the Las Vegas National Golf Club banquet room. The featured speaker was Signers chapter compatriot Stan Vaughan. Stan's topic was POWs at Charleston, SC. After his presentation, Stan was given a Certificate of Appreciation and a gift. Also, Past President Jeff Gutting received a medal and certificate for his leadership of the Signers Chapter last year.



Members of a number of NSDAR chapters in Las Vegas gathered for a group picture.



## March 2025 Planned Events

The **March 1<sup>st</sup> breakfast meeting** will be held at 9am at the Egg Works Restaurant in Summerlin. The featured speaker is Christopher McMahon, Ph.D., the director of the Nevada State Railroad Museum in Boulder City. Christopher is also an Adjunct Professor of History at the College of Southern Nevada, and an advisory member to the Boulder City Historical Preservation Commission. Christopher is a U.S. Navy veteran and has over 20 years of experience with museums in California, Nevada and New Mexico. He holds a Doctorate in History with an Interdisciplinary Emphasis on the Environment and Society from the University of California Santa Barbara researching water policy, environmental settler colonialism, and railroad history in Nevada.



## Nevada Society, SAR Annual Meeting Schedule of Events

### A Shot Heard 'Round the World: 250 Years Later

Robert L. Stoecklin, President & host chapter - Battle Born Patriots.

Cordially invite all SAR Compatriots & guests to attend the 115th Annual Nevada State Society Conference, March 21 – 23, 2025, J Resort Casino Hotel, 345 N Arlington Ave, Reno, NV 89501.

Friday, March 21 - Conference Registration and No Host Cocktail Reception, 4 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 22:

Conference Registration - 2:30 p.m.

Nevada State Society Annual Meeting - 3 – 4:30 p.m.

Reception, cash bar - 5-7: 00 p.m.

Banquet – Awards & a Surprise, J Resort and Casino Hotel - 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 23 - Farewell Breakfast - 8:30 a.m.



Founded in 1895, the [National Society of the Children of the American Revolution](http://www.navadacar.org/nevada-state-society), is the oldest patriotic organization for youth in our country. Membership is open to descendants of patriots of the American Revolution.

Any boy or girl under the age of twenty-one is eligible for membership in the National Society of the Children of the American Revolution who is lineally descended from a man or woman who, with unfailing loyalty, rendered material aid to the cause of American Independence as a soldier, sailor, civil officer, or recognized patriot in one of the several Colonies or States, or of the United States, provided that the applicant is personally acceptable to the Society.

Meetings and activities are planned for all ages with special consideration given to younger members. Members gain invaluable leadership experience in conducting meetings, following parliamentary procedures and standard protocol, serving as delegates, and speaking before groups at local, state, and national conferences. The responsibility and privilege of selecting officers helps members gain an understanding of the democratic process.

Las Vegas is home to the local John Ashley Society, Children of the American Revolution.

[www.navadacar.org/nevada-state-society](http://www.navadacar.org/nevada-state-society)

## ... IT WILL COST US TO MAINTAIN THIS DECLARATION

In 2026 Americans will celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our country and the freedoms that we enjoy! Remember, the “First” American Veterans of this great Nation were *our* Patriots that fought and died for those freedoms!

A letter written by John Adams on July 3, 1776, to his wife Abigail captures the true essence of what our new freedom meant then and continues to mean today!

*“I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated, by succeeding Generations, as the great anniversary Festival. It ought to be commemorated, as the Day of Deliverance by solemn Acts of Devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with Pomp and Parade, with Shews, Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires, and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other from this Time forward forever more.*

*You will think me transported with Enthusiasm, but I am not. – I am well aware of the Toil and Blood and Treasure, that it will cost us to maintain this Declaration, and support and defend these States. – Yet through all the Gloom I can see the Rays of Ravishing Light and Glory. I can see that the End is more than worth all the Means. And that Posterity will triumph in that Days Transaction, even although We should rue it, which I trust in God We shall not.”*



### Trivia question:

Who are the three-founding fathers that died on July 4<sup>th</sup>?

The answer can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

## A Patriot's Story

Marshall Galloway enlisted June 27, 1777, at the age of 17 and served as a Private in Captain Brice's Company in the 3rd Maryland Regiment. He was in seven major battles and a number of other skirmishes. He was discharged in April 1783, after serving almost six years.

Three Galloway boys came together from Ireland to the colonies. Marshall, one of the Galloway boys, was born in 1760.

After the War, Marshall married Hannah Wantland in 1786 in Baltimore Co., Maryland and soon migrated to Sullivan Co., Tennessee. Marshall died in 1827 at 67 and Hannah died in 1825, when she fell from a horse and was killed.

At 65 years old, Marshall personally appeared in open court, being the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County of Sullivan, Tennessee. Being duly sworn according to law, Marshall declared that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows, to wit: He enlisted at the Lower Cross Road in Maryland, about 30 miles from Baltimore under Lt. James Allison, who belonged to Capt. Brices' Company, Col. Gumby of the Third Maryland Regiment which belonged to the Continental Army for and during the month of June 1777, and continued in service until April 1783. He received a discharge at Annapolis, Maryland, after a service of between 5 and 7 years in succession. He further states he was in the Battle of Brandywine, Germantown, Monmouth, Gates' Defeat Before Camden, Cowpens, Guilford, under General Greene, at Camden, at Eutaw Springs, and a great number of skirmishes. Col. Otho Williams commanded the Regiment to which he belonged, which was attached to the Brigade of Gen. Smallwood. He remained in the Brigade of Smallwood until he was transferred to the South under Gates. His discharge was lost, and he does not know any person by whom he can prove his service in this country now. He stated Joseph Brownley, of Maryland, if alive, could prove part of his service, and William Cole, of Deer Creek in Maryland, could prove it if alive.

The reason he did not apply to the government earlier is that he had been able to work at his occupation (farming) and support himself, but he had become lately so afflicted with rheumatism and other diseases common to his period of life that he could not clothe himself without assistance, nor could he labor for support. Inscribed on the roll of East Tennessee at the rate of \$8.00 per month to commence on the 4th day of February 1826.

Marshall Galloway is the patriot ancestor of new Signers Chapter compatriot, Stan Vaughan.

### Trivia Answer:

John Adams and Thomas Jefferson both died on July 4, 1826; James Monroe died July 4, 1831

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