



# PATRIOT



## *President's Message*

As we close out another remarkable year for the Signers Chapter, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped make our Fallout Days Benny Bus Tour Fundraiser such an overwhelming success. This creative and engaging event not only brought in vital funds to support our chapter's programs, but it also introduced many new faces to our mission of preserving our history. My sincere appreciation goes out to all who volunteered their time, shared their expertise, and represented the SAR with such professionalism and enthusiasm throughout the weekend.

December is a month of remembrance, fellowship, and celebration. I encourage each of you to join us for Wreaths Across America on Saturday, December 13th, as we honor our nation's veterans by placing wreaths at the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery and Goodsprings Cemetery. This meaningful ceremony reminds us that our freedoms were secured through sacrifice—and that we must never forget those who served to preserve them.

Our annual Christmas Party will follow on Friday, December 19th at 5:00 p.m. at the Las Vegas National Golf Club. This is always a wonderful evening of camaraderie and reflection as we celebrate the bonds that unite us as compatriots and friends.

As we look ahead to 2026, please mark your calendars for two very special upcoming events: the George Washington's Birthday Banquet in February and the Nevada Society Annual State Conference in Reno this spring. Both occasions provide excellent opportunities to celebrate our shared heritage, meet fellow members from across the state, and contribute to the ongoing success of our Society.

Thank you all for your dedication, service, and spirit of patriotism throughout the year. Together, we continue to honor the vision of our founders and ensure that the flame of liberty burns brightly for generations to come.

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

## Upcoming Calendar of Events

**Saturday, Dec. 13, 9am & noon**, Wreaths Across America events - Boulder City 9am and Goodsprings noon

**Friday, Dec. 19, 5pm**, Christmas Party, Las Vegas National Golf Club

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

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

**Saturday, Feb. 21, 5pm**, George Washington Birthday Banquet, Las Vegas National Golf Club

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

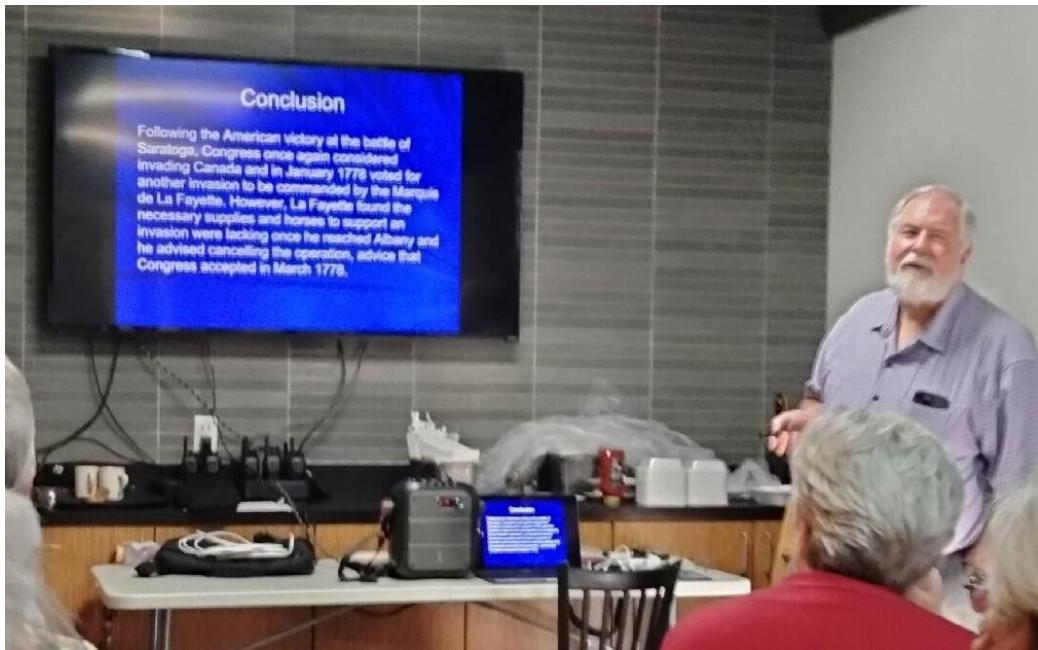
**Friday-Sunday, Mar. 27-29**, NSSAR Annual Conference, Reno

## November 2025 Events

The Signers Chapter met in Summerlin for the Saturday morning, November 8 breakfast meeting. 35 attendees helped welcome new member, Michael Roach, as he was sworn in by President David Bentley. Michael's wife, Sue, Regent of the DAR Red Rock Canyon chapter, joined him for the induction.



Don Hotchkiss, Jr. delivered a detailed presentation about the June-December 1775 Invasion of the Province of Quebec, the first major military initiative of the American Continental Army. Don described the events following the capture of Fort Ticonderoga and the reasons for the unsuccessful military campaign in Canada.

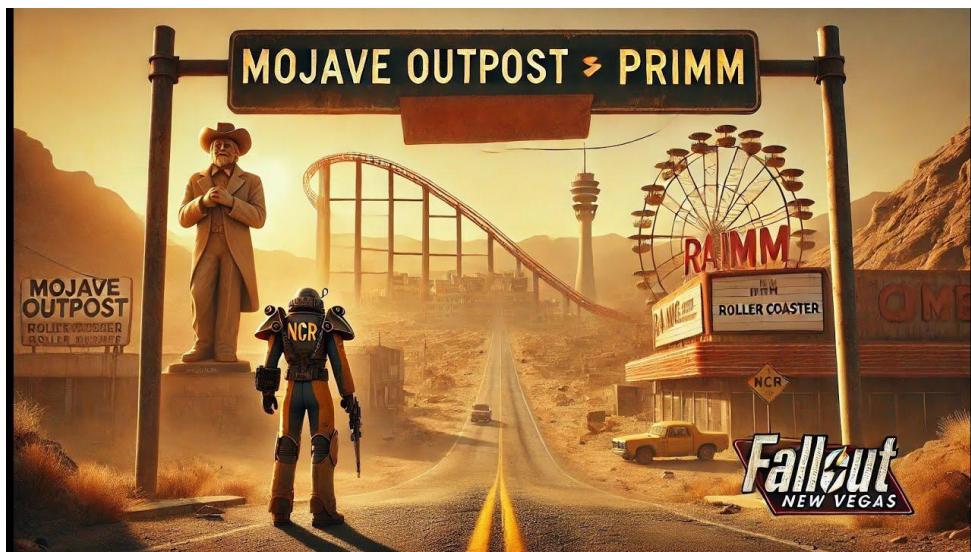


An advance viewing of a portion of Ken Burn's new documentary, The American Revolution, happened Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> at the PBS offices on Flamingo and McLeod. Four members of the NSSAR Signers Chapter attended in colonial uniforms along with four members of the NSDAR Red Rock Canyon chapter. Vegas PBS President and General Manager, Mary Mazur, joined the eight members for a group picture.



Signers Chapter compatriots Jeff Gutting and Gary Parriott attended the Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> Veterans Parade in Summerlin in colonial uniforms, participating with the Valley of Fire Chapter NSDAR chapter.

Don Hotchkiss Jr. led a fundraiser campaign for the Signers Chapter during the weekend of November 14-16, which coincided with the Fallout New Vegas Festival event in Goodsprings, Nevada. The fundraiser involved selling bus tickets in Primm, Nevada to attendees of the event, who then visited the Pioneer Salon in Goodsprings, the Atomic Museum and the Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort in Las Vegas. Lauri Oakden-Binder, Ruth Rauma, Signers Chapter compatriots, and others volunteered to sell tickets and act as guides during the weekend event.



## December 2025 Events Planned

On December 13<sup>th</sup> the annual Wreaths Across America event takes place at the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery at 9am. Signers Chapter compatriots are asked to purchase and help lay wreathes on the graves of veterans, including those of past members of the Signers Chapter.



The Las Vegas Springs Chapter NSDAR has asked our Color Guard to attend their Wreaths Across America event at Goodsprings Cemetery at noon that same day.



### ★ December 13, 2025 ★ National Wreaths Across America Day

Help Las Vegas Springs Chapter, NSDAR  
honor local heroes!

Join us to place a wreath on a veteran's grave  
At Goodsprings Cemetery  
W Spring Street (Hwy 161), Goodsprings, NV  
Ceremony at Noon



Scan the QR code to sponsor a wreath online or visit  
[www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/NV0121](http://www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/NV0121)



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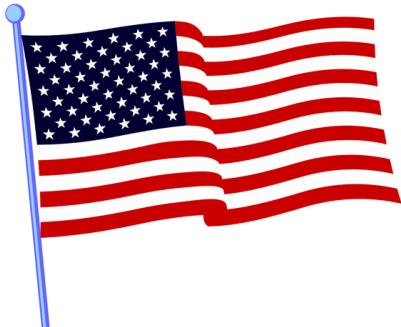
The Signers Chapter Christmas Party will take place at the Las Vegas National Golf Club, Friday, Dec. 19 at 5pm at 1911 E Desert Inn Rd., Las Vegas.

## Southern Nevada Veterans Home

The Signers Chapter initiated a program this year to support the Southern Nevada Veterans Home in Boulder City, and its approximately 175 residents, of which about a third are women veterans or spouses of veterans. The support entailed collecting hygiene product donations and delivering them periodically, based on the accumulation of a sufficient volume of items. Hygiene products for residents are a type of donation considered very helpful.

The third and final delivery of accumulated donations this year will occur on Wednesday, December 3 at 2pm. Thanks to the generosity of Signers Chapter members as well as several NSDAR chapter members who attended monthly breakfast meetings, a large assortment of hygiene products were collected, which will benefit the veterans living in Boulder City.





## United States Code, Title 36

### Chapter 10, Patriotic Customs

#### **The Flag of the United States of America**

##### **Section 172 – The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, “I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all,” should be rendered by standing at attention facing the flag with the right hand over the heart. When not in uniform men should remove any non-religious headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Persons in uniform should remain silent, face the flag, and render the military salute. **Members of the Armed Forces not in uniform and veterans may render the military salute in the manner provided to persons in uniform.**

## Signers Chapter America250 Monument

Within the month of November 2025, we are expecting delivery of our America250 monument to the engraver here in Las Vegas. Once the engraving is completed, the monument will be placed in the Memorial Garden located in the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Boulder City. The monument dedication is planned for Saturday, May 2, 2026, at 11am. The ceremony date, being our usual first Saturday meeting date, will be in place of our regular breakfast meeting. As we get closer to the date, more information will follow. The monument recognizes the dedication, sacrifices and contributions of America's first veterans.

## 2026 Reading of the Declaration of Independence in Las Vegas

The first public reading of the Declaration of Independence took place on July 8, 1776, at 6pm in Philadelphia. To commemorate this historic event every state will be simultaneously reading the Declaration of Independence on July 8, 2026. In Nevada, here in Las Vegas, it will be read at 3pm. The Signers Chapter is currently working with the City of Las Vegas to allow the reading to occur at our own Liberty Bell monument located at 4<sup>th</sup> and Lewis Ave., Las Vegas. More details will follow.



## Compatriot Travels

Signers Chapter compatriot David Gibbs recently traveled back to the Massachusetts home of his patriot ancestor, Captain John Potter, which is now located near the city of West Springfield, about 90 miles west of Boston. The home is an integral part of the Storrowton Village Museum, a living history reconstructed village of nine authentic 18th and 19th century buildings from Massachusetts and New Hampshire, assembled around a traditional town green.



During the Revolutionary War, Captain John Potter first served as a Lieutenant and Paymaster in Col. Ezra Wood's 3rd Worcester County Regiment of Massachusetts Militia, 1778 - 1779. In 1777, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Potter served in Col. James E. Converse's 4th Worcester County Regiment of Massachusetts Militia. Col. Converse's regiment were assigned to the defense of lines at and about Boston. John was also a master of seven trades – gold and silversmith, clock and watchmaker, cabinetmaker, blacksmith, carpenter, surveyor as well as a good farmer.

The old Potter House, which John Potter built himself over ten years (before, during and after the Revolutionary War) stood at the corner of Ward and South Main Streets in North Brookfield. Later, John Potter's son, F.A. Potter, ran a shop attached to the house. The "Potter Mansion", which had passed out of the Potter family's hands in 1920, was moved in 1929 40 miles west to the Storrowton Village. The Colonial American home originally housed a family of 15 children by his two wives, and several Potter generations thereafter.

The first floor of the house features a parlor, a dining room, a kitchen with fireplace, a brick bake oven and pine cabinets.

