



The Riverside Chapter's Rivulet



June 2026

June Meeting

Date: June 16, 2026
Tuesday 11:30 AM

Location: Flo's Farmhouse Cafe
5620 Van Buren Blvd.
Riverside, CA
(Between Arlington Ave, and Wells)

Program: *The early events that sparked a Revolution against England.*

RSVP Not Required

THE RICHARD LOCKE AWARD



The California Society SAR honors the enduring legacy of Col. Richard Locke, (1909-2006), by establishing a specific membership and growth prize known as the Richard Locke Award. Col. Locke served many years as the California State Registrar and National Genealogist General. This is a monetary award for the top-performing chapters of the California Society.

Top performing chapters are defined as those who maintain a growth rate of membership gains over losses as a percentage of the overall membership. The Riverside Chapter had a net gain of 10 members in 2025. Based on our size, we met the definition of a Top Performing chapter. Therefore, our chapter was presented with a cash award of \$250 from the California State Society.



Gene Justin	June 3
Brian Foote	June 6
John Tolan	June 9
Mike Emett	June 10
Sean Moore	June 14
Robert Barrett	June 16
John Matulich	June 16
Hal Ramser	June 21
Anthony Brown	June 27
Scott Knecht	June 27

**Riverside Chapter Officers
for 2026**

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**New Riverside Chapter Members Registered by the
NSSAR in 2026**

Terry Brennan	6 February 2026	No. 236797
Ethan Heckman	6 February 2026	No. 236795
S. Brad Simmons	13 February 2026	No. 236929
Troy Flath	20 March 2026	No. 237351
Jason Johnson	26 March 2026	No. 237492
Tom Chapin	3 April 2026	No. 237687
David Pulsifer	3 April 2026	No. 237690
Gavin Christen	24 April 2026	No. 238043
Mike Kelly	1 May 2026	No. 238215
Mike McAlexander	8 May 2026	No. 238342
Brian Uribe	22 May 2026	No. 238611

Supplemental Applications

Approved by NSSAR in 2026

James Ungard ANC Johann Bartholomew

Call for Youth Protection Training

As the "face" of the SAR, particularly the Color Guard, interacts with the public more often than most SAR members, and specifically with children either at parades, living history events, or school presentations, etc. Therefore it is required that ALL color guard members undergo the Youth Protection Training provided by the SAR University. Below is the links to the various trainings offered, as well as the direct link to the Certificate training. This online FREE Training Certification is good for 3 years.

<https://www.sar.org/sar-university/>

This link offers training for each officer at the chapter level.

<https://www.bredenfoerder.com/certification.html>

Highlights of the May Riverside Chapter Meeting



L-R CASSAR Executive Vice President Brandon Villardi attended our meeting and provided an update on upcoming events. He converses with former CASSAR President National VP West Brian Stephens as Brad Simmons, Vice President Greg Barrett, Ken White, Brian Uribe, VP Programs Roger Cooper, Troy Flath, and Secretary Gen Justice listen in. Diana Stephens also attended.



L-R President Mike Mann, candidate Dan Bauman, Treasurer John Matulich, and Scout Chair Mike Heckenlaible. Not shown: Registrar David Leonard

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SAR National Life Membership

Vice President Greg Barrett presented President Mike Mann with his SAR National Life Membership certificate. Mike becomes the eleventh active Riverside Chapter member to hold to hold a Life Membership. Any Compatriot who has completed an applications for National Life Membership and paid the designated Life Membership fee as defined and published by the National Society. A National Life Member shall be exempt from all annual dues payable to the National Society. In addition, the California Society and Riverside Chapter have elected to exempt annual dues by Life Members.

PROGRAM

Roger Cooper presented an informative program about the purpose and effect of the Stamp Act in arousing Colonial anger against the crown. A second video was shown describing the type and value or colonial era money

Riverside Chapter National Life Members:

David Leonard
James Breker
Jon Breker
Todd Breker
Henry Lucas
Brian Stephens
David Runells
Wayne Rogers (Dual)
Gene Justin
Mike Mann

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INDUCTIONS



President Mann inducts Brad Simmons (l) and Troy Flath (r). Brad has been appointed Chapter Chaplain and Troy has already filed one Supplemental and working on four more.

THE RIVERSIDE CHAPTER FLAG



We Welcome New Members



Daniel J. Bauman

Dan is descended from Eliphalet Ensign Sr. (and Jr.) who served as a Private in the Connecticut Militia under Captain Seth Smith. He also provided Public Service on the Committee of Inspection and as a Selectman in 1777. He follows a rich tradition in his family as his mother and sisters are members of the DAR. Dan is a musician and plays piano in multiple bands, often performing as an opening act or in a cover band.

Follow California SAR America 250 Historical Series on Instagram

The America 250 Daily Historical Series, created by the America 250 Chair for the California Society for the Sons of the American Revolution, brings the story of the American Revolution to life through engaging, research-based daily reels. As part of our educational outreach, this initiative is designed to expand the reach of the SAR and connect with new audiences and demographics, in support of our mission to promote patriotism, preserve American history, and educate future generations about the founding principles of our nation.

Designed for a general audience, these posts aim to increase awareness and foster deeper engagement with the American Revolutionary War. They function as “America 250 minutes” in video form, paired with researched captions that provide a new and interesting perspective on the Revolution each day. Each month explores a different theme—such as the British imperial crisis, global and frontier conflicts, defining moments of liberty, and the lived experiences of soldiers and civilians—offering a deeper and more structured understanding of the era.

The series highlights key battles, influential figures, international alliances, and often overlooked perspectives to broaden public understanding—follow along and join the journey to 1776:

https://www.instagram.com/california_sar/

**NSSAR Announces Reduced Application Fees
During Month of July 2026**



The NSSAR Registrar General has announced that in celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the Signing of the Declaration of Independence, the National Society will offer a reduced registration fee for New Member and Jr. Member applications during the month of July 2026.

For applications postmarked between July 1 and July 31, 2026, the National application fee for New Applications will be reduced from \$150 to \$76 in honor of the year 1776. The \$50 Annual Dues fee remains in place, so the NSSAR fee will be \$126 instead of \$200.

This special fee applies **only to New Member and Jr. Member** (New Lineage) Applications submitted during the July 2026 window. To meet this window, **applicants are encouraged to begin the process in May or early June** so they can be assembled by the Chapter Registrar, reviewed by the state, and then forwarded to Nation for review.

The special fee does not apply to Family Plan Applications, Memorial Applications, or Supplemental Applications

To qualify for the reduced fee, New of Junior Applications must be started in May or early June in order to be received by the State Registrar during the last week of June. State-approved applications will then be forwarded to the National Society postmarked between **July 1 and July 31, 2026**. Due to the high number of application submissions when reduced rates are in effect, an early July submission will save weeks in processing.

Please go to this link to start a New or Junior application: <https://www.sar.org/how-to-apply/>

2026 Advance Riverside Chapter Meeting Calendar

Location: Flo's Farmhouse Café
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Meeting Time: Tuesday 11:30 AM

Reservations: None Required. We order off the menu.

January	20	July	No Meeting
February	17	August	No Meeting
March	17	September	15
April	21	October	20
May	19	November	17
June	16	December	15



Scene at the Signing of the Constitution of the United States



250TH Minute

Americans Retake Philadelphia

On this day in history, June 18, 1778, Americans retake Philadelphia after the British army evacuates the city. Philadelphia was captured in September of 1777 by British General William Howe who was hoping to end the American rebellion by cutting off its head in Philadelphia. The Continental Congress, however, fled the city to York, Pennsylvania and continued to lead the rebellion from there.

After a massive British sea landing southwest of the city, the Continental Army suffered thousands of casualties at the Battles of Brandywine and Germantown trying to save Philadelphia from capture, but to no avail. Thousands of patriots fled and nearly 20,000 British soldiers occupied the city.

General Howe, known for extreme caution, decided to wait out the winter in Philadelphia instead of attacking Washington's army to the north of the city. Homes and businesses were ransacked during the occupation. Supplies were in short supply. Piles of the dead lay around the city. Meanwhile, British officers lived in luxury in the confiscated homes of patriots who had fled.

The Continental Army passed the winter at Valley Forge, starving and freezing in makeshift huts. The one advantage was they finally had some time to train. Washington and the newly arrived Prussian Baron, Wilhelm von Steuben, instituted a strict regimen of firing and marching exercises that better enabled the army to fight the British in campaigns resuming in 1778.

The British were forced to surrender to American forces at Saratoga, New York in October 1777. This encouraged France to declare war against Great Britain, forcing Britain to redesign its war strategy. Large numbers of troops were sent from North America to the West Indies to defend British interests there. General Howe was replaced by General Sir Henry Clinton, who was ordered to abandon Philadelphia and return to New York to avoid as French blockade.

The city was finally abandoned on June 18. Congress returned shortly after. The Continental Army, meanwhile, came out of Valley Forge and chased Clinton's army on its way back to New York, culminating in the massive Battle of Monmouth, a battle involving 25,000 men. The battle was essentially a draw, ending up with the British back in New York City and the Continental Army back at White Plains, New York, the exact positions they were in two years earlier before the New Jersey and Philadelphia campaigns.

Mission Statement

The Riverside Chapter was chartered by the California Society, Sons of the American Revolution in 1943 under the guidelines of the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution. The Mission Statement of the National Society states that **The Sons of the American Revolution honors our Revolutionary War patriot ancestors by promoting patriotism, serving our communities, and educating and inspiring future generations about the founding principles of our country.**

Upcoming Events

June 7 and 21, English Country Dancing **1 PM**. First United Methodist Church, 4845 Brockton Ave., Riverside, CA

June 16, Riverside Chapter SAR Monthly Meeting, **Flo's Farmhouse Café, 5620 Van Buren Blvd., Riverside, CA**

July 3 – Nixon Library Living History Event

Richard Nixon Presidential Library and Museum, 18001 Yorba Linda Blvd, Yorba Linda, CA 92886
Muster: 8:00–9:00 AM (*setup assistance requested; library opens at 10:00 AM*)
Guardsmen requested to assist with a firing demonstration and to engage with the public.
For those in continental attire, please follow George Washington's Rules—**no facial hair.**

July 5, Heritage House Riverside – Riverside Chapter Color Guard appearance 1- AM to 2 PM

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