



The Riverside Chapter's *Rivulet*



April 2026

April Meeting New Location

Date: April 21, 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

Riverside Chapter Meeting Location & Attendees

The Riverside Chapter meeting location is on the move. The Cactus Cantina was an adequate transitional venue as we drew a minimal attendance. Now we are growing and testing different venues to see what works best for our programs. We are also mindful of our members who travel distances from as far as Rosamond and Temecula.

It is essential that you track the information in the box to the left for current meeting venues. We hope to land on a permanent location ASAP.

As we grow, the question has risen about who can attend. In a word, anyone. We encourage non-members, prospects, family members, and applicants awaiting approvals to attend. The only caveat is that only dues-paid members can vote on business matters.

Prior to the Covid epidemic, it was common for men to bring their ladies. We hope that practice will return.

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Jim Sizer	April 3
Gavin Christen	April 5
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for 2026**

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

Terry Brennan	6 February 2026	No. 236797
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Troy Flath	20 March 2026	No. 237351
Jason Johnson	26 March 2026	No. 237492

Supplemental Applications

Approved by NSSAR in 2026

James Ungard ANC Johann Bartholomew

In Progress

David Leonard, ANC John F. Fishback

David Leonard, ANC William Harris

Brian Foote, ANC Aaron Beach

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>

We Welcome Our New Members



Brian Uribe

Brian is descended from Enos Grannis, a soldier from New Haven, CT. Brian's lineage has seen service in every war except the Spanish-American War and Desert Storm. Brian has been in war, having been combat wounded in Baghdad, Iraq with a 100% disability. He is a certified NRA instructor and is pursuing a certification in black powder firearms use. He also owns a firing range.



Mike Michelsen

Mike's Patriot ancestor is Edward Herndon who served as a LT in the 9th Virginia Regiment. Mike is a freelance writer primarily for business and technology industries. He also has a background in public relations for high tech companies and a charity. Mike is also an Eagle Scout.



Kenneth White

Ken is descended from Benjamin Pulliam of Virginia who is documented twice for providing Public Aid to the American Army. Benjamin supplied the Army with beef, flour and corn in May 1780 and Rye in October 1780. Ken is a retired maintenance electrician who worked for McDonald Douglas, and its successor Boeing. Ken is an active researcher of his family history.

Riverside Chapter Color Guard presents the Colors
 Celebrate America, Woodcrest Christian School
 28 February 2026



2026 Advance Riverside Chapter Meeting Calendar

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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

From Our Past



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The LAUSD hosted a History Day at the Azusa Pacific College campus until the COVID epidemic (and the State of California) shut everything down. The event attracted a broad range of historic re-enactors that included Civil War groups, Buffalo soldiers, Mormon pioneers, blacksmiths, and Colonial groups. The Colonial groups were coordinated by Roger Cooper and consisted of the Riverside and Redlands SAR Chapters, the Zanja Fife and Drum, the George Washington Cotillion Dance Group, and Cap Cresap with his cannons. Each group was compensated on a per-capita basis.

Students began the day with indoor competitions that included essays, artwork, and other scholarly works to learn and promote the events of history. Then they mingled among the historical groups to witness living history, handle artifacts, and participate in historical activities. The SAR conducted a lesson for students to use a pen and quill to write their name on parchment paper as Army enlistees to receive a bounty payment of \$20 in colonial script. The Cotillion Dance Group taught English Country Dancing. The combined chapters formed a firing team to demonstrate musket loading and firing. Cap Cresap fired his cannon, setting off car alarms in the vicinity. Historic artifacts and founding documents were on display in the tents.

Pictured above is the late former Riverside Chapter President Charlie Gentis. Roger Cooper portrayed the Commander-In-Chief George Washington in this 2010 video. Dennis Whieldon led the Cotillion Dance Group. These events produced memories for students that would last a lifetime. The event no longer exists.

Old North Bridge

When new member Brian Uribe shared some photos of his vacation in New England that included the Old North Bridge, he was not aware that the 250th Minute of this newsletter was about the Old North Bridge. With his permission, we can offer a visual to the story that follows.



BY THE RUDE BRIDGE THAT
ARCHED THE FLOOD,
THEIR FLAG TO APRIL'S
BREEZE UNFURLED,
HERE ONCE THE EMBATTLED
FARMERS STOOD,
AND FIRED THE SHOT HEARD
ROUND THE WORLD.





250TH Minute

American Revolution begins

On this day in history, April 19, 1775, the American Revolution begins after British General Thomas Gage received orders to capture the rebels' arms and the leaders of the rebellion – specifically John Hancock and Samuel Adams. The patriots knew the British would be coming soon. Patriot leaders fled Boston for safety.

On the evening of April 18th, Dr. Joseph Warren received word from a spy that the soldiers would march out that night. Their target was the ammunition and weapons in Concord. Paul Revere and William Dawes were sent out to warn Lexington and Concord of the impending attack. Around 9 pm, the 700 British soldiers began to march to Lexington. They soon became aware that their “surprise” had been discovered. Around 4 am on the 19th, a request was sent to Boston for reinforcements.

Local militia groups gathered and marched toward Concord. The Lexington militia gathered early in the morning. Lexington was on the road to Concord and the army would have to pass through the town or march around it. When the British arrived around 5 am, the militia arranged for battle as the British formed a battle line. Both sides were under orders not to fire. To this day, no one knows who fired the first shot, but shooting soon began and 8 Americans lie dead, while 1 British soldier was injured.

The army marched on to Concord and searched the town for ammunition, that had already been carried away. North of town, at the Olde North Bridge, a standoff developed between 95 British soldiers guarding the bridge and several hundred gathering militia. This time, a panicking British soldier fired the first shot. The overwhelmed soldiers began to run for their lives when the Americans began firing back.

The fleeing soldiers joined their comrades in Concord, and began marching back to Lexington, followed by an ever growing number of Minutemen who continued firing on them. Just when these fleeing soldiers got to Lexington, they met the reinforcements of another 1,000 men under the command of Brig. General Hugh Percy. Percy ordered the group back to Boston, but the march was a tortuous one. Officers lost all control and soldiers began fleeing and committing acts of atrocity. Several colonists were killed in their own homes or in taverns along the road. The colonists continued the pursuit. Eventually the soldiers reached safety in Charlestown. By morning, 73 British soldiers had been killed and 174 wounded. 49 colonists were killed and 39 were wounded. The Continental Congress would soon appoint George Washington the Commander-in-Chief and the militias would be transformed into the new Continental Army. The American Revolution had begun and would last another seven years.

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

April 5 and 19, English Country Dancing **New Time 1 PM**. First United Methodist Church, 4845 Brockton Ave., Riverside, CA

April 21, Riverside Chapter SAR Monthly Meeting, **Flo's Farmhouse Café, 5620 Van Buren Blvd., Riverside, CA**

April 23-26, 151st CASSAR Annual Meeting, Visalia, CA, Wyndham Visalia Hotel, 9000 W Airport Dr, Visalia, California 93277

April 25-26, NRA-NMLRA Basic Muzzleloading Shooting Course, Escondido Fish & Game site, 16525 Guejito Rd., Escondido, CA 92027. \$50 Reservation Deposit to David Premetz, 1410 Gary Lane, Escondido CA 92026 by **April 23**. Total cost is \$175. Balance due in cash at the event.

May 2-3, CA Society SAR Muzzleloading Shooting Course, Azusa, CA. Day 1 Classroom. Day 2 Shooting range. Further details will be provided. Supplies and equipment provided.

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