



The Riverside Chapter's Rivulet



September 2026

September Meeting

Date: September 15, 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
Ladies Welcome**



**Daniel Davalos Sept. 2
John Walker Sept. 3
James Ungard Sept. 9
David Barnes Sept. 17
James Vaughn Sept. 17
Austin McCoy Sept. 18
Bud Gawthrop Sept. 25
Paul Cruser Sept. 27**

President's Message

Compatriots, The Summer hiatus is coming to a close. Our next meeting is September 15 at 11:30. As most of you know we changed our meeting location to Flo's Farmhouse Café 5620 Van Buren near Arlington Ave. and Van Buren Blvd.

Here is a list of accomplishments for the year so far.

- David Leonard is a busy Registrar with 20 new members and 14 Supplementals.
- Purchase of a Pop-up and table covering with SAR Graphics.
- Heritage House in Riverside 250th Salute.
- Donation to Mountain Fife and Drum Corps
- Color Guard at Ken Burns (historical film maker) plaque presentation.
- Several JROTC presentations.
- Eagle Scout presentation.
- Grizzley Fire Arms 250th Celebration.

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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
Ken White	4 July 2026	No. 238861
Dan Bauman	21 Jul 2026	No. 239596
Chris Whitehead	28 July 2026	No. 239730
Charles Whitehead	28 July 2026	No. 239731
Chris Whitehead Jr.	28 July 2026	No. 239733
Charles Chaz Whitehead	28 July 2026	No. 239732
Chad Flath	7 August 2026	No. 239849
Cash Clawson	7 August 2026	No. 239845
Mike Michelsen Jr.	26 August 2026	No. 240196

Supplemental Applications Approved by NSSAR in 2026

James Ungard	ANC Johann Bartholomew
David Leonard	ANC William Harris
Brian Foote	ANC Aaron Beach

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.

September	15
October	20
November	17
December	15

President's Message Continued

- Monument Dedication for George Washington in Coachella Valley.
- Attendance of both State Society Meetings.
- Gene Justin attended and reported on the America 250th Celebration Day Celebration at Philadelphia, PA.
- Gene Justin also attended and reported on the NSSAR Annual Congress at Greensboro, NC.
- An American 250 program was presented each month by Roger Cooper.

Our next big event will be the Veterans Day parade and Expo on November 7, 2026. This event allows us to fire our muskets and put on a great show while giving information and exhibits at the Expo. We will need several members to help out.

The Board of Directors will soon be assembling a slate of candidates for offices and chairmanships for 2027. Please consider a position in our Chapter leadership. Contact me for a set of By-laws and a list of the various positions.

"The accumulation of all powers, legislative, executive, and judiciary, in the same hands, whether of one, a few, or many, and whether hereditary, self-appointed, or elective, may justly be pronounced the very definition of tyranny."

James Madison Federalist 47, 1788

Michael Mann, President

A Salute to Veterans Parade, Riverside, CA 2016



2026 Riverside Chapter Growth Profile

Top prospective member growth state-wide

Harbor and General Patton Chapters (28 new members)

Thomas Jefferson Chapter (25 new members)

Riverside and Coachella Valley Chapters (23 new members)

Top prospective member percentage growth state-wide

Coachella Valley Chapter (53%)

Santa Barbara Chapter (32%)

Riverside Chapter (31%)

Call for Youth Protection Training

YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING

Every member who participates in SAR programs and interacts with youth under 18 years of age is required to successfully complete SAR Youth Protection Training.

ONLINE
Convenient and accessible anytime.

ABOUT 20 MINUTES
Quick and easy to complete.

VALID FOR 3 YEARS
Keeps your training current.

Send your certificate of completion to
Dan McKelvie: mckelvie@sbcglobal.net



The American Revolution
Experience
Traveling Exhibit

Now On Tour!

**August 28 -
September 15**

**Mon - Sat: 10am - 5pm
Sun: 1 - 5pm**

Assembly Room

*Free and open
to the public!*

The American Revolution Experience Traveling Exhibit

To help celebrate our nation's 250th anniversary, the Arrowhead Valley Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and A.K. Smiley Public Library are hosting a special national traveling exhibit focused on the American Revolution. The exhibit, titled the **American Revolution Experience**, will open on August 28, 2026. **The Riverside Chapter SAR will appear at the event in the morning of August 29.**

This innovative pop-up exhibition includes display panels and interactive digital kiosks that use storytelling, illustration, technology, unique artifacts, and firsthand accounts to connect modern audiences with the people and places that shaped the birth of our nation.

Created through a collaboration between the American Battlefield Trust and the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR), the exhibit is also made possible through generous matching funds from the National Park Service.

The exhibit will run from **August 28 through September 15, 2026**, in the Assembly Room at A.K. Smiley Public Library in Redlands. Admission is free and visitors of all ages are welcome.

Viewing hours:

- Monday–Saturday: 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
- Sunday: 1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.
- Except Sunday, September 6 & Monday, September 7 – Library Closed in observance of Labor Day

For more information visit <https://www.akspl.org/events/the-american-revolution-experience-traveling-exhibit/>

Application Fee and National Dues Waived for Eligible C.A.R. Members

Announcement from the Registrar General

I am pleased to announce a new membership initiative approved by the Sons of the American Revolution at the 2026 Annual Congress.

Effective **August 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027**, the **NSSAR Application Fee and National Annual Dues will be waived** for eligible male members of the **Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.)** who apply for membership in the Sons of the American Revolution.

To qualify, an applicant must:

- Be an approved male member of the Children of the American Revolution;
- Be **22 years of age or younger**;
- Be in good standing with the C.A.R. at the time his SAR application is submitted; and
- Submit his application to the National Society Sons of the American Revolution between **August 1, 2026, and June 30, 2027**.

This initiative provides an exceptional opportunity to encourage young men who already share our commitment to preserving the legacy of the American Revolution to continue that service as members of the SAR.

The Riverside Chapter will assist CAR members in preparing and submitting their SAR applications during this special period.

Our relationship with the Children of the American Revolution is an important part of the future of the SAR. I hope every Society and Chapter will take advantage of this opportunity to welcome the next generation of Compatriots.

Keith Weissinger

Registrar General

National Society Sons of the American Revolution



**151st California SAR Fall Board of Managers Meeting
San Francisco, California — November 5–7, 2026**

Compatriots,
Mark your calendars — the 151st California SAR Fall Board of Managers Meeting is coming to San Francisco this November, and it's shaping up to be a gathering you won't want to miss. Here's a quick look at the schedule:

Thursday, November 5 –Arrival, check-in, and evening fellowship

Friday, November 6 – Morning Alcatraz History Tour exclusively for the fall BOM attendees, followed by our 150th Anniversary Dinner Cruise on the Bay (boarding 6:00 PM, departing 6:30 PM) — a three-course dinner with live music and unforgettable views

Saturday, November 7 – Full day of Board of Managers meetings and Society business.

Whether you're joining us for the meetings, the tours, the cruise, or all three, we'd love to have you there. And this isn't just for members — all Compatriots, family, and friends are welcome. Bring your spouse, bring your kids, come meet fellow members and officers, and be part of the history and camaraderie that make this Society what it is.

Register Here: <https://fallbom.cheddarup.com>

Hotel

Booking: <https://app.marriott.com/resview2?id=1783379451035&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

Prefer to pay by check? A downloadable registration form is also available.



250TH Minute

American loss at the Battle of Brandywine

On September 11, 1777, the American loss at the Battle of Brandywine opened the door for the British to take the American capital, Philadelphia. British General William Howe landed 17,000 troops at Head of Elk, Maryland in late August to capture Philadelphia. George Washington and the Continental Army were camped between the British and Philadelphia.

As the British army began moving north, Washington made his stand at Chadd's Ford over the Brandywine Creek on the "Great Road" from Baltimore to Philadelphia. Washington placed troops at all the main crossings for several miles up and down the creek and believed this would force the British to cross at Chadd's Ford, which was the best defensible position. Unfortunately, Washington's intelligence of the area was not as good as Howe's.

General Howe's troops gathered early on the morning of September 11th. Rather than sending his entire force to fight the Continentals at Chadd's Ford, he split his army in two and sent only 5,000 men to the ford. The rest of Howe's army marched north under Lieutenant General Charles Cornwallis and crossed further up the creek at fords Washington was unaware of, then marched south upon Washington's right flank.

The fighting began on the approach to Chadd's Ford when the Americans opened fire on the British. The British eventually pushed the Americans back beyond the ford. The great surprise took place, however, when Cornwallis' army fell on the right flank at about 2pm. The Americans were completely surprised and quickly took many casualties. Generals John Sullivan, Adam Stephens and William Alexander quickly repositioned their troops and held off the British for a few hours, while the rest of the army began a retreat. By 4pm, Washington and General Nathanael Greene arrived with reinforcements.

As darkness approached, Greene placed the troops of General George Weedon at Dilworth to block the British from advancing. This allowed the rest of the army to retreat to safety, most of whom arrived at Chester by midnight.

The Battle of Brandywine was a great loss for the Americans, but the Continental Army soldiers were not discouraged after the battle, even though they suffered more than 1,000 dead and wounded. Washington wrote to Congress that his army had survived to fight another day. For the next two weeks the armies continued to maneuver around one another, but on September 26, General Howe marched into Philadelphia unopposed. Congress had fled to York and Philadelphia would be occupied for the next 9 months.

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

September 15 Riverside Chapter SAR Monthly Meeting, Flo's Farmhouse Café, Riverside, CA

November 5-7 CASSAR State Board of Managers Meeting, San Francisco, CA

November 14 A Salute to Veterans Parade and EXPO, Riverside, CA

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