



The Riverside Chapter's Rivulet



August 2026



Todd Breker August 1
Terry Brennan August 1
Roger Cooper August 2
David Green August 5
Brian Stephens August 6
David Agnew August 12
Jason Johnson August 12
Wayne Rogers August 17
Hal Cardwell August 20
Troy Flath August 20
Eric Nay August 30



Gene Justin with Karl Rove. Story Page 7

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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

Supplemental Applications

Approved by NSSAR in 2026

James Ungard	ANC Johann Bartholomew
David Leonard	ANC William Harris

Call for Youth Protection Training



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2026 Advance Riverside Chapter Meeting Calendar

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

Meeting Time: Tuesday 11:30 AM

Reservations: None Required. We order off the menu.

July	No Meeting	August	No Meeting
September	15	October	20
November	17	December	15

The New Member section is larger this month thanks to the awareness of America's 250th celebration and the fee discount offered by the National Society during July. We are grateful for the growth the Riverside Chapter is experiencing and the opportunity this brings for additional activities.

We Welcome New Members



Stephen Diephouse

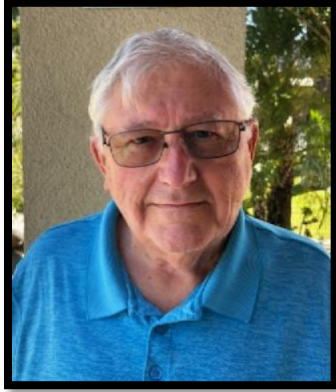
Stephen is descended from John Woodruff who served as a Private in the New Haven, CT Militia. John received a pension on account of his service. The combination of available online records, and the personal files of the applicant, allowed the application to be completed in one day. Stephen is the Principal at Murrieta High School in Murrieta, CA.



Nathan Morehead

Nathan is descended from Michael Cox Sr. who served in 1781 as an Ensign in the Washington County, PA Militia. He was urged to join by an Uncle. Now he has paved the way for his Uncle to join SAR. Nathan is a Logistics Manager employed by National Services Group, a building renovation company

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Jerry Wagner

Jerry is descended from Philip Bailey who served in the Amherst Co., VA Militia. Bailey was awarded a pension for his service where he, at age 85, laid out a detailed description of his service.

Jerry lives in Upland and recently retired after 40 years as an owner of D&W Consulting that developed and integrated GIS software for a variety of purposes. He served in the Army for three years.



Jason Kovacs

Jason may be the only Riverside Chapter member ever to be descended from a Loyalist! His ancestor, Roger Conant, served as a Private and Minute Man in the Massachusetts Militia. But his family became Loyalists and moved to Ontario, Canada in 1780. (The service still counts). They changed their name to Conat. Jason was also born in Ontario, Canada but moved to Temecula where he formed Gospel Care Collective, a Gospel-centered, clinically-informed counseling service. He enjoys swimming, reading, bicycling and keeping up with his 5 kids.



John Tanquary

John is descended from John Foster Leaverton who served as a Private in the 4th Company, Talbot Co., MD Militia in 1776. He also provided public service by paying a Supply Tax in Caroline Co., MD in 1783. John is a resident of Corona and works in the commercial/industrial HVAC industry with Air Control Systems. They handle all of the Amazon warehouses among other businesses. A father of 5, he enjoys boating, desert off-roading, and artistic painting.

July 4 Celebration at Heritage House on July 5



The Riverside Chapter booth on full display featuring Mike Mann, John Matulich, Brian Foote, and David Leonard in uniform, with Terry Cochran and Troy Flath inspecting the troops.

This occasion provided an opportunity to induct Compatriot Jason Johnson into the SAR accompanied by his wife Stacy.



Our sisters, spouses in some cases, of the DAR joined with the SAR to promote patriotism. They identified a number of prospects from ladies who had past relatives in the DAR.

America 250th Independence Day Celebration at Philadelphia

Riverside Chapter Secretary Gene Justin served as our correspondent to the America 250th NSSAR Celebration in Philadelphia as well as the National Congress in Greensboro, NC. He provided daily briefings about the activities, sites and tours offered through the SAR. His attendance nets another streamer for our Chapter Flag.



136th Annual SAR Congress, Greensboro, NC



Page 1: Gene pictured with commentator Karl Rove who was the keynote speaker at the NSSAR formal banquet AND was inducted as a new member in the SAR.

Left: Gene shown with Bill Klinger upon receiving the Minuteman Award, (blue ribbon), the highest honor of the NSSAR.



An appetite for fine dining is an asset when one attends the Annual Congress. This is part of the California delegation



President General Michael Elston with Daniel Shippey, THE present day George Washington in film. lectures and living history portrayals attending the Congress as a delegate from the Orange County Chapter. The aide-de-camp assistants to General Washington keep getting younger as time goes by.



250TH Minute

Battle of Dogger Bank

On August 5, 1781, the Battle of Dogger Bank sees a major battle between British and Dutch ships during the American Revolution. Britain declared war on the Netherlands in December of 1780 for helping the Americans in their Revolution. The Dutch never formally aligned with America, but throughout the war, they had engaged in transporting French supplies to America.

The Netherlands was a small power whose status as a naval and mercantile superpower was already waning. After declaring war, Britain blockaded the Dutch coast to monitor and prevent naval and merchant ships from leaving port. The blockade wreaked havoc on the Dutch economy and merchants began crying out to the government to provide military escorts for merchant ships.

In early August, a large fleet of 70 merchant ships left the Texel, accompanied by 7 ships of the line. The military escort was captained by Admiral Johan Zoutman, a long distinguished Dutch naval figure who would later have Fort Zoutman in Aruba named after him. This structure still stands and is the oldest Dutch structure on the island.

On August 5th, Zoutman's fleet was spotted near the Dogger Bank in the North Sea by British Admiral, Sir Hyde Parker, as he escorted a British fleet from the Baltic Sea back to England. The Dogger Bank is a large area of shallow water off England's coast. The water in this unique area is only about 50 feet to 120 feet deep, about 70 feet shallower than the rest of the North Sea.

Admiral Parker quickly sent the merchant fleet under his supervision on to England and gave pursuit to Zoutman's fleet. The British navy was stretched very thin and all over the world at this point in the American Revolution. Many of Parker's ships were worn out and in need of maintenance. Some were not even built as warships, but were commercial vessels pressed into military service. Most of the ships did not have their full inventory of cannon operational.

The battle began around 8 am on August 5 and continued for several hours with both sides taking severe damage. The Dutch merchant ships left the battle and returned to the Texel and around 11 o'clock, Admiral Parker began a retreat. Both sides suffering very high casualties, although the British were successful in turning back the Dutch merchant fleet. 104 British sailors were killed and 339 wounded. 142 Dutch sailors were killed, with 403 wounded, although some reports placed the Dutch casualties as high as 1100. One Dutch ship sank that night. British Admiral Parker would go on to complain about his ill-equipped fleet. He would be appointed the naval commander of India in 1782, but would go down with his flagship, the *Cato*, on the voyage to the Far East.

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

The Riverside Chapter's

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