



The Riverside Chapter's Rivulet



July 2026



Wilson Crider July 4
John Horton July 4
Mike Heckenliable July 6
Cash Clawson July 6
Chris Juhl July 7
Mike McAlexander July 7
Dean Chase July 14
Ken White July 30
Chris Whitehead July 30

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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	04 July 2026	No. 238861

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>

We Welcome New Members



The Riverside Chapter welcomes the Whitehead family. Charles, Chris Sr., Chaz, and Christopher Jr. are descendants of Nathaniel Whitehead, a private who served under Colonel David Dimon's unit in the Continental Army in 1775 in Waterbury, Connecticut.



Charles (77) enlisted in the U.S. Navy Seabees as a Steelworker Second Class (E-5) and served in Vietnam from 1969 to 1970. He recently retired after a successful career in project management with one of the largest painting contractors on the West Coast.

His son, Chris Sr. (44), is currently working in project management for a heavy civil contractor in Southern California.

His grandson, Chaz (17), is an avid historian with a particular interest in the Washington, D.C., area. He is heavily involved at Hillside Church, serving in several ministries, including playing guitar for the worship band and founding a prayer team for the high school ministry. He also plays baseball and football for United Christian Academy, plays piano, is a member of the Young America's Foundation, and recently earned the rank of Eagle Scout.

His grandson, Christopher Jr. (15), is also deeply involved at Hillside Church, where he serves in several ministries, including playing drums for the worship band. He plays baseball and football for UCA, plays piano, is a member of the Young America's Foundation, and is on track to earn the rank of Eagle Scout in the summer of 2026.

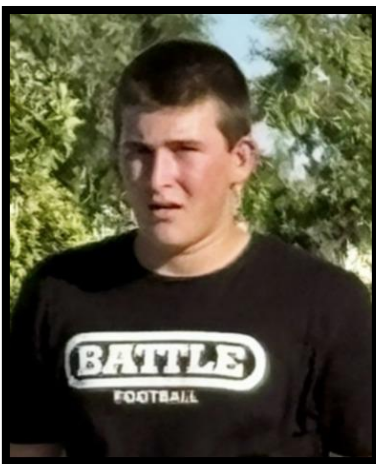
We Welcome New Members



Riverside Chapter SAR member and retired LA County Fire Captain Troy Flath with incoming member Chad Flath, also a LA Fire Captain serving the community of Glendora. They are descended from Augustine Argenbriight who served in expeditions to repel the Shawnee in 1778, and British forces

under Cornwallis in 1779. Augustine was present at the siege of Yorktown. Chad has two daughters and is he active at United Christian Academy where they attend. Chad competes in Iron Man triathlon events. The family enjoys water sports and river trips.

Ed. Note: While assembling the biographical information for the Whitehead and Flath families, the similarities were striking. Upon query, it was revealed that the families know each other and pursued these applications simultaneously without one knowing the efforts of the other.



Cash Clawson is the grandson of Riverside Chapter member Troy Flath. He is a Sophomore at United Christian Academy and follows the path of his Patriot ancestor Augustine Argenbriight as a modern day warrior, by serving as Captain of the varsity football team. He plays both first string QB and middle linebacker. He was CIF first team and all league player of the year for his division. Cash also plays on the varsity baseball team as first baseman. Like his father, Cash wants to serve in our nation's military, then follow in the footsteps of his uncles and grandfather, in the career of a Fire Fighter.

Highlights of the June Riverside Chapter Meeting



Jim Ungard receives his Supplemental Ancestor certificate from President Mike Mann. His Patriot ancestor was Johann Bartholomew Jr, (1734-1809) who served with the Lancaster Co., PA Militia.

Tom Chapin was inducted into the SAR by President Mike Mann and his sponsor, Brian Stephens. His Patriot ancestor, Shadrach Chapin, (1753-1828) served as a Private in the Massachusetts Militia.



Highlights of the June Riverside Chapter Meeting



Brian Uribe (with cap) and Mike Kelly were inducted into the SAR by President Mike Mann and their sponsor, Brian Stephens. Brian's Patriot ancestor, Enos Grannis, (1754-1843) moved through the ranks from Private to Captain in the Connecticut Militia.

Mike Kelly's Patriot ancestor, Nathaniel Whittington, (1762-1839) served several tours as a Private in the South Carolina Militia.

RIVERSIDE CHAPTER 2026 MEMBERSHIP TRACKER

January 88

Non-renewals 8

February 80

March 84

May 87

June 90

Thank you for your support!

A 250th Anniversary Celebration at Grizzly

27 July 2026



A stirring event program hosted by Riverside Chapter member Brian Uribe. David Leonard and Brian Stephens man the artifacts table.



Roger Cooper renewed his role as General George Washington, escorted by the 4th CT Regiment that included David Leonard, Brian Stephens with his Lady Diane, and Mike Mann.

The SAR displayed colonial artifacts that included the popular board game (on cloth), and Revolutionary War armaments.

The display behind them is the beginning collection of Revolutionary War items to be part of a museum on site.

PATRIOTIC TOURS – HERITAGE HOUSE

July 5 @ 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Come see the patriotic side of Heritage House! Take first-floor guided tours, and revel in some lively tunes while enjoying the gardens. See the patriotic side of Heritage House! Explore the first floor on a guided tour to learn about the history and stories that have shaped both Riverside and the nation. Revel in some lively tunes while enjoying the grounds, which are decked out in red, white, and blue to celebrate the nation's 250th anniversary!

The Riverside Chapter Sons of the American Revolution and Aurantia Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution will be on site providing interpretation of the founding principles of our Country.



SPECIAL ★ TOUR ★ HOURS

Sunday ★ July 5
10 a.m.-2 p.m.
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Heritage House
8193 Magnolia Avenue
Riverside, CA 92504



LOCATION

8193 MAGNOLIA
AVENUE, NORTH OF
ADAMS ST.

PARKING PROVIDED
ACROSS MAGNOLIA
FROM THE HOUSE.



**YOU BETTER MOVE FAST! 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/>

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/

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



250TH Minute

Captain John Paul Jones dies

On July 18, 1792, Captain John Paul Jones dies. John Paul Jones was America's first naval hero for his exploits during the American Revolution. He was born in Scotland and began working as a sailor at the age of 13. At the age of 20, Jones was on a voyage when the captain and first mate died during a yellow fever outbreak. After successfully leading the ship into harbor, the ship's owners were so grateful that they made him the captain. He made two successful voyages as captain before his career took a turn.

Jones' reputation was tarnished when he had a sailor flogged for insubordination and died. He was imprisoned for the man's death. Sometime later, Jones killed a sailor involved in a mutiny on his ship. He refused to sit for a court martial and fled Scotland for America.

Jones had a brother living in Virginia who died around this time. Jones took over his brothers' affairs. After meeting several local politicians, Jones went to Philadelphia where the new United States Navy was just being formed. Jones was appointed first lieutenant of the Navy's flagship, USS Alfred. Jones was given command of the USS Providence. In six weeks, he captured 16 British ships. He went on to command a series of ships, wreaking havoc on the coast of British Nova Scotia and on British shipping.

In 1777, Jones was sent to France to assist the American commissioners there, Ben Franklin, John Adams and Arthur Lee. Later, Jones captured several British merchant ships, made the only American land attack on England in the war, captured the HMS Drake and tried to kidnap the Earl of Selkirk.

Jones terrorized the English coast and earned the reputation of a "pirate" in England. In 1779, he engaged the HMS Serapis in battle. The Serapis surrendered, but Jones' own ship, the Bonhomme Richard, sank a few days later. Jones then sailed the captured Serapis into port.

Jones continued friction, but now with American political leaders. Jones looked for employment elsewhere. He served for a time in the navy of Empress Catherine II of Russia, fighting in their war against the Ottoman Turks in the Black Sea. He wore out his welcome there too and retired to France. John Paul Jones lived in France for the rest of his life after 1790. He passed away on July 18, 1792 in Paris. Jones' body was removed to the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis in 1913. He is considered America's first great naval hero and is often called the "Father of the US Navy."

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

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 SAR appearance 10 AM to 2 PM

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