



The Riverside Chapter's Rivulet



October 2026

October Meeting

Date: October 20, 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**



**Brian Stuart Oct. 6
Steve Chaffin Oct. 9
Jacob Leisle Oct. 13
Whalen Zumwalt Oct. 13
Hayden Zumwalt Oct. 29
Shaun Hunniford Oct. 31**

A Salute to Veterans Parade

A Salute to Veterans Parade is the grandest event that our Chapter participates in each year. Come enjoy the pageantry and combustion of our SAR marching unit. This event attracts other chapters throughout the state because it is a rare public live-fire opportunity. The chapter has an extra regimental coat and pants for a medium size man, as well as a non-firing musket.

If marching is not for you, bring a chair and join us at our SAR booth at the EXPO during and after the parade. It is an opportunity to engage the public about military and colonial artifacts we have on display. It is also a chance to socialize with other SAR members.

There is also a need for drivers to ferry the marching unit from the end of the parade back to the staging ground.

The date is November 14, 2026 in downtown Riverside. Staging for the parade is at 8 AM. The EXPO display is set up at 9 AM. The parade ends at 11 AM. The EXPO concludes about 1 PM.

Contact David Leonard to indicate your availability. Further details will follow.

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New Record Number of 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
Jason Kovacs	18 September 2026	No. 240535
John Tanquary	25 September 2026	No. 240619
Jerry Wagner	25 September 2026	No. 240612



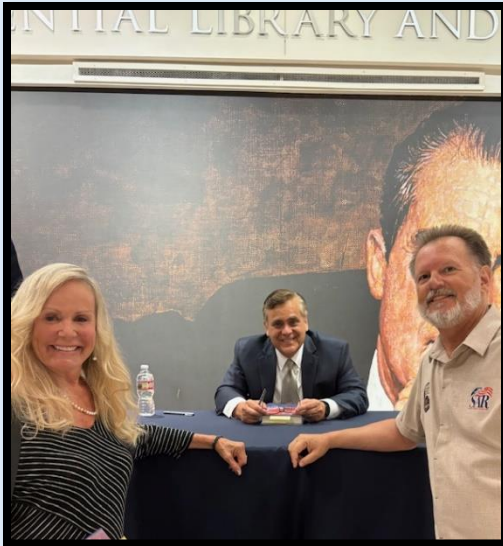
2026 Advance Riverside Chapter Meeting Calendar

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

Reservations: None Required. We order off the menu.

October	20
November	17
December	15



Ron and Kristy Waltman recently attended a book signing event with Jonathon Turley at the Nixon Presidential Library.

We encourage our members to wear SAR attire at any event to promote our organization, and the principles we represent.

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

This is the direct link to the Certificate training.

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

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

The American Revolution Experience, Smiley Library, Redlands

August 29, 2026



Riverside Chapter Artifacts Booth
manned by Mike Mann and Brian
Uribe.

Abraham Lincoln and George Washington (portrayed
by Roger Cooper)



Lt. Leonard of 4th CT Regt fires 1857 Civil War Cannon



A 250th Celebration of America, Ambassador Auditorium, Glendale

September 26, 2026



Presentation of the Colors, L-R Brian Uribe, Todd Taylor, Brian Stephens, David Leonard

Photographs with the public who celebrate American Independence

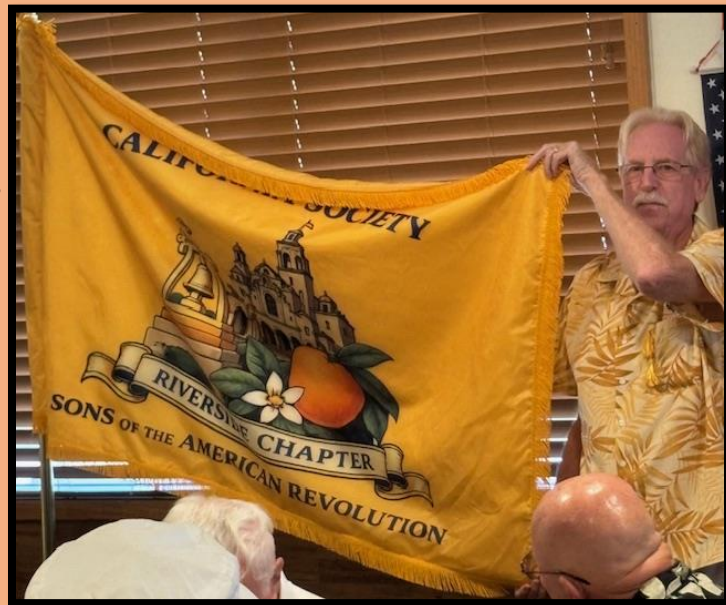


Riverside Chapter September Meeting



The September meeting was attended by 15 members and two guests. A large amount of business, recognitions, and announcements were completed, Roger Cooper presented a video about Francis Marion, the 'Swamp Fox'. His army attacked and eluded British forces without ever being captured.

Brian Stephens presented the new Riverside Chapter flag that was made possible by a generous donor.



Riverside Chapter September Meeting

INDUCTIONS

Ken White, Gavin Christen, and Dan Bowman (below) received their certificates as new members of the Riverside Chapter, as President Mike Mann administers the oath and Brian Stephens presents their pins.



Gavin Christen added to the ceremony by wearing a shirt recognizing the service of his Patriot ancestor, Maxcey Ewell.



Riverside Chapter September Meeting

SUPPLEMENTALS

President Michael Mann presented certificates to David Leonard, left, for his 18th Patriot ancestor, William Harris; and J. Brian Foote for his 2nd Patriot ancestor, Aaron Beach. Brian was also recognized for his support for the NSSAR Library with a Franklin Society certificate and medal set.



Supplemental Applications Approved by NSSAR in 2026

James Ungard
David Leonard
Brian Foote

ANC Johan Bartholomew
ANC William Harris
ANC Aaron Beach

Riverside Chapter Post- September Meeting



A Special Presentation

Following the Chapter meeting on September 15, Troy Flath went to the varsity football team practice at United Christian Academy in Rancho Cucamonga. He gathered the team to present three players with their SAR Membership Certificates.

Cash Clawson, center, with Chaz Whitehead, right, and Chris Whitehead are now members of the Riverside Chapter Sons of the American Revolution.

For good measure, the fathers and grandfathers of these three young men also joined the Riverside Chapter SAR.



We Welcome New Members



Michael Scott Blunk

Scott is descended from Andrew Blunk, Private of the 8th PA Militia. His service is documented by his widow Mary in her quest for a Widow's Pension. The pension was rejected due to the absence any marriage proof to Andrew. Scott is a Soils Technician who evaluates earthwork conditions at building sites. Scott and wife Laurie's travels include ancestral sites. Scott enjoys racing vintage dirt bikes. He was an Eagle Scout and plays the banjo.

2026 Riverside Chapter Growth Profile

Top chapters producing all application types state-wide

1. South Coast (48)
2. General Patton (34)
3. Thomas Jefferson (33)
4. **Riverside (32)**

Top chapters for new members in process state-wide

1. South Coast (33)
2. General Patton & Harbor (30)
3. Thomas Jefferson (27)
4. **Riverside (24)**

Prospective 2026 Chapter Growth

1. Coachella Valley (53%)
2. Delta & Santa Barbara (36%)
3. **Riverside & South Coast (32%)**

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

Battle of Germantown

The **Battle of Germantown** was fought on October 4, 1777, at Germantown, PA, between the British Army led by General Sir William Howe and the American Army under General George Washington.

After defeating the Continental Army at the Battle of Brandywine on September 11, Howe outmaneuvered Washington, seizing the capital Philadelphia, on September 26. Howe left 3,000 troops in Philadelphia, while moving the bulk of his force to Germantown. Learning of the division, Washington determined to engage the British. His plan called for four separate columns to converge on the British position at Germantown.

The two flanking columns were composed of 3,000 militia, while the center-left, under Nathanael Greene, the center-right under John Sullivan, and the reserve under Lord Stirling were made up of regular troops. The plan was to surprise and destroy the British force, much in the same way as Washington had surprised and defeated the Hessians at Trenton. In Germantown, Howe had his light infantry and the 40th Foot spread across his front as pickets. In the main camp, Wilhelm von Knyphausen commanded the British left, while Howe personally led the British right.

A heavy fog caused a great deal of confusion among the approaching Americans. After a sharp contest, Sullivan's column routed the British pickets. Unseen in the fog, around 120 men of the 40th Foot barricaded Cliveden. When the American reserve moved forward, Washington made the decision to launch repeated assaults on the position, all of which failed with heavy casualties. Penetrating several hundred yards beyond the mansion, Sullivan's wing became dispirited, running low on ammunition and hearing cannon fire behind them. As they withdrew, Anthony Wayne's division collided with part of Greene's late-arriving wing in the fog. Mistaking each other for the enemy, they opened fire, and both units retreated. Meanwhile, Greene's left-center column threw back the British right. With Sullivan's column repulsed, the British left outflanked Greene's column. The two militia columns had only succeeded in diverting the attention of the British, and had made no progress before they withdrew.

Despite the defeat, France, already impressed by the American success against Burgoyne at Saratoga, decided to lend greater aid to the Americans. Howe did not vigorously pursue the defeated Americans, instead turning his attention to clearing the Delaware River of obstacles at Red Bank and Fort Mifflin. After unsuccessfully attempting to draw Washington into combat at White Marsh, Howe withdrew to Philadelphia. Washington, his army intact, withdrew to Valley Forge, where he wintered and retrained his forces.

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

October 20 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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