



The Riverside Chapter's Rivulet



May 2025

March Meeting

Date: May 21, 2025
Wednesday 11:30 AM

Location: Cactus Cantina
Mission Grove Center
151 E. Alessandro Blvd
Riverside, CA

Program: The Southern Campaign
Along the Mississippi
River Part 4

RSVP Not Required



Ron Morgan	May 9
Aaron Lucas	May 12
Jon Breker	May 14
McAllister Zumwalt	May 17
Rob Dickey	May 24
Mike Mann	May 24
Jack Terry	May 28

President's Message

THE WAR HAS BEGUN. With the battle of Lexington and Concord, April 19, 1775 the Colonists began hostilities with the British Military. This will be a long fight for our liberty and freedom. While the battle was, at best, a draw it showed the British that the Colonists were serious in obtaining their freedom from British rule.

National SAR was heavily involved in the reenactment of the battle of Lexington and Concord this April and has produced a video "*The SAR Celebrates the 250th Anniversary of the Battles of Lexington and Concord!*" that can be viewed on You Tube.

On April 9 I had the privilege of being invited by Regent Sara Cochran to a meeting with the Aurantia Chapter DAR, (see Page 3). We currently have 6 members in process who are related to Aurantia members. I told them that our SAR Chapter is actively involved in America 250, and invited the ladies to any of our meetings.

CASSAR held its 150th Spring Membership meeting in Costa Mesa. John Matulich, Brian Stephens, Mark Kramer and myself were in attendance. There were several current and past National Offers presents including President General Darryl Addington (North Carolina SAR) and Chancellor General Edmond McKinley (Alabama SAR), Joe Dooley and John Dodd.

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President's Message Continued

Most of the business was the usual financial reports, committee reports and Chapter reports. There were 2 bylaw changes introduced that were held over to the fall due to technical difficulties. New CASSAR officers were elected: The major officers are President John Farris, Executive VP Randy Dhindsa, VP South Brandon Villardi, VP Dan Shurtz, VP Membership Scott Whitman, Secretary Christopher Cerillo, Treasurer Kevin Bidenkap, Chancellor Michael Hirman, Registrar Terry Briggs, Genealogist David Morrow.

It is very interesting to listen to other Chapter reports and get some ideas. While the Chapter did not get any awards this year your President received the Gold 250 (Anniversary) medal.

Until next time keep your powder dry.

Michael Mann, President



Mike Mann, left, was among those receiving the Gold 250 Medal

Meeting Program for May

Compatriot Roger Cooper has announced a ten-month program covering on the southern campaign of the American Revolution. The ultimate success of this campaign would lead to an American victory and Independence. The May meeting will focus on the British campaign along the Mississippi River.

Riverside Chapter SAR Outreach with the Aurantia Chapter DAR

The name Aurantia, meaning golden, was chosen from a botanical name for the orange tree Citrus Aurantium. Because the City of Riverside thrived on the development of the Naval Orange industry, it was only fitting that the local DAR Chapter adopt Aurantia as its name. The DAR and the SAR have had a presence together in Riverside for over 80 years. But only rarely have they teamed together for events or programs, although the two organizations do join together for the annual Salute to Veterans Parade in Riverside. But this year a courtship of sorts is happening.



Riverside Chapter President Mike Mann sends greetings at the April Aurantia Chapter DAR meeting under the watchful eye of DAR Regent Sara Cochran. Mike presented challenge coins to four DAR.

DAR Referrals Unify the Chapters and Reap SAR Rewards

The Aurantia Chapter DAR is making a strong run for medals and a cash prize. As of April, their members have already made six referrals for applications to the Riverside Chapter SAR that are now being processed.

The National SAR (NSSAR) presents the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Award to the State Society that recruits the highest number of new members to the SAR. The competition runs during the calendar year. To be counted, a "DAR Finder Form" must be attached to the application packet. The NSSAR Registrar General uses these forms to determine the winner.

The NSSAR annually awards \$1,200 in cash prizes to State DAR Societies. Those Societies with highest number of referrals, or the largest percentage of referrals based on their size, receive \$300 for first place, \$200 for second place, and \$100 for third place.

The NSSAR has just approved a new Finder Form Medal Program that awards medals based on a new member approved by NSSAR. These include the Abigail Adams Medal for Two Finder Forms, the Deborah Sampson Medal for Five Finder Forms, and the Lucy Knox Medal for Eight Finder Forms.



L-R SAR Medal of Appreciation, Martha Washington Medal, and Daughters of Liberty Medal

The California Society SAR (CASSAR) annually awards the DAR Medal of Appreciation for 5 referrals, the Martha Washington Medal for 20 referrals, and the Daughters of Liberty Medal for 50 referrals. The CASSAR also annually awards a Certificate of Appreciation and cash prize of \$100.00 to the DAR Chapter that provides the highest number of referrals greater than five, that result in approved SAR member applications submitted using the DAR Finder Form.

Once the applications are approved by NSSAR, the Aurantia Chapter will have qualified for the NSSAR Abigail Adams Medal, the Deborah Sampson Medal, and the CASSAR DAR Medal of Appreciation. They are closing in on the Lucy Knox Medal.

An added referral incentive was the temporary NSSAR fee discount available during the month of April. The fee was reduced from \$200 to \$125 for applications received by CASSAR during that month. This program has the potential to result in greater benefits to the Riverside Chapter SAR with more meeting attendees, potential office holders, color guard members, and friends with common interests.

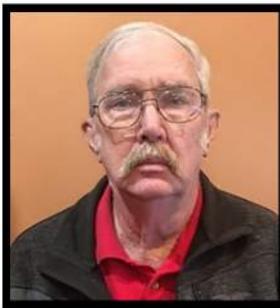
Welcome New Members

Riverside Chapter SAR continues to grow as we welcome our new Compatriots. The Aurantia DAR maintains a strong influence on our growth.



Antonio Reyes

By transfer from the Signers Chapter of the Nevada Society. As a native of Ohio, Antonio has been active in his chapter in Las Vegas. Having moved to Rancho Cucamonga, Riverside Chapter will now benefit by his presence. Antonio works in the IT field. His Patriot Ancestor is William Millikan of the NC Militia. He is processing a third Supplemental application.



David Jackson

David joins the SAR Chapter as a descendant of Thomas Matteson of Rhode Island on the basis of his daughter, Sara Jackson Cochran's DAR application. An application for his Son-In-Law Terry Cochran, was submitted for processing last month. David had a 24-year career in the Air Force and has a hobby of building vintage guns. These include a Pennsylvania Long Rifle.



Andrew Tracey

Andrew joins SAR as a descendant of Solomon Tracey, a Private in the Massachusetts Militia. The letter 'e' found its way into the name during the early 20th Century. His application is based on his sister's membership in the Connecticut Roger Sherman DAR Chapter. Andrew is a heavy equipment operator who works wherever the job takes him.

Supplemental Applications Making a Return

A Supplemental application for Wilson Crider, ANC Martin Crider, was approved by NSSAR on 23 June 2023. While this is not news to Wilson, this represents the only Supplemental application approved for a Riverside Chapter member since 2020. Wilson has submitted an additional Supplemental and David Leonard has submitted two Supplementals. Henry Lucas, Bill Vining, and Hal Cardwell are each working on their Supplemental applications.



250TH Minute

Washington and Rochambeau meet in Connecticut

On May 21, 1781, Washington and Rochambeau met in Connecticut to discuss options for an attack on the British. By early 1781, the success of the American Revolution was in question. People were tiring of the war. Inflation was rampant. The Continental Congress had no money with which to pay its soldiers. Some soldiers were even threatening to mutiny. French involvement had failed to yield any significant victories. The British were in control of much of the south and had inflicted some severe losses on the Continental Army there, including America's largest defeat of the war, when General Benjamin Lincoln surrendered 5,000 men at Charleston.

The French foreign minister, Charles Gravier, the Comte de Vergennes, realized something must be done quickly before the British solidified their gains. He sent millions in aid to Congress and authorized the French army at Newport, Rhode Island under General Jean-Baptiste Donatien de Vimeur, the Comte de Rochambeau, to join the Continental Army near New York for an attack on the city.

Washington favored an attack on New York City. The American and French soldiers would now outnumber the British in New York by 3 to 1. Rochambeau, on the other hand, favored a less risky joint attack on British operations in Virginia under General William Phillips and the traitor, Benedict Arnold. They sent word to Admiral de Grasse of the options and the French army marched from Newport to White Plains, New York to join the Continental Army.

Admiral de Grasse sailed for the Chesapeake during the summer and sent word to Washington and Rochambeau that he believed a joint attack on Virginia would be the most effective option and encouraged them to join him. Washington abandoned the plans to attack New York and began to march south. Meanwhile, British General Charles Cornwallis had taken a surprise turn into Virginia after suffering from his attempts to secure the Carolinas. Cornwallis received instructions from his superior, General Henry Clinton, to establish a deep water port on the coast. Cornwallis ended up in Yorktown, Virginia.

The Admiral de Grasse arrived at the Chesapeake at the end of August and disembarked 3,000 new troops to join the Marquis de Lafayette, who was already in Virginia. On September 5, de Grasse's fleet successfully fought off a British fleet sent to aid Cornwallis at the Battle of the Chesapeake. The failure of the British fleet to bring aid or assist in an escape trapped Cornwallis in Yorktown. Washington and Rochambeau arrived in September and laid siege to the city, outnumbering the British by 2 to 1. The Siege of Yorktown lasted nearly three weeks, ending in the surrender of Cornwallis on October 19.

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

May 21 **Riverside Chapter SAR Monthly Meeting**, Cactus Cantina, Mission Grove Center,
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