



## BATTLE BORN PATRIOTS CHAPTER NEVADA STATE SOCIETY, SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

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### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Boys Night Out**, every 1st Thursday of odd numbered months. Next BNO is July 1st
- **Memorial Day Events**, May 29-31 TBA
- **Flag Day**, June 14, TBA
- **American Roots Celebration**, July 3, at Genoa (see page 2)
- **Independence Day Liberty Bell Ringing**, July 4th, Nevada State Museum, Carson City
- **Victory at Yorktown Celebration**, October 15-17
- **Veterans Day Parade**, November 11, Reno



The Battle Born Patriots Chapter is on **Facebook**.

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<https://www.facebook.com/NNVSAR>

## President's Message

By David F. Hess

Last Thursday, 20 of the lads met at Skipolinis Restaurant for *Boys Night Out*, but something was different. Most noticeable was the attendance. We had not seen 20 members since the start of the pandemic. Perhaps it was because this meeting was to be our “Annual Meeting,” but I suspect there was more to it than that. There was the smell of freedom in the air. There was a feeling that we were at last at the end of this nightmare. There was the fine mix of joy, camaraderie, and the cause. It was time to get back to work, and it was good.

As I write I am mindful that I am doing so for the compelling reason that we did hold our Annual Meeting. It seems fitting and proper that I pass on the results of that meeting. So, I will (see page 5).

In this issue of the newsletter, with one notable exception, I will focus on the future. As we get our program back on track, it is important to know what lies down that track. Pay close attention to the arti-

cles on two upcoming events in particular—American Roots Celebration and Victory At Yorktown (I just invented that last event name). The event has not been named yet, but it promises to be everything and more that we promised for last years cancelled Nevada Society Annual Meeting. I know you will mark your calendars in ink.

During the pandemic we were not idle. Earlier, you all received a copy of my Annual Report. It documented all our activities in 2020, and no one was more surprised than me to see how much we really did. What was not in that report was this year’s observance of George Washington’s Birthday. It was not in 2020, the casual observer might note, and they would be right. My hope is that as you read it you will understand that it should have been. Yet another Covid victim.

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find our chapter officers for 2021-22. Please help me by encouraging them with your

good wishes, and, if the spirit moves you, your pledge of volunteer support.

In closing, I want to offer a special thanks to Michael Fitzpatrick. At Thursday’s *Boys Night Out*, Mike announced that he and Alice would be moving to Washington state to be closer to his family. For those of you who know Mike I do not need to tell you that his absence will leave a big hole in the chapter. Mike has been active in the Color Guard and a magnificent drummer in the fife and drum corps. He co-chaired the Nevada Society Annual Meeting committee with Jay Dickey. Had Covid-19 not caused the collapse of our plans, it would have been a stellar affair. An appropriate coda for his dedication was his service as the Nevada State Society President this past year. Mike, you and Alice will be missed. For the rest of us its back to work.

**3<sup>rd</sup> of July**



# American Roots Celebration!

Please join us as we discover, or for many of us re-discover, our American Roots and Heritage. It is **FREE**, and it will be **FUN!**

**Mormon Station State Park, Genoa, Nevada**  
**Saturday, July 3rd, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

*... in Genoa, "Nevada's Oldest Settlement"*

- *Flintlock Muskets & Continental Soldiers*
- *Genealogy History Center (Booths)*
- *Historic Displays*
- *Patriotic Music*
- *American History Stories & Poetry*
- *Declaration of Independence*
- *Period Attire & Fashions*

*Event participants include: The Sons of the American Revolution, The Mayflower Society, The Holland Society, The Jamestowne Society, The Daughters of the American Revolution, The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, The Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, The Order of Founders & Patriots of America, The Society of Colonial Dames XVIIIC, and Flagon & Trencher.*

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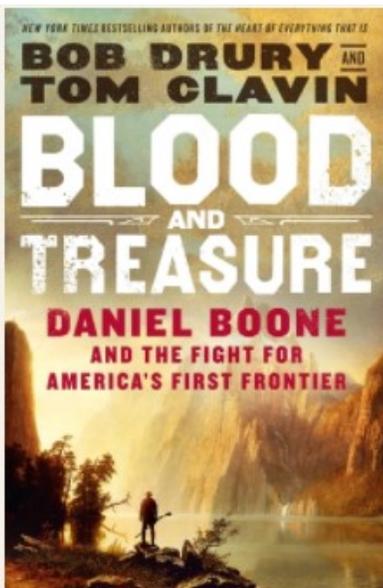
## Victory At Yorktown

On September 28, 1781, the battle was joined. This was to be the battle that would determine whether a nation, conceived in Liberty, would ever be born. On October 19, 1781, exactly 240 years ago, it was almost assured. British forces commanded by Lieutenant General Charles Cornwallis surrendered to the combined American and French forces under the command of General George Washington. It is to celebrate this great event that we plan to gather, but it does not, nor can it, end there. For all its criticism, the American experiment is unparalleled in history. An experiment that has, and continues to confound those who say that a government by, for and of the people cannot possibly succeed, and yet it does. That is why we, as heirs to the revolutionary founders of this blessed country, gather to celebrate and renew our dedication.

Mark your calendar now and keep your eyes peeled for details as they come. We have planned to set aside the weekend of October 15-17, for a series of events to commemorate the Victory at Yorktown by rededicating ourselves to the mission of the Sons of The American Revolution, and specifically to remind ourselves and our guests that with our rededication this nation shall not vanish from the earth.

The centerpiece for the celebration will be a presentation by Bob Drury, co-author with Tom Clavin of several award winning books including the New York Times Best Sellers in their Heart Of Everything That Is series. Please read below for more details.

## NEW YORK TIMES BEST SELLING AUTHOR TO SPEAK



The #1 New York Times bestselling authors of *The Heart of Everything That Is* series return with a true story that makes fiction pale in comparison, and told by storytellers who, according to the Wall Street Journal, is “the au-

thors’ finest work to date.” It is the mid-eighteenth century, and in the 13 colonies founded by Great Britain, anxious colonists desperate to conquer and settle North America’s “First Frontier” beyond the Appalachian Mountains commence a series of bloody battles. These violent conflicts are waged against the Native American tribes whose lands they covet, the French, and finally against the mother country itself in an American Revolution destined to reverberate around the world.

This is the setting of *Blood and Treasure*, and the guide to this epic narrative is America’s first and arguably greatest pathfinder, Daniel Boone—not the coonskin cap-wearing caricature of popular culture but the flesh-and-blood frontiersman and Revolutionary War hero whose explorations into the forested frontier beyond the

great mountains would become the stuff of legend. Now, thanks to painstaking research by two award-winning authors, the story of the brutal birth of the United States is told through the eyes of both the ordinary and larger-than-life men and women, white and red, who witnessed it.

This fast-paced and fiery narrative, fueled by contemporary diaries and journals, newspaper reports, and eyewitness accounts, is a stirring chronicle of the conflict over America’s “First Frontier” that places the reader at the center of this remarkable epoch and its gripping tales of courage and sacrifice.

## REMEMBERING GEORGE WASHINGTON ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 289TH BIRTHDAY

There were those who thought this wouldn't happen. But it did as dozens of members and their guests gathered at the Red Hawk Resort to celebrate the birth of the man who was as Washington eulogizer, Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee said, "First in war. First in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen."

And so we gathered despite Covid fears to honor our first President and to honor our own. We were all enthralled by our keynote speaker, Dr. Matthew Bowdish, MD, whose presentation on 18th century medical practices was as entertaining as it was informative. Dr. Bowdish enlightened us as he separated myth from fact regarding Washington's health issues, which were many, but not what we all supposed them to be.

Our gathering was made even more special because we had the opportunity to recognize a member, his wife and good friend with a rare awarding of the SAR Life Saving Award. Chapter member Derek Brown did the honors of making the presentation to Chapter member Gerry Miller; his wife, Charlotte Miller; and good friend Mike Arnold

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I thought I would share with you the account of the actual event that resulted in these awards.

*Those who have known Gerry for years know that he tries to be prepared for anything whether it be work, backpacking, being a volunteer firefighter and now being a member of the Lyon County Sheriff's Search and Rescue team/Lyon County Amateur Radio Emergency Service. Last year all of that preparedness paid off for one lucky lady.*

*On Friday Aug 14, 2020, Gerry Miller, Charlotte Miller and Mike Arnold drove to watch a portion of the Vegas to Reno Off-Road race. The temperature that day was nearly*

*100 degrees, but violent thunderstorms with heavy rains started in the later afternoon with a corresponding large drop in temperature into the late evening.*

*They continued to watch the race until about 9:00 pm before heading home. At one point they had to get on the Bureau of Land Management road that served as the race course. They rounded a bend and saw a race bike in a weird position in the rocks and brush. Mike exclaimed, "There's a rider on the ground!" With both Mike and Gerry being retired from the fire service, their training took over without thinking. After a quick assessment, they got the rider up on her feet and into the truck. She was cold,*

*wet, tired, concerned for her parents and crew, and scared from being stranded there for six hours without anyone coming to her aid. Charlotte did an excellent job of keeping her warm, fed, given plenty of fluids as they drove to find a location where either the race radio or cell phone would work. The temperature at that time was around 58 degrees, so the rider was on hypothermia's doorstep. They got in touch with her parents who were relieved to hear from their daughter who*

*should have finished hours earlier. The Race Director told Gerry to remain in place and that he would send someone to recover the bike and lead the group out. After about 2+ hours, the fellow showed up with the bike on the trailer. Being old fire eaters, Gerry and Mike made sure the patient stayed conscious and was stabilized.*

*About 4+ hours, they made it to the finish line after putting Gerry's stock 2008 Toyota Tundra through hell; as Gerry said, "no way would I have driven through places we went; except we were bringing out a young woman who was depending on a rider notification system that failed twice and the transponder on her bike failed to garner any attention after being in the same place for six hours." You should know, the patient survived and is doing well.*



Clockwise from top left: 1. Charlotte Miller, Gerry Miller, and Mike Arnold receive their awards; 2. Jay Dickey, Angela Haakinson, Kathy Doyle, Charles Keine, and Tony Dawson; 3. Mike Arnold, Gerry Miller, and Charlotte Miller; 4. Dr/ Matthew Bowdish, MD

# Notes On The Annual Meeting

Throughout the Revolutionary War period we know that many major decisions were made and careful plans were laid in taverns. It is altogether fitting and proper that the important business of an organization dedicated to the spirit and the reality of the Revolution follow in that tradition. It was, therefore, in the tradition that our forefathers laid out that we held the Annual Meeting of the Battle Born Patriots Chapter, Nevada State Society, Sons of The American Revolution at Skipolini's Restaurant on Thursday, May 6, 2021, convening at 6:00 p.m.

For the record, the agenda included a presentation by our Treasurer, Jim McLane, whose report is included

below. Jim would want me to provide a footnote to one entry. That entry is the \$4874 for the 2020 Nevada State Society Annual Meeting, which was our turn to host. As we are all painfully aware, that meeting was abruptly cancelled. The reason, of course, was Covid-19 and our concern (as if we cared) was for your safety. More surprising was the necessity of cancelling our 2021 meeting for the same reasons. Be assured, however, that Jim knows who gave every dollar of the total balance, and, when we host the next meeting, members will receive credit for what they have on deposit.

We also elected officers for the 2021-2022 year. It was gratifying in a

way that would have made George Washington proud. All the new officers were elected on a unanimous vote. Accordingly, your officers for the coming year are: President, David Hess; Secretary, Roger Linscott; Treasurer, Jim McLane; Vice President-Programs, Stephen Schroder; Vice President-Events, Rob Stoecklin; Vice President-Membership, Rob Stoecklin; Color Guard Commander, Roger Linscott; Registrar, Richard Dalton; Counselor, Jay Dickey; DAR Liaison, Roger Linscott.

Hold on to your hats lads. As we come out of Covid, this is going to be a fun year.

## Chapter Financials — Jan. 2020 to Apr. 2021

	Beginning Balance	Income	Expenses	Ending Balance
Checking Account	\$1,645	\$15,388	\$9695	\$7,224
Young Patriots	\$371	\$100		\$471
2020 Annual Meeting	(\$73)	\$10,355	\$5,408	\$4,874
Sub Total Spec. Accounts	\$298	\$10,455	\$5,408	\$5,345
Basic Account	\$1,347	\$4,933	\$4,401	\$1,879
Savings Account	\$2,336	\$500	\$470	\$2,366
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,981</b>	<b>\$15,888</b>	<b>\$10,279</b>	<b>\$9,589</b>

## The American Heritage Partnership: A New Kid On The Block

America is at a tipping point, when the preservation of our nation's history is more important than ever. For many decades, various heritage societies have focused their energies on their individual mission statements related to the historical settings peculiar to those societies, be it the Pilgrims, colonial New England, New Netherland, Jamestown, or other areas of early American history.

Traditionally, these societies have operated independently, with little coordination or collaboration. Members of these societies have taken it for granted, perhaps, that their traditions will carry on, and that younger generations of Americans will continue to preserve and protect our nation's heritage. That concept is threatened, however, from several

directions. A major threat comes from our nation's colleges and secondary schools, which teach students that America's history is a story of oppression, racism and privilege. Sadly, our children are not being taught the basic facts about the settlement of this country, the Revolution that made this a nation of free people, or the courage and sacrifices of generations of Americans to make us the greatest nation on earth.

It is with this in mind that American Heritage Partners has been formed. AHP is a Nevada-based 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization whose mission is to bring together the leading heritage societies and institutions to better educate and inform our citizens about our American history—its beginnings, its

challenges, and its glories. Towards that end, AHP intends to serve as a coordinating "hub" for organizations and other interested parties to come together to teach American history to our citizens, young and old, with appropriate funding and resources to be made available for these purposes. In addition to live educational programs and activities, AHP's goal is to help these organizations exploit newer communications technologies, especially social media, in order to tell our American story in a more robust way, and to reach beyond the traditional audiences our heritage societies typically reach. AHP hopes to help these organizations gain a wider audience, and present our national story in a more collaborative way.

## SAR Contacts — New Compatriots

### Important Contacts:

Whether you want to get involved or just have questions about SAR or your membership, here is contact information for the people you need to know:

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### Volunteer Opportunities:

- Interested in joining the Color Guard? Contact Roger Linscott
- Join the Fifes & Drums of Nevada! Contact David Hess
- Want to help with an event? Contact Robert Stoecklin
- Interested in our education programs? Call Stephen Schroder.
- Have a topic or presentation you would like to see at *Boys Night Out*? Call David Hess

### Welcome New Compatriots

Our Chapter continues to grow, and it is my pleasure to welcome the following new Compatriots:

- \* Robert Boyd
- \* David Bradfield
- \* Derrick Brown
- \* Donn Dalton
- \* Stephen Hardesty
- \* Bernard Hardesty
- \* John Hardesty
- \* John McKean
- \* David Perdue
- \* Arthur Salt
- \* Jess Traver

*May God bless you all, and may  
 God bless America*