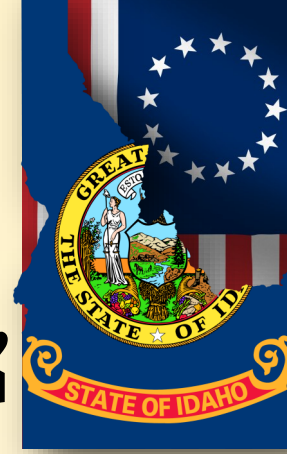




Idaho State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

250th Anniversary Edition



Revolutionary Times

Containing the latest news from our State Society

April 2025

President's Message

Dear Fellow Compatriots,

As we approach the anniversary of the Battles of Lexington and Concord, we are reminded of the courage and resolve of the Minutemen, who were ready at a moment's notice to defend the freedoms we now cherish. Their quick action and unwavering commitment to the cause of liberty embody the spirit of our nation's founding. It is also a time for us to remember our dear friend, Jesse Jones, whose contributions to the Society reflected the same dedication to preserving our heritage. Jesse's legacy will continue to inspire us as we carry forward the work of honoring those who fought for the freedoms we enjoy.

As we prepare for the upcoming state meeting in Pocatello, I understand that for many of you, the distance may be a challenge. However, just as the Minutemen stood together in defense of our nation, it is through our collective involvement that we strengthen the bonds of our Society and ensure the principles of patriotism and freedom endure. Your participation is vital to the success of our mission, and I encourage you to join us as we honor our shared history and the heroes who made it possible. For those who can attend, your presence

will be greatly appreciated, and we look forward to a meaningful and inspiring event.~



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Annual Conference Location

This year's Idaho State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution Annual Conference will be held on **May 3, 2025**. This year, it will be held at the **Holiday Inn Express in Pocatello, Idaho**. Compatriots will begin meeting the night before the conference, **May 2, 2025**, at the hotel for some fun and fellowship. Conference details are on page 8. ~



President Chapman Presents Idaho State University's ROTC Award

On April 3rd, 2025, President Chris Chapman represented IDSSAR at the Idaho State University ROTC awards ceremony. This year, Idaho State University selected ROTC Cadet Anna Maxwell as their candidate for the IDSSAR State Silver ROTC Medal—the medal endeavors to foster the principle of “citizen-soldier” exemplified by the Minutemen. Recipients are selected by their ROTC commanding officer based on their military bearing, leadership potential, attitude, scholastic achievements, and general excellence. ~



Compatriot John Steward (Left) and IDSSAR President Chris Chapman (Right) present Idaho State University ROTC Cadet Anna Maxwell (Center) with the State ROTC Certificate for her outstanding accomplishments.

Recognize Your Revolutionary Ancestor

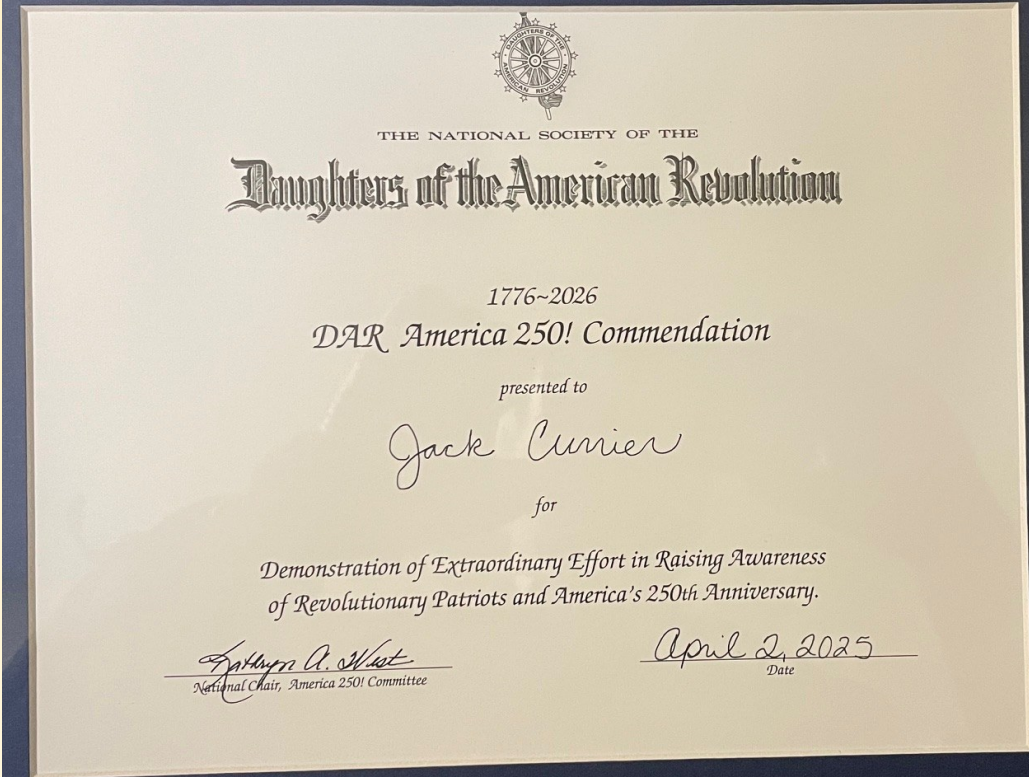
The IDSSAR Newsletter would like to recognize our members and their Revolutionary War ancestors. The Newsletter is asking our members to identify their ancestors and provide any information you know about the ancestor so we can publish the information or other research about the person in upcoming editions of IDSSAR Revolutionary Times. Your effort in this project will help build a historical library of our members for future generations to come. It can also demonstrate our commitment toward honoring those who fought to create the United States of America. Send your information to William Flink, IDSSAR State Secretary, at wflink.sar@yahoo.com or idssarrevolutionarytimes@yahoo.com. ~

Idaho SAR Efforts to Recognize the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution

The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (NSSAR) has developed a recognition program designed to encourage and recognize those compatriots, chapters, and societies that participate in local, state, national, and international events that publicly educate, and recognize, honor, and celebrate the events and heroes of the period surrounding the American Revolution. Idaho IDSSAR President Chapman has firmly endorsed the position that IDSSAR members actively participate in the NSSAR 250th Recognition Program, and in doing so, encourages the state's Chapters and Compatriots to read the Recognition Program's guidelines and seek ways that they can fulfill the program's requirements to achieve national recognition for our Idaho Society participation in the program. Participation involves planning and executing of 250th events, as well as attendance. Medals can be awarded for our efforts to comply with the program's requirements.

Medals cover any event celebrating and promoting the 250th Anniversary. This will cover any public events celebrating and promoting the 250th Anniversary in the period from 2014 to 2033. Forms may be submitted for multiple years. Scorekeeping is the responsibility of each compatriot and awarding authority. The awarding authority for each medal is as follows. For consistency, the Bronze and Silver Medals will be authorized and recorded by the NSSAR America 250 Committee. The Gold Medal is only authorized and recorded by the NSSAR 250th Anniversary Committee. President Chapman's says, "Let's go for the gold!" For information on program requirements, [Click Here](#). ~





America 250 Celebration In Idaho at the Idaho State Capitol

The National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) sponsored the celebration of America 250! The event was a Traveling Exhibit and Reception at the Idaho State Capitol on April 2nd, 2025, honoring the 250th anniversary of America. The Idaho State Society of the DAR invited IDSSAR members to attend the celebration that was two hours of interesting historical facts and speeches by Idaho Dignitaries, including Governor Brad Little, who read and signed a state proclamation establishing April 2nd as *America 250 in Idaho* day; Idaho First Lady Little, who had worked tirelessly to bring the DAR Ceremony to the State Capitol; State Senators. A special thank you to DAR for inviting us.

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Jack Currier Posthumously Awarded DAR America 250 Commendation

Former Idaho State Society SAR (IDSSAR) President Jack Currier was posthumously awarded the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) America 250 Commendation at the Idaho State Capitol on April 2, 2025, for his activities to work with DAR and efforts to education youth in Idaho about the American Revolution. Jack passed away on February 7, 2025. Accepting the award for the Currier family was SAR Compatriot James Wellman, who has 45 years of service with IDSSAR. ~

Photo Right: Compatriot Jim Wellman accepting Jack Currier's America 250 Commendation from DAR America 250 National Vice Chair Kris Wood (in red) and America 250! Reception Committee Co-Chair Marcy Woody (in gold) at the Idaho State Capitol.

Photos Left: IDSSAR Compatriot James Wellman and Idaho State DAR's Linda Mary Murphy in period clothing.



America 250 at the State Capitol

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In Governor Little’s speech he encouraged all of Idaho’s citizens to put two candles in their windows on April 18th and 19th to signify the two lanterns in Boston’s North Church that signaled Paul Revere and William Dawes’ ride to warning the British are coming to local patriots.



Governor Brad Little speaking at the America 250 Celebration.

Other dignitaries attending the ceremony included Phil McGrane, Idaho Secretary of State; Julie Ellsworth, Idaho State Treasurer; Parker Harrell, representative from U.S. Senator Mike Crapo’s Office and Sydney O’Connor from Congressman Mike Simpson’s office; state legislators and numerous other interested Idahoans. The America 250 Celebration will continue this month at the State Capitol with an event to celebrate the Lexington and Concord Battles on April 18th at 12:00 Noon. ~



(Left-Right) Merissa Landers from the Idaho State Treasurer’s Office—assisting with the America 250 Celebration; William Flink, IDSSAR State Secretary, and Idaho State Treasurer Julie A. Ellsworth

America 250 In Idaho Ambassador

What Does An Ambassador Do?

Spread the word about the American 250 in Idaho celebration, engaging with your community and circle of influence. Identify Idahoans who would also like to join the Ambassador Team. Direct people to the America250 in Idaho website (see QR code) for more information or contact Merissa at: (208) 332-2952.



Ambassador Values

- Celebrate America’s 250th birthday
- Honor the ideals of the American Revolution
- Recognize Idaho’s place in American history. ~



April 1775:

The Stand-Off in Massachusetts

By William Flink

Tensions were high amongst the colonists by the Spring of 1775. Earlier actions by both the New England colonists and British Government led to anger between the parties, resulting in patriot protests and resistance against the rule of King George III and the English Parliament.

In furtherance of the Crown's authority, The New England Restraining Act. In March 1775, Parliament passed the New England Restraining Act. The act forbade the New England colonies of Massachusetts Bay, Providence Plantations, and Connecticut to trade with any other country besides Great Britain, Ireland, and the British West Indies. The Act also made it illegal for the colonists to fish in the North Atlantic. Later, the other New England colonies were added to the Act's enforcement policy.

The colonists raging discontent led Britain to take harsh steps to put down any means of rebellion. By April 1775, Thomas Gage, the Crown's representative in Massachusetts, believed he was facing the threat of rebellion. Word reached sources that the Colonists had weapons stored at Concord, intended to be used to overthrow the King's rule of the colony. Gage instituted a plan to prevent any violence by ordering the seizure of weapons and powder being stored in Concord, twenty miles northwest of Boston. However, he underestimated the courage and determination of the colonists.

Early on, British troops were turned back from Concord without violence occurring. Scorned by the colonists' action, Gage felt the need to crush the colonists' determination and their insolence to the Crown. Gage prepared a second effort to capture the weapons and ammunition at Concord.

Lexington and Concord. Gage put together a force of about 800 British troops, which he sent to destroy the colonists' ammunition stored at Concord. On April 18th, after discovering the British plan to capture Patriot leaders, weapons and supplies, the *Boston Committee of Safety* prepared to send Paul Revere and William Dawes on horseback to alert the countryside and gather the aid of the colonists within the colonial militias known as the *Minute Men*.

On the night of April 18, colonial spies sent the Boston Committee on Safety additional information regarding the British plans. Historians say it was either Sexton Robert Newman or Vestryman Captain John Pulling Jr. that climbed the steeple stairs and put lantern signals in Boston's North Church, The lanterns signaled Revere and William Dawes to spread their message from to the towns from Boston to Lexington and Concord. Both men rode that night, covering different routes.

On April 19, the Minutemen from Lexington and British troops faced off at Lexington Green, where a shot, from what some thought was a stray British gun led to more British firing. The first British volley of fire left 12 colonists dead or wounded. The Americans only returned fire with a few rifle shots before fleeing. The British marched on to Concord and destroyed some of the ammunition. Soon, the British found the countryside swarming with colonial militia. The British fled back to Boston, under sporadic fire from the guns of the various town militia who, at random, picked off the British Soldiers. At the end of the day, there were many who died on both sides.

Though it is uncertain who actually fired the first shot that day, it reverberated throughout history. Eight years of war followed, and those who stood their ground against Gage's troops eventually earned independence from Britain and became citizens of the United States of America.

In Lexington today, the Minute Man National Historic Park maintains and interprets multiple sites associated with the first day of fighting of the American Revolution. A multimedia theater program about the battles there, and a 6-mile walking trail or driving tour includes the area of Parker's Revenge, the site where Paul Revere was captured, the Minute Man Statue, and the famous North Bridge in Concord.

For more about Lexington and Concord click the graphic below.~

Lexington and Concord

The Revolutionary War In4 Minutes



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In Our Memories

Remembering Jesse Jones

The Board of Managers of our State Society was notified on April 4, 2025, of the passing of our dear friend, Compatriot Jesse Jones.

Jesse had been a member of the Idaho State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution since 2021. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. In his later years, Compatriot Jones was facing severe health problems, though, just two months prior to his death, he had been through successful surgery that he told his friends had cleared up his most debilitating physical disabilities. His death was very unexpected. Jesse was buried on April 3, 2025, with military honors, in the State of Washington.

Jesse Jones' ancestor compatriot was Jacob Motsinger Sr., who moved his family from Pennsylvania in the 1760s to Rowan Co., NC and purchased land in the Abbotts Creek area (Davidson Co.). Both Jacob Sr. and Jacob Jr. are recorded as fighting against the British and Tories in South Carolina with Francis Marion (the Swamp Fox), a family historical feature that made Jesse very proud. Jacob Sr. was a valuable procurer of food, supplies and information for The Swamp Fox, while Jacob Jr., still a boy of 14, was fleet on his feet carrying messages and fighting with the Swamp Fox. Francis Marion depended upon the fathers of the boys he had fighting for him to strike against the Tories and escape. British General Ferguson had 4,000 Tories operating against Marion, while Lt. Col. Tarleton was always on his heels. Francis Marion, at the time, was operating with only 35 men in his Glorious Army, the only men for a long time fighting for the cause of Liberty in North and South Carolina. ~

Jesse Jones

October 6, 1962—March 10, 2025



Remembering James Post

The Board of Managers of our State Society were notified in March of the passing of Compatriot James Gary Post, known mostly as "Gary", of Moscow, Idaho. Compatriot Post had been a member of the Idaho State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution since August 2015.

Gary was a 6-year veteran of the U.S. Army, and, after attending the University of Idaho, he had a career in the field conservation for the USDA-NRCS, first as a soil scientist and progressing to area conservationist for Northern Idaho until his retirement. Gary's interest in his family's heritage was a passion of his. He wrote a 295-page book on his family's history entitled, "One Post Family in America: 1650-2015," and led his son and daughter into becoming members of SAR and DAR. Compatriot Post passed into the arms of his lord on February 26, 2025. If you knew Compatriot Post and you wish to send your sympathies to his wife Lynda, James has a memorial web page on the [Lewiston Tribune](#) website. James Gary Post was awarded his 10 year service pin at the recent February 2025 George Washington Banquet though he was unable to attend. ~

James Gary Post

March 18, 1934—February 26, 2025



Paul Revere Lantern

Similar lanterns might normally have helped pedestrians navigate Boston's dark streets, but this particular example entered the annals of history when it was used as a signal on the night of April 18, 1775. Paul Revere had arranged the signal with the Charlestown militia the week before; one lantern if the British Regulars left Boston over Roxbury Neck (by land) and two if they crossed the Charles River (by sea). The signal worked, and the Regulars' secret raid on Provincial military supplies turned into the first battle of the Revolutionary War. ~



From Our National Organization

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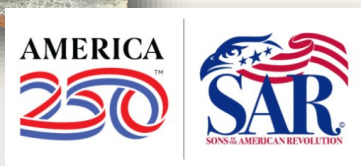


Washington, D.C. – America250, the official non-partisan initiative working to engage every American in celebrating and commemorating the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the Semiquincentennial, has announced a national partnership with the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR). This partnership will build on SAR's longstanding commitment to honoring Revolutionary War patriots and educating future generations about the nation's founding history.

As a premier lineage society committed to promoting patriotism, history, and education, **SAR will work alongside America250** to expand and coordinate efforts leading up to this historic milestone. Together, America250 and SAR will bring history to life, fostering a deeper connection to the nation's past while shaping the future of civic engagement and historical appreciation.

"The Sons of the American Revolution have played a vital role in preserving the legacy of those who fought for our nation's independence," said **Rosie Rios, America250 Chair**. "This partnership strengthens our shared mission of honoring history while engaging new audiences in celebrating the values of freedom and democracy."

"As an organization committed to preserving the memory of our patriot ancestors and deepening appreciation for our nation's founding, we are honored to partner with America250," said **Dr. Darryl Addington, SAR President General**. "Together, we will amplify efforts to commemorate this historic anniversary and inspire future generations to connect with their American story." ... America250 and SAR will engage young Americans, ensuring the next generation is empowered with knowledge and pride in the nation's history. ... This partnership builds on America250's collaborations. ~



IDS SAR UPCOMING EVENTS

April 18—250 America Idaho Celebration
Idaho State Capitol, 12 Noon

April 26—University of Idaho ROTC Award
TBD, Moscow 6:30 p.m.

April 29—Borah HS ROTC Award
Borah High School, Boise, 12:30 p.m.

April 29—Kuna HS ROTC Award
Kuna High School, Kuna, 6:30 p.m.

May 2—Idaho State Society SAR Annual Meeting
Holiday Inn Express, Pocatello

5:30 p.m. BOM Meeting — 5:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m. Cake and Ice Cream Social

May 3—Idaho State Society SAR Annual Meeting

9:00 a.m. Compatriot Grave Marking Ceremony
Mountain View Cemetery, Pocatello

11:30 a.m. Member Luncheon
Holiday Inn Express, Pocatello

12:30 p.m. Member Assembly and Meeting
Holiday Inn Express, Pocatello

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