



CANADIAN VALLEY CHAPTER SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Your monthly news & updates

**Next Chapter Meeting,
Tuesday, May 27th, 2025 - 6:30 pm @ Mable C. Fry Library, Yukon, OK 73099**

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Presidents Message



Dear Compatriots,
As we enter May, it's worth reflecting on the sacrifices that built our nation.

This month marks the anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill preparations, when in May of 1775, colonial forces began fortifying positions outside Boston—an early stand that symbolized the resolve and unity of the Patriot cause.

Like those early citizen-soldiers, we each play a role—whether through education, remembrance, or community involvement—in preserving the legacy of the American Revolution. Our chapter is growing steadily, and that's a direct result of your commitment to that mission.

As Memorial Day approaches, let us also take time to remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of liberty, past and present. I look forward to seeing you at our May meeting.

Sincerely,

Eric Koonce
President, Canadian Valley Chapter SAR

Upcoming Events

May 2025

- **May 13: Yukon – Canadian Valley Christian Academy Flag Cert & Presentation**
- **May 13: Yukon – Yukon Police Dept Flag Cert & Presentation**
- **May 27: Yukon – Canadian Valley Chapter Meeting**
- **New Officer Inductions – Color Guard Formal Presentation**

- May 23–25: *St. Genevieve, MO & Arkansas* – Patriot Grave Markings
- Color Guard Grave Marking Ceremonies

- May 25: *Fort Reno* – Memorial Day Flag Presentation
- Formal Flag Ceremony – Color Guard in full uniform

June 2025

- June 14: *Lawton* – Armed Forces Day Parade
- Color Guard Marching Detail
- June 14–21: Flag Certificate Presentations (Various Locations)
- Color Guard Support Optional / By Request
- June 25: *Fort Reno* – 150th Birthday Celebration
- Color Guard Ceremonial Participation

July 2025

- July 4: *Bethany* – Boom Day Parade
- Color Guard Parade March & SAR Booth Presence

September 2025

- September 6: *Mustang* – Western Days Parade & Recruitment Booth
- Color Guard Parade Detail & Public Engagement

October 2025

- October 4: *Yukon* – Czech Festival Parade & SAR Recruitment Booth
- Color Guard Parade, March & Recruitment Activity

Service Spotlight

Members of the Canadian Valley Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, gathered this past Saturday to honor the life and service of Ed Williams with a formal Compatriot Grave Marking Ceremony.

Held at Bethany Cemetery, the ceremony paid tribute to Williams' legacy as both a patriot descendant and a veteran who upheld the values of duty and service.

SAR members conducted a dignified program that included a prayer, presentation of the colors, musket salute, and remarks on the significance of honoring those who came before us.

The event was attended by family members, community guests, and several chapter officers.

It marks the Canadian Valley Chapter's first grave marking and reflects the group's commitment to fulfilling one of the core missions of the SAR—honoring the memory of Revolutionary War patriots and their descendants.

Plans are underway for future grave markings in the coming months as the chapter continues to grow its outreach and preservation efforts.



This Month in Revolutionary War History



Feature Heading

May 6, 1778 – Alliance Day at Valley Forge

General George Washington assembled the Continental Army at Valley Forge to celebrate the recently formed alliance with France. The event, known as Alliance Day, featured a grand parade and was a significant morale booster for the troops, symbolizing international support for the American cause.

https://www.battlefields.org/learn/articles/alliance-day?utm_source=chatgpt.com

May 10, 1775 – Capture of Fort Ticonderoga

Ethan Allen and Benedict Arnold led a surprise attack on the British-held Fort Ticonderoga in New York. This marked the first offensive victory for American forces in the Revolutionary War, securing a strategic passageway to Canada and providing the patriots with a valuable cache of artillery.

https://www.battlefields.org/learn/revolutionary-war/battles/fort-ticonderoga-1775?utm_source=chatgpt.com

May 15, 1776 – Virginia Calls for Independence

The Virginia Convention passed a resolution instructing its delegates to propose a declaration of independence to the Continental Congress. This action was a pivotal step toward the drafting and adoption of the Declaration of Independence.

https://time.com/4834035/july-4th-independence-moments/?utm_source=chatgpt.com

May 20, 1778 – Battle of Barren Hill

Under the command of the Marquis de Lafayette, Continental forces narrowly escaped encirclement by British troops near Philadelphia. The successful retreat at the Battle of Barren Hill demonstrated Lafayette's leadership and the growing competence of the Continental Army.

https://www.mountvernon.org/library/digitalhistory/digital-encyclopedia/article/battle-of-barren-hill-1778?utm_source=chatgpt.com





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