

## Who and Why We Are

The Sons of the Revolution in the State of California is part of a national organization composed of the posterity of those venerable men who, by their acts or counsel between the 19<sup>th</sup> day of April 1775, when the Revolutionary War commenced, and 19<sup>th</sup> day of April 1783, when that conflict ceased, aided in the cause of America's Independence.

Since December 1875, when the Sons of the Revolution was first organized in New York, these descendants have united themselves together to perpetuate their memory, fostering an historical awareness and a lasting appreciation of our nation's heritage.

In keeping with the purpose and objects of the Society "to encourage interest in the early history of the United States. . . to perpetuate the memory of the brave men who fought in the Revolutionary War, and to collect and secure for preservation the rolls, records and other documents relating to that period." For the past 115 years, the members of the Sons of the Revolution, through their patriotic spirit, love of country, and devotion to the principles on which our nation was founded, have operated and maintained the American Heritage Library and Museum for benefit and enjoyment of the people of California.

## Public Service

Admission to the American Heritage Library and Museum has been kept open free of charge to the general public for over a century, in keeping with the stated purposes of the Society.



## Vision Statement

*Our vision is to ensure that all Americans have access to the remarkable history of our American past for today, tomorrow and the future.*

## Statement of Purpose

*The purpose of the American Heritage Library and Museum is to show how the American Revolution is relevant today by bringing the American Revolutionary War experience to California.*

## Mission Statement

*Our mission is to bring the American Revolution to life, by expanding and enhancing the acquisition, conservation, study, exhibition, and educational interpretation of historical works, objects and artifacts of the colonial and early periods of America's history here in California. This mission is guided by the belief that our Founding Fathers instituted a Constitutional government for all Americans – of every walk of life – which is why the American Revolution is as relevant today as it was then.*

## Library and Museum Hours

Wednesdays - By Appointment Only  
Friday and Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Closed Sunday through Thursday, Saturdays before a holiday, and the entire month of December.

The Library and Museum is available for group use on other days by appointment.

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## Stewards for Tomorrow

## American Heritage Library and Museum

*A Revolutionary Experience*



**Creating a Successful Learning Environment for Tomorrow's Future Leaders**

## Education and Learning

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## **American Heritage Library and Museum**

The Sons of the Revolution in the State of California has had a long-standing commitment to education as we believe that our children are our future. In this spirit, we believe that the guiding principles of the American Revolution are as relevant today as they were at the founding of this great nation.

With one of the most comprehensive library collections in California dealing with Colonial America and the Revolutionary War, this remarkable library and museum is truly a viable scholarly and educational resource for people of all ages.

The simple fact of the matter is that very few Californians will ever get a chance to visit our nation's capital. Fewer will ever have a chance to visit Pennsylvania, the birthplace of the Declaration of Independence. Fewer still will ever have the opportunity to visit an actual Revolutionary War site — places like Valley Forge, Williamsburg, or Yorktown.

The American Heritage Library and Museum serves to assist teachers in providing students with the opportunity to put real meaning behind the places they read about. It is a place dedicated to the telling of the American story.

The Washington Parlor's permanent exhibits are at the core of the Library and Museum's programs. They allow visitors to participate in history, not just read about it, while reviewing the highlights of America's early history through a succession of temporary exhibits, they draw upon the rich holdings of the entire collection.

Where the Library offers an analytic approach to our past and our formation of government, the Museum provokes emotions that stimulate life-long learning, reflection, and a sense of citizenship and patriotism. George Washington — the Father of our Country — is theirs to see and touch. Here, through our educational programs, the Colonial period and the American Revolutionary War experience comes alive — as does the California connection.

## **A Sustained Record of Public Service**

The Sons of the Revolution in the State of California, a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, operates and maintains the American Heritage Library and Museum for the benefit of all. Admission to the American Heritage Library and Museum has been kept open free of charge to the general public for over a century. It is in keeping with the stated purposes of the Society: "to perpetuate the memory of the brave men who fought in the Revolutionary War, and to collect and preserve manuscripts, records and documents relating to our past." Throughout its history, the core of the Library and Museum's guiding principles has been that the lessons of the American Revolution are still relevant today.

## **Education and Leadership**

Today, the American Heritage Library and Museum is leading its own revolution in patriotic and educational programing that endeavors to foster true citizenship — a sense of what it is to be an American.

If the responsibility for teaching American history and civics primarily rests with our elementary and secondary schools, then they must be given the tools and materials to do their job.

We endeavor to do this by contributing innovative solutions and strategies that will help transform and empower our local schools and our communities.

Our diverse and sustained educational programs are designed to support K-12 development, through history, social studies, arts, culture and through targeted programing and exhibits.

Our educational programs target elementary, middle and high school students in order as to provide a comprehensive set of leading-edge solutions to California's most pressing educational challenges. As we support community priorities and concerns, our efforts are focused on preparing the next generation as leaders.

## **A Shared Vision**

Our Founders believed the study of history and citizenship should be at the core of every American's education. The American Heritage Library and Museum assists teachers in providing students with the opportunity to put real meaning behind the places they read about. It is a place dedicated to the telling of the American story.

When children are given the real history of America, they also learn to love America — with all her faults. America's heritage is not a story of perfection, but a history of imperfect people working toward great ideals and principles, established at the birth of this great nation.

Students need to know about the nearly impossible victory of the Revolutionary War and the debates of the Constitutional Convention. They should know the meaning of the Declaration of Independence, and how Abraham Lincoln and others applied its principles to fight slavery. To be an American is not just a matter of blood or birth. No, on the contrary, we are bound by ideals. Our children must know those ideals. The American Heritage Library and Museum was established for such a purpose. It is operated for the purpose of acquisition, conservation, study, exhibition, and educational interpretation of historical objects and artifacts of the colonial and early periods of America's history, lifestyles, and the military traditions of the United States of America. It focuses on historic figures who contributed to the history of this great nation and the State of California.

From the Colonial period to the present, the American Heritage Library and Museum serves the public by advancing the understanding and appreciation of America's early history. the contributions of its people and all her citizenry, whose impregnability, patriotic fervor and continuity have contributed to our State's diverse neighborhoods — from America's earliest inhabitation to the present day.