

HISTORICAL MARKER PROPOSAL

CITY OF MESA - HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD
OCTOBER 5, 2021

PRESENTED BY:

ASDAR-SAGUARO CHAPTER (MESA)
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WHO ARE THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION? (DAR)

Founded:

- October 11, 1890
Incorporated 1896 by an Act of Congress

Objectives:

- [Historic Preservation](#)
- [Education](#)
- [Patriotism](#)

Motto:

God, Home, and Country

Membership:

190,000 members
3,000 chapters in all 50 states, Washington, D.C.; and International.

Eligibility for Membership:

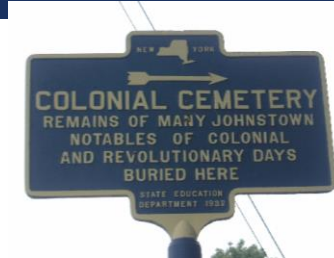
Any woman 18 years or older, regardless of race, religion, or ethnic background, who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution.

For more information on DAR Membership, [click here](#).

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THE “WHY”

- In our service to America, DAR has a rich history and on going commitment to remember not only our Patriots, but also those who served and sacrificed for our county.
- The example on the right is the final resting place of Col. James Livingston (my 5x great grandfather).
- The DAR marker was placed in 1908. No doubt it contributed to preventing the grave sites to be lost to time.
- The Saguaro Chapter is committed to remembering those heroes who have served America on behalf of the citizens of Mesa.
- Suggestions on possible projects follow:

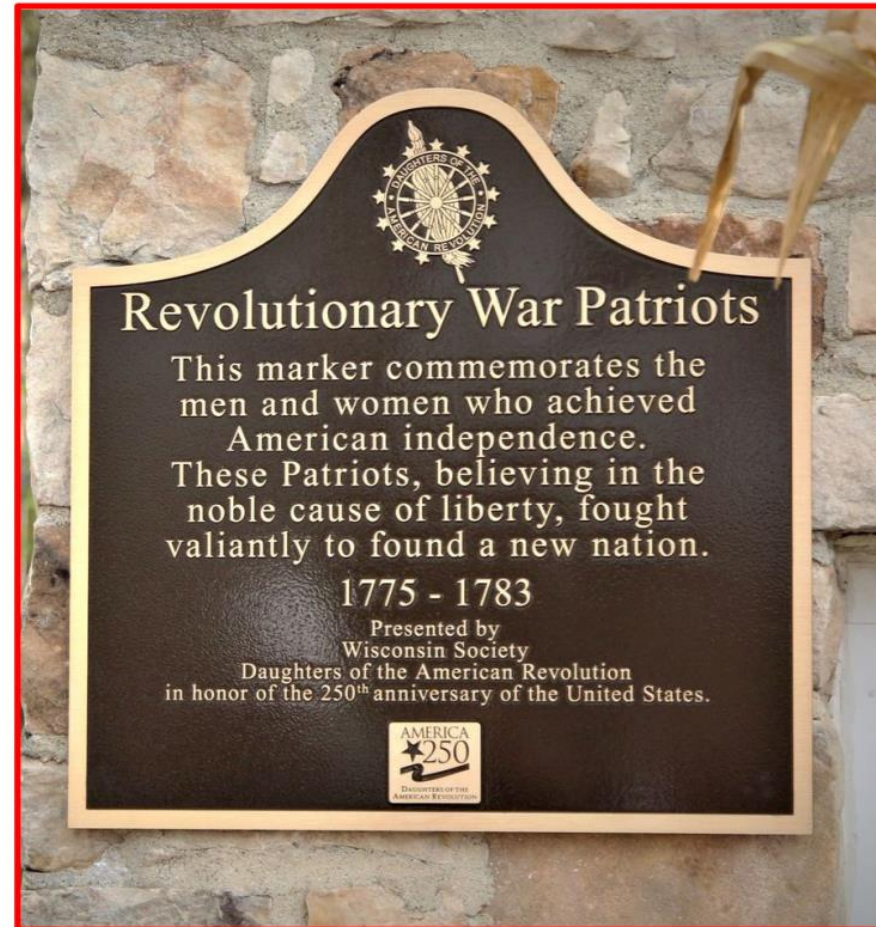


“AMERICA 250” US SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL IS IN 2026



DAUGHTERS OF THE
AMERICAN REVOLUTION

- At the right is the approved DAR plaque to recognize and anticipate the 250th anniversary of America in just over 3 years.
- The preference is to install in a high traffic area near government offices.
- There is currently a bill in the AZ legislature to install the plaque at Wesley Bolin Memorial Plaza in downtown Phoenix. Mesa too could provide this same recognition.
- This marker would require the minimum amount of approvals from our state and national committees and be installed with a minimum of development time.



“TOMB 100” COMMEMORATION: 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER

- DAR is partnering with the Society of the Honor Guard of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier to observe the 100th Anniversary of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier on November 11, 2021.
- DAR has laid a wreath at the Tomb every year in its 100 year history.
- Our National Organization is committed to creating and installing “Never Forget” gardens throughout the U.S.
- The Saguaro, Mesa, Chapter has already committed to complete at least one garden. First project will be in ViewPoint Golf Resort Community.
- A “Never Forget” garden could be installed with the historic marker, with or without the plaque at the right, if appropriate. White roses are the flower of choice as it is the symbol chosen by the Tomb.



10/5/2021



<https://www.dar.org/sites/default/files/members/committees/events/pdf/THEROSE%20OF%20THE%20UNKNOWN%20SOLDIER.pdf>

COMMEMORATION: 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VIETNAM WAR

- The Saguaro Chapter is one of 281 partners with the Vietnam War Commemoration Society.
- A dedication ceremony can include individual recognition to each Vietnam Veteran attending with a commemorative pin.
- Possible placement locations could be with other memorial makers, Mesa Cemetery, etc.



HSP Category: Marker

Present Use: DAR Marker - 50th Anniversary Vietnam War Memorial

HONORING ALL VETERAN'S, MESA'S HISTORY, ETC.

MESA CEMETERY

Many U.S. Veteran's are at rest in the Mesa City Cemetery. Additionally, there are several sections on the grounds dedicated to groups such as the RAF Pilots, Unknown Person Buried During the Great Depression, etc. The historic nature of this cemetery warrants special recognition.

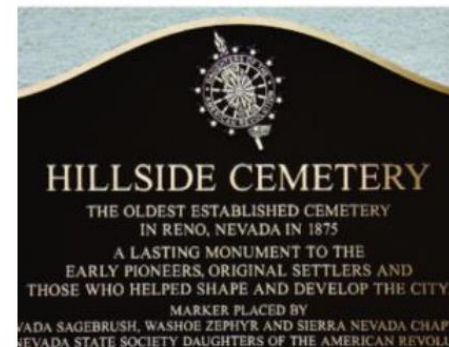
Utah



Tonaquint Cemetery Veterans' Memorial

St. George

Nevada

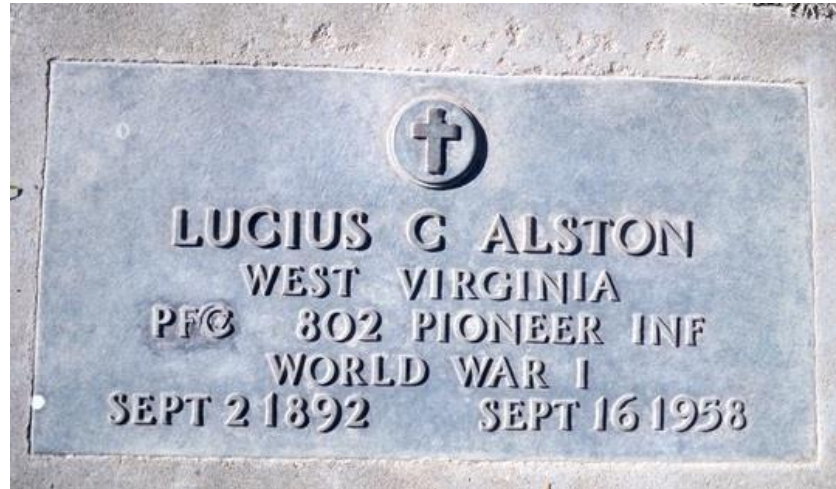


Hillside Cemetery

Washoe / Reno

DR. LUCIS CHARLES ALSTON HOUSE WASHINGTON-ESCOBEDO NEIGHBORHOOD

- The historic significance of the Washington-Escobedo neighborhood during WWII to house the African-American soldiers who were stationed at Williams Air Force Base warrants recognition.
- and/or
- The Alston House: Dr. Lucis Charles Alston was a WWI Veteran and the first African-American doctor to practice in Mesa. He and his wife, Velma, a nurse, made their home and office at 453 N. Pima. It is now on the National Register of Historic Places.



<https://saltriverstories.org/items/show/138#&gid=1&pid=3>



<https://www.mesaaz.gov/home/showdocument?id=19965>

Example: 



DeLaney Farm

Arapahoe County / Aurora

MARKER EXAMPLES IN THE WEST

The Chapter can work with the Mesa HPB to identify an appropriate site and design for the marker.

Arizona



Madonna of the Trail Statue

Springerville



Signing of the First Women's Suffrage Bill Site

Laramie



Virginia and Truckee Railroad

Reno



Old Glory

Anchorage

QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION

Thank you for your consideration!