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San Diego Chapter

Sons of the American Revolution

Monthly Digest



San Diego Nominee is CASSAR Outstanding Sea Cadet of the Year



PO2 Lina A. Vo from Chief (MCM-14) Division, was presented the **CASSAR Outstanding Sea Cadet of the Year** at a special youth luncheon at the CASSAR annual meeting in Sacramento on Saturday, April 23. This was the first time that the CASSAR Outstanding Sea Cadet of the Year award was presented at the CASSAR Annual Meeting Youth Luncheon according to Bill Nay, Chair CASSAR NSCC/NLCC (Sea Cadet) Committee. Accompanying PO2 Vo to the luncheon were LCDR Valencia Jones, Regional Director - Region 11-3, LCDR Peter Wright, Senior Regional Director of Region-11, Commanding Officer LJG Devon Rodriguez and Executive Officer Laura Lopez. [PO2 Vo's winning essay can be read here.](#)

PO2 Vo was introduced by Bill Nay, Chair CASSAR NSCC/NLCC (Sea Cadet) Committee. During the ceremony she was presented a check for \$1,000 from CASSAR along with the medal and certificate. In addition, the Ladies Auxiliary presented her with a \$100 check and at a future SDSAR meeting she will be presented with a \$250 check from our chapter.

SDSAR members in attendance were Michael Hirman, Peter Fagen and Duncan Campbell. There were a number of CASSAR officers and NSSR officers present as well.

The "CASSAR Sea Cadet of the Year" will now be the "[Captain William Smith](#) Award" named after Captain William Smith, Patriot of the Virginia Navy during the Revolution, and now laid to rest in Sonoma, California. [Read about the birthplace of Captain Smith](#)



Lawrence Harden



Diego Chapter Color Guard members in attendance.

Our SD SAR Color Guard was honored to be asked to participate in the burial ceremony of our Compatriot Lawrence Harden at Miramar National Cemetery. Lawrence was an avid SAR member, and it is fitting that the ceremony was held on Patriots Day, Monday, April 18, 2022.

Duncan Campbell, Peter Fagen and Andrew Fagen were the San

William Blevins Sayer

It is with deep regret that we announce the passing of Compatriot William "Bill" Sayer. He was into genealogy and was very helpful in solving SAR application documentation problems. Although he was not the official Chapter genealogist that was the role he served and enjoyed.

A military honors service will be held May 14th at the Village Church Rancho Santa Fe CA. He was preceded in death by his Son Michael he leaves behind his Wife Shirley and Sons, William, David and Mitch along with his beloved Grand Daughters and Sisters Brother in Laws, Nieces Nephews and great Nieces and Nephews. He had an illustrious career that spanned for decades Los Alamos, JPL, NASA, Area 51 and the Atomic Energy Commission

April Meeting



In addition to the normal monthly meeting activities, we enjoyed a “250 Minute” presentation by our 1st Vice President, Peter Fagen. His short presentation included a reading of Thomas Paine’s *The American Crisis*. This presentation was the first of a three-part reading of what was read aloud to General Washington’s troops before crossing the Delaware.

Duncan Campbell provided another “America 250 20 Minute” presentation on the Battle of Fort Ticonderoga which was the first offensive victory for American forces in the Revolutionary War. It secured the strategic passageway north to Canada and netted the patriots an important cache of artillery. As with Duncan’s prior presentations, was excellent.



We can look forward to another presentation at a future meeting that will be both informative and entertaining.

Our 1st Vice President, Peter Fagen, is working on new meeting locations for our meetings. Locations that are “in the works”; The Star of India, USS Midway, San Diego Presidio as well as potential for a North County location(s).

Do you have period clothing that you no longer use?

If you have Revolutionary War period clothing that you no longer use, please consider donating or lending your items to the Chapter.

Our Color Guard competes each year for the California Color Guard of the Year award. Each member that attends in period dress will earn points for our Color Guard whether they march or not. We have non-marching members that are willing to use period dress and attend events and for those members we need “loaner” clothing.

In addition to adult sizes, we are also in need of smaller sizes for ages 10-18.

If you can help, please contact our Color Guard Commander, Duncan Campbell.
colorguard@sarsandiego.org.

April Member Meeting Date Change

The April membership meeting was held on April 30th at Mimi’s in Mission Valley.

WE NEED YOU!



Volunteers Needed!

Our Chapter is strong, but we have been impacted by Covid and need more members to become involved in our organization. No experience is necessary, and we encourage new members to take up a leadership position. You will find our Board members to be quite helpful when you take on a position. We currently have the following vacant positions:

- **Secretary-** Keeps fair and accurate records of all memberships, proceedings and orders of the chapter as well as current listing of current chapter officers, addresses, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses.
- **2nd Vice President-** Is the Chairman of the education committee and is a member of the finance committee. This position has a lot of interaction with local schools.
- **Communications Director-** responsible for preparing and distributing press releases concerning upcoming chapter meetings and activities as well as preparing content for the website’s new Digest.

Detailed descriptions of these positions can be found in our Chapter Handbook in the chapter “[Officer Responsibilities](#)”. This can be found in the Members Area link on our website under the “What We Do” main menu option.

If you have an interest in being more involved with our Chapter please email our President, Michael Hirman (president@sarsandiego.org).

Board Meeting Date Change

The monthly Board of Directors meetings will now be held on the third Wednesday of the Month. The change is due to conflicts for a number of the members.

Save the Date

This is a *tentative* list of events that we plan to participate in this year in addition to normal SAR meetings.

- **May or June**, date TBD. *Possible* special event location under consideration.
- **June 4th**, La Mesa Flag Day Parade. Color Guard, banner carriers and riders in cars.
- **July 4th**, Independence Day Parade, Coronado. Color Guard, banner carriers and riders in cars.
- **September 10th**, Clairmont Family Day (booth)

Contribute to the SDSAR Digest

With our activities moving back to pre-pandemic levels we have initiated this digest to keep our members informed. It is likely that the form and format will change during the course of the year to coincide with pending updates to the website.

If you have any SAR related information that you would like published in the Digest, please forward it to webmaster@sarsandiego.org. Photos or other images are encouraged. You do not need to format the text as that will be done during the creation of the Digest.

Origin of the SDSAR Pin



Compatriot Philip Henshaw (Chapter President 2004) recently shared the story of the origin of our Chapter Pin. For many years, each incoming CASSAR President has designed a pin to commemorate his term in office. In 2003 Compatriot De Long (SDSAR President 1998) was elected as the CASSAR and following tradition designed a Pin. Stan incorporated the cattle brand of the San Diego Mission San Diego de Alcalá in his commemorative pin and this design later became the SDSAR Pin that is given to new members and proudly worn at SDSAR events.

Mission Cattle Brand



Flag Day Parade

Editors Note: As of the end of April our participation in this is not firm as we do not have enough members that have indicated they would participate. For this reason we have removed the posting as it appeared in earlier versions of the April 2020 Digest.

America 250



San Diego SAR will be active in the celebration of our country's 250th Anniversary. If you are interested in planning activities and participating please contact our Color Guard Commander, Duncan Campbell.
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From our NSSAR President General, Davis Lee Wright:

"Other organizations are counting down to July 4, 2026. While July 4, 2026 will be an essential celebration for the SAR, celebrating that singular event is not our charge. Our charge is for a broader in scope and much longer in time. It is not a short term or one time project. Our mission is to plan – and execute – a celebration of our Patriot ancestors and the entirety of their contributions to the United States. Our Patriot ancestors struggled and rebelled for over a decade and actively engaged in open warfare for eight years – to guarantee our liberty.

We owe them nothing less. Our mission, therefore, is to celebrate and commemorate the entirety of the American Revolution period from the 250th Anniversary of the Boston Tea Party in 2023 to the 250th Anniversary of the British Army's departure from New York City in 2033.

Are You Getting Our Meeting Announcements?

We do not send out a lot of email, but we do send a reminder about a week before a monthly meeting or event that SDSAR participates in. If you are not getting these or had



The Grand Encampment

The Grand Encampment will be a Living History & Military Festival for Reenactors, Living Historians, Cast, performers, vendors, antique vehicle owners and vintage plane owners. The GE covers the period from pre-Revolutionary War to current day.

The 1st Annual Grand Encampment is set to take place on June 4th thru June 5th, 2022. There are plans on having a fantastic lineup of things to do and see with many different living history groups from many different time periods with their period encampments, demonstrations, battle reenactments of all eras, displays from area museums & historical societies, vintage vehicles & aircraft, lots of retail vendors as well as a wide assortment of food vendors with lots of food choices to choose from.

June 4th & 5th, 2022, will have battle reenactments & demonstrations, encampments, period tradespeople, merchants, period music & dancing, and lots of food vendors. Registration is free for participants. The registration form can be found at:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdKKhKcpK3r86db2TK-zLEG4zf_QTXRjVL56Q08zhjRSgqvXQ/viewform?fbclid=IwAR0oBQCgyCNU6ejXm2tqlNRfhBlohcGgqibK_4y_V1HLx4yPHf-nWSJ94xY

The event will take place at the Flatbob Airport near Riverside. The address is: 4130 Mennes Ave. #24, Jurupa Valley, CA 92509.

Links:

Grand Encampment Facebook pages: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/thegrandencampmentcastandcrew> and <https://www.facebook.com/events/1150405212374060/?ref=newsfeed>

Grand Encampment Registration Form: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdKKhKcpK3r86db2TK-zLEG4zf_QTXRjVL56Q08zhjRSgqvXQ/viewform?fbclid=IwAR0oBQCgyCNU6ejXm2tqlNRfhBlohcGgqibK_4y_V1HLx4yPHf-nWSJ94xY

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