

June 2022

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San Diego Chapter

Sons of the American Revolution

Monthly Digest



June Birthdays

Bryan Bagnas, 19th
Duncan Campbell, 11th
Nathan Fox, 14th
Thomas Johnston, 20th
Paul Juarez, 12th
John Schulthe, 10th
Lawrence Schulthe, 16th
Jacob Shea, 19th
Michael Shea, 18th
Lenard Thompson, 6th
John Walker J, 29th
Russell Waters, 3rd
Steven Wickens, 23rd



July 4th Weekend in Balboa Park



We are planning for a big July 4th weekend celebration in Balboa Park. We have been invited to attend the Independence Day Celebration hosted by the House of the USA *and* the House of Spain. We plan on having a display and members at both houses for Saturday, Sunday and *possibly* Monday.

Joining in this weekend event will be the House of France, House of Germany, House of Poland, House of Spain and this year the House of **Ireland**, House of **Scotland**, and House of **England**.

If you would like to support our July 4th activities in Balboa Park *please let us know*:

Philip Hinshaw at philiphinshaw@cox.net for the House of Spain.

Duncan Campbell at colorguard@sarsandiego.org for the House of USA.

In 2013, the **House of Spain** in San Diego (HOS) invited the San Diego Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SDSAR) to join them in their annual July 4th celebration. All of the Balboa Park International Cottages are open every Saturday and Sunday of the year. The HOS chose to celebrate July 4th on the weekend nearest the 4th, and to also open the casita on the 4th whenever it occurs on a weekday.

Inki Welch, President of the **House of USA**, shared with us; “We received so much positive feedback from the public about our American Revolutionary War Heroes.” The House of Scotland already volunteered to feature at least a couple of heroes including John Paul Jones, a naval commander.

Please join our efforts to make the 2022 Independence Celebration a more colorful and a more rounded educational program on U.S. History and promote the San Diego Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution to the general public.

Directions and Park Map: <https://www.balboapark.org/map>

Battle of San Diego Bay Celebration



“About 30 people were in attendance. The Keynote Speaker was Major Aurelio Hinarejos-Rojo, Spanish Army Corps of Polytechnic Engineer. During his first tour of duty in Pasadena, CA he researched the Spanish engineers that built Spanish forts in California. The engineer that built Fort Guajarras was assigned to Army Corps of Polytechnic Engineers, the same unit as Major Hinarejos-Rojo.”

The House of Spain, in conjunction with Naval Base Point Loma, held the 2022 Battle of San Diego Bay memorial on June 11, 2022. The ceremony took place at the Naval Base Point Loma (NBPL), formerly known as the Submarine Base. Compatriot Philip Hinshaw represented SDSAR and reported:

There are no visible remains of the Spanish Fort Guajarras, but the flag raising ceremony occurs where the fort was located. The U.S. Army commenced construction of Fort Rosecrans in 1852 and the facility was transferred to the U.S. Navy in 1959. (see http://www.fortwiki.com/Fort_Rosecrans). The original Post Cemetery became the Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery. Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo, the first European to enter San Diego, is believed to have landed at Ballast Point on June 27, 1542 (see <https://www.nps.gov/cabr/learn/historyculture/juan-rodriguez-cabrillo.htm>).

More Dates!

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

July 2nd, 3rd & 4th, House of USA and House of Spain in Balboa Park. SDSAR will have a booth open both days.

September 10th, Clairmont Family Day (booth)

Welcome

Colonel Robert E. Welch

Colonel Robert E. Welch of Scottsdale, AZ has joined our Chapter and the California Society as a Dual member. He is a member of the Arizona Society and the Barry Goldwater Chapter in Scottsdale.

He is a descendent of Daniel Brenneman who was a Private in a unit of the Pennsylvania Militia commanded by Capt. Jacob Metzger.

We look forward to personally welcoming our newest member in person.



America 250

The “250 Minute” refers to brief presentations given by members on topics related to the Revolutionary War Period. These are short, one to five minute presentations and can be longer if needed. Visual aids such as a PowerPoint presentation are not required. Members earn points for each presentation which are accumulated for America 250 medals and awards (see the link below for more information).

Here are some guidelines from CASSAR.

- Celebrate and draw attention to colonial ancestors.
- Increase awareness of challenges, struggles, sacrifices
- [Revolutionary War Master List](#)

We recently added a new “America 250” page on our website where we will post more details and recent activity. The link to the page now appears on the Main

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.