

October
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Final

San Diego Chapter

Sons of the American Revolution

Monthly Digest



Massing of the Colors

The annual Massing of the Colors took place on Saturday, October 15 in Old Town. We had five San Diego Chapter Color Guard and four Fallbrook Eagle Chapter Color Guard members which made a nice showing for SAR at this event.

In addition to SAR Color Guard there were Color Guard units from Scout troops, ROTC units as well as active duty military. They were joined by a sizable crowd of visitors for the program.

The Marine Corp Recruit Depot band provided music for the event and the keynote speaker was Honorable M. Janet Chin.

We are only 22% of our 2022 Goal

There is still time to make your purchase for Wreaths Across America.

Click on the image to open our Chapter's Wreaths Across America page.

You may choose Miramar or Fort Rosecrans location.



November Meeting at the Green Dragon

We will return to the popular Green Dragon Tavern and Museum in Carlsbad for our final Chapter meeting of the year on November 12. This will be a lunch meeting. The museum contains a collection of period documents and artifacts and will be open after our meeting. There is no admission charge for the museum. RSVP will open the first



October Birthdays

John Welch	3
William Hardy Jr	4
Jacob Raser	4
Ernest McCullough	6
John Wetter	8
Richard Mudgett	9
Samuel Williams	10
James Helt	12
Gary Peterson	12
William Weedman	12
Dominick Bednorz	13
Robert Chisholm	17
Eric Friedrich	17
Christian Howson	20
Alan Winters	21
Robert Alden	22
Ralph Lauer	26
James Howe VI	27
Wallace Wadlington	28
Thomas Jarrard	29



Chapter Members Attend SAR Dinner on USS Iowa



Color Guard Commander, Duncan Campbell and his wife Carolyn attended the Harbor Chapter's Navy Birthday celebration on board the USS Iowa (BB-61) moored in Long Beach California on October 13th.

Tours of the ship were given, and dinner followed in the ship's wardroom.

SDSAR Information Booth in Balboa Park



The San Diego Chapter hosted an information booth Sunday, October 9, 2022, in Balboa Park near the House of USA. We were there to support the House of Spain's Lawn Program that featured a paella luncheon and live music on the stage that afternoon. We had a steady flow of people at our booth all day with many interested in learning more about Spain's involvement in our war for independence. The interest picked up after Jesus Benayas, President of the House of Spain, spoke to the crowd on why SAR was present, and the role Spain played in the Revolutionary War.

Our Color-Guard-Commander, Duncan Campbell gave many demonstrations on the proper handling and characteristics of the Brown Bess musket. We had a few serious inquiries about

becoming a member and a few teachers stop by and discuss the history of the war with a couple of them very interesting in using our material in their classroom.

SDSAR participants; Duncan & Carolyn Campbell, Gary & Judy Newton, Jim McAdory, John Walker along with this wife and children.

September Meeting in Balboa Park



Our Constitution Day Meeting will be remembered by all that attended not only for the parking challenge created by a “walk-run” event in Balboa Park but for our outstanding speaker. Our guest speaker was Jon Paul LaBruzzo, Capt., USN. His topic was: *“American Exceptionalism: why I am thankful to be an American, why the USA and the Constitution matter, and what should we do today as citizens if we care about our nation”*.

Capt. LaBruzzo did not read a scripted speech rather he spoke with the knowledge of a well-read person and the passion of an American Patriot. His engaging style kept the members and visitors engaged throughout his presentation.



We were pleased to welcome a number of DAR members as well as prospective members and visitors. It was a sizable post-Covid turnout of 24 but we had another 10 that had indicated they would attend but were not present. We know that some probably gave up finding a parking spot in the Park. *All* of the information we were given about timeframes and suggested parking locations turned out to be wrong. It became clear that the walk-run event was not on schedule which kept the easy access and parking options blocked until much later in the morning.



2023 Officer Positions

We are approaching the end of the year and we are in need of members to take on leadership positions within our Chapter. We are dependent on members willing to serve our organization and help us achieve SAR's goals. We have need for Board positions of Secretary, Registrar, Membership VP and 2nd Vice President. We are also in need of members to coordinate individual Youth programs and volunteer to provide short presentations in schools. Please contact our President, Michael Hirman if you are interested in serving. president@sarsandiego.org

This is a **tentative** list of events that are planned for the next few months.

November 12, Final Chapter Meeting at the Green Dragon in Carlsbad.

November 12, Veterans Day Lawn Program at the House of USA in Balboa Park. We will have our booth setup and man it in the afternoon, after our chapter meeting.

January 21, 2023, Annual Business Meeting. TBA

February 2023, Washington's Birthday **Black Tie** dinner at the Green Dragon in Carlsbad.

2023 Info Booth Schedule

July 2-4, Balboa Park

September, Clairemont Family Day

October, Columbus Day, Balboa Park

November, Veterans Day, Balboa Park



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.

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.