

## **Breaking News!**

2022 is a record setting year for our Chapters support in the Wreaths Across America program. Our WAA coordinator, Kristine Reardon (daughter of our late Compatriot Larry Harden), reports that there have been **645** Wreath purchases associated with our Chapter! This is a **33% increase** over last years wreaths which were 485. Kristine had set a modest goal of 500 for this year and the response wildly exceeded her goal. This result is due in large part to her actions this year. She took every opportunity to speak to small and large groups and hand out the WAA rack cards we produced this year for the program. She has been tireless in her efforts and the results are evident.

She reported: “Today (11/28) was the final day for sponsorships this year; when I woke up this morning, we had 402 sponsorships, and in a 12 hour period we managed to bring in an additional 243 wreaths. I am so proud of the work that SAR San Diego's members put into this campaign.” We echo her with, SDSAR is so proud of your efforts, we doubt we would have attained this result without you.

The sponsorships have supported Ft Rosecrans, Miramar, Culpeper, and Southern Nevada Veterans Cemeteries. We brought in a total of **\$9,675** for Wreaths Across America and earned a total of **\$3,225** toward SAR San Diego through the \$5 back program!

Kristine wanted us to pass along this message: “Thank you so much for allowing me to keep my father's campaign alive; supporting SAR San Diego was a way to keep my father's memory and impact real for me and my family, and I owe each of you so much for allowing me to be a part of your lives.”

***We look forward to supporting this great program in 2023.***

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# San Diego Chapter

## Sons of the American Revolution

### Monthly Digest



## Deadlines!

- **The deadline to sponsor a wreath is November 28.**
- **Signups for participating in the La Jolla Christmas Parade must be in by December 1.**
- **Dues for 2023 must be paid by December 3.**
- **Signup to participate in the Laying of Wreaths on December 17 needs to be done *as soon as possible*.**

**The Dues Period Ends December 3rd.** There has been a steady stream of renewal and reinstatements. Please don't let this slip as next year the reinstatement fee will be applied whereas it has been waived for those that reinstate during the dues period this year. [CLICK HERE](#)

**We are participating in the La Jolla Christmas Parade** again this year on December 4. See our [Event page](#) for information on how you can participate.

**The annual Wreath Laying** will be on December 17, 2022. Our Color Guard is scheduled to be at Ft. Rosecrans where they will march and fire a three volley salute. The program starts at 10AM runs for about an hour or so. Our Events page will have more details as they become available.

### Participating in the Laying of Wreaths

We are organizing a SDSAR group for wreath laying at Ft. Rosecrans (or Miramar) on December 17. Compatriot Rob Welch will be coordinating our Chapters participation and you can contact him at his email: [col.rob.sar@gmail.com](mailto:col.rob.sar@gmail.com).

You do not need to dress in period attire to participate. There are a limited number of time slots available at both cemeteries for participating in the laying of wreaths. Time is of the essence as there are more demand than available time each year. Check our [Events page](#) for more up-to-date information.

**Please use Amazon Smile for all of your purchases. Each purchase supports our Chapter.**

## Final Meeting of the Year



The San Diego Chapter held its last meeting of 2022 at the Green Dragon Tavern and Museum on November 12. There was a nice turnout with 27 in attendance, including three whose SAR application is in process at CASSAR or NSSAR. The room was buzzing with conversations as the gathering enjoyed an expanded pre-meeting social time.

Our featured speaker was Charles E. Frye via a Zoom session. Charles is an author, geographer, cartographer, information scientist, and U.S. Army veteran. As he learned of Isaac Frye's story, he applied his skills to design an approach to use geographic information systems to organize and document historical research projects. This supplied the skeleton for the book "[The War has Begun](#)", the first of four books in the Duty in the Call of Liberty series.

Unfortunately, his presentation was marred by an inconsistent internet connection, but hopefully we have him return in person at a future meeting as his presentation was excellent.

Jim McAdory gave an America250 Minute presentation on the Battle at Moore's Creek Bridge in February 1776.



Two existing members were awarded their Member Certificate, SAR Rosette and Chapter Pin. Alan Winters and Lynn Farrar have been members for over a year but were never formally recognized during the Covid period. Left (l to r, Skip Cox, Alan Winters and Michael Hirman). Right (l to r, Rico Jay Buhay, Skip Cox, Gary Newton, Lynn Farrar and Michael Hirman)



Color Guard Commander, Duncan Campbell (left), received a SAR flag streamer on behalf of our Chapter for his participation in the Grave Marking Ceremony of Col. Jean François Hamtramck in Hamtramck, Michigan. Duncan is a dual member of the Michigan Society and was asked to participate in the event.



## November Birthdays

Matthew Marshall	1
George Biles	5
Dennis Brokaw Sr.	6
Duncan Campbell	6
Alejandro Miramontes	7
Merideth Campbell Jr.	10
Glen Johnson	12
William Pasley	13
Philip Hinshaw	14
Edward Price	17
Gregory Campbell	26
Robert Fagaly	26
Roger Beamer	27
Rodney Frame	28



## It's Membership Renewal Time

It's that time of the year, dues! Membership renewal is underway but will end December 3.

As we emerge from the shadow of the pandemic, our Chapter has become much more active. Our meeting attendance has been steadily increasing, our Color Guard is actively participating in events and our community outreach has been strengthened with information booths setup in Balboa Park and participation in the Clairemont Family Day event. We will start 2023 with our normal January business meeting followed by a formal (black tie) dinner to celebrate George Washington's birthday in February. We are working on venues and programs of interest to our members for our regular meetings. With interest in SAR and our Chapter on the rise we hope you will help make 2023 a banner year for our Chapter. [CLICK HERE](#) to pay your dues.

We are also waiving the reinstatement fee for those that let their membership lapse during the Covid years. The reinstatement is a simple, quick process and only requires that you pay the normal annual dues. There is one form and you will need a "Record Copy" of your SAR application and you can pay the dues online or you may send a check. [CLICK HERE](#) for the reinstatement page.

## Why we use PayPal

We get a lot of email regarding the use of PayPal as our credit card processor. Many believe that they must have a PayPal account however that is *incorrect*. There is always the option to simply enter your credit/debit card information and "pay as a guest". This option always appears on the first PayPal screen you encounter, it will be the grey button to "Pay With Credit/Debit Card" that appears directly below the blue PayPal button. **When paying as a guest please *delete any information* that appears in the login area** otherwise the app assumes you are attempting to login no matter which button you press. To recap, at the PayPal login screen:

- Delete any login information that might be present. If any information appears in those fields PayPal will *assume* you are attempting to login.
- Click the **grey** button to "Pay with Credit/Debit Card" and provide your card information on the next screen.

There are a few reasons we use PayPal:

1. They are much less expensive than other providers, especially for small volume organizations like ours.
2. They work with non-profit organizations (not all providers do).
3. Their administrative website is excellent and easy to use.

We looked at other options in 2022 but found none that could match the features and low cost of PayPal.

We are aware of some level of distrust or discontent with PayPal however our experience has been positive with the most common issue being a belief that you must join PayPal to use it. If you follow the steps outlined above you will find that is not the case.



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

**November 28**, Final day to purchase a wreath to be placed at Miramar or Ft Rosecrans this year. Wreath Laying is on Saturday, December 17 at both locations. Our Color Guard will be at Ft Rosecrans for the formal program at 10AM.

**December 4**, La Jolla Christmas Parade. Our Color Guard will march and members ride in convertibles.

**December 17**, Wreath Laying at Ft Rosecrans and Miramar National Cemeteries.

**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 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Boston Tea Party in 2023 to the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the British Army's departure from New York City in 2033.