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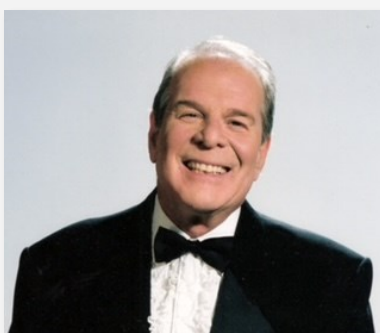


Dinner in honor of His Excellency
General George Washington's
291st Birthday
25 February 2023 AD
At the Green Dragon Tavern—Carlsbad, Ca.

Signup and meal selection is now active for our biggest event of the year, the George Washington's Birthday Black-Tie dinner.

Visit our website's event page for payment options and the menu for the event.

www.sarsandiego.org/events



We are pleased to announce that our keynote speaker for the George Washington Birthday Dinner is Richard Lederer. His presentation will be on FASCINATING FACTS ABOUT GEORGE-WASHINGTON AND HIS SUCCESSORS.

Richard Lederer is a *San Diego Union-Tribune* language columnist and the author of 60 books about language, history, and humor, including his best-selling *Anguished English* series and his current title, *Lederer's Language & Laughter*. Dr. Lederer has been named International Punster of the Year and Toastmasters International's Golden Gavel winner. Visit his website at <https://verbivore.com/> for more information.

In addition to his keynote he will have a selection of his books and will be available to autograph any that are purchased.

The event takes place at the Green Dragon Tavern in Carlsbad. Door open at 4:30 with a military parade and musket volley at 5:30. The price for this event is \$60 per person.



We had an excellent day (January 17) with Rincon del Diablo Chapter of DAR who sponsored the Wreaths Across America Mobile Display in Poway. Our Chapter provided the Color Guard for the opening ceremony. The mobile display travels the across American during the year to inform on the mission of the Wreaths Across America.

SAR Chapter members in the photo are (left to right) Carolyn Campbell (auxiliary), Rob Welch and Duncan Campbell standing next to Jenn Halter, Regent of the Rincon del Diablo Chapter. Other SDSAR members present in uniform were Jim McAdory and Philip Hinshaw. KUSI-TV was present to report on the event.



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Birthdays

Joe Itson	2
John Jones Jr.	8
Steven Raser	10
Andrew Young	11
Ryan Stygar	13
Bryce Cuddeback	15
Raymond Miller	16
Jordan Vause	18
Robert Hayden	21
Hunter Stone	22
Warren Osborn	23
Sean McDermott	25
Kevin McCullough	26
Andrew Fagen	27

Annual Business Meeting January 21

Our annual business meeting enjoyed a large turnout of 30 members and guests and completely filled the meeting room! A number of new members joined us as well as prospective members. We also joined by Kathleen Winchester from DAR.

You can also see many more photos on our [Facebook page](#) and on our news feed on our websites Home page.

In addition to those shown, Compatriot Bill Weedman was awarded the Bronze Roger Sherman Medal but was unable to attend the meeting to receive the award.



2023 Board

Left to right, Michael Hirman, 2022 President-2023 Membership VP and Chaplin swearing in 2023 Board, Jim McAdory-Treasurer, Bryan Bagnas-Secretary, Gary Newton-Sargent-

at-Arms, Peter Fagen-President, George Brewster-1st VP and Chancellor, Duncan Campbell-Color Guard Commander and Rob Welch-2nd VP.



Mark Munoz accepting his member certificate as a new member.

Presented by Michael Hirman, Andrew Fagen escorting.



Mark Goodman being sworn in as a new member by Michael Hirman, Peter Fagen escorting.



Left- Sargent-at-Arms, Gary Newton was presented with the War Service Medal. Right- Duncan Campbell was presented with the Fire Safety Commendation Medal and the Bronze America 250 Medal.



Left-President Michael Hirman presents the Lydia Darragh Medal to Kristine Reardon for her outstanding Wreaths Across America efforts on behalf of our Chapter. Right- Sarah Fagen received the Martha Washington Medal and the Bronze USA 250 Medal She is flanked by Michael Hirman, 2022 President on the left and 2023 President Peter Fagen on the right.



America 250 Bronze Medal recipients. (L to R) Jim McAdory, Peter Fagen, Sarah Fagen, Andrew Fagen, Philip Hinshaw, Duncan Campbell, Carolyn Campbell and Michael Hirman presenting.



Left- Carolyn Campbell was presented the Martha Washington Medal and the America 250 Medal. Right- Araceli Hirman was presented the Martha Washington Medal by Michael Hirman as their son, Philip, looks on.



Left- Phillip Hirman was presented the Good Citizenship Medal by his father, Michael Hirman. He was escorted by Color Guardsmen Jim McAdory (left) and Peter Fagen (right). Right- Peter Fagen received the Bronze Meritorious Service Medal and the Bronze America 250 Medal.



Left- James McAdory was presented the Distinguished Service Medal and the Bronze America 250 Medal. Center- Peter Fagen sworn in as 2023 President. Right- 2022 President Michael Hirman presented the Bronze Meritorious Service Medal, Bronze America 250 Medal and a plaque to commemorate his Chapter Presidency.

As a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, you have the unique opportunity to give back to your community at no cost to yourself other than a little of your spare time. You have all worked hard to become members of the SAR, and doubtless to say, have been helped along the way by volunteer SAR members. Now you can step up and help others, not necessarily as a genealogist helping others become members, but as an active volunteer in one of our community programs.

Our chapter would like you to consider chairing or participating in one of our programs. These programs focus on the youth of our community or their teachers. The benefit these programs teach brings knowledge of the founding of our Nation to our youth or recognizes the outstanding teachers who bring that knowledge to our youth. Our programs target students at the elementary, middle, and high school levels.

1. Elementary School

- a. **Americanism Poster.** This contest offers cash prizes to the winners who draw posters that depict an event during the Revolutionary War based on a specified theme.

2. Middle School

- a. **Tri-fold Brochure.** This contest is focused on 8th graders who write a short essay on the relevance of the Revolution to modern times.

3. High School

- a. **Knight Essay.** High School students writing a 750-word essay on any element of the Revolutionary War or the U.S. Constitution.
- b. **Rumbaugh Historical Oration.** Any high school student can participate in an oration contest designed to explore the influence of the Revolutionary War on present-day America.
- c. **Enhanced JROTC Award.** This position assists our chapter's JROTC Chair in administering this program. The JROTC cadet must be a HS Junior, in the top 10% of their class, and write an essay of 500 to 700 words.

4. Teachers

Valley Forge Teacher

This recognition contest is open to all 5th Grade Elementary School Teachers, 8th Grade and High School American History Teachers, either public, private, or parochial who teach the American Revolution.

- a. **Lawrence American History Teacher Award** (*commonly referred to as the Valley Forge Teacher Scholarship*). This recognition contest is open to all 5th Grade Elementary School Teachers, 8th Grade and High School American History Teachers, either public, private, or parochial who teach the American Revolution. It recognizes educators who distinguish themselves in teaching the history of the American Revolution. Teacher candidates interested in entering this contest must complete the required application and submit a written essay of not less than 1000 words discussing the importance of teaching the American Revolution era.

5. Boy Scouts

Eagle Scout Scholarship or Cash Award

The contest is open to all Eagle Scouts who are currently registered in an active unit and have not reached their 19th birthday during the CY of application. The application consists of three parts:

- a. Eagle Scout Contest Application Form
- b. Four Generation Ancestor Chart
- c. 500-word Patriotic Themed Essay.

Please let me know soonest of your availability to either chair, or be a member, of one of these committees. Please respond to col.rob.sar@gmail.com

This is a *tentative* list of future events, Check our website Events page for a full list.

February 19, 2023, Massing of the Colors, Forest Lawn Cemetery, Hollywood Hills.

February 25, 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

What is our news feed?

The home page of our website has a regularly updated list of short articles on current news of interest to our members. It is on the right side of the page.

The "feed" is updated about once a week on average but often will have multiple articles posted during a week. There is the option to scroll to earlier posts as well.



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.



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